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Education

2015– Ph.D. in linguistics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA. [Defended on November 20, 2020]

Title: Nominal licensing and the number interpretation and syntactic distribution of bare nominals in Wolof.

Committee: Prof. David Pesetsky (chair), Prof. Sabine Iatridou, and Prof. Norvin Richards.

2013–15 M.A. in linguistics. Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil.

Title: Construindo um domínio não-finito: a sintaxe de orações de gerúndio em português brasileiro [*Building a nonfinite domain: the syntax of gerund clauses in Brazilian Portuguese*]

Committee: Prof. Marcello Modesto (chair), Prof. Jairo Nunes, Prof. Rafael Minussi.

Spring 2014 Visiting student, University of Connecticut.

Supervisor: Prof. Susi Wurmbrand

2008–12 B.A. in linguistics and Portuguese language, Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil

Undergraduate research #2: Complementos gerundivos em PB [*Gerund complements in BP*].
Supervisor: Prof. Marcello Modesto

Undergraduate research #1: A estrutura argumental das metáforas conceituais [*The argument structure of conceptual metaphors*]. Supervisor: Prof. Marcos Lopes

Research topics

Broad: Generative linguistics; syntax; bare nominals; cross-clausal movement.

Narrow: Bare nominals in Wolof (number interpretation, pseudo noun incorporation, nominal and feature licensing); hyperraising (ECM/raising to object across a finite clause, esp. in Mongolian; A vs. \bar{A} distinction, improper movement); gerund clauses in Br. Portuguese (nonfinite clauses, complement and adjunct control, perceptual complements).

Manuscripts and publications

Journal article

- 2019** Proper movement through Spec-CP: An argument from hyperraising in Mongolian. *Glossa* (4)1, 30. Special Collection: Subject Extraction, edited by Michael Yoshitaka Erlewine. [DOI: <https://doi.org/10.5334/gjgl.667>].

Proceedings papers

- [Submitted] Distinguishing between explanatory accounts of the A/A'-distinction: the view from Argentinian Spanish Clitic Doubling. Going Romance XXXIV proceedings. [[pdf](#)]
- 2020** The syntax of number marking: the view from bare nouns in Wolof. *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America*, 5(1), 293–307. [DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3765/plsa.v5i1.4709>]
- 2018** Featural definition of syntactic positions: Evidence from hyper-raising. *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America*, 3(1). [DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3765/plsa>]
- 2013** Clausal gerund and Case marking in Brazilian Portuguese. *Proceedings of the IX Workshop on Formal Linguistics (2012)*.

Unpublished manuscripts

- 2021** A dependent case analysis of pseudo noun incorporation in Wolof. [[LingBuzz](#)].
- 2020** Feature licensing and the number interpretation of bare nominals in Wolof [[LingBuzz](#)].
- 2015** M.A. thesis: Building a nonfinite domain: the syntax of gerund clauses in Brazilian Portuguese [[LingBuzz](#); original [file](#), in Br. Portuguese]

Presentations

- Feb 2021** A dependent case analysis of pseudo noun incorporation in Wolof. Syntax & Semantics Circle, University of California, Berkeley. [[handout](#)]

Refereed

- 2020-21** Distinguishing between accounts of the A/A'-distinction: the view from Argentinian Spanish Clitic Doubling
- Mai/21** 57th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society, University of Chicago.
- Apr/21** Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages 51, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- Nov/20** Going Romance 34, CNRS. [alternate talk, [OSF](#)]
- 2019–21** The number interpretation of bare nominals in Wolof.
- Apr/21** ACAL 51–52. University of Florida.

- Jan/21** ConSOLE 29, Leiden University Centre for Linguistics. [OSF]
- Jan/20** Linguistic Society of America (LSA) 2020 Annual Meeting, New Orleans, USA [poster].
- Sep/19** 12th Syntax, Phonology and Language Analysis (SinFonJA 12). Workshop on Number, Numerals and Plurality. Masaryk University, Czech Republic.
- Sep/19** LAGB Annual General Meeting 2019. Queen Mary University of London.
- 2019** Alternations between regular and athematic participles in Brazilian Portuguese.
- May** 49th Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages (LSRL). University of Georgia in Athens, USA. [slides]
- Mar** 43rd annual Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC). University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA. [poster]
- 2018** Proper movement through Spec-CP: an argument from hyperraising in Mongolian.
- Oct** North East Linguistics Society (NELS) 49. Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, USA. [poster]
- Aug** VIII Encuentro de Gramática Generativa. Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina. (Presented under the title *Differential Subject Marking in Mongolian.*) [handout]
- Mar 2018** A raising analysis of accusative subjects in Mongolian [handout]
ConCall-3. Indiana University, USA.
- Jan 2018** Featural definition of syntactic positions: evidence from hyper-raising [poster]
Linguistic Society of America (LSA) 2018 Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, USA
- 2012–15** Gerund clauses in Brazilian Portuguese
- Jul/15** Três classes de oração de gerúndio em PB [*Three classes of gerund clauses in BP*]
63º Seminário do GEL. Universidade Estadual de Campinas, Brazil
- Feb/15** Três classes de oração gerundiva em português brasileiro [*Three classes of gerund clauses in BP*]
IX ABRALIN. Universidade Federal do Pará, Brazil
- Jul/14** Gerund clauses in Brazilian Portuguese [poster]
Workshop on morphology and interpretation. Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil
- Aug/12** Clausal gerunds and Case marking in Brazilian Portuguese [poster]
IX Workshop on Formal Linguistics. Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- Jul/12** Complementos gerundivos em PB: proposta preliminar de análise [*Gerund complements in BP: preliminary analysis*] [poster]
60º Seminário do GEL. Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil
- Jul 2010** Propriedades morfossintáticas na construção da metáfora [*Morphosyntactic properties in the building of metaphors*] [poster]
58º Seminário do GEL. Universidade Federal de São Carlos, Brazil

Outreach

Apr 2019 The singular (and plural) behavior of bare nouns in Wolof. Hungry Wugs presentation for undergraduate students, MIT. [[slides](#)]

Mar 2017 A ciência e a lógica da estrutura das línguas [*The science and logic of linguistic structure*]. PUB-Linguística. Introduction to linguistics for non-linguists. With Mar Bassa and Karin Vivanco.

Other/Non-refereed

Aug 2020 Feature licensing and the number interpretation of bare nominals in Wolof. [[handout](#)]
40th Colloquium of African Languages and Linguistics, Leiden University.

Jul 2019 The syntax of plural marking: the view from bare nouns in Wolof.
The Alphabet of Universal Grammar, The British Academy in London. [[poster](#)]

Jun 2019 Nominais nus em Wolof e a sintaxe de marcação plural [*Bare nouns in Wolof and the syntax of plural marking*].
Tardes de Linguística na USP. Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil. [[handout](#)]

Feb 2019 CONCORD and INDEX number in Wolof bare nominals.
ECO-5. University of Maryland, USA.

Apr 2018 Differential Argument Marking by phase in Mongolian
ECO-5. University of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA.

Apr 2017 Moving out of a finite CP: an analysis of hyper-raising
ECO-5. University of Connecticut, USA

May 2015 A sintaxe de orações de gerúndio em PB [*The syntax of gerund clauses in BP*]
XVIII ENAPOL. Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil.

Apr 2014 Gerund clauses in Brazilian Portuguese
Ling-Lunch. University of Connecticut, USA

Apr 2014 Gerund clauses in Brazilian Portuguese [[poster](#)]
V Language Fest. University of Connecticut, USA

Oct 2012 Gerúndio e marcação de Caso [*Gerund and Case marking*]
20º SIICUSP. Universidade de São Paulo

May 2012 Complementos gerundivos em PB: proposta preliminar de análise [*Gerund complements in BP: preliminary analysis*] [[poster](#)]
XV ENAPOL. Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil

Nov 2010 A estrutura argumental de metáforas conceituais [*The argument structure of conceptual metaphors*]
18º SIICUSP. Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil

Teaching

As instructor

Feb 2020 Instructor at [ELBA](#) (Escuela de Lingüística de Buenos Aires) at the University of Buenos Aires.

Topic: Theoretical approaches to hyperraising. [handouts and program [here](#)]

As teaching assistant

Fall 2020 Introduction to Syntax (24.951; graduate)

Instructor: Prof. David Pesetsky

Duties: recitation, office hours, grading, dependent case lecture [recitation materials, [here](#)]

Fall 2018 Introduction to Linguistics (24.900; undergraduate)

Instructor: Prof. Adam Albright, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Duties: recitation, office hours, grading [recitation materials [here](#)]

Spring 2017 Special Subject: Linguistics (24.S90; undergraduate)

Instructor: Prof. David Pesetsky, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Duties: office hours, hyper-raising class [[handout](#)]

Fall 2016 Language and Its Structure II: Syntax (24.902; undergraduate)

Instructor: Prof. David Pesetsky, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Duties: grading, recitation, office hours, dependent case lecture [[handout](#)]

2015/1 Sintaxe: fundamentos de análise e descrição sintática (FLL0215; undergraduate introduction to syntax)

Instructor: Prof. Jairo Nunes, Universidade de São Paulo

Duties: office hours, preparation of lists of exercises [available [here](#)]

2014/2 Elementos de Lingüística II (FLL0434; undergraduate introduction to linguistics)

Instructor: Prof. Margarida Petter, Universidade de São Paulo

Duties: office hours, two exam review classes, preparation of lists of exercises [available [here](#)]

Research grants, fellowships, and awards

2019 Student bursary: LAGB 2019 (Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain) at QMUL.

2019 Runner-up for the Best Student Presentation Award: 49th Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages (LSRL 49, UGA).

2013–15 FAPESP (São Paulo Research Foundation, Brazil).

M.A. research (grant #2012/23196-5)

2014 FAPESP (São Paulo Research Foundation, Brazil)

Research Internship Abroad, BEPE (grant #2013/20648-5)

2013 Capes (Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Nível Superior, Brazil)

M.A. research

2011–12 FAPESP (São Paulo Research Foundation, Brazil)

Undergraduate research (grant #2011/08152-9)

2009–10 CNPq (Conselho Nacional de Desenvolvimento Científico e Tecnológico, Brazil)

Undergraduate research

Academic service

2020– [LSA Mentoring Initiative](#); mentor.

2021 ECO-5 co-organizer (virtual).

2017–21 [ECO-5](#) liaison, MIT Linguistics (syntax workshop for graduate students from five schools in the East Coast).

2019 [TripleA 6](#) (The Semantics of African, Asian and Austronesian Languages) co-organizer, MIT Linguistics.

2018 [WAFI 14](#) (Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics) co-organizer, MIT Linguistics.

Jun 2018 [INSPIRE](#) judge. (National High School Research Competition in the Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences), Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

2017–18 Syntax Square (reading group) co-organizer, MIT Linguistics.

2016–17 Student co-editor of [Whamit!](#) (MIT Linguistics newsletter).

2016–17 Ling-Lunch co-organizer, MIT Linguistics.

2015/1 [Tardes de Linguística na USP](#) co-organizer (series of colloquia and other events), Universidade de São Paulo.

Reviewing

Caderno de Estudos Linguísticos

Caderno de Squibs

Glossa

Syntax

A paper for a Language Science Press collection

A paper for a collection of papers on African languages

Membership

2017– Linguistic Society of America

Languages

Brazilian Portuguese: native

English: professional knowledge

Spanish: basic reading and listening

French: basic reading

Elicitation

Wolof: Spring/2018 (24.942/MIT); Spring/2019, Fall/2019, Spring/2020 (MIT, Ken Hale fund)

Mongolian: Spring/2017 (24.942/MIT); Summer/2017 (MIT); Spring & Summer/2018 (independent)