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EDUCATION

- Ph.D, 2024
(expected) Linguistics, McGill University
Dissertation: *Event structure and serial verb constructions in White Hmong*.
Committee: Jessica Coon and Luis Alonso-Ovalle (co-supervisors), Junko Shimoyama, and Lisa Travis.
- B.A., 2013 Linguistics, Carleton College (Northfield, MN)
Magna cum laude, Distinction
Thesis: *Focus, too, and conjunction, too: The syntax and semantics of Japanese co-ordination*. Advisor: Cherlon Ussery.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Winter 2023 Lecturer
Department of Linguistics, McGill University
Languages of the World (LING 315)
- Winter 2021 Lecturer
Department of Linguistics, McGill University
Meaning in Language (LING 260)
- Fall 2019–Fall 2021 Teaching Assistant
Department of Linguistics, McGill University
Phonetics (LING 330), Instructor: Meghan Clayards
Phonetics (LING 330), Instructor: Francisco Torreira
Meaning in Language (LING 260), Instructor: Bernhard Schwarz
Phonetics (LING 330), Instructor: Connie Ting
- Fall 2020 Grader
Department of Linguistics, McGill University
Structure of a Specific Language (LING 410), Instr.: Bernhard Schwarz

Fall 2012 Teaching Assistant
Linguistics Department, Carleton College
Introduction to Linguistics (LING 110), Instructor: Cherlon Ussery

RESEARCH

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Johnston, William. (2023). "Pair-list answers to questions with plural definites." *Semantics and Pragmatics* 16(2). <https://doi.org/10.3765/sp.16.2>

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Johnston, William. (Forthcoming). "Culmination entailments in V and P: Evidence from White Hmong." In: *Proceedings of the 41st West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*. Ed. by Yağmur Kiper, Larry Lyu, Richard Wang, and Niko Webster. Somerville, MA: Cascadia Press.

Johnston, William. (2022). "Nonspecific promises: The Intensional Restitution Effect." In: *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung* 26. Ed. by Daniel Gutzmann and Sophie Repp. pp. 483–502. University of Cologne.

Johnston, William. (2019). "Pair-list questions from dependent plurals." In: *Proceedings of the 22nd Amsterdam Colloquium*. Ed. by Julian J. Schlöder, Dean McHugh, and Floris Roelofsen. pp. 201–210. Amsterdam: ILLC.

MANUSCRIPTS

Johnston, William. (In revision). "Nonspecific promises: The Intensional Restitution Effect."

INVITED TALKS

"The verb phrase in Hmong: Serialization and event structure." *University of Minnesota Linguistics Colloquium Series*. November 11, 2022.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Talks Given:

"Directed motion in White Hmong: Serial verb constructions as complex PPs." *Montreal-Ottawa-Toronto-Hamilton Syntax Workshop (MOTH)*, Université du Québec à Montréal. April 23, 2022.

“Verb serialization as event-building: Evidence from Hmong.” *96th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA)*, Washington, DC. January 9, 2022.

“Nonspecific promises: The Intensional Restitution Effect.” *Sinn und Bedeutung 26*, University of Cologne. September 10, 2021.

“Nonspecific promises: The Intensional Restitution Effect.” *Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal Semantics Workshop (TOM) 13*, University of Toronto. May 21, 2021.

“Verb serialization as event-building: Evidence from Hmong.” *Montreal-Ottawa-Toronto-Hamilton Syntax Workshop (MOTH) 2021*, McMaster University. April 19, 2021.

“Pair-list questions from dependent plurals.” *22nd Amsterdam Colloquium*, University of Amsterdam. December 19, 2019.

Posters Presented:

“Culmination entailments in V and P: Evidence from White Hmong.” *41st West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL)*, University of California Santa Cruz. May 6, 2023

“Focus, too, and conjunction, too: The syntax and semantics of Japanese *mo*-coordination.” *Minnesota Undergraduate Linguistics Symposium*, St. Olaf College. April 13, 2013.

AWARDS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS

2022–2023	Graduate Excellence Fellowship, McGill University, \$20,000. Linguistics Department Travel Fund, \$1,000.
2021–2022	Graduate Excellence Award, McGill University, \$15,000. Graduate Research Enhancement and Travel Award, \$141
2020–2021	Cremona Memorial Fellowship, McGill University, \$10,000. Linguistics Department Nominee, Arts Graduate Student Teaching Award, McGill University.
2019–2020	Graduate Excellence Award, McGill University, \$1,000.
2018–2019	Graduate Excellence Award, McGill University, \$15,000.

SERVICE & COMMUNITY

DEPARTMENT ORGANIZING

Sep. 2019–Aug. 2021 Editor, *McLing* Newsletter
McGill University Linguistics Department

Jun.–Aug. 2021	Organizer, Event Structure Reading Group McGill University Linguistics Department
Spring 2021	Co-organizer, Accepted Students Open House McGill University Linguistics Department
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CONFERENCE ORGANIZING

Spring 2023	Workshop on Structure and Constituency in Languages of the Americas (WSCLA) 2023
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READING AND RESEARCH GROUPS

Mar. 2022–Present	University of Minnesota Community-Engaged Hmong Linguistics Research and Reading Group
Sep. 2020–Present	Montreal Underdocumented Languages Linguistics Lab (MULL-Lab)
Sep. 2018–Present	McGill Syntax/Semantics Reading Group
Jun–Aug. 2021	McGill Event Structure Reading Group

OUTREACH

Spring 2023	Panel discussion: “Ask a Grad Student” Society of Linguistics Undergrads at McGill
Spring 2022	Panel discussion: “Ask a Grad Student” Society of Linguistics Undergrads at McGill
Winter 2015	Panel discussion: “What paths will a linguistics major take you on?” Carleton College Linguistics Department

REVIEWING

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS: Toronto–Montreal Bantu Colloquium (Ba-TOM).

NON-DEGREE COURSEWORK:

Sep.–Nov. 2020	Hmong Language Workshop Southeast Asian Diaspora Project, Minneapolis MN
Jul.–Aug. 2013	Denver Publishing Institute, University of Denver

PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Jan. 2014–Jul. 2018 Financial Advisor
Morgan Stanley Wealth Management, Minneapolis MN