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## Education

- 2016— PhD in Linguistics (expected in 2021)  
University of Maryland, College Park  
Advisors: [Maria Polinsky](#) & [Omer Preminger](#)
- 2016, 2017 University of Maryland Summer Field School  
1-month intensive Kaqchikel immersion program in Guatemala
- 2015 MPhil, *with distinction*, Theoretical and Applied Linguistics  
University of Cambridge (Downing College)  
Advisor: [Jenneke van der Wal](#)
- 2014 BA, *magna cum laude*, Linguistics and Cognitive Science  
Pomona College  
Advisor: [Meredith Landman](#)
- 2012 EGG summer school in Linguistics (Wrocław, Poland)

## Research Interests

BROAD syntax, morphology, language documentation, language revitalization  
NARROW identity condition on ellipsis, (optional) agreement, syntactic ergativity,  
linearization, Mayan, Bantu

## Publications

### PROCEEDINGS PAPERS (\* PEER-REVIEWED)

- In press \* Deriving an Object Dislocation Asymmetry in Luganda. In *Theory and Description in African Linguistics: Selected Proceedings of the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on African Linguistics*, edited by Emily Clem, Peter Jenks, and Hannah Sande. Berlin: Language Science Press.
- 2018 \* Focus Marking in Kuria. In *African linguistics on the prairie: Selected papers from the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on African Linguistics*, edited by Jason Kandybowicz, Travis Major, Harold Torrence, and Phillip T. Duncan, 393-412. Berlin: Language Science Press. (with Meredith Landman)

- 2017 Two Types of Syntactic Ergativity in Mayan. In *Proceedings of GLOW in Asia XI: Volume 2*, edited by Michael Yoshitaka Erlewine, 41-56. Cambridge, MA: MIT Working Papers in Linguistics. (with Jamie Douglas and Michelle Sheehan)
- 2015 \* Evidence for a Clitic Analysis of Object Markers in Kuria. In *Selected Proceedings of the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on African Linguistics*, edited by Ruth Kramer, Elizabeth Zsiga, and One Boyer, 52-70. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project. (with Michael Diercks and Mary Paster)

#### COMMUNITY ORIENTED MATERIALS

- 2014 [Talking Dictionaries of Guatemala](#) (co-author of 22 dictionaries)
- 2013 *Alyamalh Xinka - Wirimalh Xinka—Módulo II: Morfología*. Guatemala City, Guatemala: Editorial Cholsamaj. 124 pp. (with COPXIG)
- 2012 *Alyamalh Xinka - Wirimalh Xinka—Módulo I: Guía de Ortografía y Pronunciación*. Guatemala City, Guatemala: Editorial Cholsamaj. 52pp. (with COPXIG)

#### OTHER

- 2018 Review of Eguren, Luis, Olga Fernández-Soriano, and Amaya Mendikoetxea eds. (2016) Rethinking Parameters. *Linguistic Variation* 18:1, 197-204.
- 2015 *CASL Introductory Sketches for African Languages: Maay*. Technical Report 2.9B, DO050: University of Maryland-CASL. (with Mary Paster)
- 2013 Review of Haider, Hubert (2012) Symmetry Breaking in Syntax. *California Linguistic Notes*. Volume XXXVIII, No.1 Spring 2013

### Awards and Honors

- 2018 [Jacobs Research Funds](#) (with Theodore Levin and Paulina Lyskawa)
- 2018 [Cosmos Club Foundation Scholarship](#)
- 2017 [Firebird Foundation Fellowship](#) (with Yolanda Estrada)
- 2016 Arts and Humanities (ARHU) Graduate Student Travel Award
- 2016 Jacob K. Goldhaber Travel Award
- 2016 [UMD Flagship Fellowship](#)
- 2016 [Pomona College Sherwood Heiser Fellowship](#)
- 2014 [Downing Scholarship](#)
- 2014 Glass Linguistics Prize
- 2014 Phi Beta Kappa, Gamma of California
- 2013 [Donald A. Strauss Public Service Scholarship](#)
- 2013 [Davis Projects for Peace Grant](#)
- 2013 [Pomona College Summer Undergraduate Research Project \(SURP\) Grant](#)
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### Presentations

#### INVITED TALKS

- 2016 La Lingüística Generativa y la Evolución del Lenguaje. Universidad San Carlos; Guatemala City, Guatemala.

- 2016 Fundamentos de la Lingüística: Adquisición, Variación y Evolución del Lenguaje. Universidad del Valle de Guatemala; Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- 2013 Retos del Análisis Estructural del Idioma Xinka. X Congreso de Estudios Mayas. Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- 2013 The Reclamation of Rumsen. Indigenous Languages Symposium, Pomona College. (with Mary Paster)
- 2013 The Reclamation of Xinka. Indigenous Languages Symposium, Pomona College.

#### REFEREED TALKS

- Upcoming Optional agreement in Santiago Tz'utujiil (Mayan) is syntactic. Contrasts and Oppositions in 'Free' Linguistic Phenomena—Workshop at DGfS 2019, Bremen, Germany. (with Theodore Levin and Paulina Lyskawa)
- 2018 Derivando la Concordancia Opcional en los Idiomas Mayas de Oriente. Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi) 5, Antigua Guatemala. (with Theodore Levin and Paulina Lyskawa)
- 2018 Microvariation in Eastern Mayan number agreement. Cambridge Comparative Syntax (CamCoS) 7, University of Cambridge. (with Theodore Levin and Paulina Lyskawa)
- 2017 Restrictions on Adjunct Extraction: Microvariation in Mayan. Cambridge Comparative Syntax (CamCoS) 6, University of Cambridge. (with Gesoel Mendes)
- 2017 Adjunct Extraction: A View from Mayan. Berkeley Linguistics Society (BLS) 43, University of California, Berkeley. (with Gesoel Mendes)
- 2017 Adjunct Extraction in Kaqchikel and Tz'utujiil. Society for the Study of Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA), Austin, TX. (with Gesoel Mendes)
- 2016 Derivando la Ergatividad Sintáctica en los Idiomas Mayas. Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi) 4, Universidad de Oriente, México. (with Jamie Douglas and Michelle Sheehan)
- 2016 La Extracción de Adjuntos en Kaqchikel y Tz'utujiil. Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi) 4, Universidad de Oriente, México. (with Gesoel Mendes)
- 2016 The syntax of object dislocation in Luganda. 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL), University of California, Berkeley.
- 2014 On focus marking in Kuria. 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL), University of Kansas. (with Meredith Landman)
- 2013 On object marking in Kikuria. 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL), Georgetown University. (with Michael Diercks and Rebekah Cramerus)

#### REFEREED POSTERS

- 2018 Optional agreement in Santiago Tz'utujiil (Mayan): The effects of animacy and grammatical function. LSA 2018, Salt Lake City. (with Theodore Levin and Paulina Lyskawa)
- 2017 Two Kinds of Syntactic Ergativity in Mayan. Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW) Asia XI, National University of Singapore. (with Jamie Douglas and Michelle Sheehan)

## OTHER

- 2018 Voice mismatches in sluicing—a Mayan perspective. S-Lab, University of Maryland.
- 2018 Opcionalidad en la Conjugación Verbal del Tz’utujiil de Santiago. Universidad del Valle de Guatemala, Altiplano. (with Theodore Levin and Paulina Lyskawa)
- 2018 No Optionality in Syntax—A View from Mayan Number Agreement. S-Lab, University of Maryland. (with Theodore Levin and Paulina Lyskawa)
- 2018 How A-movement can lead to extraction restrictions. Asymmetries 2018, DGfS workshop at Stuttgart University. Invited speaker (Michelle Sheehan) presenting joint work with Jamie Douglas.
- 2017 Thinking like a fieldworker: number agreement in Tz’utujiil Mayan. Language Science Lunch Talks (LSLT), University of Maryland. (with Paulina Lyskawa)
- 2016 Adjunct extraction: a view from Mayan. Language Science Lunch Talks (LSLT), University of Maryland. (with Gesoel Mendes)
- 2014 The Reclamation of Xinka. 26th Annual SURP Conference, Pomona College.
- 2013 Returning from the Edge: The Revitalization of Xinka. 25th Annual SURP Conference, Pomona College.

## Teaching

### ASSISTANTSHIPS

- Fall 2018 LING 321: Phonology I, UMD  
Instructor: Margaret Antonisse.  
Duties: grading and weekly office hours.
- Spring 2018 LING 311: Syntax I, UMD  
Instructor: Tonia Bleam.  
Duties: grading and weekly office hours.
- Fall 2017 LING 200: Introductory Linguistics, UMD  
Instructor: Margaret Antonisse.  
Duties: leading discussion session, grading, weekly office hours.
- Spring 2014 LGCS 105: Syntax, Pomona College  
Instructor: Meredith Landman.  
Duties: grading and weekly office hours.
- Fall 2013 LGCS 010: Introduction to Linguistics, Pomona College  
Instructor: Meredith Landman.  
Duties: grading and weekly office hours.
- Spring 2013 LGCS 010: Introduction to Linguistics, Pomona College  
Instructor: Meredith Landman.  
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- Fall 2012 LGCS 010: Introduction to Linguistics, Pomona College  
Instructor: Meredith Landman.  
Duties: grading and weekly office hours.

### OTHER

- Spring 2011—Spanish Language Fellow, Pomona College [FLRC](#). Duties included tutoring  
Fall 2014 Spanish students (all levels) and attending weekly lunch at the [Oldenburg Center](#).

## Research

### FIELDWORK

- 2016—2018 Work with Tz’utujiil and Kaqchikel language consultants in Santiago Atitlán, Patzún, Tecpán, and Sumpango in Guatemala, through UMD’s [Guatemala Field Station](#).
- 2014—2015 Work with Luganda language consultant in Cambridge, UK.
- 2013—2014 Work with Maay language consultants in San Diego, CA.
- 2012—2014 Work with Kuria language consultant in Claremont, CA.

### PROJECT COORDINATOR

- 2012—2015 Language reclamation project with the Xinka community in Chiquimulilla, Guatemala. Duties included compiling and analyzing material on the Xinkan languages, writing pedagogical material, leading teacher trainings, and establishing a partnership with the Guatemalan Ministry of Education. In collaboration with the *Consejo del Pueblo Xinka de Guatemala* (COPXIG).

### ASSISTANTSHIP

- 2012—2013 For Mary Paster. Assist members of the [Rumsen tribe](#) in establishing a language reclamation project. Duties included compiling and analyzing material on the Rumsen language and teaching weekly language classes at the tribal office.

## Service

- 2018— [WSCLA 24](#) steering committee member. UMD Linguistics Department.
- 2017— [Colloquium](#) committee co-chair (with Mina Hirzel). UMD Linguistics Department.
- 2017—2018 [Mayfest Workshop](#) steering committee member. UMD Linguistics Department.
- 2017 [Language Science Day](#) steering committee member. UMD [Language Science Center](#).
- 2016—2018 Research Committee member. UMD Language Science Center.
- 2014 Workshop facilitator. [Living Tongues Institute for Endangered Languages](#) and Academy of Mayan Languages of Guatemala (ALMG).

## Language Proficiency

Spanish (*native*)

English (*fluent*)

Italian (*advanced*)

French (*intermediate*)

Kaqchikel, German, Mandarin (*beginner*)

Tz’utujiil, Kaqchikel, Luganda, Maay, Kuria (*elicitation*)

Xinka, Rumsen (*research knowledge*)

## References

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