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CURRICULUM VITAE

CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., 2023 (<i>expected</i>)	Linguistics, McGill University Dissertation: “Event structure and serial verb constructions in White Hmong” Supervisor: Jessica Coon; Co-supervisor: Luis Alonso-Ovalle; Committee members: Junko Shimoyama, Lisa Travis
B.A., 2013	Linguistics, Carleton College (Northfield, MN) <i>Magna cum laude</i> Thesis with Distinction Off-campus study: Linguistics and Culture in Japan (Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan)
	<i>Non-degree coursework:</i>
Sep.-Nov. 2020	Southeast Asian Diaspora Project, Minneapolis MN Hmong Language Workshop
Jul.-Aug. 2013	Denver Publishing Institute, University of Denver Certificate in Publishing

TEACHING

	<i>As instructor:</i>
Winter 2021	Meaning in Language (LING 260), McGill University
	<i>As teaching assistant:</i>
Fall 2021	Phonetics (LING 330), McGill University Instructor: Connie Ting
Fall 2020	Meaning in Language (LING 260), McGill University Instructor: Bernhard Schwarz
Winter 2020	Phonetics (LING 330), McGill University Instructor: Francisco Torreira

Fall 2020	Phonetics (LING 330), McGill University Instructor: Meghan Clayards
Fall 2012	Introduction to Linguistics (LING 110), Carleton College Instructor: Cherlon Ussery
	<i>As grader:</i>
Fall 2020	Structure of a Specific Language – German (LING 410), McGill University Instructor: Bernhard Schwarz

PUBLICATIONS

Johnston, W. (Forthcoming, Spring 2022). “Nonspecific promises: The Intensional Restitution Effect.” In *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung* 26.

Johnston, W. (2019). “Pair-list questions from dependent plurals.” In *Proceedings of the 22nd Amsterdam Colloquium*, eds. Julian J. Schlöder, Dean McHugh, Floris Roelofsen. 201–210. Amsterdam: ILLC.

MANUSCRIPTS

Johnston, W. “Pair-list answers from distribution.” In revision.

Johnston, W. “Nonspecific promises: The Intensional Restitution Effect.” Submitted for initial review.

AWARDS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS

2020–2021	Linguistics Department Nominee, Arts Graduate Student Teaching Award, McGill University.
2020–2021	Cremona Memorial Fellowship, McGill University, \$10,000.
2019–2020	Graduate Excellence Award, McGill University, \$1,000.
2018–2019	Graduate Excellence Award, McGill University, \$10,000.
2018–2019	Graduate Excellence Award, McGill University, \$5,000.

PRESENTATIONS AND TALKS

Forthcoming (Jan. 2022)	“Verb serialization as event-building: Evidence from Hmong” 96th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, refereed talk.
Sep. 2021	“Nonspecific promises: The Intensional Restitution Effect” Sinn und Bedeutung 26, refereed talk.

May 2021	"Nonspecific promises: The Intensional Restitution Effect" TOM 13 (Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal Semantics Workshop), refereed talk.
Apr. 2021	"Verb serialization as event-building: Evidence from Hmong" MOTH 2021 (Montreal-Ottawa-Toronto-Hamilton Syntax Conference), refereed talk.
Mar. 2020	"Pair-list answers to questions with plural definites" TOM 13 (Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal Semantics Workshop), refereed talk. <i>Canceled (COVID-19)</i>
Dec. 2019	"Pair-list questions from dependent plurals" 22 nd Amsterdam Colloquium, refereed talk.
Apr. 2013	"Focus, too, and conjunction, too: The syntax and semantics of Japanese <i>mo</i> -coordination." Minnesota Undergraduate Linguistics Symposium, poster presentation.
Apr. 2013	"Focus, too, and conjunction, too: The syntax and semantics of Japanese <i>mo</i> -coordination." Carleton College, thesis defense.

SERVICE AND COMMUNITY

Sep. 2020–Present	Montreal Underdocumented Languages Linguistics Lab (MULL-Lab) Member (previously "Fieldwork Lab")
Sep. 2018–Present	McGill Syntax/Semantics Reading Group Member
Jun. 2021–Aug. 2021	Organizer, Event Structure Summer Reading Group McGill University Linguistics Department
Sep. 2019–Aug. 2021	Student Editor, McLing (Linguistics Department newsletter) McGill University Linguistics Department
Spring 2020, 2021	Co-Organizer, Accepted Students Open House McGill University Linguistics Department
Feb. 2015	Panel discussion: "What paths will a linguistics major take you on?" Carleton College

PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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