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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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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

The 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 coming apart of case and focus in Bantu. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*.
- 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 AND WORKING PAPERS

- to appear The timing of agreement and A-movement in Ndebele, to appear in *Working Papers in the Language Sciences at the University of Rochester*
- to appear Unifying long head movement with phrasal movement: a new argument from spell-out (coauthor: Karlos Arregi), *Proceedings of WCCFL 38*
- 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 φ -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

- 2020 Cyclic Selection Auxiliaries are merged, not inserted, under review at *Linguistic Inquiry*

EDITED VOLUMES

- 2015 *Proceedings of the Forty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society*
Aparicio, H., Flinn, G., Franich, K., Pietraszko, J., Vardoms kaya, 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 *Unifying long head movement with phrasal movement: a new argument from spellout*
(with Karlos Arregi)
West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics 38, Vancouver, Canada.
- 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 φ -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

- 2020 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*

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)