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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

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

- 2021 The ups and downs of head displacement, *Linguistic Inquiry* 52 (2): 241-289. Published online: Jan 2019. (Co-author: Karlos Arregi)
- 2021 The coming apart of case and focus in Bantu. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 39: 579–59. Published online: July 2020.
- 2019 Obligatory CP nominalization in Ndebele, *Syntax*, 22: 66-111. Published online: 17 Dec 2018.
- 2018 Auxiliary vs INFL in Bantu. The syntactic and phonological complexity of Ndebele verbs, *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 36(1), pp. 265–308. Published online: July, 2017.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS AND WORKING PAPERS

- 2021 Backward Control without A-movement or ϕ -agreement, to appear in *The Proceedings of NELS 51*
- 2020 The timing of agreement and A-movement in Ndebele, to appear in *Working Papers in the Language Sciences at the University of Rochester*
- 2020 Unifying long head movement with phrasal movement: a new argument from spellout, to appear in *WCCFL 38: Proceedings of the 38th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics. Sommerville, MA: Cascadilla Press* (Co-author: Karlos Arregi)
- 2019 Do-support as spellout of split head chains, *NELS 49: Proceedings of the Forty-Ninth Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society, Volume 1*, 63–72. *GLSA, Amherst, MA* (Co-author: Karlos Arregi)

- 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., Vardomska, T. (Eds.)

INVITED TALKS

- March 2021 *Backward Control without A-movement or Phi-agreement*
UMass Linguistics Department, Amherst, MA
- 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 *An argument for true c-selection in clausal complementation*
Brussels Conference on Generative Linguistics 13, Dec 2020
- 2020 *Backward Control Without A-movement or Phi-Agreement*
NELS 51, UQAM, Nov 6 2020
- 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 & Culture

July-August 2020 Words and Other Things: What do you need to list in your head?
(co-taught with Omer Preminger, UMD)

July-August 2019 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, University of Connecticut, dissertation committee member
Thesis title: *Words within words: the internal syntax of verbs*
Committee chairs: Jonathan Bobaljik (Harvard) and Andrea Calabrese (UConn)
- 2017-2018 Christos Christopoulos, University of Connecticut, General Paper (committee member)
Paper title: *Aspect and Voice morphology in Greek verbs*
- 2017-2018 Paula Fenger, University of Connecticut, General Paper (committee member)
Paper title: *Affixation, periphrasis and anything in between*

SERVICE

- ongoing *reviewer for* Association of Contemporary African Linguistics, Linguistic Inquiry, Linguistic Vanguard, Natural Language and Linguistic Theory, Nordic Journal of African Studies, The Timing of Ellipsis (edited volume, OUP), The Oxford Guide to Bantu Languages
- 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)

Research: Ndebele, Zulu, Swahili, Polish, Breton