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Research Interests

Theoretical syntax and morphology; African linguistics

Education

- 1991 PhD UCLA; Linguistics. Dissertation: *The morphology and syntax of Determiner Phrases in Kiswahili*. Supervisor: Tim Stowell.
1986 MA UCLA; Linguistics. Thesis: *ECP effects in Yoruba*. Tim Stowell.
1979 BA University of Wisconsin-Madison; African Languages and Literature.

Professional Experience

Teaching & Research

- 2020- Professor, Department of Linguistics, University of Connecticut.
2014-2020 Professor, Dept. of Linguistics, Southern Illinois University Carbondale.
2019 Invited instructor for the course “Comparative Syntax” at the 5th African Linguistics School, Rhodes University, Makhanda, South Africa.
2016 Invited instructor for the course “Comparative Syntax” at the 4th African Linguistics School, Yamoussoukro, Côte d’Ivoire.
2013 Invited instructor for the course “Agreement and word order in Minimalist theory,” LSA linguistic institute at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
2005-2014 Associate Professor, Dept. of English, University of Missouri (MU).
2000-2005 Assistant Professor, Dept. of English, University of Missouri.
1997 Invited instructor for “Seminar on Bantu syntax,” LSA linguistic institute, Cornell University.
1995-2000 Assistant Professor, Dept. of Linguistics, Cornell University.
1991-1994 Assistant Professor, Dept. of Modern Languages and Linguistics/
Africana Studies and Research Center (DMLL/ASRC), Cornell University
1988-1991 Instructor, DMLL/ASRC, Cornell University.
1986-1987 Lecturer in Yoruba and Swahili, Yale Program in African Languages.

Administration

- 2014-2020 Chair of the Department of Linguistics, SIU Carbondale.
2019-2020 Interim Chair of the Dept. of Languages, Cultures, and International Trade
2013 Organizer of the MU/UMich summer workshop on African linguistics.
2012a. Organizer of the MU summer workshop on African linguistics.
2012b. Co-organizer of the MU-UGent Complementizer Agreement Workshop, Ghent, Belgium.
2009 Organizer of the Mid America Linguistics Conference at MU.
2007-2013 Chair of the Linguistics Program, University of Missouri
1997 Director, 27th Annual Conference on African Linguistics, Cornell U.
1988-1998 Coordinator, Cornell Program in African Languages.
1988-1997 Director, Cornell Summer Program in African Languages.

1987 Assistant Director, Fulbright-Hays Swahili Group Project Abroad, Kenya.

Publications

Articles and chapters (many downloadable from lingbuzz.auf.net)

- To appear. Bantu Syntax. In J. Zeller (ed.) *The Oxford Guide to the Bantu Languages*. Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press. With Michael Diercks.
- 2020a. ‘Only’ in Nguni: a phrase-final particle meets antisymmetry theory. With Jochen Zeller. *Linguistic Inquiry* 51.2: 199-235.
- 2020b. Concord and labeling. In Peter Smith, Johannes Mursell, & Katarina Hartman (eds.) *Agreement in the Minimalist Program*. Language Sciences Press Open Generative Syntax Series, <https://langsci-press.org/catalog/book/254>. DOI:10.5281/zenodo.3541747: 71-116.
2017. Noun-to-Determiner Movement. In *The Blackwell Companion to Syntax*. 2nd edition, M. Everaert & H. van Riemsdijk (eds.), 2758-2783. Hoboken: Wiley-Blackwell. <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/book/10.1002/9781118358733>.
- 2016a. Delayed valuation: a reanalysis of goal features, “upwards” complementizer agreement, and the mechanics of Case. *Syntax* 19.1:1-42.
- 2016b. Head-head relations in “Problems of Projection.” With Norbert Hornstein and T. Daniel Seely. *The Linguistic Review* 33.1:67-86.
- 2016c. Negative concord and nominal licensing in Zulu and Xhosa. With Loyiso Mletshe. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 34.3: 761-804.
2015. Radical defectivity: implications of Xhosa expletive constructions. With Loyiso Mletshe. *Linguistic Inquiry* 46.2:187-242.
- 2013a. Parameterizing Case and Activity: Hyper-raising in Bantu. With Michael Diercks. In *Proceedings of the 40th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society*, Seda Kan, Claire Moore-Cantwell, Robert Staubs (eds), 99-118. Amherst: University of Massachusetts Graduate Linguistic Student Association.
- 2013b. Agreeing How? With Michael Diercks. *Linguistic Inquiry* 44.2:179-237.
2011. Hyperactivity and Hyperagreement in Bantu. *Lingua* 121.5:721-741.
2010. Grammatical gender and the theory of uninterpretable features. In *Exploring Crash Proof Grammars*. M. Putnam (ed), 31-57. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
2008. DP in Bantu and Romance. In *The Bantu-Romance Connection*, K. Demuth & C. De Cat (eds.). 131-166. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
2005. Agree and EPP in Bantu. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 23:219-279.
2003. Rethinking complementizer agreement. *Linguistic Inquiry* 34.3:393-412.
2002. Antisymmetry and word order in serial verb constructions. *Language* 78.1: 3-50.
2001. Multiple agreement and Case deletion. *Syntax* 4.3:147-163.
2000. Concord in minimalist theory. *Linguistic Inquiry* 31.2:319-355.
1997. Empty nouns in Bantu locatives. *The Linguistic Review* 14:361-410.
1993. On nominal morphology and DP structure. In *Theoretical Aspects of Bantu Grammar*, S. Mchombo (ed.), 151-180. Stanford: CSLI Publications.
1987. Extraction asymmetries in Yoruba. In *Current Approaches to African Linguistics* (vol. 4), David Odden (ed.), 61-72. Dordrecht: Foris Publications.

1986. Proper government in Yoruba. In *Proceedings of the Fourth Annual West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, 58-70. Stanford: Stanford University Press.
- 1985a. Wh-movement in Yoruba. In *Studies in African Linguistics* supplement 9, Russ Schuh (ed.), 39-44. Los Angeles: University of California Press.
- 1985b. Adjunct ECP effects in Yoruba. In *Proceedings of the Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the North Eastern Linguistic Society*, 49-62. Amherst: University of Massachusetts Press.

In progress

- The EPP and bare nominals in Nguni.
- Agreement with conjoined objects in Swahili: an unlocking effect.
- Noun class, gender, and the workings of Agree: evidence from agreement with conjoined subjects in Xhosa. lingbuzz/004683.
- (In-)definiteness in two Bantu languages without articles. With Veneeta Dayal and Loyiso Mletshe.
- Negation and clause structure in Tiriki.
- Feature Inheritance: evidence from Bantu.

Books (an edited volume and a textbook)

2000. *Advances in African Linguistics*. Trends in African Linguistics #4. Co-edited with Frederick Parkinson. Trenton, N.J.: Africa World Press.
1990. *Masomo ya Kisasa: Contemporary Readings in Swahili*. Secondary author, with Ann Biersteker (primary author), May Balisidya, and Joseph Mabwa. New Haven: Yale University Press.

Other

2015. Linguistic Field Methods: a promotional video (technical work by Greg Wendt). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BReOhxfgEe4>
- 2012a-present. Online data elicitation and archiving project: DP Positions in African Languages (team leader). The Afranaph Project (www.africananaphora.rutgers.edu/).
- 2012b-present. Online data elicitation and archiving project: Situating the subject in Bantu languages (team leader). The Afranaph Project. With Michael Diercks, Juvenal Ndayiragije, Luis Lopez, Loyiso Mletshe.

Grants and Awards

- 2014-16. Collaborative research: Tone and structure in Luyia. NSF grant #1355750, \$343,479. Co-PI with Michael Marlo, Michael Diercks, David Odden, and Mary Paster.
- 2013a. University of Missouri South African Education Program (UMSAEP) linkage grant for collaborative research on Xhosa syntax with Loyiso Mletshe at University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa.
- 2013b. MU international travel grant to present at *Bantu 5* in Paris.
- 2013c. MU small grant to present a joint paper at the *31st West Coast Conference on*

- Formal Linguistics*, University of Arizona, Tempeh.
- 2011a. MU Global Scholars Program in Cape Town.
- 2011b. MU international travel grant to present at *Bantu 4* in Berlin.
- 2010a-2012. UMSAEP linkage grant for collaborative research on Xhosa syntax with Loyiso Mletshe at University of the Western Cape.
- 2010b. MU Global Scholars Program in Brussels.
- 2010c. University of Missouri Research Board fellowship for academic 2011-12.
2009. Lusaamia documentation grant, University of Missouri Research Council.
2007. MU International Travel Grant to present at *Bantu 3* in Tervuren.
2003. Fellowship, Summer Grant-Writing Institute, University of Missouri.
- 2001a. Summer fellowship, University of Missouri Research Council.
- 2001b. University of Missouri Research Board fellowship for academic 2001-2.
1987. American Association of University Women doctoral dissertation fellowship.

Conference Papers

- 2019a. New project proposal: agreement with conjoined arguments. Afranaph Project Development Workshop 3, Georgetown University, Washington DC.
- 2019b. Agreement with conjuncts in Xhosa and the theory of gender/class. Presented at the 2019 meeting of the Linguistic Association of Great Britain, Queen Mary University, London.
- 2019c. (In)definiteness without articles in two Bantu languages & the NP/DP hypothesis. Presented at the 2019 meeting of the Linguistic Association of Great Britain, Queen Mary University, London.
- 2019d. Agreement with conjoined objects in Swahili: an unlocking effect. Presented at the workshop Object Agreement Across Barriers, Zagreb, Croatia.
- 2019e. Grammatical gender and parameter theory. Presented at the Parameters Workshop in Honor of Lisa Travis, McGill University, Montreal.
- 2019f. (In-)definiteness without articles in two Bantu languages. Presented at the 50th Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL), University of British Columbia, with Loyiso Mletshe.
- 2019g. Conjoined subjects and the theory of gender/class. Presented at the 50th ACAL, University of British Columbia, Vancouver.
2018. Noun class and labeling theory. Presented at the 49th ACAL, Michigan State University.
2017. 'Only' and antisymmetry in Zulu and Xhosa. Presented at the 48th ACAL, University of Indiana.
- 2016a. Phrase-final focus particles and the LCA. Presented at Formal Linguistics in South Africa, a workshop preceding the 31st Comparative Germanic Syntax Workshop, Stellenbosch University, Stellenbosch, South Africa.
- 2016b. Adverbial *kuphela* ('only') in Xhosa and Zulu. Presented at Bantu 6, Helsinki, with Loyiso Mletshe and Jochen Zeller.
- 2016c. 'Only' in Nguni. Presented at the 47th ACAL, University of California-Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, with Loyiso Mletshe and Jochen Zeller.
- 2015a. Adnominal and adverbial *kuphela* - 'only' in Xhosa and Zulu. Presented at

- the 4th South African Microlinguistics Workshop, Rhodes University, with Loyiso Mletshe and Jochen Zeller.
- 2015b. Negation and cartography in Tiriki. Presented at the 46th ACAL, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon.
2014. D-C relations and word order in Maasai: evidence from relative clauses. Presented at the 45th ACAL, University of Kansas, Lawrence, with Cassady Shoaff.
- 2013a. On DP positions and the location of subjects: report on 2 projects. Afranaph Project Development Workshop II, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ
- 2013b. N-words in disguise: a negative concord analysis of augmentless NPIs in Xhosa and Zulu. 5th International Conference on Bantu Languages, Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales, Paris, with Loyiso Mletshe.
- 2013c. The great escape: movement out of tensed clauses in Bantu. Presented at The 31st West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics, Arizona State University, with Michael Diercks.
- 2012a. Expletive constructions in Xhosa. Presented at the 43rd ACAL, Tulane University, with Loyiso Mletshe.
- 2012b. What Xhosa expletive constructions reveal about Case. Presented at the 2012 meeting of the Linguistic Association of Great Britain, University of Salford, Manchester, UK (LAGB 2012), with Loyiso Mletshe.
- 2012c. Delayed valuation: a reanalysis of goal features and the mechanics of Case. Presented at LAGB 2012.
- 2012d. Patterns of C-agreement in some Bantu languages. Presented at the GIST Complementizer Agreement workshop, University of Ghent.
2011. Agreeing How? Presented at the Berlin Bantu Conference (B4ntu), Department of African Studies, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, with Michael Diercks.
- 2010a. NP-positions in Bantu languages. Presented at the Afranaph Development Workshop, Rutgers University (as head of a collaborative team).
- 2010b. Properties of Bantu subjects. Presented at the Afranaph Development Workshop, Rutgers University (as head of a collaborative team).
- 2010c. Head-movement in Bantu DPs. Presented at the 41st meeting of the North Eastern Linguistic Society, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2010d. (How) do mirror image order and head movement combine? Presented at the GIST Conference on Anti-locality and Snowballing Movement, Ghent University.
- 2009a. Implications of Bantu raising constructions. Presented at the Mid America Linguistics Conference, University of Missouri, with Michael Diercks.
- 2009b. Parameterizing Case theory: Raising verbs in Bantu. Presented at the 40th meeting of the North Eastern Linguistic Society, MIT, with Michael Diercks.
- 2009c. First person singular in Igbo grammar. Presented at the Mid-America Linguistics Conference, University of Missouri.
- 2009d. Feature Inheritance in Bantu. Presented at the 40th ACAL, University of Illinois.
2008. Inversion in Bantu operator constructions. Presented at the Workshop on Bantu Inversion, 3rd International Conference on Bantu Languages, Tervuren, Belgium.
- 2007a. Connecting DP syntax and clausal agreement. Presented at Exploring Crash Proof Grammars, Carson-Newman College, Tenn.

- 2007b. Gender and activity in Bantu. Presented at the Bantu syntax workshop, Leiden, The Netherlands.
2006. DP in Bantu. Presented at the Bantu-Romance Connection Workshop, Leeds, UK.
- 1997a. Concord and Minimalist theory. Presented at the 28th Annual Conference on African Linguistics, Cornell University.
- 1997b. SVCs meet the LCA. Presented at the workshop on African languages, 20th annual Generative Linguists of the Old World (GLOW) colloquium, Rabat, Morocco.
1996. Serial verbs in head-final languages. Presented at the 26th ACAL, Gainesville, Fla.
- 1993a. Feature-types, DP-syntax and subject agreement. Presented at the 16th annual GLOW colloquium, Lund.
- 1993b. On grammatical gender and NP-internal subjects. Presented at the 16th GLOW colloquium's workshop on the structure of non-verbal projections.
- 1993c. Deriving variation in agreement systems. Presented at NELS 24, U. Mass. Amherst.
- 1993d. On DP-syntax and grammatical agreement. Presented at the annual meeting of the Formal Linguistics Society of Middle-America, Iowa City.
1992. Noun phrase structure in Swahili. Presented at the 22nd ACAL, MSU, East Lansing.
1990. Class 15 in Bantu: infinitives and gerunds. Presented at the 21st ACAL, U. of Georgia at Athens.
- 1989a. Commentary on verb serialization panel of papers. 20th ACAL, U. of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana.
- 1989b. AGR, tense, aspect and IP structure: evidence from Bantu. Presented at the 12th annual GLOW colloquium, Utrecht, with K.K.W. Kinyalolo.
- 1989c. Noun classes and agreement in Swahili. Presented at the Workshop on Theoretical Aspects of Bantu Grammar, U.C. Berkeley.
- 1988a. Serial verbs in Yoruba. Presented at the Second Niger-Congo Syntax and Semantics Workshop, MIT.
- 1988b. Compound tenses in Bantu: A case for TP and AspP in UG. Presented at the 19th ACAL, Boston University, with K.K.W. Kinyalolo.
- 1988c. Sentential subjects and the CRP: A reanalysis. Presented at the 19th ACAL, Boston University.
- 1988d. Compound tenses in Bantu. Presented at NELS 19, Cornell University, Ithaca, with K.K.W. Kinyalolo
- 1987a. On empty categories and phonological rules. Presented at the 18th ACAL, University of Quebec at Montreal.
- 1987b. Commentary on verb serialization papers at the 1st Niger-Congo Syntax and Semantics Workshop, Boston University.
1986. Extraction asymmetries and antecedent government. Presented at the 9th annual GLOW colloquium, Gerona.
- 1985a. The structure of S' in Yoruba. Presented at the 16th ACAL, Yale University.

- 1985b. Proper government in Yoruba. Presented at the 4th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics, UCLA.
- 1984a. Wh-movement in Yoruba. Presented at the 15th ACAL, UCLA.
- 1984b. ECP effects in Yoruba. Presented at NELS 15, Brown University.

Invited Talks

2021. On the absence of overt articles in Bantu. Invited plenary at the workshop on Definiteness and specificity in languages with bare nouns: the case of Bantu. 8th International Conference on Bantu Languages, University of Essex, UK.
- 2020a. Bare nominals and preverbal subject position in Nguni. University of Illinois Department of Linguistics Colloquium.
- 2020b. NP or DP? Nominal expressions in Swahili and Xhosa. University of the Free State Department of Linguistics Colloquium
- 2019a. Is there DP in Bantu? Talk presented at the Symposium by Team Stowell, Greenwich, UK.
- 2019b. Bare nouns in two Bantu languages and the DP/NP hypothesis. Presented at the Identifying (In)definiteness Workshop, Yale University.
- 2018a. Bantu DPs, bottom to top. Symposium on the Bantu noun phrase, Queen Mary University, London, UK.
- 2018b. Grammatical gender and parameter theory. Invited paper presented at the Georgetown University Workshop on Morphosyntax, April 2018.
- 2017a. 'Only' and antisymmetry in Zulu and Xhosa. University of Illinois-Chicago Department of Hispanic and Italian Studies Talks in Linguistics.
- 2017b. Right-edge particles and the LCA. University of Chicago Linguistics Department.
- 2016a. What relative clauses reveal about Maasai and Universal Grammar. University of Utah Linguistics Department colloquium.
- 2016b. Implications of a word order alternation in Maasai. Indiana University Linguistics Department colloquium.
2015. Augmentless nominals: *n*-words and NPIs in Xhosa and Zulu. Yale University Linguistics Department colloquium.
- 2014a. D-C relations and word order in Kisongo Maasai: evidence from relative clauses. Linguistics colloquium, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. 10/20/14.
- 2014b. Impersonal constructions in Xhosa. Xhosa Language Department, University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa.
- 2014c. Sources of VSO word order in Kisongo Maasai: evidence from relative clauses. Linguistics Department, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban, S. Africa.
- 2012a. Experiencer predicates and inversion constructions in Xhosa. Stellenbosch University Linguistics Department, Stellenbosch, South Africa.
- 2012b. Expletive constructions in Xhosa. University of KwaZulu-Natal Linguistics Department, Durban, South Africa.
2011. Left/right asymmetries and the design of grammar. Plenary lecture at the 42nd Annual Conference on African Linguistics, U. Maryland, College Park.

- 2010a. Predicting patterns of agreement and movement from grammatical gender, N-positions, and parametrized Case. Ghent University Generative Investigations into Syntax, Ghent, Belgium.
- 2010b. Deriving variation in A-movement and agreement from grammatical gender, N-positions and parameterized Case. Center for Research on Syntax, Semantics, and Phonology. Hogeschool Universiteit Brussel, Brussels, Belgium.
- 2010c. Activity, agreement, and A-movement. University of Michigan linguistics colloquium talk, Ann Arbor.
- 2006a. Connecting DP syntax and clausal agreement. School of Oriental and African Studies, London, UK.
- 2006b DP in Bantu and Romance. The Bantu-Romance Connection, a workshop funded by the European Science Foundation at Leeds University, UK.
- 1999a Serial verbs and linguistic theory. Yale Program in African Languages, New Haven.
- 1999b. Word order in serial verb constructions and Universal Grammar. Department of English, University of Missouri.
- 1997. Word order in Ijo. Dept. of Linguistics, CUNY, NYC.
- 1996. Noun classes in Bantu. Dept. of Anthropology, SUNY Albany.
- 1993a. On agreement theory. Dept. of Linguistics, University of Ilorin, Nigeria.
- 1993b. Deriving agreement. Dept. of Linguistics and Philosophy, MIT.
- 1993c. DP-syntax and grammatical agreement. Dept. of Linguistics, Rutgers University.
- 1991. Number and gender in Bantu. Dept. of Linguistics and Cognitive Studies, SUNY Albany.
- 1989. Inflectional morphology and sentence structure in Bantu. Dept. of Linguistics, SUNY Syracuse.
- 1988. Compound tenses in Bantu. Dept. of Linguistics, University of Chicago.

Professional Service

- Member of the graduate admissions committee, University of Connecticut Linguistics Department, 2020-
- Chair of SIU Spanish/Latinx Studies assistant professor search committee, 2019-20, Department of Languages, Cultures, and International Trade (LCIT).
- Chair of SIU Linguistics Department assistant professor TESOL search committee, 2016-17.
- Member of SIU Hispanic Linguistics assistant professor search committee (Departments of Linguistics and LCIT), 2015-16.
- Chair of SIU Linguistics Department assistant professor TESOL search committee, 2014-15
- Member, dean screening committee, SIU College of Liberal Arts, 2014-15.
- Chair of 2 search committees for director of the SIU Center for English as a Second Language, 2015-16.
- Chair, promotion committee for Alan Kim, SIU LCIT.
- MU Committee for the Revision of Records, 9/13-5/14.
- MU Grievance Hearing Panel, 9/07-8/10.

MU Tenure Probationary Extension Committee, 9/06-8/09.
MU College of Arts and Science Academic Appeals Committee, 9/06-8/07.
MU English Dept.: Graduate Studies Committee, 9/2000-2014
MA Admissions Committee, 2006-2007
Salary Advisory Committee, 2006-2007
Member of the editorial board of the journal *Syntax*, 2002-2007.
Reviewer for the journals *Linguistic Inquiry*, *Syntax*, *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*, *Studies in African Linguistics*, *Lingua*, *Glossa*, *The Linguistic Review*.
Frequent reviewer for several annual conferences including the *New England Linguistics Society*, *West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, *Generative Linguists of the Old World*, *the Annual Conference on African Linguistics*.
Reviewer for the National Science Foundation (2004, 2008, 2010); the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (2003, 2007); the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (2002).

Courses taught

Comparative Syntax, African Linguistics School, Yamoussoukro, Côte d'Ivoire and Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa.
(<https://sites.google.com/site/africanlingschool/>)
Agreement and Word Order in Minimalist Theory, 2013 LSA summer institute, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Field Methods (Maasai, Xhosa, Buginese, Lusaamia, Igbo, Shona, Kinyaturu, Nafara, Hausa, Mandinka)
Introduction to Linguistics
Human Language
Morphology
Introduction to Syntactic Theory
Advanced Syntax
The Structure of American English
Principles of Teaching English as a Second Language
Seminar on DP syntax
Seminar on Bantu syntax
Seminar on functional categories and agreement theory
Seminar on Noam Chomsky's theories of language
Structure of Yoruba
Structure of Swahili
Seminar on Bantu syntax, 1997 LSA summer institute at Cornell, with Nikki Keach and K.K.W. Kinyalolo
Elementary Yoruba
Intermediate Yoruba
Elementary Swahili
Intermediate Swahili
Humans: the linguistic animals (a freshman writing seminar)
Research Workshop (a Cornell course in which graduate students polish and present their

qualifying papers)
 Natural Language Processing (the linguistic parts of a team-taught seminar at MU)

Dissertations and theses supervised

- Aleissa, Ali. Wh-constructions in Nafara. SIU MA thesis.
 Alsubhi, Abdullah. Cardinal Numbers and Gender Polarity in Arabic. SIU MA, 2016.
 Baron, Bertille. Morphology and Syntax of the Nafara DP. SIU MA, 2016.
 Alasmari, Majed. Lenition in the Rijal Alhajib tribes' dialect in the southern region of Saudi Arabia. SIU MA, 2015.
 Al Hashim, Abdullah. The effect of L1 translation vs. L2 definition on the immediate recall of L2 vocabulary. SIU MA, 2015.
 Almohaimeed, Khulood. The problem in pronunciation of English post-alveolar fricative /ʒ/ by Najdi Saudi ESL Learners. SIU MA, 2014.
 Scarborough, Seth. Null subjects in Maasai. BA honors thesis, 2013.
 Dekydtspotter, Laurent. Null Operator-Variable structures, predication and the interpretive interface. Cornell University PhD, 1995.
 Fudeman, Kirsten. The Morphology and syntax of Balanta, an Atlantic language in Senegal. Cornell University PhD, 2000.
 Spence, Justin. Feature checking and subject position in Kiswahili tensed relative clauses. Cornell University MA, 1997.
 Ojo, Akinloye. Incorporation of English words into Yoruba: a sociolinguistic and phonological analysis. Cornell University MA, 1997 (co-chair: Abby Cohn).
 Lopez-Carretero, Luis. Polarity and Predicate Anaphora. Cornell University PhD, 1996.

Field Research in Africa

- 2019 Pwani University, Kilifi, Kenya, on Kiswahili: (in)definiteness without articles; agreement with conjoined NPs; object marking and extraction.
 2020 University of the Western Cape (UWC) and University of Kwa-Zulu Natal (UKZN), South Africa: (in)definiteness without articles in Xhosa; agreement with conjoined NPs in Xhosa and Zulu; bare NPs in preverbal subject position
 2018 University of the Western Cape (UWC) and University of Kwa-Zulu Natal (UKZN), South Africa: (in)definiteness without articles in Xhosa; agreement with conjoined NPs in Xhosa and Zulu.
 2016-17 UWC and UKZN, South Africa: 'only' and the topography of focus in Zulu and Xhosa.
 2012 Western Kenya (rural): negation in Tiriki.
 2011-14 UWC, South Africa: Xhosa transitive expletive constructions and nominal licensing.

Referees

- Timothy Stowell, Department of Linguistics, UCLA. stowell@ucla.edu
 Hilda Koopman, Department of Linguistics, UCLA. hldkpmn@gmail.com
 Ken Safir, Department of Linguistics, Rutgers University. safir@ruccs.rutgers.edu
 Mark Baker, Department of Linguistics, Rutgers University. mabaker@ruccs.rutgers.edu