

# Rebecca Tollan

## BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

### 1. CONTACT

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### 2. ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2019-present                    **Assistant Professor**  
Department of Linguistics and Cognitive Science, University of Delaware.

### 3. EDUCATION

2013-2019                    **Ph.D. Linguistics, University of Toronto, Canada.**  
Thesis: *Cross-linguistic effects of subjecthood, case, and transitivity in syntax and sentence processing*. Chair: Daphna Heller.

2012-2013                    **M.A. Linguistics, University of Toronto, Canada.**  
Forum paper: *Modals in West Germanic: Syntax, Semantics, and Diachronic Change*.  
Chair: Arsalan Kahnemuyipour.

2010-2012                    **B.A. Languages and Linguistics, University of York, UK.**  
First Class Honors with distinction.

2004-2006                    **Certificate of Higher Education, Modern Languages and Linguistics, University of Edinburgh, UK.**

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Syntax, Sentence processing, Psycholinguistics, Linguistic Fieldwork.

## RESEARCH HISTORY

### 1. PUBLICATIONS

\* = student author

#### A. Manuscripts in progress

Under review    Bruening, B. and **R. Tollan**. Reconstruction in Wh-Movement: The View from Lexical Reactivation. *Syntax*.

Under review    **Tollan, R.** What it means to be unmarked and what it takes to be accessible: Case-sensitive agreement across languages. *Linguistic Variation*.

- Under revision \*Palaz, B., B. Bruening and **R. Tollan**. Subject island effects under sluicing and the role of contextual support. *Glossa: A Journal of General Linguistics*.
- Under revision **Tollan, R.**, \*B. Doroudiani and D. Heller. Effects of uniqueness on extraction from definite NP objects. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*.
- In re-review **Tollan, R.** and \*B. Palaz. Investigating affectedness without case splits: Agent and patient prototypes of English verbs. *Journal of Linguistics*.

## B. Papers in peer-reviewed journals

- To appear **Tollan, R.** and \*B. Palaz. What does *that* mean? Complementizers and epistemic authority. *Open Mind: Discoveries in Cognitive Science*.
- 2023 \*Yoo, M. and **R. Tollan**. Transitivity and non-uniform subjecthood in agreement attraction. *Memory and Cognition*. 1-18. DOI: 10.3758/s13421-023-01482-8.
- 2022 **Tollan, R.** and D. Massam. Licensing unergative objects in ergative languages: The view from Polynesian. *Syntax*, 25 (2), 242-275.
- 2022 **Tollan, R.** and D. Heller. Pronoun resolution and ergativity: Effects of subjecthood and case in Niuean. *Language*, 98 (1), 157-183.
- 2022 **Tollan, R.** and L. Clemens. Syntactic ergativity as a constraint on crossing dependencies: The perspective from Mayan. *Linguistic Inquiry*, 53 (3), 549-599.
- 2021 **Tollan, R.** and \*B. Palaz. Subject gaps revisited: complement clauses and complementizer-trace effects. *Frontiers in Psychology: Language Sciences*, 12, 1707. DOI: 10.3389/fpsyg.2021.658364
- 2021 **Tollan, R.** The role of the absolutive object in morphological accessibility. *Linguistic Inquiry* 52 (3). 640-654. DOI: 10.1162/ling\_a\_00378.
- 2019 Cowper, E., B. Bjorkman, D. Currie Hall, **R. Tollan**, and \*N. Banerjee. Illusions of transitive expletives in Middle English. *Journal of Comparative Germanic Linguistics*. DOI: 0.1007/s10828-019-09110-z.
- 2019 **Tollan, R.**, D. Massam, and D. Heller. Effects of case and transitivity on processing dependencies: Evidence from Niuean. *Cognitive Science*, 43 (6), 1-14. DOI: 10.1111/cogs.12736.
- 2018 **Tollan, R.** Unergatives are different: two types of transitivity in Samoan. *Glossa: A Journal of General Linguistics*, 3(1), 35. 1-41. DOI: 10.5334/gjgl.223.

## C. Book chapters

- 2021 Clemens, L. and **R. Tollan**. Syntactic ergativity and word order in Tongic languages. *Polynesian syntax and semantics*, ed. by Lauren Clemens and Diane Massam. Oxford University Press.
- 2021 Cowper, E., B. Bjorkman, D. Currie Hall, **R. Tollan**, and N. Banerjee. Investigating the past of the futurate present. *Syntactic Features and the Limits of Syntactic Change*. Oxford University Press.

## D. Conference and workshop proceedings papers

- 2023 \*Cho, J. and **R. Tollan**. Dependency formation interacts with case: Evidence from Korean double nominative constructions. *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America*.
- 2022 \*Ishii, K. and **R. Tollan**. Syntactic matching effects in the online processing of intransitive subject relative clauses. *Proceedings of the 52nd Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society*.

- 2021 \*Yoo, M., S. Tomioka, and **R. Tollan**. NP types of distractors modulate the processing of English cleft sentences. *Proceedings ExLing 2021: 12th International Conference of Experimental Linguistics*. <https://doi.org/10.36505/ExLing-2021/12>.
- 2020 **Tollan, R.** Subjecthood and unmarkedness in Niuean. In Paul, Ileana (ed.). *Proceedings of the Twenty-Sixth Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA)*. University of Western Ontario.
- 2018 **Tollan, R.** and W. Oxford. Voice-less unergatives: Evidence from Algonquian. *Proceedings of the 35<sup>th</sup> West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*.
- 2016 **Tollan, R.** Unergatives and Split Ergativity in Samoan. *Proceedings of the 46th Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society*. GSLA: University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA.
- 2016 **Tollan, R.** and Heller, D. Elvis Presley on an island: *wh* dependency formation inside complex NPs. *Proceedings of the 46th Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society*. GSLA: University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA.
- 2015 Cowper, E., Hall, D., Bjorkman, B., **Tollan, R.**, and Banerjee, N. There's no future in Old English. *2015 CLA Conference Proceedings/Actes du Congrès de l'ACL 2015*.
- 2013 **Tollan, R.** Basque as a Nominative-Accusative Language. *2013 CLA Conference Proceedings/Actes du Congrès de l'ACL 2013*.
- 2013 **Tollan, R.** Deriving Morphological Ergativity in Basque. *Proceedings of the 1st Montreal-Ottawa-Toronto-Hamilton Syntax Workshop: McGill Working Papers in Linguistics, 23.1*.

#### E. Book reviews

- 2014 **Tollan, R.** Book review. Jessica Coon (2013). *Aspects of Split Ergativity*. In Oxford Studies in Comparative Syntax. Oxford: OUP. *Canadian Journal of Linguistics*.

#### F. Other publications

- 2012 **Tollan, R.** Inflectional Morphology and the loss of V to T raising in English. *York Papers in Linguistics, series 12a*.
- 2012 **Tollan, R.** Island Constraints and Extraction of Lexical Case marked DPs in Finnish and Turkish. *York Papers in Linguistics, series 12a*.
- 2011 **Tollan, R.** Basque in Western Europe: some arguments for a Vasconic substratum. *Vernaculum: Journal of the University of York Linguistic Society*.

## 2. PAPERS PRESENTED AT MEETINGS AND SYMPOSIA

\* = student author

### A. Refereed presentations

#### PAPER PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 Bruening, B. and **R. Tollan**. A New Technique to Detect Lexical Content in Gaps and Its Application to the Question of Reconstruction in Wh-Movement. Talk presented at *Linguistic Evidence 2024*, University of Potsdam, Germany.

- 2024 Clemens, L., J. Rodriguez, and **R. Tollan**. Where word order and object marking intersect: Differential object marking in Copala Triqui. Talk presented at the *Linguistic Society of America*. New York, NY.
- 2024 \*Tang, X., P. Nelson and **R. Tollan**. Effects of classifier (mis-)match on filler-gap dependencies in Mandarin. Talk presented at the *Linguistic Society of America*. New York, NY.
- 2023 Clemens, L., J. Rodriguez, and **R. Tollan**. Optionality in Differential Object Marking in Copala Triqui. Talk presented at *Workshop on Variation and Syntactic Theory*. CUNY: Queens College. New York, NY.
- 2023 **Tollan, R.**, \*B. Doroudiani and D. Heller. Effects of uniqueness on extraction from NP objects. Talk presented at the *Penn Syntax Lab workshop on Locality in Theory, Processing, and Acquisition*. University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2023 \*Cho, J. and **R. Tollan**. Dependency formation interacts with case: Evidence from Korean double nominative constructions. Talk presented at the 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (*LSA*), Boulder, CO.
- 2022 **Tollan, R.** and \*B. Palaz. Non-uniform transitivity: The effect of affect in argument encoding. Talk presented at *Crosslinguistic Perspectives on Processing and Learning (X-PPL)*. Zurich, Switzerland (via Zoom).
- 2022 \*Palaz, B., B. Bruening and **R. Tollan**. Differential Subject Island Effects in Sluicing and the Role of Contextual Support. Talk presented at the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the *Societas Linguistica Europa (SLE)*, Bucharest, Romania.
- 2022 **Tollan, R.** and \*B. Palaz. What *that* means: Complementizers and epistemic authority. Talk presented at the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing (formerly *CUNY*), UC Santa Cruz, CA. (via Zoom).
- 2021 \*Yoo, M., S. Tomioka and **R. Tollan**. NP types of distractors modulate the processing of English cleft sentences. *12th International Conference of Experimental Linguistics*, Athens, Greece. (via Zoom).
- 2021 \*Yoo, M. and **R. Tollan**. Not all core attractors attract: The role of filler status in agreement attraction effects. Talk presented at *Linguistic Illusions in Sentence Processing (LISP 2021)*, University of Konstanz, Germany. (via Zoom).
- 2021 \*Yoo, M. and **R. Tollan**. ‘Is memory interference due to similarity-based effects or effects of NP type?’ Talk presented at *Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC45)*. (via Zoom).
- 2021 **Tollan, R.** and \*B. Palaz. ‘The dual nature of subjecthood: Unifying subject islands and that-trace effects’ Talk presented at the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual *CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing*, UPenn, PA. (via Zoom).
- Recipient of the Jerrold J. Katz Young Scholar Award.
- 2020 **Tollan, R.** and D. Massam ‘Cognate object case in Samoan and Niuean’. Talk presented at the *Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA)*, Singapore. (via Zoom).
- 2019 **Tollan, R.** and D. Heller. ‘Two novel effects in pronoun interpretation: case parallelism and verb transitivity’. 8<sup>th</sup> *Experimental Pragmatics Conference (XPrag)*, University of Edinburgh, UK.
- 2019 Clemens, L. and **R. Tollan**. ‘Syntactic ergativity as absolutive movement in Polynesian’. Talk presented at the 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (*LSA*), New York University, NY; January 2019.
- 2018 **Tollan, R.** and D. Heller. ‘Case, transitivity, and subject-object asymmetries in *wh* question processing’. Talk presented at the 36<sup>th</sup> West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (*WCCFL 36*). University of California, Los Angeles, CA; April 2018.

- 2018 **Tollan, R.** and D. Heller. ‘Ergativity, transitivity, and subject-object processing asymmetries in Niuean’. Talk presented at the *31st Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing*, UC Davis, CA; March 2018.
- 2018 **Tollan, R.** ‘Unergative vP, transitive VoiceP: two types of external argument’. Talk presented at the workshop *Unergative predicates: Architecture and variation*. Bilbao, Spain; January 2018.
- 2017 **Tollan, R.** ‘The role of the absolutive object in agreement and displacement’. Talk presented at the 48<sup>th</sup> meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (*NELS 48*). University of Iceland, Reykjavik, Iceland.
- 2017 **Tollan, R.** and W. Oxford. ‘Distinguishing VoiceP and vP subjects in Algonquian’. Talk presented at the *Canadian Linguistic Association/Association canadienne de Linguistique (CLA/ACL 2017)*. Ryerson University, Toronto, ON.
- 2017 **Tollan, R.** and W. Oxford. ‘Voice-less unergatives: evidence from Algonquian’. Talk presented at the 35<sup>th</sup> West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (*WCCFL 35*), University of Calgary, Alberta.
- 2017 **Tollan, R.** and W. Oxford. ‘Algonquian unergative subjects: Voice or v?’. Talk presented at the *22nd Workshop of the Structure and Constituency in Languages of the Americas (WSCLA)*, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC.
- 2016 **Tollan, R.** and L. Clemens. ‘Syntactic ergativity and word order in Polynesian’. Talk presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Association of Great Britain (LAGB)*. University of York, UK.
- 2015 **Tollan, R.** ‘Unergatives and Split Ergativity in Samoan’. Talk presented at the 46<sup>th</sup> meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (*NELS 46*). Concordia University, Montreal, QC.
- 2015 Cowper, E., D. Hall, B. Bjorkman, **R. Tollan** and N. Banerjee. ‘There then and now’. Talk presented at *SLE 2015*. LUCL, Leiden, Netherlands.
- 2015 Cowper, E., D. Hall, B. Bjorkman, **R. Tollan** and N. Banerjee. ‘Illusions of transitive expletives in Middle English’. Talk presented at the *22nd International Conference on Historical Linguistics*. Naples, Italy.
- 2015 Cowper, E., D. Hall., B. Bjorkman, N. Banerjee and **R. Tollan**. ‘There’s no future in Old English’. Talk presented at *Canadian Linguistic Association/Association canadienne de Linguistique (CLA/ACL 2015)*. University of Ottawa, Ottawa, ON.
- 2015 Cowper, E., D. Hall, B. Bjorkman, **R. Tollan** and N. Banerjee. ‘Investigating the past of the futurate present’. Talk presented at *DiGS 17*. University of Iceland. Reykjavik, Iceland.
- 2015 **Tollan, R.** ‘Investigating *wh* dependency formation in complex NP objects’. Talk presented at the *Montreal-Ottawa-Hamilton-Toronto Syntax workshop (MOTH 2015)*, University of Ottawa, ON.
- 2014 Cournane, A. and **R. Tollan**. ‘Climbing trees: syntax-semantics alignment in re-analysis of West Germanic modal verbs’. Talk presented at the *20th Germanic Linguistics Annual Conference*. Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN.
- 2014 **Tollan, R.** ‘Argument structure and active vs. strict (un)ergative alignment’. Talk presented at the *Montreal-Ottawa-Hamilton-Toronto Syntax workshop (MOTH 2014)*, McGill University, Montreal QC.
- 2013 **Tollan, R.** ‘Case marking and sensitivity of little *v*: evidence from dialectal variation in Basque (and beyond)’. Talk presented at the *Little v workshop*. LCUL, Leiden, Netherlands.
- 2013 **Tollan, R.** ‘Deriving Morphological Ergativity in Basque’.
- Talk presented at the *Canadian Linguistic Association/Association canadienne de Linguistique (CLA/ACL 2013)*. University of Victoria, BC.
  - Talk presented at the *Montreal-Ottawa-Hamilton-Toronto Syntax workshop (MOTH 2013)*, McMaster University, Hamilton, ON.

## POSTER PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 \*Cho, J. and **R. Tollan**. Alignment of grammatical function and morphological case in the usage of nominative object constructions. Poster presented at the *Linguistic Society of America*. New York, NY.
- 2023 \*Kiss, A., **R. Tollan** and D. Heller. Structural iconicity predicts word order in improvised gestures. Poster presented at the 33<sup>rd</sup> *Semantics and Linguistic Theory conference (SALT 33)*, Yale University, New Haven, CT.
- 2023 \*Cho, J. and **R. Tollan**. Phasal locality in case assignment: Evidence from Korean nominative object constructions. Poster presented at the *Penn Syntax Lab* workshop on *Locality in Theory, Processing, and Acquisition*. University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2023 \*Kiss, A., **R. Tollan** and D. Heller. Structural iconicity underpins subject-verb word order: Evidence from improvised gesture. Poster presented at the 36<sup>th</sup> *Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing*, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA.
- 2023 \*Tang, X., P. Nelson and **R. Tollan**. Local Ambiguity in Mandarin Relative Clauses: Effects of (Mis-)Matching Classifiers. Poster presented at the 36<sup>th</sup> *Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing*, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA.
- 2022 \*Cho, J. and **R. Tollan**. The function of nominative case in relative clause processing (and vice versa). Poster presented at the 35<sup>th</sup> *Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing* (formerly *CUNY*), UC Santa Cruz, CA. (via Zoom).
- 2022 \*Palaz, B., B. Bruening and **R. Tollan**. Differential Subject Island Effects in Sluicing and the Role of Contextual Support. Poster presented at the 35<sup>th</sup> *Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing* (formerly *CUNY*), UC Santa Cruz, CA. (via Zoom).
- 2022 \*Yoo, M. and **R. Tollan**. Selective interference effects: The role of filler status in agreement formation. Poster presented at the 35<sup>th</sup> *Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing* (formerly *CUNY*), UC Santa Cruz, CA. (via Zoom).
- 2022 \*Palaz, B., B. Bruening and **R. Tollan**. Differential Island Effects in Sluicing and the Role of Discourse. Poster presented at *Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC46)*.
- 2022 \*Seo, Y. and **R. Tollan**. D-linking and the effects of contextual set restriction. Poster presented at the 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (*LSA*), Washington DC.
- 2022 \*Yoo, M., S. Tomioka and **R. Tollan**. The difficulty of definiteness: Interference effects of NP type in the processing of cleft sentences. Poster presented at the 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (*LSA*), Washington DC. (via Zoom).
- 2021 \*Ishii, K. and **R. Tollan**. Syntactic priming effects in the online processing of intransitive subject relative clauses. Poster presented at the 52<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the North-East Linguistic Society (*NELS 52*). Rutgers University, NY. (via Zoom).
- 2021 \*Yoo, M. and **R. Tollan**. ‘Semantic interference in dependency formation: NP types in cleft sentences.’ Poster presented at the 34<sup>th</sup> *Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing*, UPenn, PA. (via Zoom).
- 2021 \*Cho, J. and **R. Tollan**. ‘The Role of Case in Subject Advantage: Korean Double Nominative Constructions.’ Poster presented at the 95<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (*LSA*), San Francisco, CA. (via Zoom).
- 2019 **Tollan, R.** and D. Heller. ‘Pronoun resolution in an ergative language: effects of case and transitivity’. Poster presented at the 32<sup>nd</sup> *Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing*. University of Colorado Boulder, CO

- 2016 **Tollan, R.** and D. Heller. 'Effects of definiteness and wh type on filler gap dependency'. Poster presented at the *29th Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing*. University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.
- 2015 **Tollan, R.** and D. Heller. 'Elvis Presley on an island: wh dependency formation inside complex NPs'. Poster presented at the 46<sup>th</sup> meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (*NELS 46*). Concordia University, Montreal, QC.
- 2014 **Tollan, R.** 'Sonority, typology and ontogeny: acquisition of consonant clusters in Russian'. Poster presented at the *Montreal-Ottawa-Laval-Toronto Phonology workshop MOLT 2014*, McGill University, Montreal QC.

## **B. Invited talks**

- 2023 Split case marking at the syntax-pragmatics interface: How morphosyntax affects pronoun interpretation. Colloquium talk, University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Amherst, MA.
- 2023 Split case marking at the syntax-pragmatics interface: How morphosyntax affects pronoun interpretation. Colloquium talk, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Urbana-Champaign, IL.
- 2022 Subjecthood and Case in Niuean. Colloquium talk, Beijing Foreign Studies University (BFSU), Beijing, China (via Zoom).
- 2021 Pronoun resolution and ergativity: Effects of subjecthood and case in Niuean. *Workshop on Fieldwork, Language Documentation and Linguistic Theory*. University of Delaware, DE. (via Zoom).
- 2021 Wh dependencies in ergative languages. *Special Interest Group for Psycholinguistics*, University of Zürich, Switzerland. (via Zoom).
- 2021 Unifying anti-subject effects. *SLAB*, University of California, Santa Cruz. (via Zoom).
- 2021 The dual nature of subjecthood: Unifying subject islands and that-trace effects. *TedLab*, MIT. (via Zoom).
- 2021 Dependency paths and extraction constraints. *Princeton Symposium on Syntactic Theory* (PSST 2021; via Zoom).
- 2020 Competing argument privileges in Niuean. Colloquium talk, University of California, Santa Cruz. (via Zoom).
- 2020 Crossing dependencies and syntactic ergativity. Colloquium talk, University of California, San Diego. (via Zoom).
- 2020 Subjecthood and unmarkedness in Niuean: Experimental evidence. Plenary talk at *Linguistic Evidence 2020*, University of Tübingen, Germany.
- 2019 Effects of case and transitivity in pronoun resolution in Niuean. *Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA 26)*, Western University, ON; Invited student speaker.
- 2019 Cross-linguistic effects of "subject"hood. Colloquium talk, University of Delaware, DE.
- 2018 The processing of *wh* questions in Niuean. *Workshop on the syntax of Polynesian languages*. University of Toronto, ON; Invited speaker.
- 2016 Ergative case and the role of the transitive object in sentence processing. *New Zealand Institute of Language, Brain, and Behaviour (seminar series)*, University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand.

### C. Non-refereed presentations

- 2016 Asymmetric displacement asymmetries: ergative versus accusative case. *5<sup>th</sup> Annual Dog Days of Summer syntax workshop*, University of Toronto, ON.
- 2013 Diachrony of Modals: upwards cyclic change. *2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dog Days of Summer syntax workshop*. University of Toronto, ON.
- 2012 On the relationship between inflectional morphology and verb raising: what can be concluded from changes in the history of English? *LGCU Welcome Workshop IV*. University of Toronto, ON.
- 2012 Strong islands and extractability of lexical case-marked DPs in Finnish and Turkish'. *Syntax and Semantics Research Group seminar*, University of York, UK.

### D. Other presentations

- 2020 The processing of questions in Vagahau Niue. Niue Academic Network *Folafolaaga Kumikumi* - In-depth research discussion series. Auckland, New Zealand. (via Zoom)
- 2017 Vagahau Niue: Sentence structure, language diversity, and new directions in Linguistics. *O ki mua mo e Vagahau Niue: Moving forward with Vagahau Niue*. Mutalau, Niue.
- 2017 Subjecthood and sentence processing: lessons from Vagahau Niue. *Community presentation*. Alofi, Niue.

### 3. FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

- 2023 Copala Triqui (Oto-Manguean), Oaxaca, Mexico.
- 2020-22 Burmese (Sino-Tibetan), Newark, DE.
- 2017 Niuean (Polynesian), Niue Island.
- 2016 Niuean (Polynesian), Auckland, New Zealand.
- 2015-16 Samoan (Polynesian), Toronto, ON.

### GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2024 College of Arts & Science Research Excellence Award - Nominee
- 2023 General University Research, University of Delaware (\$14, 881). *Agency and object prominence in linguistic cognition: Investigating sentence processing in Copala Triqui*. (Role: PI).
- 2023 Gerard J. Mangone Young Scholars Award – Nominee.
- 2022 Jerrold J. Katz Young Scholar Award (\$500).
- 2021 Gerard J. Mangone Young Scholars Award – Nominee.
- 2020 Glushko dissertation prize in Cognitive Science – Nominee.
- 2017-19 Doctoral Completion Award, University of Toronto (\$27,000).
- 2017 Student Dissertation Travel Grant, University of Toronto (\$4479).
- 2015-17 Delta Kappa Gamma Society World Fellowship (\$6000).
- 2005 Swiss Consul's Prize. University of Edinburgh, UK.



## **TEACHING AND ADVISING**

### **1. UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE: STUDENT ADVISING**

Yi-Lun Weng (PhD dissertation committee member, ongoing)  
Larson Stromdahl (PhD dissertation committee member, ongoing)  
Dursun Altinok (PhD dissertation committee member, ongoing)  
Yuki Seo (PhD dissertation committee member, ongoing)  
Amanmeet Kaur Tethi (Undergraduate independent study, 2024)  
Aisha Memon (Undergraduate independent study, 2024)  
Anna Kopyy (4+1 Independent study, 2024)  
Juyeon Cho (PhD dissertation advisor, expected 2024)  
Xiaoyi Tang (PhD qualifying paper reader, 2023)  
Bilge Palaz (PhD dissertation advisor, 2023)  
Xiaoyi Tang (PhD qualifying paper advisor, 2023)  
Daiki Asami (PhD qualifying paper reader, 2023)  
Luc De Nardi (Undergraduate independent study, 2023)  
Bryant Graybeal (Undergraduate independent study, 2022)  
Myung Hye Yoo (PhD dissertation advisor, 2022)  
Danyang Wang (PhD dissertation committee member, 2022)  
Mike Donovan (PhD dissertation committee member, 2022)  
Yuki Seo (PhD qualifying paper advisor, 2022)  
Stefan Bartell (PhD dissertation committee member, 2021)  
Juyeon Cho (PhD qualifying paper advisor, 2021)  
Dursun Altinok (PhD qualifying paper advisor, 2021)  
Keita Ishii (PhD qualifying paper advisor, 2021)  
Myung Hye Yoo (PhD qualifying paper reader, 2020)  
Dursun Altinok (PhD qualifying paper reader, 2020)

### **2. UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE: COURSES TAUGHT**

Syntax I (LING609)	Fall 2023
Topics in Syntactic Fieldwork (LING831)	Spring 2022
Field Methods in Psycholinguistics (LING830/851)	Fall 2021
Structure of Language (LING404/604)	Spring 2021, Spring 2022
Field Methods (LING851)	Fall 2020
Syntax II (LING610)	Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2024
Sentence processing and experimental syntax (LING830)	Fall 2019, Fall 2022

### **3. UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO: COURSES TAUGHT**

Psychology of Language (JLP374)

Summer 2017, Summer 2018

### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND ACADEMIC SERVICE**

#### **1. DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE, UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE**

- 2023 Search committee member, Assistant Teaching Professor in Cognitive Science.
- 2022-2023 Search committee member, Department chair.
- 2021-2022 Search committee member, Assistant Professor in Psycholinguistics.
- 2021 College of Arts & Science Faculty Senator (September – December).
- 2020-2022 Supervisor, Fulbright Teaching Language Teaching Assistant
- 2020-2021 Undergraduate committee, member.
- 2019-present Graduate committee, member.
- 2019-2022 Colloquium committee, faculty advisor.
- 2018 Organizing committee, *Workshop on the syntax of Polynesian languages* (University of Toronto).
- 2016 Organizing committee, *MOTH* syntax workshop (University of Toronto Mississauga).

#### **2. JOURNAL MANUSCRIPT REVIEWING**

*Canadian Journal of Linguistics, Cognition, Cognitive Science, Frontiers in Psychology: Language Sciences, Glossa: A Journal of General Linguistics, Glossa: Psycholinguistics, Journal of Linguistics, Language and Speech, Linguistic Inquiry, Linguistic Typology, Natural Language and Linguistic Theory, Open Mind, Quarterly Journal of Experimental Psychology, Studia Linguistica.*

#### **3. CONFERENCE ABSTRACT REVIEWING**

*Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA), Human Sentence Processing (formerly CUNY), Linguistic Association of Great Britain (LAGB), Linguistic Society of America (LSA), Northeast Linguistic Society (NELS), West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL).*

#### **4. GRANT PROPOSAL REVIEWING**

*National Science Foundation (NSF), American Philosophical Society (APS), University of Delaware GUR award.*