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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. in revision (accepted with revisions to *Glossa*)

2021 | Arregi K. & A. Pietraszko. "The imperfect correlation between head movement and periphrasis." Ms. under review at *Linguistic Inquiry*

## Conference proceedings

2021 | Pietraszko A. "Backward Control without A-movement or  $\phi$ -agreement." *Proceedings of NELS 51*

## Awards and honors

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- 2022 | National Science Foundation research grant ([BSC 2214933](#))
- 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

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- April 2022 | *Syntactic structure building: lessons from periphrasis*  
Harvard University
- April 2022 | *What Bantu languages can teach us about verbal periphrasis*  
Southern African Linguistics Network
- March 2022 | *Syntactic structure building: lessons from periphrasis*  
Rutgers University
- Feb 2022 | *Syntactic structure building: lessons from periphrasis*  
University of Maryland
- Jan 2022 | *Syntactic structure building: lessons from periphrasis*  
University of Southern California
- Nov 2021 | *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*  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- Feb 2019 | *A Syntactic Side of Word Formation*  
University of Rochester
- Nov 2018 | *Do-support crosslinguistically: when head chains split*  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- 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
- Feb 2017 | *How many verbs and why? Deriving synthesis and periphrasis from their syntactic context*  
University of Florida
- 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

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- 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  $\phi$ -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		<i>The correlative configuration in Polish</i> Formal Description of Slavic Languages 10, Leipzig, Germany
2015		<i>Augmentless arguments in Northern Ndebele: nominal and clausal domain</i> 43rd Colloquium on African Languages and Linguistics, Leiden, The Netherlands
2011		<i>On the bizarre nature of the Polish relative complementizer</i> Young Linguists in Dialogue 4, Wroclaw, Poland
2010		<i>Free Relatives and Negation</i> Semantics in the Netherlands 8, Nijmegen, The Netherlands

## Teaching Experience

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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		<b>The New York-St. Petersburg Institute of Linguistics, Cognition &amp; Culture</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Backward control, crossed control and voice restructuring</i>, 2021 (Co-taught with Susanne Wurmbrand, University of Vienna/Harvard University)</li> <li>• <i>Words and Other Things: What do you need to list in your head?</i>, 2020, 2021 (Co-taught with Omer Preminger, University of Maryland)</li> <li>• <i>How languages move their heads</i>, 2019</li> </ul>

## Advising

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present		Beryl Bui, 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: <i>Words within words: the internal syntax of verbs</i> Committee chairs: Jonathan Bobaljik and Andrea Calabrese
2018		Christos Christopoulos, Qualifying Paper committee member, University of Connecticut Paper title: <i>Aspect and Voice morphology in Greek verbs</i>
2018		Paula Fenger, Qualifying Paper committee member, University of Connecticut Paper title: <i>Affixation, periphrasis and anything in between</i>

## Service

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Administration	Member of the Faculty Council, University of Rochester, 2020-2021
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., Vardomsкая, T. (Eds.)
Academic	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Director of the Field Syntax Lab (University of Rochester)</li><li>2. Morphology Reading Group: coordinator (University of Connecticut)</li><li>3. Syntax Reading Group: coordinator (The University of Chicago)</li><li>4. The 49th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society: conference organizer</li><li>5. The Central European Summer School in Generative Grammar: local organizer (2012, 2013)</li></ol>

## Languages

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