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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## EMPLOYMENT

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2020– **Christ's College, University of Cambridge**  
Junior Research Fellow

## EDUCATION

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2015–2020 **Yale University**  
PhD in Linguistics  
Dissertation: *Argument structure and argument-marking in Choctaw*  
Committee: Jim Wood (chair), Bob Frank, Raffaella Zanuttini, Aaron Broadwell

2018 **CoLang Summer Institute for Collaborative Language Research** (University of Florida)

2013–2015 **Yale University**  
Special (non-degree) student in the Linguistics Department

2010–2013 **Cambridge University**  
BA in Linguistics (MA Cantab.)  
*1st Class Honours*

## PUBLICATIONS

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### PhD Thesis

2020 **Argument structure and argument-marking in Choctaw.** [[lingbuzz](#)]

### Peer-reviewed

TO APPEAR with Itamar Kastner. **Serial verb constructions and the syntax-prosody interface.** *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory*. [[DOI \(open access\)](#)] [[lingbuzz](#)]

TO APPEAR **Two kinds of external possession in Mississippi Choctaw.** *Syntax*. [[DOI](#)] [[lingbuzz](#)]

2019 **Absolute Promotion and the Condition on Clitic Hosts in Choctaw.** *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory* 37(3), 1145–1203. [[DOI](#)] [[lingbuzz](#)]

## Peer-reviewed – continued

- 2019      **Choctaw as a Window into the Clitic/Agreement Split.** *Studia Linguistica* 73(2), 299–338. [DOI] [pre-print]
- 2019      **Simplifying MATCH WORD: Evidence from English functional categories.** *Glossa: a journal of general linguistics* 4(1): 15. 1–32. [DOI (open access)]
- 2019      with Jim Wood. **Microvariation in the *Have Yet To* Construction.** *Linguistic Variation* 19(2): 232–279. [DOI] [lingbuzz]

## Manuscripts

- SUBMITTED    **Case and agreement as contextually-manipulable properties of functional heads.**
- SUBMITTED    **The Case OCP in Choctaw.**

## Conference Papers

- TO APPEAR    **The interpretations of non-active verbs in Choctaw.** In *Proceedings of Semantics of Under-Represented Languages in the Americas 11 (SULA 11)*. [lingbuzz]
- TO APPEAR    **Ergative-marked internal arguments in Choctaw.** In *Proceedings of the Workshop on the Structure and Constituency of the Languages of the Americas 24 (WSCLA 24)*. [lingbuzz]
- 2019      **Differential object marking by A'-status.** In *NELS 49: Proceedings of the Forty-Ninth Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society: Volume 3*, eds. Maggie Baird and Jonathan Pesetsky, 231–240. Amherst, MA: GSLA. [lingbuzz]
- 2019      with Michelle Yuan. **Nominal-clitic case mismatches.** In *Proceedings of the 36th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 36)*, eds. Richard Stockwell, Maura O’Leary, Zhongshi Xu and Z. L. Zhou, 333–343. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project. [lingbuzz]
- 2019      **Two kinds of “possessor raising” in Choctaw.** In *Proceedings of the Workshop on the Structure and Constituency of the Languages of the Americas 23 (WSCLA 23)*, eds. D. K. E. Reisinger and Roger Yu-Hsiang Lo, 106–120. Vancouver, BC: UBCWPL.
- 2019      **PCC repair in Basque and Choctaw transitive unaccusatives.** In *CLS 53: Proceedings of the Fifty-third Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society*, eds. Daniel Edmiston, Marina Ermolaeva, Emre Hakgüder, Jackie Lai, Kathryn Montemurro, Brandon Rhodes, Amara Sankhagowit & Michael Tabatowski, 397–412. Chicago, IL: The Chicago Linguistic Society. [lingbuzz]
- 2018      **A Locality Restriction on Indexical Shift: Evidence from Turkish.** In *Proceedings of the 1st workshop on Turkish, Turkic and the Languages of Turkey (Tu+1)*, eds. Faruk Akkuş, İsa Kerem Bayırlı & Deniz Özyıldız, 151–160. Amherst, MA: GSLA. [download]

## Conference papers – continued

- 2017        **Swiping without Sluicing.** *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics (Proceedings of PLC 40)* 23.1, eds. Kajsa Djärv & Amy Goodwin Davies, 291–300. [[link](#)]
- 2017        **In Choctaw, everyone’s a clitic.** In *Proceedings of the 43rd Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society (BLS 43)*, eds. Julia Nee, Margaret Cychosz, Dmetri Hayes, Tyler Lau & Emily Ramirez, 497–521. Berkeley, CA: Berkeley Linguistics Society. [[download](#)]
- 2017        with Jim Wood. **The *have yet to* Construction: A Microcomparative Account.** In *Proceedings of the 34th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 34)*, eds. Aaron Kaplan, Abby Kaplan, Miranda K. McCarvel & Edward J. Rubin, 562–571. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project.

## Phenomenon pages for the Yale Grammatical Diversity Project website

- 2018        *Try and.* <https://ygdproject.yale.edu/phenomena/try-and>.
- 2016        *Bare got.* <https://ygdproject.yale.edu/phenomena/bare-got>.
- 2015        *Have yet to.* <https://ygdproject.yale.edu/phenomena/have-yet-to>.

## PRESENTATIONS

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### Invited Presentations

- [2021]        **Title TBD.** Cambridge Linguistics Society, March 11.
- 2020        **Syntactically underspecified Voice: Evidence from the causative alternation in Choctaw.** University of Cambridge SyntaxLab, October 20. [[handout](#)]
- 2020        **Internal arguments disguised as external arguments: Lessons from an active alignment system.** UMass Amherst Linguistics Colloquium, March 6.
- 2018        **Characterizing the causative alternation in Choctaw.** NYU Syntax Brown Bag, November 16.
- 2018        with Michelle Yuan. **Nominal-clitic case mismatches.** MIT Ling Lunch, April 12.

### Refereed Conference Presentations

- [2021]        **Thematic role and movement to subject position: Muskogean evidence for a ‘deactivation’-based account.** Paper to be presented at the Ditransitives across languages and frameworks (DALF) workshop at DGfS 41, University of Freiburg, Germany, February 26.
- 2020        **The interpretations of non-active verbs in Choctaw.** Poster presentation at Semantics of Under-Represented Languages in the Americas 11 (SULA 11), hosted virtually by El Colegio de México and Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, August 4–7. [[OSF page](#)]

## Refereed Conference Presentations – continued

- 2020 with Itamar Kastner. **Serialization and the syntax-prosody interface in Degema serial verb constructions.** Poster presentation at Generative Linguistics in the Old World 43 (GLOW 43), hosted virtually by Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, April 7–20. [[OSF page](#)]
- 2020 with Itamar Kastner. **Morphology feeds prosody in Degema serial verb constructions: A reply to Rolle (2019).** Paper presented at the 94th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 2020), New Orleans, LA, January 5. [[handout](#)]
- 2020 **Applied arguments and A-movement: An insight into nominal licensing from Choctaw.** Paper presented at the 94th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 2020), New Orleans, LA, January 3. [[handout](#)]
- 2020 **The status of implicit agents in Choctaw non-active verbs.** Paper presented at the Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA 2020), New Orleans, LA, January 2. [[handout](#)]
- 2019 **Some evidence for structural ergative case.** Paper presented at the 55th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistics Society (CLS 55), University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. May 17. [[handout](#)]
- 2019 **The structural ergative of Choctaw.** Paper presented at the 24th Workshop on the Structure and Constituency of the Languages of the Americas (WSCLA 24), University of Maryland, College Park, MD. May 10.
- 2019 **Towards a uniformly structural account of ergative case.** Paper presented at Cambridge Comparative Syntax 8 (CamCoS 8), Cambridge, UK. May 3.
- 2019 **A non-uniform analysis of external possession in Western Muskogean.** Paper presented at the Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA 2019), New York, NY. January 5. [[handout](#)]
- 2018 **Differential Object Marking by A'-status.** Poster presented at the 49th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistics Society (NELS 49), Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. October 7. [[poster](#)]
- 2018 with Michelle Yuan. **Nominal-clitic case mismatches.** Paper presented at the 36th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 36), UCLA, Los Angeles, CA. April 21.
- 2018 **Thematic and athematic external possession in Choctaw.** Poster presented at the 36th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 36), UCLA, Los Angeles, CA. April 21.
- 2018 **Two kinds of “possessor raising” in Choctaw.** Paper presented at the 23rd Workshop on the Structure and Constituency of the Languages of the Americas (WSCLA 23), University of Ottawa, Ottawa, ON. April 13.
- 2018 **MATCH WORD does not discriminate between functional and lexical categories.** Paper presented at the 42nd Penn Linguistic Conference (PLC 42), UPenn, Philadelphia, PA. March 24.

## Refereed Conference Presentations – continued

- 2018 with Michelle Yuan. **Nominal case and clitic case: Evidence from Choctaw and Yimas.** Paper presented at the 42nd Penn Linguistic Conference (PLC 42), UPenn, Philadelphia, PA, March 24.
- 2018 with Michelle Yuan. **Case-assignment before and after clitic doubling: Evidence from Choctaw and Yimas.** Poster presented at the 92nd Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 2018), Salt Lake City, UT, January 6.
- 2018 **Prosodic subcategorization interacts with MATCH WORD: evidence from English functional categories.** Poster presented at the 92nd Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 2018), Salt Lake City, UT, January 5.
- 2017 **Simplifying MATCH WORD: Evidence from English function words.** Paper presented at the 48th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistics Society (NELS 48), University of Iceland, Reykjavík, Iceland, October 29.
- 2017 **Choctaw PCC Repair: Basque-style PCC Repair in a language with no dative.** Paper presented at the 53rd Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistics Society (CLS 53), University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, May 25.
- 2017 **In Choctaw, everyone's a clitic.** Paper presented at the 43rd Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society (BLS 43), UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, February 4.
- 2017 **Variation in Case-assignment by Appl heads: evidence from Basque and Choctaw.** Paper presented at the 91st Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 2017), Austin, TX, January 8.
- 2017 **Clitic Doubling in Choctaw.** Paper presented at the Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA 2017), Austin, TX, January 6.
- 2016 with Jim Wood. **Micro-Variation in the *Have Yet To* construction.** Paper Presented at the 3rd Formal Ways of Analyzing Variation Conference (FWAV 3), The Graduate Center at CUNY, New York, NY, May 19.
- 2016 with Jim Wood. **The *Have Yet To* construction: a micro-comparative account.** Paper presented at the 34th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 34), University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT, April 30.
- 2016 **Swiping without sluicing.** Paper presented at the 40th Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC 40), UPenn, Philadelphia, PA, March 20.
- 2016 with Jim Wood. **Micro-Variation in the *Have Yet To* construction.** Paper presented at the 40th Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC 40), UPenn, Philadelphia, PA, March 20.
- 2016 **Two types of locality in indexical shift.** Poster presented at the 90th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 2016), Washington, D.C., January 8.
- 2015 **Locality restrictions on indexical shift: Evidence from Turkish.** Poster presented at the 1st Annual Workshop on Turkish, Turkic and the languages of Turkey (Tu+ 1), UMass, Amherst, MA, November 21.

## Refereed Conference Presentations – continued

2015      **English embedded imperatives have a context-shifting operator.** Paper presented at the 25th Annual Colloquium on Generative Grammar 25 (CCG 25), IKER, Bayonne, France, May 22.

## Other Presentations

2017      **Argument structure and argument-marking in Choctaw.** Dissertation prospectus defense at Yale University, December 8.

2016      **Person-Case Constraint repairs: the view from Choctaw.** QP defense at Yale University, April 22.

2015      **Reflexes of locality and A'-movement in indexical shift.** QP defense at Yale University, April 24.

## TEACHING

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### Cambridge

2020-2021      **Lecturer** for *Li4 History and varieties of English*

2020-2021      **Supervisor** for *Li1 Sounds and words*

2020-2021      **Supervisor** for *Li2 Structures and meanings*

2020-2021      **Supervisor** for *Li9 Syntax*

2020-2021      **Supervisor** for *Li17 Linguistic typology*

### Yale

SPRING  
2017      **Teaching Fellow** for *Cognitive Science of Language*  
Instructor: Bob Frank

FALL 2016      **Part Time Acting Instructor** for *Syntax I*  
Instructor: Raffaella Zanuttini

SPRING  
2016      **Teaching Fellow** for *Grammatical Diversity in US English*  
Instructor: Jim Wood

FALL 2015      **Teaching Fellow** for *Syntax I*  
Instructor: Raffaella Zanuttini

## Yale Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning

2019–2020 **Graduate Writing Consultant**

2019–2020 **Workshop facilitator**

From Dissertation to Book: Panel event for students in the humanities and social sciences. (*April 16 2020*)

Creating Effective Slides in the Humanities and Social Sciences. (*November 13 2019, January 29 2020*)

Applying to Postdoctoral Fellowships: Panel event for students in the humanities and social sciences. (*October 2 2019*)

2019–2020 **Workshop co-facilitator**

Writing a Prospectus in the Social Sciences (*February 24 2020*)

Presenting at Conferences: From Abstract to Q&A. (*November 19 2019*)

Writing Research Statements and Proposals for Grants and Fellowships in the Social Sciences and Humanities. (*September 26 2019*)

## Guest Lectures

2021 **Guest Lecturer** in Jessica Coon's *Argument structure, voice, and valence* seminar at McGill  
Topic: External possession in Choctaw (*February 24*)

2019 **Guest Lecturer** in Jim Wood's *Argument Structure and Morphology* course at Yale  
Topic: Choctaw voice morphology (*November 21*)

## Other teaching experience

SUMMER **Guest Instructor at CoLang 2018**

2018 *Mini-Practicum: Mississippi Choctaw lexicon project*

Instructors: Jack Martin (William & Mary), DeLaura Saunders, Jason Lewis, Abrianna Tubby (Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians)

## GRANTS & AWARDS

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2020 Cambridge Humanities Research Grant (\$1500)

2018 Yale MacMillan Center Dissertation Research Grant (\$10,600)

2018 Award from Yale University to attend CoLang 2018 (\$1040)

2018 Award from the University of Florida to fund registration at CoLang 2018 (\$1000)  
*made possible by the Elling Eide Endowed Chair in Miccosukee Language and Culture*

2016 Yale MacMillan Center Pre-Dissertation Research Grant (\$3300)

2013–2015 Clare College Mellon Fellowship

## Conference Travel Awards

- 2019 Linguistic Society of America 2020 (LSA 2020)  
*\$750 from the Yale MacMillan Center*
- 2019 Cambridge Comparative Syntax (CamCoS 8)  
*\$701 from the Yale MacMillan Center*
- 2019 Workshop on the Structure and Constituency of the Languages of the Americas (WSCLA 24)  
*\$352 from the Yale Graduate Student Assembly*
- 2018 West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 36)  
*\$750 from the Yale Graduate Student Assembly*
- 2018 Workshop on the Structure and Constituency of the Languages of the Americas (WSCLA 23)  
*\$364 from the Yale MacMillan Center*
- 2017 Berkeley Linguistics Society (BLS 43)  
*\$400 from the Yale Graduate Student Assembly*

## SERVICE & ACTIVITIES

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### Service at Cambridge

- 2020- **Director of Studies** for Linguistics at Christ's College
- 2020-2021 **Admissions Interviewer** for Linguistics at Christ's College, Selwyn College and Clare College
- 2021 **MPhil examiner** in Linguistics

### Reviewing

JOURNALS Journal of Comparative Germanic Linguistics (2021), Phonology (2019, 2021), Linguistic Inquiry (2020), Folia Linguistica (2020), Journal of Comparative Germanic Syntax (2016)

CONFERENCES NELS (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020), WCCFL (2021)

### Fieldwork

- 2016–2019 **Choctaw @ Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians**  
June-July 2016  
June 2017  
August 2017  
January-February 2018  
October 2018  
April 2019



## Outreach and other talks

- 2020 'Preparing an application for a Junior Research Fellowship' (with Oliver Mayeux), workshop for Cambridge PhD students (*October 12*)
- 2018 'Linguistic prejudice: Revealing our implicit biases about language' (with YGDP members), talk at a New Haven-area high school

## Organization

- 2017 **Organizing committee member**  
SYNC 2017 (Stony Brook, Yale, NYU & CUNY graduate student conference)
- 2016–2017 **Co-organizer**  
Yale Syntax Reading Group
- 2014–2015 **Co-organizer**  
Yale Linguistics Colloquium series

## Other Activities

- 2018– **Contributor**  
Mississippi Choctaw lexicon project, directed by the Language Program at the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians
- 2014–2020 **Contributor**  
Yale Grammatical Diversity Project
- 2013 **Researcher**  
Tjupan grammar-writing project, led by Claire Bower.

## LANGUAGES & SKILLS

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### Languages

- NATIVE English
- RESEARCH Choctaw (*primary research language*)  
Southern Quechua (*field methods class*)
- CLASSROOM Russian (*intermediate*)  
French (*elementary*)  
Dutch (*elementary*)  
Ancient Greek  
Latin

### Computer skills

ELAN, Praat, SayMore, FLEx, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Python, THPS2