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EDUCATION

Ph.D, 2024 (<i>expected</i>)	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) <i>Magna cum laude</i> Thesis with Distinction: “Focus, too, and conjunction, too: The syntax and semantics of Japanese <i>mo</i> -coordination.” Advisor: Cherlon Ussery 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 2023	Languages of the World (LING 315), McGill University
Winter 2021	Meaning in Language (LING 260), McGill University

As teaching assistant:

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:

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

- Johnston, W.** (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, W.** (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, W.** (in revision). "Pair-list answers to questions with plural definites."
- Johnston, W.** (in revision). "Nonspecific promises: The Intensional Restitution Effect."

INVITED TALKS

Nov. 2022	"The verb phrase in Hmong: Serialization and event structure" University of Minnesota Linguistics Colloquium Series
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CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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| Apr. 2022 | “Directed motion in White Hmong: Serial verb constructions as complex PPs”
Montreal-Ottawa-Toronto-Hamilton Syntax Workshop (MOTH 2022) |
| Jan. 2022 | “Verb serialization as event-building: Evidence from Hmong”
Linguistic Society of America, 96 th Annual Meeting |
| Sep. 2021 | “Nonspecific promises: The Intensional Restitution Effect”
Sinn und Bedeutung 26 |
| May 2021 | “Nonspecific promises: The Intensional Restitution Effect”
Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal Semantics Workshop (TOM 13) |
| Apr. 2021 | “Verb serialization as event-building: Evidence from Hmong”
Montreal-Ottawa-Toronto-Hamilton Syntax Workshop (MOTH 2021) |
| Dec. 2019 | “Pair-list questions from dependent plurals”
22 nd Amsterdam Colloquium |

CONFERENCE POSTERS

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| May 2023 | “Culmination entailments in V and P: Evidence from White Hmong”
41 st West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 41) |
| Apr. 2013 | “Focus, too, and conjunction, too: The syntax and semantics of Japanese <i>mo</i> -coordination”
Minnesota Undergraduate Linguistics Symposium, poster presentation |

AWARDS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS

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| 2022–2023 | Graduate Excellence Fellowship, McGill University, \$20,000. |
| 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.
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. |

SERVICE AND COMMUNITY

Mar. 2022–Present	University of Minnesota Community-Engaged Hmong Linguistics Research and Reading Group, Member
Sep. 2020–Present	Montreal Underdocumented Languages Linguistics Lab (MULL-Lab), Member
Sep. 2018–Present	McGill Syntax/Semantics Reading Group, Member
Apr. 2023	Workshop on Structure and Constituency in Languages of the Americas (WSCLA 2023), Organizing Committee Member
Spring 2022, 2023	Panel discussion: “Ask a Grad Student” Society of Linguistics Undergrads at McGill
Jun. 2021–Aug. 2021	Event Structure Summer Reading Group, Organizer McGill University Linguistics Department
Sep. 2019–Aug. 2021	McLing Newsletter, Student Editor McGill University Linguistics Department
Spring 2020, 2021	Accepted Students Open House, Co-Organizer McGill University Linguistics Department
Feb. 2015	Panel discussion: “What paths will a linguistics major take you on?” Carleton College Linguistics Department

PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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