

# William Johnston

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### EDUCATION

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| Ph.D., 2023<br>( <i>expected</i> ) | Linguistics, McGill University  |
| B.A., 2013                         | Linguistics, Carleton College (Northfield, MN)<br><i>Magna cum laude</i> , Thesis with Distinction<br><br>Off-Campus Study: Linguistics and Culture in Japan<br>(Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan) |

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#### *Non-degree coursework:*

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| Sep.-Nov. 2020 | Southeast Asian Diaspora Project, Minneapolis MN<br>Hmong Language Workshop    |
| Jul.-Aug. 2013 | Denver Publishing Institute, University of Denver<br>Certificate in Publishing |

### TEACHING

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| Winter 2021 | Course Lecturer<br>Meaning in Language (LING 260), McGill University                                    |
| Fall 2020   | Teaching Assistant<br>Meaning in Language (LING 260), McGill University<br>Instructor: Bernhard Schwarz |
| Winter 2020 | Teaching Assistant<br>Phonetics (LING 330), McGill University<br>Instructor: Francisco Torreira         |
| Fall 2020   | Teaching Assistant<br>Phonetics (LING 330), McGill University<br>Instructor: Meghan Clayards            |

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| Fall 2020 | Grader<br>Structure of a Specific Language – German (LING 410), McGill University<br>Instructor: Bernhard Schwarz |
| Fall 2012 | Teaching Assistant<br>Introduction to Linguistics (LING 110), Carleton College<br>Instructor: Cherlon Ussery      |

## PUBLICATIONS

**Johnston, W.** “Pair-list answers from distribution.” Manuscript submitted for publication.

**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.

## AWARDS, GRANTS, &amp; FELLOWSHIPS

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| 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

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| <del>Mar. 2020</del><br><i>Postponed - COVID-19</i> | “Pair-list answers to questions with plural definites”<br>TOM 13 (Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal Semantics Workshop), refereed talk.  |
| Dec. 2019   | “Pair-list questions from dependent plurals”<br>22 <sup>nd</sup> 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, refereed 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

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| Sep. 2019–Present | Student Editor, McLing (Linguistics Department newsletter)<br>McGill University Linguistics Department |
| Sep. 2020–Present | McGill Fieldwork Lab Member  |
| Sep. 2018–Present | McGill Syntax/Semantics Reading Group Member   |
| Spring 2020, 2021 | Co-Organizer, Accepted Students Open House<br>McGill University Linguistics Department                 |
| Feb. 2015         | Panel discussion: “What paths will a linguistics major take you on?”<br>Carleton College               |

## PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| Jan. 2014–Jul. 2018 | Financial Advisor<br>Morgan Stanley Wealth Management, Minneapolis MN |
| Sep. 2012–Jun. 2013 | Researcher<br>Carleton College Development Office, Northfield MN      |
| Jun.-Aug. 2012      | Development Intern<br>Graywolf Press, Minneapolis MN                  |