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Research Interests

Syntax, morphology, argument structure, morphology-phonology interface, Tagalog/Austronesian

Education

2020 Ph.D. in Linguistics, New York University

Dissertation: *Licensing arguments*

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

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

Dissertation: *Decompositional effects in (non-)compositional theories of morphology*

Advisor: Bert Vaux

Other Education

2018 Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Teaching Certificate Program, New York University

2017 Linguistic Society of America Linguistic Institute, University of Kentucky

2017 Advanced Core Training in Linguistics (ACTL) Summer School, University College London

2014 Modern Icelandic and Culture Summer Course, University of Iceland

2012 Certificate in Humanities Computing for Languages, University of Cambridge

Grants and Awards

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)

Internal Awards and Honours

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

2014 Language Bursary, Trinity College, University of Cambridge

2014 Senior Scholarship, Trinity College, University of Cambridge

2013 Undergraduate Summer Research Studentship, Trinity College, University of Cambridge

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

Publications

* = 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

- Accepted Kouneli, Maria* and **Yining Nie***. Across-the-board tonal polarity in Kipsigis. *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*.

Presentations

Conference Presentations

- (2020) Nie, Yining. Double causatives are real. Paper to be presented remotely at the *51st Meeting of the North East Linguistics Society*, Université du Québec à Montréal.
- 2020 Hsieh, Henrison and Yining Nie. Tagalog gerunds are antipassive. Paper presented remotely at the “Remarks: the Legacy” Workshop, *43rd Generative Linguistics in the Old World*, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany.
- 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. Paper presented at the *2019 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)*, Hong Kong.

- 2019 Nie, Yining, Ollie Sayeed and Bert Vaux. Scope expansion: an asymmetry in phonological change. Paper presented at the *24th International Conference of Historical Linguistics*, Australian National University.
- 2019 Nie, Yining, 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.
- 2019 Nie, Yining. Raising applicatives in Tagalog. Paper presented at the *26th Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association*, Western University, Canada.
- 2019 Nie, Yining. Applicatives and the parameters of promotion. Poster presented at the *Parameters Workshop in honour of Lisa Travis*, McGill University.
- 2019 Nie, Yining. Re- frozen scope in *spray-load* constructions. Poster presented at the *Linguistic Society of America 2019 Annual Meeting*, New York City.
- 2018 Kouneli, Maria and Yining Nie. Paradigmatic tonal polarity in Kipsigis nominal modifiers. Paper presented at the *49th Meeting of the North East Linguistics Society*, Cornell University.
- 2018 Nie, Yining. Possessor raising and adversity in Tagalog. Poster presented at the *25th Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association*, Academia Sinica, Taiwan.
- 2018 Nie, Yining. Voice and Austronesian-type voice morphology. Paper presented at the *Linguistic Society of America 2018 Annual Meeting*, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- 2018 Hsieh, Henrison and Yining Nie. Clausal arguments in Tagalog. Paper presented at the “The Syntax of Clausal Arguments” Symposium, *Linguistic Society of America 2018 Annual Meeting*, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- 2017 Nie, Yining. Austronesian voice morphology and the structure of causatives. Paper presented at the *11th Arizona Linguistics Circle*, University of Arizona.
- 2017 Nie, Yining. Ergative Voice and the features of transitivity. Paper presented at the *vP workshop*, University of Cambridge.
- 2016 Nie, Yining. Why is there NOM-NOM but no ERG-ERG? Paper presented at the *47th Meeting of the North East Linguistics Society*, University of Massachusetts Amherst.
- 2016 Nie, Yining. Why is there NOM-NOM but no ERG-ERG? Paper presented at the *Montréal-Ottawa-Toronto-Hamilton 2016 Syntax Workshop*, University of Toronto Mississauga.
- 2016 Nie, Yining. Phonetic enhancement and three patterns of English a-tensing. Paper presented at the *40th Annual Penn Linguistics Conference*, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2016 Nie, Yining. Prosodic conditioning in derived environment effects. Poster presented at the *13th Old World Conference in Phonology*, Budapest, Hungary.
- 2016 Nie, Yining. Derived environment effects are prosodic, not morphological. Paper presented at the *24th Conference of the Student Organisation of Linguistics in Europe*, York, UK.
- 2015 Nie, Yining. Go-support in the Québec French futures. Paper presented at the *2015 Stony Brook-Yale-NYU-CUNY Graduate Linguistics Conference*, New York University.
- 2015 Nie, Yining. Tense and modality in French verbal morphology. Paper presented at the *2015 Annual Conference of the Canadian Linguistics Association*, University of Ottawa.
- 2015 Nie, Yining. Morphological truncation in Harmonic Serialism. Paper presented at the *Montréal-Ottawa-Laval-Toronto 2015 Phonology Workshop*, University of Toronto.

Invited Presentations

- 2020 Nie, Yining. Two ways of forming causatives and their implications for recursion. Comparative Syntax (ComSyn) group, Leiden University, Netherlands.
- 2019 Nie, Yining. The limits of applicative recursion. Syntactic Theory @ Rutgers, Rutgers University.
- 2015 Nie, Yining. Contrast and prosodic preservation in derived environment effects. *2015 Canada Research Chair-sponsored Summer Phonetics/Phonology Workshop*, University of Toronto.
- 2015 Nie, Yining. The go property of French futures. *Contrast in Syntax Workshop, in honour of Elizabeth Cowper*, University of Toronto.
- 2013 Vaux, Bert and Yining Nie. Learning theory and language change: the evolution of phonological scope. Cambridge Linguistics Colloquium, University of Cambridge.

Teaching

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

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

Articles *The Linguistic Review* (2018), *Studia Linguistica* (2019), *NUSA: Linguistic studies of languages in and around Indonesia* (2020), *Linguistic Inquiry* (2020)

Abstracts SYNC (2016–2019), Tu+ workshop (2019)

Languages

Native English

Intermediate Mandarin (heritage), French

Beginner Tagalog, German, Icelandic

Research Tagalog, Khoekhoe (Central Khoisan; Namibia), Kipsigis (Nilotic; Kenya), Japanese, Korean

Skills

Programming Python, JavaScript

Methods Amazon Mechanical Turk, Ibex Farm/Penn Controller

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