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CURRICULUM VITAE

CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., 2023
(*expected*) Linguistics, McGill University
Dissertation: “Event structure and serial verb constructions
in White Hmong”
Co-supervisors: Jessica Coon, Luis Alonso-Ovalle;
Committee members: Junko Shimoyama, Lisa Travis

B.A., 2013 Linguistics, Carleton College (Northfield, MN)
Magna cum laude
Thesis with Distinction: “Focus, too, and conjunction, too:
The syntax and semantics of Japanese *mo*-coordination.”
Advisor: Cherlon Ussery
Off-campus study: Linguistics and Culture in Japan
(Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan)

Non-degree coursework:

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

As instructor:

Winter 2021 Meaning in Language (LING 260), McGill University

As teaching assistant:

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| 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 |

As grader:

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| Fall 2020 | Structure of a Specific Language – German (LING 410), McGill University Instructor: Bernhard Schwarz |
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PUBLICATIONS

Johnston, W. (forthcoming, 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 to questions with plural definites." In revision.

Johnston, W. "Nonspecific promises: The Intensional Restitution Effect." In revision.

AWARDS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS

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| 2021-2022 | Graduate Excellence Award, McGill University, \$15,000. Graduate Research Enhancement and Travel Award, \$141 |
| 2020–2021 | Linguistics Department Nominee, Arts Graduate Student Teaching Award, McGill University. |

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| | Cremona Memorial Fellowship, McGill University, \$10,000. |
| 2019–2020 | Graduate Excellence Award, McGill University, \$1,000. |
| 2018–2019 | Graduate Excellence Award, McGill University, \$15,000. |

PRESENTATIONS AND TALKS

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| Apr. 2022 | “Directed Motion in White Hmong: Serial Verb Constructions as Complex PPs” Montreal-Ottawa-Toronto-Hamilton Syntax Conference 2022, refereed talk. |
| Apr. 2022 | “Event structure and serial verb constructions in Hmong” University of Minnesota, Hmong Linguistics Research and Reading Group. |
| 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” Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal Semantics Workshop 13, refereed talk. |
| Apr. 2021 | “Verb serialization as event-building: Evidence from Hmong” Montreal-Ottawa-Toronto-Hamilton Syntax Conference 2021, refereed talk. |
| Mar. 2020 | “Pair-list answers to questions with plural definites” Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal Semantics Workshop, refereed talk. <i>Abstract accepted; conference canceled due to 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. |
| Apr. 2013 | “Focus, too, and conjunction, too: The syntax and semantics of Japanese <i>mo</i> -coordination.” Carleton College, thesis defense. |

SERVICE AND COMMUNITY

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| Mar. 2022–Present | Community-Engaged Hmong Linguistics Research and Reading Group University of Minnesota (Organizer: Dr. Hooi Ling Soh) |
| Sep. 2020–Present | Montreal Underdocumented Languages Linguistics Lab (MULL-Lab; previously “Fieldwork Lab”), Member |
| Sep. 2018–Present | McGill Syntax/Semantics Reading Group, Member |
| Mar. 2022 | Panel discussion: “Ask a Grad Student” Society of Linguistics Undergrads at McGill ‘Future Week’ McGill University |
| 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

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