

# William Johnston

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Department of Linguistics, McGill University  
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### EDUCATION

Ph.D, 2024  
(*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 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 – 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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, &amp; FELLOWSHIPS

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.

## 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 AND REFEREED TALKS

Apr. 2022	“Directed motion in White Hmong: Serial verb constructions as complex PPs” Montreal-Ottawa-Toronto-Hamilton Syntax Conference 2022.
Jan. 2022	“Verb serialization as event-building: Evidence from Hmong” 96th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America.
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 13.
Apr. 2021	“Verb serialization as event-building: Evidence from Hmong” Montreal-Ottawa-Toronto-Hamilton Syntax Conference 2021.
Dec. 2019	“Pair-list questions from dependent plurals” 22 <sup>nd</sup> Amsterdam Colloquium.
Apr. 2013	“Focus, too, and conjunction, too: The syntax and semantics of Japanese <i>mo</i> -coordination.” Minnesota Undergraduate Linguistics Symposium, poster presentation.

## SERVICE AND COMMUNITY

Mar. 2022–Present	University of Minnesota Community-Engaged Hmong Linguistics Research and Reading Group, Member
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Sep. 2020–Present	Montreal Underdocumented Languages Linguistics Lab (MULL-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’
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 Linguistics Department

#### PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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