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## Research Interests

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Syntax, morphology, argument structure, language acquisition

## Employment

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### 2021– **Postdoctoral Researcher, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin**

ERC project *Realizing Leibniz's Dream: Child Languages as a Mirror of the Mind*  
Compressor Group, PIs: Artemis Alexiadou, Uli Sauerland, Maria Teresa Guasti

## Education

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### 2020 **Ph.D. in Linguistics, New York University**

Dissertation: *Licensing arguments*

Committee: Alec Marantz (chair), Stephanie Harves, Richard Kayne, Gary Thoms, Laura Kalin (Princeton University)

### 2019 **M.Phil. in Linguistics, New York University**

### 2015 **M.A. in Linguistics, University of Toronto**

Thesis: *French morphology and the pieces of verbal inflection*

Advisor: Elizabeth Cowper, Second reader: Susana Béjar

### 2014 **B.A. (Hons.) in Linguistics, Trinity College, University of Cambridge**

## Grants and Awards

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### External Awards

2017–2019 Bernard and Julia Bloch Memorial Fellowship, Linguistic Society of America

2016–2020 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Fellowship #752-2016-0096

2016–2019 Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarships Doctoral Fellowship (declined)

### University and Department Awards

2020 Commencement Class Representative, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, New York University

2015–2020 Henry M. MacCracken Doctoral Fellowship, New York University

2015 B. Elan Dresher Phonology Prize, Department of Linguistics, University of Toronto

2014–2015 University of Toronto Fellowship

2011–2014 Blyth Cambridge Commonwealth Trust Scholarship, University of Cambridge

## Publications

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\* = equal contribution

### Edited Volume

2020 Manova, Stela, Harald Hammarström, Itamar Kastner and **Yining Nie**. *What is in a morpheme? Word Structure* 13(1). Edinburgh University Press. ISSN: 1750-1245.

### Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

- To appear Kouneli, Maria\* and **Yining Nie\***. Across-the-board tonal polarity in Kipsigis: Implications for the morphology-phonology interface. *Language*.
- 2020 **Nie, Yining**. Morphological causatives are Voice over Voice. *Word Structure* 13(1). 102–126. DOI: <http://doi.org/10.3366/word.2020.0161>
- 2019 **Nie, Yining**. Raising applicatives and possessors in Tagalog. *Glossa: a journal of general linguistics* 14(1), 139. 1–30. DOI: <http://doi.org/10.5334/gjgl.941>
- 2019 Warstadt, Alex,\* Yu Cao,\* Ioana Grosu,\* Wei Peng,\* Hagen Blix,\* **Yining Nie\***, Anna Alsop,\* Shikha Bordia,\* Haokun Liu,\* Alicia Parrish,\* Sheng-Fu Wang,\* Jason Phang,\* Anhad Mohananey,\* Phu Mon Htut,\* Paloma Jeretič,\* and Samuel R. Bowman. Investigating BERT's Knowledge of Language: Five Analysis Methods with NPIs. *Proceedings of the 2019 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)*. DOI: <http://doi.org/10.18653/v1/D19-1286>

### Conference Proceedings and Invited Contributions

- 2020 Manova, Stela, Harald Hammarström, Itamar Kastner, and **Yining Nie**. What is in a morpheme? Theoretical, experimental and computational approaches to the relation of meaning and form in morphology. *Word Structure* 13(1). 1–21. DOI: <http://doi.org/10.3366/word.2020.0157>
- 2018 Hsieh, Henrison\* and **Yining Nie\***. Where (and what) the Tagalog *kung*-CPs are. In Laura Kalin, Ileana Paul and Jozina Vander Klok (eds.), *Heading in the right direction: Linguistic Treats for Lisa Travis*. *McGill Working Papers in Linguistics* 25.
- 2018 **Nie, Yining**. Contrast and prosody in derived environment effects. *Toronto Working Papers in Linguistics 40: Special issue from the Canada Research Chair-sponsored Phonology/Phonetics Workshops*.
- 2017 **Nie, Yining**. Why is there NOM-NOM and ACC-ACC but no ERG-ERG? In Andrew Lamont & Katerina Tetzloff (eds.), *Proceedings of 47th Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society, Volume 2*, 315–328.
- 2017 **Nie, Yining**. Phonetic enhancement and three patterns of English a-tensing. In Kajsa Djärv & Amy Goodwin Davies (eds.), *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics 23: Proceedings of 40th Annual Penn Linguistics Colloquium*, Article 21.
- 2016 **Nie, Yining**. Why is there NOM-NOM but no ERG-ERG? *Toronto Working Papers in Linguistics 36: Proceedings of the Montréal-Ottawa-Toronto-Hamilton 2016 Syntax Workshop*.

- 2015 **Nie, Yining.** Tense and modality in French verbal morphology. In Santa Vinerte (ed.), *Proceedings of the 2015 Annual Conference of the Canadian Linguistics Association*.

#### Unpublished Manuscripts

- 2017 Nie, Yining. Voice morphology and the features of vP. New York University: ms.  
<http://ling.auf.net/lingbuzz/003750>

#### Presentations

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##### Invited Talks

- 2021 The syntax of double object constructions: Evidence from recursion and symmetry. University of Konstanz, Germany, January 11.
- 2020 Two ways of forming causatives and their implications for recursion. Comparative Syntax (ComSyn) group, Leiden University, Netherlands, October 29.
- 2019 The limits of applicative recursion. Syntactic Theory @ Rutgers, Rutgers University, November 20.
- 2015 Contrast and prosodic preservation in derived environment effects. *2015 Canada Research Chair-sponsored Summer Phonetics/Phonology Workshop*, University of Toronto, June 8.
- 2013 with Bert Vaux. Learning theory and language change: the evolution of phonological scope. Cambridge Linguistics Colloquium, University of Cambridge, October 24.

##### Conference Talks

- (2021) with Soo-Hwan Lee. Korean case stacking and the nominal template. Talk to be presented at the *45th Annual Penn Linguistics Conference*, University of Pennsylvania, March 19-21 (virtual).
- 2020 Double causatives are real. Talk presented at the *51st Meeting of the North East Linguistics Society*, Université du Québec à Montréal, November 6-8 (virtual).
- 2020 with Henrison Hsieh. Tagalog gerunds are antipassive. Talk presented at the “Remarks: the Legacy” Workshop, *43rd Generative Linguistics in the Old World*, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, April 8-20 (virtual).
- 2019 with Alex Warstadt, Yu Cao, Ioana Grosu, Wei Peng, Hagen Blix, Anna Alsop, Shikha Bordia, Haokun Liu, Alicia Parrish, Sheng-Fu Wang, Jason Phang, Anhad Mohananey, Phu Mon Htut, Paloma Jeretič, and Samuel R. Bowman. Investigating BERT’s Knowledge of Language: Five Analysis Methods with NPIs. Talk presented at the *2019 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)*, Hong Kong, November 3-7.
- 2019 with Ollie Sayeed and Bert Vaux. Scope expansion: an asymmetry in phonological change. Talk presented at the *24th International Conference of Historical Linguistics*, Australian National University, July 1-5.
- 2019 Raising applicatives in Tagalog. Talk presented at the *26th Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association*, Western University (University of Western Ontario), May 24-26.

- 2018 with Maria Kouneli. Paradigmatic tonal polarity in Kipsigis nominal modifiers. Talk presented at the *49th Meeting of the North East Linguistics Society*, Cornell University, October 5-7.
- 2018 Voice and Austronesian-type voice morphology. Talk presented at the *Linguistic Society of America 2018 Annual Meeting*, Salt Lake City, Utah, January 4-7.
- 2018 with Henrison Hsieh. Clausal arguments in Tagalog. Talk presented at the “The Syntax of Clausal Arguments” Symposium, *Linguistic Society of America 2018 Annual Meeting*, Salt Lake City, Utah, January 4-7.
- 2017 Austronesian voice morphology and the structure of causatives. Talk presented at the *11th Arizona Linguistics Circle*, University of Arizona, October 20-22.
- 2017 Ergative Voice and the features of transitivity. Talk presented at the *vP workshop*, University of Cambridge, June 17.
- 2016 Why is there NOM-NOM but no ERG-ERG? Talk presented at the *47th Meeting of the North East Linguistics Society*, University of Massachusetts Amherst, October 14-16.
- 2016 Why is there NOM-NOM but no ERG-ERG? Talk presented at the *Montréal-Ottawa-Toronto-Hamilton 2016 Syntax Workshop*, University of Toronto Mississauga, April 15-16.
- 2016 Phonetic enhancement and three patterns of English a-tensing. Talk presented at the *40th Annual Penn Linguistics Conference*, University of Pennsylvania, March 18-20.
- 2016 Derived environment effects are prosodic, not morphological. Talk presented at the *24th Conference of the Student Organisation of Linguistics in Europe*, York, UK, January 6-8.
- 2015 Go-support in the Québec French futures. Talk presented at the *2015 Stony Brook-Yale-NYU-CUNY Graduate Linguistics Conference*, New York University, December 3.
- 2015 Tense and modality in French verbal morphology. Talk presented at the *2015 Annual Conference of the Canadian Linguistics Association*, University of Ottawa, May 30-June 1.
- 2015 Morphological truncation in Harmonic Serialism. Talk presented at the *Montréal-Ottawa-Laval-Toronto 2015 Phonology Workshop*, University of Toronto, March 13-15.

#### Conference Posters

- 2021 with Soo-Hwan Lee. Korean case stacking and triple nominatives. Poster presented at the *Linguistic Society of America 2021 Annual Meeting*, January 7-10 (virtual).
- 2019 with Ollie Sayeed and Bert Vaux. Scope expansion: an asymmetry in phonological change. Poster presented at the *5th Workshop on Sound Change*, University of California, Davis, June 21-23.
- 2019 Applicatives and the parameters of promotion. Poster presented at the *Parameters Workshop in honour of Lisa Travis*, McGill University, May 17-18.
- 2019 Re- frozen scope in *spray-load* constructions. Poster presented at the *Linguistic Society of America 2019 Annual Meeting*, New York City, January 3-6.
- 2018 Possessor raising and adversity in Tagalog. Poster presented at the *25th Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association*, Academia Sinica, Taiwan, May 10-12.
- 2016 Prosodic conditioning in derived environment effects. Poster presented at the *13th Old World Conference in Phonology*, Budapest, Hungary, January 13-16.

## Teaching

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### Course Instructor

Summer 2018    Language (NYU, co-taught with Masha Esipova)

### Guest Lecturer

Spring 2020    Argument Structure Seminar (NYU)

Fall 2019       Morphology and Argument Structure Seminar (Yale University)

Spring 2019    Grammatical Analysis II (NYU)

Fall 2018       Linguistics as Cognitive Science (NYU)

### Teaching Assistant

Spring 2019    Morphology (NYU, with Maria Gouskova)

Spring 2018    Phonological Analysis (NYU, with Juliet Stanton)

Spring 2017    Language (NYU, with Lucas Champollion)

Winter 2015    Introduction to Language (Toronto, with Walter Pedersen)

Fall 2014       English Words (Toronto, with Aaron Dinkin)

## Service

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### Linguistic Society of America

2018            Member, Strategic Planning Committee (LSA Long-range Strategic Plan 2019–2023)

2017–2019    Member (ex officio), Executive Committee

2017–2019    Chair, Committee on Student Issues and Concerns

### Department of Linguistics, New York University

2016–2019    Co-organizer, Morph Beer (morphology reading group)

2016–2017    President, Linguistics Association of NYU

### Conference Organization

2019            Organizing committee, *MarantzFest*, NYU

2018            Co-organizer with Claire Halpert, “The Syntax of Clausal Arguments” Symposium, *Linguistic Society of America 2018 Annual Meeting*, Salt Lake City, Utah

2017            Organizing committee, *Annual Meeting on Phonology 2017*, NYU

## Reviewing

Journals	<i>Journal of Linguistics</i> (2020) <i>Linguistic Inquiry</i> (2020) <i>The Linguistic Review</i> (2018) <i>NUSA: Linguistic studies of languages in and around Indonesia</i> (2020) <i>Studia Linguistica</i> (2019) <i>Syntax</i> (2020)
Abstracts	<i>Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association</i> (2021) <i>Stony Brook-Yale-NYU-CUNY Conference</i> (2016–2019) <i>Tu+ workshop</i> (2019) <i>West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics</i> (2021)

Languages

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Native	English
Intermediate	Mandarin (heritage), French
Beginner	Tagalog, German, Icelandic
Research	Tagalog, Khoekhoe (Central Khoisan; Namibia), Japanese, Korean, Kipsigis (Nilotic; Kenya), Inuktitut (Inuit; Canada)

Skills

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Programming	Python (proficient), JavaScript (basic)
Experiments	Amazon Mechanical Turk, Penn Controller/Ibex
Analysis	R, Praat