

# Asia Pietraszko

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## PERSONAL INFORMATION

### Address

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## EMPLOYMENT

University of Connecticut, Linguistics Department  
Visiting Assistant Professor

2017-present

## EDUCATION

### Graduate

University of Chicago  
PhD in Linguistics: August 2017

2011-2017

Dissertation title:

*Inflectional dependencies. A study of complex verbal expressions in Ndebele*

Dissertation committee:

Prof. Karlos Arregi (chair)

Prof. John Goldsmith

Prof. Jason Merchant

University of Wrocław  
MA in English Philology

2009-2011

Utrecht University  
Linguistic Institute (visiting student)

2010-2011

### Undergraduate

University of Wrocław  
BA in English Philology

2006-2009

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

syntax, morphology; fieldwork; Bantu, Slavic

## AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2016 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (BCS-1551787; PI: Karlos Arregi)  
Project title: *The structure of complex verbal expressions in Ndebele*
- 2016 Mellon Humanities Dissertation Completion Fellowship  
University of Chicago
- 2016 African Studies Research Fund  
University of Chicago
- 2014 Rella Cohn Research Fund (fieldwork on Ndebele)  
University of Chicago
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University of Chicago
- 2010 Erasmus Mundus Scholarship  
Utrecht University

## PUBLICATIONS

- to appear "Obligatory CP nominalization in Ndebele"  
(Accepted for publication in *Syntax*)
- 2018 *Generalized Head Movement* (co-author: Karlos Arregi)  
Proceedings of the Linguistics Society of America Annual Meeting. Volume 3, Article 4:1-15.
- 2018 *The distribution of  $\varphi$ -probes in the inflectional structure*  
Proceedings of the Linguistics Society of America Annual Meeting. Volume 3, Article 59:1-15.
- 2018 "Direct and dependent valuation in Ndebele light-verb constructions"  
*Proceedings of the 35th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, ed. Wm. G. Bennett et al., 313-320. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project.
- 2017 "Auxiliary vs INFL in Bantu. The syntactic and phonological complexity of Ndebele verbs"  
*Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*. Springer, appeared online Jul 12, 2017.  
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11049-017-9373-0>.

- 2016 "The syntax of simple and compound tenses in Ndebele"  
In Patrick Farrell (ed.), *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America 90*, Volume 1, Article 18:1-15. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.3765/plsa.v1i0.3716>
- 2015 "The correlative configuration in Polish"  
In Gerhild Zybatow, Petr Biskup, Marcel Guhl, Claudia Hurtig, Olav Mueller-Reichau and Maria Yastrebova (eds.), *Slavic Grammar from a Formal Perspective. The 10th Anniversary FDSL Conference, Leipzig 2013* (pp. 383-396). Frankfurt/M.: Peter Lang

#### **EDITED VOLUMES**

- 2015 *Proceedings of the Forty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society*  
Aparicio, H., Flinn, G., Franich, K., Pietraszko, J., Vardomszkaya, T. (Eds.)

#### **INVITED TALKS**

- 11/2017 *Obligatory CP nominalization in Ndebele*  
MIT Ling-Lunch, Cambridge, MA
- 2/2017 *How many verbs and why? Deriving synthesis and periphrasis from their syntactic context*  
University of Florida Linguistics Colloquium, Gainesville, FL
- 9/2016 *Clause nominalization in isiNdebele: an argument from relative clauses*  
University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban, South Africa
- 4/2015 *The morphosyntax of compound tenses in Ndebele*  
Language Variation and Change Workshop, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

#### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- 1/2018 *Generalized Head Movement* (with Karlos Arregi)  
92st Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Salt Lake City, UT
- 1/2018 *The distribution of  $\varphi$ -probes in the inflectional structure*  
92st Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Salt Lake City, UT
- 4/2017 *Direct and Dependent Valuation in Ndebele light-verb constructions*  
West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics 35, Calgary, Canada (poster)
- 3/2017 *Tense agreement in Ndebele light-verb constructions*  
48th Annual Conference on African Linguistics, Bloomington, IN

- 1/2017 *Clause size and transparency in Ndebele*  
91st Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Austin, TX (poster)
- 4/2016 *Local interactions in the prosodic structure of Ndebele verbs*  
West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics 34, Salt Lake City, UT (poster)
- 3/2016 *The Ndebele relative marker as a nominal linker*  
47th Annual Conference on African Linguistics, Berkeley, CA
- 1/2016 *The syntax of synthetic and periphrastic tenses in Ndebele*  
90th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Washington DC
- 1/2015 *Discourse Configurationality and agreement in Ndebele*  
89th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Portland, OR
- 10/2014 *Structural focus in Bantu: Evidence from Ndebele*  
Graduate Workshop of the American Midwest and Prairies, Milwaukee, WI
- 12/2013 *The correlative configuration in Polish*  
Formal Description of Slavic Languages 10, Leipzig, Germany
- 8/2013 *Augmentless arguments in Northern Ndebele: nominal and clausal domain*  
43rd Colloquium on African Languages and Linguistics, Leiden, The Netherlands
- 5/2011 *On the bizarre nature of the Polish relative complementizer*  
Young Linguists in Dialogue 4, Wroclaw, Poland
- 10/2010 *Free Relatives and Negation*  
Semantics in the Netherlands 8, Nijmegen, The Netherlands

## TEACHING

- Spring 2018 *The Science of Linguistics* (main instructor)  
University of Connecticut
- Spring 2018 *Field Methods in Linguistics* (main instructor)  
University of Connecticut
- Fall 2017 *The Diversity of Languages* (main instructor)  
University of Connecticut
- Fall 2017 *Syntax* (main instructor)  
University of Connecticut

Spring 2016      *Advanced Syntax* (main instructor)  
University of Chicago

Summer 2015      *Introduction to Syntax* (teaching assistant)  
main instructor: Prof. David Pesetsky  
LSA Summer Institute, 2015, University of Chicago

Spring 2015      *Morphology* (teaching assistant)  
main instructor: Jackson Lee, University of Chicago

Winter 2015      *Introduction to Linguistics* (teaching assistant)  
main instructor: Martina Martinović, University of Chicago

Spring 2014      *Introduction to Syntax* (teaching assistant)  
main instructor: Prof. Christopher Kennedy, University of Chicago

#### **ADVISING**

2017/2018      Christos Christopoulos, UConn, General Examination paper (committee member)  
Project title: *Aspect and Voice morphology in Greek verbs*

2017/2018      Paula Fenger, UConn, General Examination paper (committee member)  
Project title: *Affixation, periphrasis and anything in between*

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**      Linguistic Society of America  
The Association of Contemporary African Linguistics

#### **SERVICE**

2018      National Science Foundation  
*Research proposal reviewer*

2018      UConn Morphology Reading Group  
*coordinator*

2014      The UChicago Linguistics Syntax Reading Group  
*coordinator*

4/2013      The 49th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society  
*organizer*

7-8/2013      The 20th Central European Summer School in Generative Grammar  
Wroclaw, Poland: *local organizer*

7-8/2012            The 19th Central European Summer School in Generative Grammar  
Wroclaw, Poland: *local organizer*

5/2011             The 4th Conference of Young Linguists in Dialogue  
Wroclaw, Poland: *organizer*

4/2010             The 33rd GLOW Colloquium  
University of Wroclaw, Poland: *local co-organizer*

**SUMMER  
SCHOOLS**            The LSA Summer Institute  
July 2015, University of Chicago

The 20th Central European Summer School in Generative Grammar  
July/August 2013, Wrocław, Poland

The 19th Central European Summer School in Generative Grammar  
July/August 2012, Wrocław, Poland

The 18th Central European Summer School in Generative Grammar  
July/August 2011, Ceske Budejovice, the Czech Republic

The 17th Central European Summer School in Generative Grammar  
July/August 2010, Constanta, Romania

The 16th Central European Summer School in Generative Grammar  
July/August 2009, Poznań, Poland

**OTHER WORK  
EXPERIENCE**

2009-2011            School of English “Hello”, Wrocław, Poland  
position: teacher of English

2007-2008            Foreign Language Center “Moose”, Wrocław, Poland  
position: teacher of English

**LANGUAGES**            Polish (native), English (fluent)  
German (intermediate)  
Ndebele (research)