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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.

PUBLICATIONS

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: Cascadilla 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). “Causation and serialization in White Hmong.” [[lingbuzz](#)]

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.

REFEREED 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.

TEACHING**COURSES TAUGHT**

- Winter 2023 Languages of the World (LING 315)
Department of Linguistics, McGill University
- Winter 2021 Meaning in Language (LING 260)
Department of Linguistics, McGill University

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

- Fall 2021 Phonetics (LING 330), Instructor: Connie Ting
Department of Linguistics, McGill University
- Fall 2020 Meaning in Language (LING 260), Instructor: Bernhard Schwarz
Department of Linguistics, McGill University
- Winter 2020 Phonetics (LING 330), Instructor: Francisco Torreira
Department of Linguistics, McGill University
- Fall 2019 Phonetics (LING 330), Instructor: Meghan Clayards
Department of Linguistics, McGill University
- Fall 2012 Linguistics Department, Carleton College
Introduction to Linguistics (LING 110), Instructor: Cherlon Ussery

GRADING

- Fall 2020 Structure of a Specific Language: German (LING 410), Instructor:
Bernhard Schwarz
Department of Linguistics, McGill University

AWARDS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2022–2023 Graduate Excellence Fellowship, McGill University, \$20,000.
McGill Linguistics Department Travel Fund, \$1,000.
- 2021–2022 Graduate Excellence Award, McGill University, \$15,000.
Graduate Research Enhancement and Travel Award, McGill University Faculty of Arts, \$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, <i>McLing</i> Newsletter McGill University Linguistics Department
Summer 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
Summer 2021	McGill Event Structure Reading Group

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Jun. 2023–Present	Hmong Studies Consortium
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OUTREACH

Spring 2023	Panel discussion: “Ask a Grad Student” Society of Linguistics Undergrads at McGill
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- 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
- Summer 2013 Denver Publishing Institute, University of Denver

PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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