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Research interests: Typology, fieldwork, syntax-semantic interface

education

- 2019- **PhD Candidate in Linguistics. Massachusetts Institute of Technology.**
Provisional title: *Recycling and Social Meaning: Insights from politeness.*
Dissertation Committee: Adam Albright, Norvin Richards, Kai von Fintel.
- 2019 **PhD Candidate in Linguistics. Queen Mary University of London.**
Supervisors: Daniel Harbour, Coppe van Urk.
- 2018 **MA in Linguistics, Distinction. Queen Mary University of London. Fijian possession.** Supervisor: Coppe van Urk.
- 2017 **BA in Linguistics, First Class Honors. University College London. Mandarin RVCs are morphological beasts.** Supervisor: Hans van de Koot.
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publications

- 2023 **Honorifics without [HON].** Published in *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory* 41, 1287-1347. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11049-022-09563-0>.
- 2022 **Morphological effects on indexical shift in Uyghur.** Published in *Proceedings of the 23rd Amsterdam Colloquium*, [here](#).
- 2021 **A new diagnostic for antonym decomposition.** Co-authored with Ido Benbaji & Omri Doron. Published in *Proceedings of the Fifty-First Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS51)*, [here](#).
- 2020 **Japanese honorification as nominalisation: Taking [HON] out of honorifics.** Co-authored with Takanobu Nakamura. Published in *Proceedings of the 27th Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE27)*, [here](#).
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invited talks; conferences (peer-reviewed)

- Nov 2023 **An eventually very simple account of Japanese honorification (Joint work with Takanobu Nakamura).** Invited talk at *Northeastern University Linguistics Fall 2023 Talk Series*.

- Mar 2023 **Honorifics without [HON]**. Invited talk at *Northeastern University Linguistics Spring 2023 Talk Series*.
- Jan 2023 **Presuppositionlessness as politeness in sign languages**. Talk at *Charting Honorific And Addressee Morphosyntactic Processes 1 (CHAMP)*.
- Dec 2022 **Morphological effects on indexical shift in Uyghur**. Talk at *Amsterdam Colloquium 23*.
- May 2022 **Honorifics without [HON]: A presuppositional account**. Talk at *West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics 40 (WCCFL)*.
- Sept 2021 **Primed to discriminate: Linguistic profiling against Uyghurs in the job market**. With Matthew Hunt. Poster at *UK Language Variation and Change 13 (UKLVC)*.
- Nov 2020 **A New Diagnostic for Antonym Decomposition**. With Ido Benbaji, Omri Doron. Talk at *North East Linguistic Society 51 (NELS)*.
- Sept 2020 **Reduplication in Hebrew as a Diagnostic for Antonym Decomposition**. With Ido Benbaji & Omri Doron. Talk at *Sinn und Bedeutung 25*.
- May 2019 **Fijian possessive classifiers as Poss heads**. Poster at *Generative Linguistics in the Old World 42 (GLOW)*, Oslo.
- Feb 2019 **Possessive classification in Fijian**. Talk at *ConSOLE 29*, Berlin.
- Honorification-as-distance: Case study of Japanese nominalisation**. Poster at *Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe 29 (ConSOLE)*, Berlin.
- Fijian Possession: Polysynthesis in the Noun Phrase**. With Pietro Baggio. Talk at *Incontro di Grammatica Generativa 45*, Padua.

presentations

- Jul 2022 **Morphological effects on indexical shift in Uyghur**. Poster presentation at *CreteLing*, University of Crete.
- May 2019 **A surprising correlation between pronouns and aspect**. With Daniel Harbour. Oral presentation at *6th London Semantics Day*.
- A typology of politeness: pronouns, imperatives, and more**. Invited presentation at *Cambridge SyntaxLab*, University of Cambridge.
- Apr 2019 **A morphosemantics for honorification**. Oral presentation at the *Paris-Amsterdam-London Logic Meetings of Young Researchers XII*, Paris.

awards

- 2020 **Best student presentation**, £200, Sinn und Bedeutung 2020.
- 2018 **MA in Linguistics Prize**, QMUL. £100 for best Linguistics dissertation.
- 2018 **Draper's Company Prize**, QMUL. £100.
- 2017 **Alexander Melville Bell prize**, UCL. In recognition of outstanding academic performance.
- 2017 **Dean's List**, UCL. In recognition of excellent academic performance.
- 2015 **Provost's Excellence Scholarships**, UCL. £1000.
- 2007-13 **Academic Excellence Award**, Dulwich College Beijing. Yearly recipient.
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research and teaching experience

- 2023 **Library Staff**, Summer 2023, MIT Hayden Library.
- 2022 **TA**, 24.900, *Introduction to Linguistics*. Instructor: Adam Albright.
- 2020-1 **TA**, 24.900, *Introduction to Linguistics*. Instructor: Norvin Richards.
- TA**, 24.917, *Constructing a Language*. Instructor: Norvin Richards.
- 2018-9 **Research Assistant for REF2021**, Queen Mary University of London. Paid post for assembling Impact case study for REF2021, "Constructed Languages in Education and Entertainment".
- * Created website (creatinglanguages.org) to host blogs and resources.
 - * Organized, created, and curated original content for website.
 - * Co-ordinated and created materials for teacher training courses for both primary and secondary levels.
- 2018 **Undergraduate Summer Intern**, University College London. Internship at the Literacy, Language and Communication (LiLaC) Lab.
- * Transcribed, coded, and analyzed child narrative data from the Surrey Communication and Language in Education Study (SCALES).
- 2015 **Mandarin Teacher**, St. Georges' Martyr Church Primary School/UCL. Planned and taught weekly Mandarin lessons for primary schoolers.
- 2009-13 **Teaching Volunteer**, Beijing Guangai Foster Home. Led art lessons for foster children, worked closely to ensure enjoyment and engagement.

academic experiences

- 2022 **CreteLing Summer School**, University of Crete, participant.
- 2019 **ESSLLI Summer School**, University of Latvia, awarded €350 tuition grant.
- 2017, 8 **ACTL Summer School**, UCL, participant.
- 2017 **Deutsch A2.2 Intensivkurs**, Universität Wien. Final grade 95%.
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service

- * Occasional reviewer at *Studia Linguistica*.
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additional skills

- * Natively bilingual in Mandarin Chinese and English; intermediate in German.
 - * LaTeX, Word; Excel.
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interests

Keyboardist: piano, organ, melodica. Happiest with Bach, Liszt, Brahms, Schubert, Widor, and Alkan. Attained Grade 6 certification for piano from the Chinese Central Conservatory of Music. Occasional church organist.

Cities, social infrastructure.