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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

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## Publications

### PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- in revision [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](#)

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## Presentations

### PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

- Upcoming, July 2018 ‘Asymmetric coordination in Khoekhoegowab’  
INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF LINGUISTS 20.  
Cape Town.
- Upcoming, July 2018 ‘Prosody & clitic placement in Khoekhoegowab’  
INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF LINGUISTS 20.  
Cape Town.
- Upcoming, April 2018 ‘Extraction from coordination in Khoekhoegowab’  
WEST COAST CONFERENCE ON FORMAL LINGUISTICS 36.  
UCLA
- Upcoming, March 2018 ‘Extraction from coordination in Khoekhoegowab’  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON AFRICAN LINGUISTICS 49.  
Michigan State University.
- Upcoming, 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**

upcoming, February 2018 'Case, tense, and clause structure in Khoekhoe'  
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

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## 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

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## 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

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

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## 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

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## 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.

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## Professional Skills

Technical Python, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, 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>