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EDUCATION

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| Ph.D., 2024
(expected) | Linguistics, McGill University
Dissertation: <i>Event structure and serial verb constructions in White Hmong</i>
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> , with Distinction
Thesis: <i>Focus, too, and conjunction, too: The syntax and semantics of Japanese mo-coordination</i> . Advisor: Cherlon Ussery.
Off-campus study: 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

As lecturer:

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| Winter 2023 | Languages of the World (LING 315), McGill University |
| 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:

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

- Johnston, William.** (Forthcoming). "Pair-list answers to questions with plural definites." *Semantics and Pragmatics*.
- Johnston, William.** (Forthcoming). "Culmination entailments in V and P: Evidence from White Hmong." In: *Proceedings of the 41st West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*. Ed. by Yağmur Kiper, Larry Lyu, Richard Wang, and Niko Webster. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Press.
- Johnston, William.** (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, William.** (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). "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

Apr. 2022	"Directed motion in White Hmong: Serial verb constructions as complex PPs" Montreal-Ottawa-Toronto-Hamilton Syntax Workshop (MOTH) 2022
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Jan. 2022	“Verb serialization as event-building: Evidence from Hmong” Linguistic Society of America (LSA) 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

May 2023	“Culmination entailments in V and P: Evidence from White Hmong” 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

AWARDS, GRANTS, & 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.

SERVICE AND COMMUNITY

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

Sep. 2018–Present	Member, McGill Syntax/Semantics Reading Group
Spring 2023	Organizing committee, Workshop on Structure and Constituency in Languages of the Americas (WSCLA) 2023
Spring 2023	Panel discussion: “Ask a Grad Student” Society of Linguistics Undergrads at McGill
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Jun–Aug. 2021	Organizer, Event Structure Reading Group McGill University Linguistics Department
Sep. 2019–Aug. 2021	Editor, <i>McLing</i> Newsletter McGill University Linguistics Department
Spring 2021	Co-organizer, Accepted Students Open House McGill University Linguistics Department
Spring 2020	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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