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Education

- 2013–present **University of Massachusetts Amherst**
Ph.D., Linguistics
Dissertation prospectus: *Prosodic linearization in Khoekhoe and beyond* [PDF](#)
- 2012 **CoLang Summer Institute for Collaborative Language Research**
Kansas University
- 2007–2011 **Swarthmore College**
B.A., Linguistics
Graduated with High Honors
Thesis: *Diachronic verbal morphology in Fante* [PDF](#)
Advisor: Jason Kandybowicz

Publications

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- in submission ‘Optimal Linearization: Word order typology with violable constraints’
Syntax.
- in submission [with Ivy Hauser]
‘Wrong-side reduplication in Koasati’
Squib, *Linguistic Inquiry*. [PDF](#)
- to appear ‘Prosody and the disjoint in Tshivenḁa’
Proceedings of THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON AFRICAN LINGUISTICS 47. [PDF](#)

ABSTRACT-REVIEWED PROCEEDINGS

- 2018 [with Sakshi Bhatia & Ekaterina Vostrikova]
‘Indirect interaction of person & number in Ojibwe’
*Proceedings of WORKSHOP ON STRUCTURE & CONSTITUENCY
IN LANGUAGES OF THE AMERICAS 21*,
ed. by Natalie Weber. [VOLUME, PDF](#)

EDITED VOLUMES

- 2014 [with Jyoti Iyer]
Proceedings of NORTH EASTERN LINGUISTICS SOCIETY 44
Amherst, MA: GLSA. [VOLUME](#)

MANUSCRIPTS

- 2018 'Asymmetric extraction from coordination in Khoekhoegowab and German.'
Ms., University of Massachusetts Amherst.
- 2016 'Prosody and the disjoint alternation in Tshivenda.'
Ms., University of Massachusetts Amherst. PDF
- 2015 '(Re)labeling and constituency paradoxes: Remnant movement in Akan'
Ms., University of Massachusetts Amherst. PDF

Presentations

PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

- 20 April 2018 'Extraction from coordination in Khoekhoegowab'
WEST COAST CONFERENCE ON FORMAL LINGUISTICS 36.
UCLA
- 22 March 2018 'Asymmetric extraction from coordination in Khoekhoegowab'
ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON AFRICAN LINGUISTICS 49.
Michigan State University.
- 22 March 2018 [with Kerriane Devlin]
'Default case in Khoekhoegowab'
ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON AFRICAN LINGUISTICS 49.
Michigan State University.
- 27 May 2016 [with Ivy Hauser]
'Wrong-side reduplication in Koasati'
MANCHESTER PHONOLOGY MEETING 24.
University of Manchester. HANDOUT
- 5 April 2016 [with Sakshi Bhatia & Ekaterina Vostrikova]
'Indirect interaction of person and number'
GENERATIVE LINGUISTICS IN THE OLD WORLD 39.
Göttingen. HANDOUT
- 2 April 2016 [with Sakshi Bhatia & Ekaterina Vostrikova]
'Indirect interaction of person and number in Ojibwe'
WORKSHOP ON STRUCTURE & CONSTITUENCY
IN LANGUAGES OF THE AMERICAS 21.
UQÁM, Montreal. HANDOUT
- 24 March 2016 'Prosody and the conjoint / disjoint alternation in Tshivenda'
ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON AFRICAN LINGUISTICS 47.
University of California, Berkeley. HANDOUT

NON-REFEREED PRESENTATIONS

- 26 February 2018 'Khoekhoegowab, DPs, & Coordination'
Guest lecture, THE KHOISAN LANGUAGES, Professor Chris Collins.
New York University.
- 20 October 2017 'Extraction from Coordination in Khoekhoe'
SYNTAX BROWN BAG. New York University. HANDOUT
- 11 April 2015 'Purpose and instrumentality in Akan'
ECO-5. Harvard University. HANDOUT

Grants & Honors

- 2017 UMass Amherst Graduate School Dissertation Fieldwork Grant
- 2014–present National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
- 2010 Joel Dean Student Initiated Summer Grant, Swarthmore College

Teaching

SUNY ALBANY

- Fall 2017 Instructor of Record for *Anthropology 321: Introduction to Syntax*
Adjunct Professor, Fall Semester. SYLLABUS

UNIVERSITY OF NAMIBIA

- August 2017 Guest Lecturer in *Structure of Khoekhoegowab*
Instructor: Professor Levi Namaseb

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST

- Fall 2017–present Supervisor, Kerriane Devlin; undergraduate independent study on Khoekhoegowab syntax
developped and co-presented a poster at ACAL49.
- Spring 2017 Instructor of Record for *Linguist 201: Introduction to Linguistics*. SYLLABUS
- Fall 2016 Teaching Assistant for *Linguist 101: People and Their Language*
Instructor: John Kingston
- Spring 2016 Supervisor, Harry McKeeman; undergraduate independent study in prosody and the PF-Interface

Service

- 2016–present UMass Graduate School Predissertation Research Grant review committee
- 2015 NSF Fellowship Application Mentor, UMass Office of Professional Development

- 2016–2017 NELS 47 Organising Committee
- 2016–2017 Treasurer, Graduate Linguistics Student Association
University of Massachusetts Amherst

Fieldwork

- 2017 **Khoekhoegowab**
[Khoesan, Namibia]
Topics include: Prosody; coordination; definiteness; tense-aspect marking.
Windhoek, Namibia.
- 2015 **Somali**
[Cushitic, Somalia]
Topics include: Clause structure; clitic placement; prosody.
Springfield, Massachusetts.
- 2015 **Tshivenda**
[Bantu, South Africa]
Topics include: Prosody; disjoint alternation.
University of Venda, Limpopo Province, South Africa.
- 2015 **Wolof**
[Atlantic, Senegal]
Topics include: Vowel harmony; syntax.
Field methods, University of Massachusetts Amherst.
- 2013–2014 **Luganda**
[Bantu, Uganda]
Topics include: Prosody; tone-spread.
Research assistantship with Lisa Selkirk.
University of Massachusetts Amherst.
- 2012 **Uda**
[Lower Cross, Nigeria]
Topics include: Documentation; orthography development; prosody.
CoLang Institute, Kansas University.
- 2010 **Akan (Twi & Fante dialects)**
[Kwa, Ghana]
Topics include: Tense morphology; serial verb constructions.
Accra, Ghana; & field methods, Swarthmore College.

Professional Skills

Technical Python, L^AT_EX, R, PraatScript, HTML, CSS, XML, SQL, git, Linux (Ubuntu), macOS

Languages	English (<i>native</i>)	<i>fluent</i>
	Mandarin	<i>advanced</i>
	Cantonese	<i>intermediate</i>
	French	<i>beginning</i>
	Khoekhoegowab, Akan, Tshivenda, Luganda, Wolof, Uda, ASL	<i>fieldwork</i>