

# Asia Pietraszko

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## PERSONAL INFORMATION

### Address

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## EMPLOYMENT

University of Rochester, Linguistics Department 1 July 2019 - present  
Assistant Professor

University of Connecticut, Linguistics Department 2017-2019  
Visiting Assistant Professor

## EDUCATION

### Graduate

University of Chicago 2011-2017  
PhD in Linguistics: August 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 2009-2011  
MA in English Philology

Utrecht University 2010-2011  
Linguistic Institute (visiting student)

### Undergraduate

University of Wrocław 2006-2009  
BA in English Philology

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

syntax, morphology; fieldwork; Bantu languages

## AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2019 UConn Provost Teaching Excellence Commendation Letter
- 2018 UConn Provost Teaching Excellence Commendation Letter
- 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
- 2013 Rella Cohn Research Fund (fieldwork on Ndebele) University of Chicago
- 2010 Erasmus Mundus Scholarship Utrecht University

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- to appear The ups and downs of head displacement, *Linguistic Inquiry* (co-author: Karlos Arregi)
- 2019 Obligatory CP nominalization in Ndebele, *Syntax*, 22: 66-111. (First published 17 Dec 2018) DOI: 10.1111/synt.12167
- 2018 Auxiliary vs INFL in Bantu. The syntactic and phonological complexity of Ndebele verbs, *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*. Springer, 36(1), pp. 265–308 (First online Jul 12, 2017). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11049-017-9373-0>.

## CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- 2019 Do-support as spellout of split head chains (co-author: Karlos Arregi), *Proceedings of the 49th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society*.
- 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.
- 2016 The syntax of simple and compound tenses in Ndebele, *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America 90*, Volume 1, Article 18:1-15.

- 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

#### MANUSCRIPTS

- 2019 The coming apart of case and focus in Bantu, under review at *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*

#### EDITED VOLUMES

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

#### INVITED TALKS

- Feb 2019 *A Syntactic Side of Word Formation*  
University of Rochester Linguistics Colloquia Series, Rochester, NY
- Nov 2018 *Do-support crosslinguistically: when head chains split*  
UMass Linguistics Department *SuSurrus*, Amherst, MA
- Jul 2018 *Synthesis and Periphrasis. How complex do words get?*  
The New York-St. Petersburg Institute of Linguistics, Cognition and Culture 16,  
Saint Petersburg, Russia
- Nov 2017 *Obligatory CP nominalization in Ndebele*  
MIT Ling-Lunch, Cambridge, MA
- Feb 2017 *How many verbs and why? Deriving synthesis and periphrasis from their syntactic context*  
University of Florida Linguistics Colloquium, Gainesville, FL
- Sep 2016 *Clause nominalization in isiNdebele: an argument from relative clauses*  
University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban, South Africa
- Apr 2015 *The morphosyntax of compound tenses in Ndebele*  
Language Variation and Change Workshop, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

#### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 *Periphrasis is not failure of word building* (with Karlos Arregi)  
94th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, New Orleans, LA.
- 2019 *Multiple Probing in A-over-A configurations*  
55th Annual Meeting of Chicago Linguistic Society, The University of Chicago

- 2018 *Do-support as spellout of split head chains* (with Karlos Arregi)  
49th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society, Cornell University (poster)
- 2018 *Generalized Head Movement* (with Karlos Arregi)  
92st Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Salt Lake City, UT
- 2018 *The distribution of  $\varphi$ -probes in the inflectional structure*  
92st Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Salt Lake City, UT
- 2017 *Direct and Dependent Valuation in Ndebele light-verb constructions*  
West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics 35, Calgary, Canada (poster)
- 2017 *Tense agreement in Ndebele light-verb constructions*  
48th Annual Conference on African Linguistics, Bloomington, IN
- 2017 *Clause size and transparency in Ndebele*  
91st Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Austin, TX (poster)
- 2016 *Local interactions in the prosodic structure of Ndebele verbs*  
West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics 34, Salt Lake City, UT (poster)
- 2016 *The Ndebele relative marker as a nominal linker*  
47th Annual Conference on African Linguistics, Berkeley, CA
- 2016 *The syntax of synthetic and periphrastic tenses in Ndebele*  
90th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Washington DC
- 2015 *Discourse Configurationality and agreement in Ndebele*  
89th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Portland, OR
- 2014 *Structural focus in Bantu: Evidence from Ndebele*  
Graduate Workshop of the American Midwest and Prairies, Milwaukee, WI
- 2013 *The correlative configuration in Polish*  
Formal Description of Slavic Languages 10, Leipzig, Germany
- 2015 *Augmentless arguments in Northern Ndebele: nominal and clausal domain*  
43rd Colloquium on African Languages and Linguistics, Leiden, The Netherlands
- 2011 *On the bizarre nature of the Polish relative complementizer*  
Young Linguists in Dialogue 4, Wroclaw, Poland
- 2010 *Free Relatives and Negation*  
Semantics in the Netherlands 8, Nijmegen, The Netherlands

## TEACHING (as main instructor)

- University of Rochester

Spring 2020 LIN 389 Senior Seminar  
LIN 220/420 Introduction to Grammatical Systems

Fall 2019 LIN 260/460 Syntactic Theory

- The New York-St. Petersburg Institute of Linguistics, Cognition and Culture 17, July-August 2019

Seminar title: How languages move their heads

- University of Connecticut

Spring 2019 LING 2010Q The Science of Linguistics  
LING 6050 Field Methods in Linguistics

Fall 2018 LING 2010Q The Science of Linguistics  
LING 3511Q Syntax

Spring 2018 LING 2010Q The Science of Linguistics  
LING 6050 Field Methods in Linguistics

Fall 2017 LING 1030 The Diversity of Languages  
LING 3511Q Syntax

## The University of Chicago

Fall 2018 Advanced Syntax

## TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP

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

- present Paula Fenger, UConn, dissertation committee member  
Project title: *Words within words: the internal syntax of verbs*
- 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*

## SERVICE

- 2018 National Science Foundation  
*Research proposal reviewer*
- 2018 UConn Morphology Reading Group  
*coordinator*
- 2014 The UChicago Linguistics Syntax Reading Group  
*coordinator*
- 2013 The 49th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society  
*organizer*
- 2013 The 20th Central European Summer School in Generative Grammar  
Wroclaw, Poland: *local organizer*
- 2012 The 19th Central European Summer School in Generative Grammar  
Wroclaw, Poland: *local organizer*
- 2011 The 4th Conference of Young Linguists in Dialogue  
Wroclaw, Poland: *organizer*
- 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, Wroclaw, Poland

The 19th Central European Summer School in Generative Grammar  
July/August 2012, Wroclaw, 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, Zulu, Swahili, Polish, Breton (research)