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Education

2020– onwards	**Ph.D in Linguistics**, *Yale University*, New Haven, CT Dissertation title: Topics in crosslinguistic variation within the nominal domain - investigating Khasi and Mizo Advisor: Veneeta Dayal Committee: Zoltán Gendler Szabó, Jim Wood, Ayesha Kidwai
2016–2018	**M.A in Linguistics**, *English and Foreign Languages University*, Hyderabad, India Primary mentor: Utpal Lahiri
2013–2016	**B.A in Linguistics**, *English and Foreign Languages University*, Hyderabad, India

Research

AREAS	Formal Semantics, Morphology, Semantics Fieldwork for under-documented languages, Typology
INTERESTS:	Numeral classifiers, Number marking, Non-counting plurals, Demonstratives and Definitene determiners, Bare nouns and Kinds
FIELDWORK:	Austroasiatic: Khasi, Pnar. Tibeto-Burman: Mizo, Mongsen Ao.

Publications

Journals

In prep	A Universal account for Numeral Classifiers: typological perspectives. To be submitted to NLS
In prep	Bare nouns and reference in Khasi, Mizo, and Mongsen Ao. To be submitted to Language: Research Reports

Conference Proceedings

2024	**Banerjee, Ushasi.** Accounting for counting (crosslinguistically). *Proceedings of SALT 34*: 713-733. `https://doi.org/10.3765/c5vw5q42`
2023	Yip, Ka Fai, **Banerjee, Ushasi** and Chui Yi Lee, Margaret. Are there "weak" definites in bare classifier languages?. *Proceedings of SALT 33*: 253–275. `https://doi.org/10.3765/56xkxm29`

2018   Meghavarshini, Krishnaswamy, Dutta, Indranil and **Banerjee, Ushasi**. Evidence for active cavity expansion through advanced lingual place of constriction in voiced geminates, *The Journal of Acoustical Society in America*, Vol 153, No. 1. `https://doi.org/10.1121/1.5035741`

2018   **Banerjee, Ushasi**, Dutta, Indranil and S. Irfan. Cooarticulatory propensity in Khalka Mongolian, ACL Anthology, *Proceedings of 14th International Conference on Natural Language Processing*

Awards

2024   MacMillan International Dissertation Research Fellowship, Yale University

2023   Linguistic Society of America Summer Program Award, Yale University

2019   CreteLing Summer School Fellowship, Creteling Organizers

2018   Junior Research Fellowship (UGC-NET JRF), University Grants Commission India (awarded to the top 10% of students taking the competitive NET exam)

Presentations

2024   **Banerjee, Ushasi.** Accounting for counting (crosslinguistically). *Semantics and Linguistic theory 34*, University of Rochester. Talk.

2023   **Yip, Ka Fai, Banerjee, Ushasi and Chui Yi Lee, Margaret.** Are there "weak" definites in bare classifier languages?. *Semantics and Linguistic theory 33*, Yale University. Talk.

2023   **Banerjee, Ushasi.** Khasi as a Classifier language. *(In)definiteness and genericity across languages SALT 33 satellite sessions,* Yale University. Poster.

2022   **Banerjee, Ushasi.** Some question particles in Bangla and where to find them. *Language Diversity, Linguistic Theory and Cultural Identity in South Asia (LDSA), Yale University. Poster.*

2019   **Banerjee, Ushasi.** Modals in Bangla: Interation with Tense and Aspect. *Creteling Poster Sessions, University of Crete, Greece.* Poster.

2018   **Banerjee, Ushasi, Dutta, Indranil and S. Irfan.** Coarticulatory Propensity in Khalka Mongolian. *International Conference on Natural Language Processing (ICON), India.* Poster.

Teaching

Fall 2025   Teaching Fellow for *Semantics I*, Instructor: Simon Charlow, Yale University

Spring 2024   Teaching Fellow for *Pragmatics*, Instructor: Laurence Horn, Yale University

Fall 2023   Teaching Fellow for *Introduction to Linguistics*, Instructor: Jim Wood, Yale University

Spring 2023   Teaching Fellow for *Cognitive Science of Language*, Instructor: Robert Frank, Yale University

Fall 2022   Teaching Fellow for *Semantics I*, Instructor: Veneeta Dayal, Yale University

Fall 2019   Teaching Fellow for *Introduction to Formal Semantics*, Instructor: Utpal Lahiri, English and Foreign Languages University

Other research and study experience

Research

2024 Fieldwork at Meghalaya, Project: Classifiers and plural marking in Khasi

2024 Fieldwork at Mizoram, Project: Bare nouns and (in)definiteness in Mizo

2017 Building an automatic speech detection system for Naga languages, Indian Institute of Technology, Assam. Supervisor: Shakuntala Mahanta

Study

2023 LSA Linguistic Institute, Linguistic Society of America, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

2019 Creteling Summer School, University of Greece, Rethymnon

2017 QIP-CEP Workshop on Experimental & Empirical Methods in Linguistics, Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi.

Academic Service

2024 Reviewer, NELS abstracts

2022 Co-Organizer, SNEWS at Yale University

2022 Website designer: Language Diversity, Linguistic Theory and Cultural Identity in South Asia (LDSA) at Yale University

2021–2022 Organizer, Semantics Reading Group at Yale

Skills

Languages Bangla (native), English (native), Hindi (native), ASL (basic), Spanish (basic), Khasi (research), Mizo (research), Ao (research), Assamese (elementary), Yoruba (research)