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Employment

2019 – present	**University of Rochester, Department of Linguistics** *Assistant Professor*
2017 – 2019	**University of Connecticut, Department of Linguistics** *Visiting Assistant Professor*

Education

2011 – 2017	**PhD in Linguistics**, The University of Chicago Thesis title: "Inflectional dependencies. A study of complex verbal expressions in Ndebele" Thesis committee: Prof. Karlos Arregi, Prof. John Goldsmith, Prof. Jason Merchant
2006 – 2011	**BA and MA in English Philology**, Wroclaw University, Poland
2010 – 2011	Utrecht University, Linguistics Department (visiting student)

Research interests and expertise

Syntax	Theory of syntactic operations, head movement, A-movement, periphrasis, extended projections, selection, clausal complementation, agreement, nominalization, control
Morpho-phonology	Wordhood and word formation, phonologically conditioned allomorphy, prosodic minimality
Fieldwork languages	Northern Ndebele, Swahili, Zulu

Peer-reviewed publications

to appear	Pietraszko A. "Cyclic Selection. Auxiliaries are merged, not inserted." *Linguistic Inquiry*
2021	Arregi K. & A. Pietraszko. "The ups and downs of head displacement." *Linguistic Inquiry*, 52 (2): 241-289
2021	Pietraszko A. "The coming apart of case and focus in Bantu." *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory*, 39:579–59
2019	Pietraszko A. "Obligatory CP nominalization in Ndebele." *Syntax*, 22: 66-111
2018	Pietraszko A. "Auxiliary vs INFL in Bantu. The syntactic and phonological complexity of Ndebele verbs." *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory*, 36: 265–308

Current manuscripts

2021	Pietraszko A. "NOM/ACC agreement alignment as Anti-Spec-Head agreement" Ms. under review at *Glossa*
2021	Arregi K. & A. Pietraszko. "The imperfect correlation between head movement and periphrasis." Ms.

Conference proceedings

to appear	Pietraszko A. "Backward Control without A-movement or ϕ-agreement." *Proceedings of NELS 51*
to appear	Pietraszko, A. "The timing of agreement and A-movement in Ndebele." *Working Papers in the Language Sciences at the University of Rochester*
2020	Arregi, K. & A. Pietraszko. "Unifying long head movement with phrasal movement: a new argument from spellout." *Proceedings of WCCFL 38*
2019	Arregi, K. & A. Pietraszko. "*Do*-support as spellout of split head chains." *Proceedings of NELS 49*
2018	Arregi, K. & A. Pietraszko."Generalized Head Movement." *Proceedings of LSA 92*
2018	Pietraszko, A. "The distribution of ϕ-probes in the inflectional structure." *Proceedings of LSA 92*
2018	Pietraszko, A. "Direct and dependent valuation in Ndebele light-verb constructions." *Proceedings of WCCFL 35*
2016	Pietraszko, A. "The syntax of simple and compound tenses in Ndebele." *Proceedings of LSA 90*
2015	Pietraszko, A. "The correlative configuration in Polish." *Proceedings of FDSL 10*

Awards and honors

2018, 2019	Provost Teaching Excellence Commendation Letter, University of Connecticut
2016	National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (BCS-1551787) • Project title: *The structure of complex verbal expressions in Ndebele* • Project description: Fieldwork on Ndebele in Johannesburg and Durban, South Africa
2016	Mellon Humanities Dissertation Completion Fellowship, The University of Chicago
2016	African Studies Research Fund, The University of Chicago
2013, 2014	Rella Cohn Research Fund (fieldwork on Ndebele), The University of Chicago
2010	Erasmus Mundus Scholarship, Utrecht University

Invited talks

upcoming	*Cyclic Selection and verbal periphrasis* HSE University, Russia
July 2021	*Cyclic Selection and verbal periphrasis* University of Goettingen, Germany
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 Colloquium Series, Rochester, NY
Nov 2018	*Do-support crosslinguistically: when head chains split* UMass Linguistics Department, 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, The 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 Experience

University of Rochester (2019–present)	LING 501 Linguistic Proseminar
	LING 220/420 Introduction to Grammatical Systems
	LING 260/460 Syntactic Theory
	LING 389 Senior Seminar (a field methods course)
University of Connecticut (2017-2019)	LING 6050 Field Methods in Linguistics
	LING 3511Q Syntax
	LING 2010Q The Science of Linguistics
	LING 1030 The Diversity of Languages
The University of Chicago (2015)	LING 20202: Advanced Syntax
Summer/winter schools	**The New York-St. Petersburg Institute of Linguistics, Cognition & Culture**

- *Backward control, crossed control and voice restructuring*, 2021
(Co-taught with Susanne Wurmbrand, University of Vienna/Harvard University)
- *Words and Other Things: What do you need to list in your head?*, 2020, 2021
(Co-taught with Omer Preminger, University of Maryland)
- How languages move their heads, 2019

Advising

present	Beryl Bùi, MA Thesis, University of Rochester
2021	Jennifer Gormish, Undergraduate Honors Thesis, University of Rochester
2020	Paula Fenger, PhD Thesis Committee Member, University of Connecticut
	Thesis title: *Words within words: the internal syntax of verbs*
	Committee chairs: Jonathan Bobaljik and Andrea Calabrese
2018	Christos Christopoulos, Qualifying Paper committee member, University of Connecticut
	Paper title: *Aspect and Voice morphology in Greek verbs*
2018	Paula Fenger, Qualifying Paper committee member, University of Connecticut
	Paper title: *Affixation, periphrasis and anything in between*

Service

Administration	1. Member of the Faculty Council, University of Rochester, 2020-present
	2. Coordinator of the Program of Undergraduate Research in Linguistics, University of Rochester
Reviewer	National Science Foundation, Linguistic Inquiry, Natural Language and Linguistic Theory, Glossa, Nordic Journal of African Studies, The Timing of Ellipsis (edited volume, OUP), The Oxford Guide to Bantu Languages, Association of Contemporary African Linguistics, Linguistic Vanguard
Editor	Proceedings of the Forty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society Aparicio, H., Flinn, G., Franich, K., Pietraszko, J., Vardomskaya, T. (Eds.)
Academic	1. Director of the Field Syntax Lab (University of Rochester)
	2. Morphology Reading Group: coordinator (University of Connecticut)
	3. Syntax Reading Group: coordinator (The University of Chicago)
	4. The 49th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society: conference organizer
	5. The Central European Summer School in Generative Grammar: local organizer (2012, 2013)

Languages

Native speaker	Polish
L2 speaker	English (proficient), German (intermediate)
Research	Breton, Danish, Monnese, Northern Ndebele, Polish, Swahili, Zulu, varieties on British English