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Areas of Specialization

syntax, morphology, Dinka, Germanic, Austronesian

Academic Positions

2015– Lecturer in Linguistics, Queen Mary University of London

Education

2015 PhD in Linguistics, MIT Department of Linguistics & Philosophy
Dissertation: *A uniform syntax for phrasal movement: A Dinka Bor case study*

2010 MA in Linguistics, Utrecht University (cum laude)

2008 BA in English, Utrecht University (cum laude)
Cognitive Neuroscience (minor), Honours (minor)

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

External Support

2014–16 National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant
Case Marking and the Left Periphery in Dinka, BCS-1440427.
(Co-PI with David Pesetsky and Norvin Richards)

Internal Support

2013 2013–2014 Noam Chomsky Fellowship, MIT Linguistics.

2013 MIT Ken Hale Fund support for *Partial wh-movement in Dinka Nyarweng*.

2012 MIT Ken Hale Fund support for *Describing the syntax of Dinka Nyarweng*.

2008 Erik Koster Prize, Best BA Thesis (English), Utrecht University.

Awards

- 2018 *Assessment & Feedback Champion* (won).
Queen Mary Student Union Education Awards.
- 2018 *Innovative Teaching Award* (nominated).
Queen Mary Student Union Education Awards.

Publications

Journal Articles

- Accepted Object licensing in Fijian and the role of adjacency.
Natural Language & Linguistic Theory.
- 2018 Pronoun copying in Dinka Bor and the Copy Theory of Movement.
Natural Language & Linguistic Theory 36(3):937–990.
- 2015 Two components of long-distance extraction: Successive cyclicity in Dinka.
Linguistic Inquiry 46(1):113–155. With Norvin Richards.
- 2015 Aspect splits without ergativity: Agreement asymmetries in Neo-Aramaic.
Natural Language & Linguistic Theory 33(2): 659–702.
With Laura Kalin.
- 2013 Visser’s Generalization: The syntax of control and the passive.
Linguistic Inquiry 44(1): 168–178.
- Invited Long-distance dependencies. *Annual Review of Linguistics*.

Book Chapters

- To appear V2 in Dinka. In *Rethinking V2*. Oxford University Press.
- 2017 Ergativity and Austronesian-type voice systems. In *Oxford Handbook of Ergativity*, ed. by Jessica Coon, Diane Massam, and Lisa Travis. Oxford University Press. With Michael Y. Erlewine and Theodore Levin.
- 2017 Why A-movement does not license parasitic gaps. In *Festschrift for David Pesetsky*, ed. by Claire Halpert, Hadas Kotek, and Coppe van Urk, 533–542. MITWPL.

Editing

- 2017 *A Pesky Set: Papers for David Pesetsky*. Cambridge, MA: MITWPL. With Claire Halpert and Hadas Kotek.
- 2012 *Chomsky’s Linguistics*. Cambridge, MA: MITWPL. With Peter Graff.

Proceedings Papers

- To appear Object licensing in Fijian. *Proceedings of NELS 48*.
- 2017 Mixed chains in Dinka. *Proceedings of NELS 47*.
- 2017 Is there Condition C reconstruction? *Proceedings of NELS 47*. With David Adger, Alex Drummond, David Hall.
- 2016 The left periphery in Dinka: Intermediate movement is regular movement. *Proceedings of WCCFL 32*.
- 2015 What makes a voice system? On the relationship between voice marking and case. *Proceedings of AFLA 21*. With Michael Y. Erlewine and Theodore Levin.
- 2015 Morphology in syntax: Person-driven auxiliary selection in Upper Southern Italian. *Proceedings of NELS 44*. With Sam Steddy.
- 2014 Two components of long-distance extraction: Evidence from Dinka. *Proceedings of NELS 43*. With Norvin Richards.
- 2014 The syntax of nominal concord: What *ezafe* in Zazaki shows us. *Proceedings of NELS 43*. With Maziar Toosarvandani.
- 2012 A novel aspect split in Senaya. *Proceedings of CLS 48*. With Laura Kalin.
- 2012 Aspect-based agreement reversal in Neo-Aramaic. *Proceedings of WCCFL 30*, 184–194. With Laura Kalin.
- 2012 On the syntactic reification of implicit subjects. *Coyote Working Papers*, poster proceedings of WCCFL 29.

Talks

Invited Talks

- Upcoming Prosodic constraints on VP-fronting: Evidence from Imere. Leipzig University, May 30.
- 2018 Pronoun copying in Dinka. Edinburgh University, February 22.
- 2017 On the structure of gaps: Pronoun copying in Dinka. University of Oxford, February 6.
- 2016 Eliminating A/ \bar{A} -positions. National University of Singapore, August 31.
- 2015 Eliminating A/ \bar{A} -positions. University of Cambridge, November 26.
- 2015 φ -agreement in Dinka. UCSC, January 7.
- 2014 On the syntax of long-distance extraction: φ -agreement and \bar{A} -movement in Dinka. Maryland, March 3.
- 2010 Revising Visser's Generalization. CUNY, November 9.

Conference Presentations

- 2018 Constraining VP-fronting. CamCoS 7, University of Cambridge.
- 2017 Objects in Fijian and the role of adjacency. NELS 48, University of Iceland.
- 2017 Object licensing in Fijian and adjacency. LAGB 2017, Canterbury.
- 2017 Phase impenetrability and resumption in Dinka. GLOW 40, Leiden.
- 2017 Mixed chains in Dinka. LSA 2017, Austin.
- 2016 On the distribution of reflexes of successive cyclicity. BCGL 9, Brussels.
- 2016 Phase impenetrability and resumption in Dinka. NELS 47, UMass Amherst.
- 2016 Is there Condition C reconstruction? Poster at NELS 47, UMass Amherst. With David Adger, Alex Drummond, and David Hall.
- 2016 Parasitic gaps, depictives, and the A/ \bar{A} -distinction. LAGB 2016, York.
- 2016 Parasitic gaps, depictives, and the A/ \bar{A} -distinction. Poster at GLOW 37, Göttingen.
- 2015 Pronoun copying and the Copy Theory of Movement. LAGB 2015, UCL.
- 2015 On the realization of intermediate copies: Pronoun copying at the phase edge. WCCFL 33, Simon Fraser University.
- 2015 The A/ \bar{A} -distinction in Dinka. LSA 2015, Portland.
- 2014 What makes a voice system? On the relationship between voice marking and case. AFLA 21, University of Hawai'i. With Michael Y. Erlewine and Theodore Levin.
- 2014 On the relation between C and T, \bar{A} -movement, and “marked nominative” in Dinka. GLOW 37, CRISSP.
- 2014 The left periphery in Dinka: Intermediate movement is regular movement. WCCFL 32, USC.
- 2013 A DM view of person-driven auxiliary selection in Upper-Southern Italian. NELS 44, UConn. With Sam Steddy.
- 2013 Dinka and the architecture of long-distance extraction. GLOW 36, Lund University. With Norvin Richards.
- 2013 Directionality and intervention in nominal concord: Evidence from Zazaki *ezafe*. Poster at GLOW 36, Lund University. With Maziar Toosarvandani.
- 2013 Dinka and the syntax of successive-cyclic movement. ACAL 44, Georgetown University. With Norvin Richards.
- 2012 Two components of long-distance extraction: Evidence from Dinka. NELS 43, CUNY. With Norvin Richards.
- 2012 Directionality and intervention in nominal concord: Evidence from Zazaki *ezafe*. Poster at NELS 43, CUNY. With Maziar Toosarvandani.
- 2012 A novel aspect split in Senaya. CLS 48, University of Chicago. With Laura Kalin.
- 2012 Aspect-based agreement reversal in Neo-Aramaic. WCCFL 30, UC Santa Cruz. With Laura Kalin.

- 2012 A novel aspect split in Senaya. Poster at GLOW 35, University of Potsdam. With Laura Kalin.
- 2011 Visser's Generalization: A window into the syntax of control. Poster at WCCFL 29, University of Arizona.

Teaching

Courses

- 2018 LIN312 *Unfamiliar Languages* (undergraduate). Queen Mary University of London.
- 2018 LIN402 *Introduction to English Syntax* (undergraduate). Queen Mary University of London.
- 2017 LIN7201 *Concepts and Consequences* (MA). Queen Mary University of London.
- 2017 LIN5207 *Linguistic Typology and Grammatical Theory* (undergraduate). Queen Mary University of London.
- 2017 *Movement and minimalism*. Course at the LSA Institute, University of Kentucky, Lexington.
- 2017 *Creating a language*. Week-long summer school for Year 10 students. Queen Mary University of London.
- 2017 LIN312 *Unfamiliar Languages* (undergraduate). Queen Mary University of London.
- 2017 LIN212 *History of English* (undergraduate). Queen Mary University of London.
- 2016 LIN6201 *Syntactic Theory* (undergraduate). Queen Mary University of London.
- 2016 LIN507 *Linguistic Typology and Grammatical Theory* (undergraduate). Queen Mary University of London.
- 2016 LIN7007 *From Morpheme to Meaning* (MA). Queen Mary University of London.
- 2016 LIN037 *Explaining Grammatical Structure* (undergraduate). Queen Mary University of London.
- 2015 LIN507 *Linguistic Typology and Grammatical Theory* (undergraduate). Queen Mary University of London.
- 2014 *Introduction to Linguistics*. Spring 2014 MIT High School Studies Program. 7-week course for high school students.

- 2013 *How English Works: Introduction to Syntax*. Summer 2013 MIT High School Studies Program. 7-week course for high school students.
- 2013 *Introduction to Linguistics*. Spring 2013 MIT High School Studies Program. 7-week course for high school students.

Education

- 2013 Graduate Teaching Certificate, MIT Teaching and Learning Laboratory. 8-day course on teaching at a college level.

Advising

PhD students

- Mohammad Al-Hailawany (2nd supervisor)
Aleksandr Kalinin (2nd supervisor)

Service

Editing

- 2015– Editor, LI Squibs & Discussion

Manuscript Review

Reviewer for *Blackwell Companion to Syntax*, *Glossa*, *Journal of Comparative Germanic Linguistics*, *Journal of Linguistics*, *Language*, *Lingua* (pre-*Glossa*), *Linguistic Inquiry*, *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory*, *Syntax*, *MIT Press Monographs*

Abstract Review

Reviewer for FASL 20 (MIT), FASAL 2 (MIT), Japanese/Korean Linguistics 23 (MIT), NELS 46 (Concordia), GLOW 37 (Göttingen), NELS 47 (UMass), LAGB 2016 (York), LAGB 2017 (Canterbury), NELS 48 (University of Iceland), LAGB 2018, NELS 49

Other Service

- 2014 NELS 45 Organizing Committee.
- 2013–2014 Student representative, MIT Linguistics.
- 2011–2012 Syntax Square organizer, MIT Linguistics.
- 2011–2013 Manager of MIT Working Papers in Linguistics.

Languages

Fluent: Dutch (native), English

Intermediate: French, German

Beginner: Dinka, Imere, Fijian