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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EMPLOYMENT

McGill University, Montreal, QC, 2011–present
Associate Professor of Linguistics, 2015–present
Assistant Professor of Linguistics, 2011–2015
Banting Postdoctoral Research Fellow, 2011–2012

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, 2010–2011
Postdoctoral Fellow, Maria Polinsky’s Language Processing Lab

EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

Ph.D. in Linguistics, July 2010

Dissertation: ‘Complementation in Chol (Mayan): A Theory of Split Ergativity’
Committee chair: David Pesetsky

Reed College, Portland, OR

B.A., Linguistics–Anthropology, May 2004

OTHER ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

CoLang Institute for Collaborative Language Documentation, Fairbanks, AK, Summer 2016
Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social (CIESAS)-Sureste, San Cristóbal de las Casas, Chiapas, México, Visiting Scholar, Fall 2008
LSA Institute, Cambridge, MA, Summer 2005
LSA Institute, Santa Barbara, CA, Summer 2001

GRANTS AND AWARDS

External grants and awards, as Principal Investigator

- *Principal Investigator*: **Endangered Languages Fund Language Legacies Grant**, 2016: “A collection of narrative texts in Chuj” (Co-Applicant Pedro Mateo Pedro) — \$2,700.
- Canada Research Chair in Syntax and Indigenous Languages, 2015–present.
- *Principal Investigator*: **SSHRC Connection Grant**, 2015–2016: “Chuj Electronic Database Creation: Documentation and Revitalization of a Mayan Language” #611-2014-0441 (Co-applicant Pedro Mateo Pedro) — \$33,333
- *Principal Investigator*: **SSHRC Partnership Development Grant**, 2013–2016: “Developing mobile learning applications for the Mi’gmaq language: New opportunities for language research and revitalization” #890-2012-0091 (Co-applicants Alan Bale, Gail Metallic, and Michael Wagner) — \$200,000
- *Principal Investigator*: **FQRSC Établissement de Nouveaux Professeurs-Chercheurs**, 2013–2016: “Personne et nombre dans les langues Mi’gmaq et Kaqchikel: Conséquences pour la concordance” #2014-NP-173835 — \$39,600
- *Principal Investigator*: **SSHRC Connection Grant**, 2012–2013: “A community–linguistics collaboration for revitalizing Mi’gmaq in Listuguj” #611-2012-0001 (Co-applicants Alan Bale and Michael Wagner) — \$51,160

- *Primary Contract Holder: Heritage Canada Aboriginal Languages Initiative Grant* (“Tli’sulti Napui’gnigtug-Nemitueg Tli’suti”), 2012: sub-contracted to McGill from Listuguj Mi’gmaq Education Directorate as “Mi’gmaq Language: Research and Teaching”: — \$48,150
- *Principal Investigator: SSHRC Conference and Workshop Funding*, 2012: “Corpus Approaches to Mayan Linguistics (CAML) Workshop” — \$21,544
- **SSHRC Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship**, McGill University, 2011–2012
- **Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship**, McGill University, 2011 (declined)
- **Killam Postdoctoral Research Fellowship**, University of British Columbia, 2011 (declined)
- *Principal Investigator: National Science Foundation conference funding*, 2009–2010: “Formal Approaches to Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi)” #0841282 (Primary Applicant – David Pesetsky; note that NSF does not award to non-faculty P.I.s) — \$15,933
- *Principal Investigator: National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant*: “Ergativity and Constituent Order in Chol” #0816923, 2008–2010 (Primary Applicant – David Pesetsky; note that NSF does not award to non-faculty P.I.s) — \$11,944
- **National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship** #1000032703, 2006–2009
- **Phi Beta Kappa** (National Academic Honor Society), inducted 2004

External grants and awards, as non-Principal Investigator

- *Co-Investigator: SSHRC Insight Grant*, 2016–2021: “Pragmatics and Language Revitalization: Using evidentiality in Mi’gmaq to explore the interface between grammar and general reasoning” (Principal Investigator – Alan Bale) – \$225,438
- *Co-Investigator: SSHRC Insight Grant*, 2016–2021: “The nature of parameters: representing language universals and language variation” #425-2016-1331 (Principal Investigator – Lisa Travis) — \$225,894
- *Collaborator: SSHRC Connection Grant*, 2016: “Workshop on structure and constituency in languages of the Americas” #611-2015-0330 (Principal Investigator – Richard Compton) — \$8,273
- *Co-Investigator: Digging into Data Grant*, 2014–2016: “Cleaning, Organizing, and Uniting Linguistic Databases (the COULD project)” #869-2013-0005 (Principal Investigator – Alan Bale) — \$126,000
- *Co-Investigator: SSHRC Insight Grant*, 2013–2019: “Siawinnu’gina’masultinej: Mi’gmaq language learning and teaching across the lifespan in Listuguj” #435-2013-0760 (Principal Investigator Mela Sarkar) — \$498,654
- *Co-Investigator: SSHRC Insight Grant*, 2012–2015: “The mental representation of language variation: macro-and micro-parameters” #435-2012-0882 (Principal Investigator – Lisa Travis) — \$373,373
- *Collaborator: SSHRC Insight Development Grant*, 2014–2016: “Nominal and verbal incorporation in Inuit” (Principal Investigator Richard Compton) — \$61,946
- *Collaborator: SSHRC Insight Grant*, 2013–2017: “Modality in the Nominal Domain” #435-2013-0103 (Principal Investigator Luis Alonso-Ovalle) — \$278,758

Internal grants and awards

- McGill Principal's Prize for Outstanding Emerging Researchers, 2016.
 - **McGill Social Sciences and Humanities Development Grant**, 2016: "Kabyle grammar in linguistic theory" — \$6,000
 - **McGill Paper Presentation Grant**, 2012, 2014, 2016 — \$1,500
 - **MIT Ken Hale Fund for Field Research**, 2006, 2007 — \$2,000
 - Reed College **Undergraduate Initiative Grant**, 2004 — \$1,000
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PUBLICATIONS

Book

2013 Coon, Jessica. *Aspects of split ergativity*. New York: Oxford University Press, *Studies in Comparative Syntax*.

Papers in peer-reviewed journals

to appear Coon, Jessica. 'Little- v^0 agreement and Templatic Morphology in Chol.' To appear in *Syntax*.

to appear Coon, Jessica and Elizabeth Carolan. 'Nominalization and the structure of progressives in Chuj Mayan.' To appear in *Glossa*.

2016 Coon, Jessica. 'Mayan morphosyntax.' *Language and Linguistics Compass*, Special Issue: Mayan Linguistics, 10, 10: 515–550.

2016 Bennett, Ryan, **Jessica Coon**, and Robert Henderson. 'Introduction to Mayan Linguistics.' *Language and Linguistics Compass*, Special Issue: Mayan Linguistics, 10, 10: 455–468.

2015 Carol Little, Elise McClay, Travis Wysote, and **Jessica Coon**. 'Language research and revitalization through a community-university partnership: Lessons for linguists.' *Language Documentation and Conservation*, 9: 292–306.

2015 Clemens, Lauren Eby, **Jessica Coon**, Pedro Mateo Pedro Adam Milton Morgan, Gabrielle Tandet, Maria Polinsky, Matt Wagers. 'Ergativity and the complexity of extraction: A view from Mayan.' *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*, 33, 2: 417–467.

2014 Coon, Jessica, Pedro Mateo Pedro, and Omer Preminger. 'The role of case in A-bar extraction asymmetries: Evidence from Mayan.' *Linguistic Variation*, 14, 2: 179–242.

2014 Coon, Jessica and Alan Bale. 'The interaction of person and number in Mi'gmaq.' *NordLyd*, 41, 1: 85–101.

2014 Bale, Alan and **Jessica Coon**. 'Classifiers are for numerals, not nouns: Evidence from Mi'gmaq and Chol.' *Linguistic Inquiry*, 45, 4: 695–707.

2013 Coon, Jessica. 'TAM split ergativity (Parts I–II).' *Language and Linguistics Compass* 7, 3: 171–200.

- 2012 Coon, Jessica. 'Split Ergativity and transitivity in Chol.' *Lingua* 122, special volume *Accounting for Ergativity*: 241–256.
- 2010 Coon, Jessica. 'Rethinking split ergativity in Chol.' *International Journal of American Linguistics* 76, 2: 207–253.
- 2010 Coon, Jessica. 'VOS as predicate fronting in Chol Mayan.' *Lingua* 120: 345–378.
- 2009 Gallagher, Gillian and **Jessica Coon**. 'Distinguishing total and partial identity: Evidence from Chol.' *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 27, 3: 545–582.
- 2009 Coon, Jessica. 'Comments on Austronesian nominalism: A Mayan perspective.' *Theoretical Linguistics* 35, 1: 73–93.
- 2009 Coon, Jessica. 'Interrogative possessors and the problem with pied-piping in Chol.' *Linguistic Inquiry* 40, 1: 165–175

Papers in peer-reviewed edited volumes

- to appear Coon, Jessica. 'Two types of ergative agreement: Implications for case.' To appear in *MIT Working Papers in Linguistics*.
- to appear Coon, Jessica. 'Ch'ol.' Invited contribution for *The Mayan Languages*, ed. Judith Aissen, Nora England, and Roberto Zavala Maldonado. Routledge.
- to appear Coon, Jessica and Omer Preminger. 'Split ergativity is not about ergativity.' Invited contribution for the *Oxford Handbook of Ergativity*, ed. Jessica Coon, Diane Massam, Lisa Travis. New York: Oxford University Press.
- 2011 Coon, Jessica and Robert Henderson. 'Two binding puzzles in Mayan.' In *Representing language: Essays in honor of Judith Aissen*, ed. Rodrigo Gutiérrez Bravo, Line Mikkelsen, and Eric Potsdam, 51–67. University of California, Santa Cruz: Linguistic Research Center.

Bibliographies

- 2013 Coon, Jessica and Maayan Adar. 'Ergativity.' *Oxford bibliographies in linguistics*, ed. Mark Aronoff. New York: Oxford University Press.

Volumes edited

- to appear Coon, Jessica, Diane Massam, and Lisa Travis (eds). *Handbook of ergativity*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- 2011 Shklovsky, Kirill, Pedro Mateo Pedro, and **Jessica Coon** (eds). *Proceedings of FAMLi 1: Formal Approaches to Mayan Linguistics*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Working Papers in Linguistics.
- 2009 Avelino, Heriberto, **Jessica Coon**, and Elisabeth Norcliffe (eds). *New Perspectives in Mayan Linguistics*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Working Papers in Linguistics, volume 59.

Papers in proceedings

- to appear Clemens, Lauren and **Jessica Coon**. 'Prosodic constituency of verb-initial clauses in Ch'ol.' In *Proceedings of the The 21st Workshop on Structure and Constituency in Languages of the Americas*, ed. Megan Keough.
- 2016 Coon, Jessica. 'Little- v^0 agreement: Evidence from Mayan.' In *CLS 50: Proceedings of the 50th Meeting of the Chicago Linguistics Society*, ed. R. Burkholder, C. Cisneros, E. Coppess, J. Grove, E. Hanink, H. McMahan, C. Meyer, N. Pavlou, Ö. Sarıgül, A. Roth Singerman, and A. Zhang, 103–124.
- 2016 Coon, Jessica. 'Unergatives, antipassives, and the status of roots in Chuj.' *Proceedings of CILLA VII*, <http://www.ailla.utexas.org>. Austin, TX: AILLA.
- 2014 Coon, Jessica. 'Predication, tenselessness, and what it takes to be a verb.' In *NELS 43: Proceedings of the 43rd Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistics Society*, ed Hsin-Lun Huang, Ethan Poole, and Amanda Rysling, 77–90.
- 2013 Coon, Jessica and Omer Preminger. 'Transitivity in Chol: A new argument for the split-VP hypothesis.' In *NELS 41: Proceedings of the 41st Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistics Society*, ed. Lena Fainleib, Nicholas LaCara, and Yangsook Park, 127–142.
- 2013 Elise McClay, Erin Olson, Carol Little, Hisako Noguchi, Alan Bale, **Jessica Coon**, and Gina Cook. 'Using technology to bridge the gap between speakers, learners, and linguists.' In *Proceedings of the Seventeenth Conference of the Foundation for Endangered Languages (FEL XVII)*, ed. M.J. Norris, E. Anonby, M.-O. Junker, N. Ostler, and D. Patrick, 199–200.
- 2012 Coon, Jessica and Omer Preminger. 'Towards a unified account of person splits.' In *Proceedings of the 29th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, ed. Jaehoon Choi, 310–318. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Press.
- 2011 Coon, Jessica and Pedro Mateo Pedro. 'Extraction and embedding in two Mayan languages.' In *Proceedings of FAMLi 1: Formal Approaches to Mayan Linguistics*, ed. Kirill Shklovsky, Pedro Mateo Pedro, and Jessica Coon, 93–104. Cambridge, MA: MIT Working Papers in Linguistics, volume 63.
- 2010 Coon, Jessica. 'A biclausal analysis of aspect based split ergativity.' In *WSCLA 2009: Proceedings of the Workshop on Structure and Constituency of Languages of the Americas*, ed. Heather Bliss and Raphael Girard. Vancouver, BC: UBC Working Papers in Linguistics, volume 26.
- 2009 Coon, Jessica and Gillian Gallagher. 'Similarity and correspondence in Chol roots.' In *NELS 38: Proceedings of the 38th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistics Society*, ed. Anisa Schardl, Martin Walkow and Muhammad Abdurrahman, 203–216. Amherst, MA: GLSA.
- 2009 Coon, Jessica and Andrés Salanova. 'Nominalization and predicate fronting: Two sources of ergativity.' In *PLC 32: Proceedings of the 32nd Annual Penn Linguistics Colloquium*, ed. Laurel MacKensie, 45–54. Philadelphia, PA: University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics 15.1.

- 2009 Coon, Jessica and Omer Preminger. 'Positional roots and case absorption.' In *New Perspectives in Mayan Linguistics*, ed. Heriberto Avelino, Jessica Coon, and Elisabeth Norcliffe, 35–58. Cambridge, MA: MIT Working Papers in Linguistics 59.
- 2008 Coon, Jessica. 'When ergative = genitive: Nominals and split Ergativity.' In *WCCFL XXVII: Proceedings of the 27th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, ed. Natasha Abner and Jason Bishop, 99–107. Somerville MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project.
- 2006 Coon, Jessica. 'Existentials and negation in Chol Mayan.' In *CamLing: Proceedings of the Fourth University of Cambridge Conference in Language Research*, ed. Charles Chang, Esuna Dugarova, Irene Theodoropoulou, Elina Vilar Beltrán, and Edward Wilford, 51–58. Cambridge: Cambridge Institute of Language Research.
- 2004 Coon, Jessica. 'Nominal constructions and split-ergativity in Chol Mayan.' In *BLS 30: Proceedings of the 30th Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society*, ed. Marc Ettlinger, Nicholas Fleischer, and Mischa Park-Doob, 34–45. Berkeley: Berkeley Linguistics Society.

Papers under review for peer-reviewed journals

- submitted Coon, Jessica. 'Unergatives, antipassives, and roots in Chuj.'
- submitted Clemens, Lauren and **Jessica Coon**. 'Deriving verb-initial word order in Mayan.'
- submitted Bale, Alan, **Jessica Coon**, and Nicolás Arcos López. 'Counting banana trees in Ch'ol: Exploring the syntax and semantics of sortal classifiers.'
- in Henderson, Robert and **Jessica Coon**. 'Adverbs and variability in Kaqchikel Agent revision Focus: A reply to Erlewine (2015).'

PRESENTATIONS

Refereed Conference and Workshop Presentations

- [2017] Clemens, Lauren, **Jessica Coon**, Carol-Rose Little, Morelia Vázquez Martínez. 'Encoding focus in Ch'ol spontaneous speech.' Paper to be presented at *Society for the Study of Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA)*, Austin, TX.
- [2016] Clemens, Lauren, **Jessica Coon**, Carol-Rose Little, Morelia Vázquez Martínez. 'Encoding focus in Ch'ol spontaneous speech.' Paper to be presented at *Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi) IV*, Yucatan, Mexico.
- 2016 Clemens, Lauren and **Jessica Coon**. 'VOS two ways: A unified account of V1 order in Mayan.' Paper presented at the *47th Northeast Linguistics Society (NELS 47)*, Amherst, MA.
- 2016 Coon, Jessica, Stefan Keine, and Michael Wagner. 'Hierarchy effects in copular constructions: The PCC corner of German.' Poster presented at the *47th Northeast Linguistics Society (NELS 47)*, Amherst, MA.
- 2016 Clemens, Lauren and **Jessica Coon**. 'Deriving Mayan V1: A Fresh Look at Ch'ol.' Paper presented at the *21st Workshop on Structure and Constituency in Languages of the Americas (WSCLA 21)*, Montreal, QC.

- 2015 Coon, Jessica. 'Unergatives, antipassives, and the underspecification of roots: Evidence from Chuj'. Paper presented at *Seventh Conference on Indigenous Languages of Latin America (CILLA 7)*, University of Texas, Austin, TX.
- 2015 Henderson, Robert and **Jessica Coon**. 'When adverbs embed clauses: An explanation of variability in Kaqchikel Agent Focus.' Paper presented at the *46th Northeast Linguistics Society (NELS 46)*, Montreal, Canada.
- 2015 Famularo, Nadia, Madeleine Mees, Tashi Wangyal, and **Jessica Coon**. 'Ergative marking in Dharamsala Tibetan.' Paper presented at *The 48th International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics (ICSTLL 48)*, Santa Barbara, CA.
- 2015 Dunham, Joel, **Jessica Coon**, and Alan Bale. 'LingSync: Web-based software for language documentation.' Paper presented at *International Conference on Language Documentation and Conservation*, Honolulu, HI.
- 2015 Clemens, Lauren and **Jessica Coon**. 'Deriving Mayan V1: A Fresh Look at Chol.' Presented at the *Society for the Study of Indigenous Languages of the Americas*, Portland, Oregon.
- 2015 Carolan, Elizabeth and **Jessica Coon**. 'Negation in Chuj progressives.' Presented at the *Society for the Study of Indigenous Languages of the Americas*, Portland, Oregon.
- 2015 Bale, Alan, **Jessica Coon**, Joel Dunham, Kyle Gorman, and Michael Wagner. 'LingSync and ProsodyLab-Aligner: Tools for Linguistic Fieldwork and Experimentation.' Presented at the 2015 *Linguistics Society of America Annual Meeting*, Portland, Oregon.
- 2014 Clemens, Lauren and **Jessica Coon**. 'Un primer acercamiento a la relación entre sintaxis y prosodia en chol.' Presented at the 3rd Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi III), Mexico City.
- 2014 Coon, Jessica. 'Little-*v* agreement: Evidence from Mayan.' Presented at *Workshop on Structure and Constituency of Languages of the Americas (WSCLA)*, Memorial University Newfoundland.
- 2013 Coon, Jessica and Alan Bale. 'The inseparability of person and number in Mi'gmaq.' Presented at *Features in Phonology, Morphology, Syntax, and Semantics*, University of Tromsø/CASTL, Norway.
- 2013 Coon, Jessica and Omer Preminger. 'Asymmetries in differential argument marking.' Presented at *Societas Linguistica Europaea Annual Meeting*, special session on Differential Subject Marking, Split, Croatia.
- 2013 Coon, Jessica and Alan Bale. 'Person and number in Mi'gmaq.' Presented at the *Canadian Linguistics Association*, Victoria, British Columbia.
- 2013 McClay, Elise, Carol Little, Hisako Noguchi, Erin Olson, Alan Bale, **Jessica Coon**, and Gina Cook. 'Using Technology to Bridge Gaps between Speakers, Learners, and Linguists.'

- Poster presented in a special session of the *Canadian Linguistics Association: Reclaiming Canada's Indigenous Languages*, Victoria, British Columbia.
 - Electronic poster presented at *The Seventeenth Conference of the Foundation for Endangered Languages (FEL XVII)*, Ottawa, Ontario
- 2013 Henderson, Robert, **Jessica Coon**, and Lisa Travis. 'Micro- and macro-parameters in Mayan syntactic ergativity.' Presented at *Towards a Theory of Syntactic Variation*, Bilbao, Spain.
- 2013 McClay, Elise, Carol Little, Mary-Beth Wysote, Madelaine Metallic, Sarah Vicaire, Travis Wysote, Janine Metallic, and **Jessica Coon**. 'Student Perspectives on Mi'gmaq Language-Learning through Multi-Modal Teaching: A Community-Linguistics Partnership.' Poster presented at *International Conference on Language Documentation and Conservation*, Honolulu, HI.
- 2013 Clemens, Lauren Eby, **Jessica Coon**, Pedro Mateo Pedro Adam Milton Morgan, Gabrielle Tandet, Maria Polinsky, Matt Wagers. 'Ergativity and the complexity of extraction: A view from Mayan.' Presented at the *31st West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL)*, Tempe, Arizona.
- 2012 McClay, Elise, Carol Little, Mary-Beth Wysote, Madelaine Metallic, Sarah Vicaire, Travis Wysote, Janine Metallic, and **Jessica Coon**. 'Student Perspectives on Mi'gmaq Language-Learning through Multi-Modal Teaching: A Community-Linguistics Partnership.' Paper presented at the *44th Algonquian Conference*, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2012 Coon, Jessica. 'Predication, predicate fronting, and what it takes to be a verb.' Presented at the *43rd Northeast Linguistics Society (NELS)*, New York, New York.
- 2012 Bale, Alan and **Jessica Coon**. 'Classifiers are for numerals, not nouns: Evidence from Mi'gmaq and Chol.' Presented at the *43rd Northeast Linguistics Society (NELS)*, New York, New York.
- 2012 Coon, Jessica. 'Concordancia ergativa y clíticos absolutivos: Evidencia en chol.' Presented at the *2nd Formal Approaches to Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi 2)*, Patzún, Guatemala.
- 2012 Eby Clemens, Lauren, **Jessica Coon**, Peter Graff, Pedro Mateo Pedro, Adam Milton Morgan, Gabrielle Tandet, Maria Polinsky, and Nicolás Arcos López. 'Processing ergative languages: Methodology and preliminary results.' Presented at the *86th Meeting of the LSA*, special session *Psycholinguistic Research on Less-Studied Languages*, Portland, Oregon.
- 2011 Coon, Jessica and Omer Preminger. 'Towards a Unified Account of Person Splits.'
- Paper presented at *WCCFL*, Tucson, Arizona
 - Paper presented at *CLS 47*, Chicago, Illinois

- 2011 Coon, Jessica and Pedro Mateo Pedro. 'Explaining agent extraction asymmetries: A sane analysis of the Q'anjob'al "Crazy Antipassive"'. Presented at *Workshop on the Structure and Constituency of Languages of the Americas 16*, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Massachusetts.
- 2011 Coon, Jessica and Omer Preminger. 'Transitivity in Chol: A New Argument for the Split VP Hypothesis.' Presented at the *85th Meeting of the LSA*, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- 2011 Coon, Jessica. 'Prepositions and the Perfective: Deriving Aspect-Based Split Ergativity.' Presented at the *85th Meeting of the LSA*, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- 2010 Coon, Jessica and Omer Preminger. 'Transitivity in Chol: A New Argument for the Split VP Hypothesis.' Presented at *NELS 41*, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 2010 Coon, Jessica and Pedro Mateo Pedro. 'Extraction and Embedding in Two Mayan Languages.' Presented at *Formal Approaches to Mayan Linguistics*, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts.
- 2009 Coon, Jessica. 'Rethinking Aspect Based Split Ergativity.' Presented at *EHU International Workshop on Ergativity*, University of the Basque Country, Bilbao, Spain.
- 2009 Coon, Jessica. 'A Biclausal Analysis of Aspect Based Split Ergativity.' Presented at *Workshop on Structure and Constituency of Languages of the Americas 14*, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana.
- 2008 Coon, Jessica and Omer Preminger. 'Posicionales y Pasivos en Chol.' Presented at *X Encuentro Internacional de Lingüística en el Noreste*, University of Sonora, Hermosillo, Mexico.
- 2008 Coon, Jessica. 'When Ergative = Genitive: Nominals and Split Ergativity.' Presented at *The 27th West Coast Conference in Formal Linguistics*, University of California Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California.
- 2008 Coon, Jessica and Andrés Salanova. 'Nominalization and Predicate Fronting: Two Sources of Ergativity.' Presented at *The 32nd Penn Linguistics Colloquium*, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 2008 Gallagher, Gillian and **Jessica Coon**. 'Identity and Consonant Harmony in Chol.' Presented at *The sixteenth Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe*, Paris, France.
- 2008 Coon, Jessica. 'Interrogative Possessors and the Problem with Pied-Piping in Chol Mayan.' Presented at *82nd Annual Meeting of the LSA*, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2007 Coon, Jessica and Gillian Gallagher. 'Similarity and Correspondence in Chol Roots.' Presented at *NELS 38*, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada.
- 2007 Coon, Jessica. 'Interrogative Possessors and the Problem with Pied-Piping in Chol Mayan.' Presented at *NELS 38*, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada.
- 2007 Coon, Jessica. 'Counting with verbs in Chol Mayan.' Presented at *Workshop on Determiners and Classifiers*, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada.

- 2007 Coon, Jessica. 'VOS as predicate-fronting in Chol Mayan.' Presented at *Workshop on V1/V2*, University of Leiden, Leiden, The Netherlands.
- 2007 Coon, Jessica. 'Right-specifiers vs. V-movement: VOS in Chol.' Presented at *The SSILA Annual Meeting*, Anaheim, California.
- 2006 Coon, Jessica. 'Existentials and two types of negation in Chol Mayan.' Presented at *CamLing*, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK.
- 2005 Coon, Jessica and Kirill Shklovsky. 'Cliticization and affixation in two Mayan languages.' Presented at *The SSILA Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, California.
- 2004 Coon, Jessica. 'Nominal roots and stem formation in Chol Mayan.' Presented at *The Harvard Undergraduate Linguistics Colloquium*, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.
- 2004 Coon, Jessica. 'Nominal constructions and split-ergativity in Chol Mayan.' Presented at the *30th Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society*, University of California, Berkeley, California.
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Invited Presentations

- [2017] TBA. Colloquium talk, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
- [2017] TBA. Colloquium talk, University of Chicago.
- [2017] TBA. Colloquium talk, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario.
- [2016] 'Construyendo verbos en ch'ol y chuj.' Plenary talk at *Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi) IV*, Yucatan, Mexico.
- 2016 'What's in Pred⁰? Functional Categories and the Parameterization of Predication.' Talk to be presented at *What's in a Label? The categorial status of functional categories*, Arezzo, Italy.
- 2016 'Case discrimination in caseless languages.' Colloquium talk, Stanford University, California.
- 2016 'Counting banana trees in Ch'ol: Crosslinguistic consequences for the syntax and semantics of classifiers.' Colloquium talk, Concordia University, Montreal (with Alan Bale).
- 2016 'Unergatives, antipassives, and roots in Chuj.' Colloquium talk, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.
- 2015 'Two types of ergative agreement: Implications for the representation of case.' Colloquium talk, New York University, New York.
- 2015 (with Alan Bale) 'Counting banana trees: Crosslinguistic consequences for the syntax and semantics of classifiers.' Invited talk at *Gender, Class, and Determination: A Conference on the Nominal Spine*, University of Ottawa, Ontario.

- 2015 'Two types of ergative agreement: Implications for Dependent Case Theory. Colloquium talk, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts.
- 2015 'Agreement, alignment, and templatic morphology in Mayan.'
- Plenary talk at *BLS 41: The 41st Berkeley Linguistics Society Annual Meeting*, Berkeley, California.
 - Invited talk at MOTH Regional Syntax Workshop, University of Ottawa, Ontario.
- 2014 'The (apparent) inseparability of person and number in Mi'gmaq.' Colloquium talk, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland.
- 2014 'Agreement, alignment, and templatic morphology in Mayan.' Colloquium talk, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut.
- 2014 'Little-*v* agreement: Evidence from Mayan.' Plenary talk at *CLS 50: The 50th Chicago Linguistics Society Annual Meeting*, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2012 'Taking ergativity out of "split ergativity": A structural account of aspect and person splits.'
- *First Cambridge Conference on Comparative Syntax (CamCoS 1)*, Cambridge, UK
 - Colloquium talk, Reed College, Portland, Oregon
 - *McGill Canadian Conference Linguistics Undergraduates (McCCLU)*, Montréal
- 2012 'Syntactic ergativity in Q'anjob'al.'
- Syntax Brown Bag, New York University, New York, New York
 - Colloquium talk, Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario
 - Colloquium talk, University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California
- 2011 'The impact of native speaker linguists: A Mayan Case study.' MIT Linguistics 50th Anniversary Celebration, special session: *Understudied and endangered languages: what they and their speakers have taught us*. Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts.
- 2011 'No case for Case? A VP structure and licensing parameter.' *Case by Case Workshop*, École normale supérieure, Paris, France.
- 2011 'Predication and finiteness: What it means to be a Mayan verb.' UQAM, Montreal, Canada.
- 2011 'The role of Case in agent extraction asymmetries: Evidence from Mayan.' University of California Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, California.
- 2011 'Explaining split ergativity.'
- Paper presented at University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada
 - Paper presented at University of Arlington, Texas
 - Paper presented at McGill University, Montreal, Canada

- 2010 'The role of Case in A-bar extraction asymmetries: Evidence from Mayan.' *Workshop on the Fine Structure of Grammatical Relations*, Leipzig, Germany.
- 2010 'Split Ergativity and Transitivity in Chol.' *Colloquium Series*, University of California Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, California.
- 2010 'Split Ergativity and Transitivity in Chol.' *Workshop on Language Universals and Linguistic Fieldwork*, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.
- 2009 'Predicate Fronting and its Consequences: Ergativity in Chol.' *NYU Syntax Brown Bag*, New York University, New York, New York.
- 2009 'Predicate Fronting and its Consequences: Ergativity in Chol.' *CUNY Syntax Supper*, City University of New York, New York, New York.
- 2008 'Ergatividad escindida y formas nominales en chol.' *CIESAS-Sureste*, San Cristóbal de las Casas, Mexico.
- 2008 'The source of split ergativity in Chol Mayan.' *The SSILA Annual Meeting, Mayan Symposium*, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2007 'VOS as predicate-fronting in Chol Mayan.' University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada.

Presentations to non-linguists or non-academic audiences

- 2014 'Contrast in Mayan languages and linguistics.' *SLASummit: Spanish and Latin American Students Association summit*, McGill University, Canada.
- 2013 McClay, Elise, Carol Little, Mary-Beth Wysote, Madelaine Metallic, Sarah Vicaire, Travis Wysote, Janine Metallic, and **Jessica Coon**. 'Student Perspectives on Migmaq Language-Learning through Multi-Modal Teaching: A Community-Linguistics Partnership.' Paper presented at *L'nui'sultinej: Let us Speak Mi'kmaw*, Antigonish, Nova Scotia.
- 2011 Coon, Jessica, Pedro Mateo Pedro, and Adam Milton Morgan. 'Ergatividad y ambigüedad: procesamiento de cláusulas relativas en chol.' *Universidad Intercultural del Estado de Tabasco*, Tabasco, Mexico.

TEACHING (AS INSTRUCTOR)

McGill Courses

- Winter 2015 LING 675, *Syntax 4 (graduate seminar, Case and Agreement)*
- Fall 2015 LING 671, *Syntax 3 (1st semester graduate syntax)*
- Winter 2016 LING 410, *Structure of a Specific Language: The Mayan Family*
 Winter 2014
- Winter 2017 LING 415/610, *Linguistic Field Methods: Lingala* (with Morgan Sonderegger)
 Winter 2016 LING 415/610, *Linguistic Field Methods: Kabyle* (with Morgan Sonderegger)

Fall 2014 LING 415/610, *Tibetan*
 Fall 2011 LING 415/610, *Mi'gmaq* (with Michael Wagner)

Winter 2015 LING 201, *Introduction to Linguistics* (with Peter Milne)
 Fall 2013 LING 201, *Introduction to Linguistics* (with Alexandra Simonenko)

McGill Independent study courses

Winter 2016 LING 488, *Independent Study*, Douglas Gordon, Mi'gmaq verb structure

Winter 2015 LING 488, *Independent Study*, Lorna D'Sa, Nadia Famularo, Maggie Haughey, Madeleine Mees, Tibetan Field Methods cont.

Fall 2014 LING 499, *Internship in Linguistics*, Douglas Gordon, Mi'gmaq Partnership

Winter 2014 LING 488, *Independent Study*, Jieliu Liu, Anthropological Linguistics

Fall 2013 LING 488, *Independent Study*, Louisa Bielig, Inuktitut Morphology

Fall 2013 LING 488, *Independent Study*, Liwen Hou, Topics in Syntax

MIT

Spring 2011 LING 24.942, *Topics in the Grammar of a Less Familiar Language: Kaqchikel* (with Michael Kenstowicz)

Harvard

Spring 2011 LING 204, Advanced syntax seminar: *Topics in the Syntax of Verb Initial Languages* (with Maria Polinsky)

Fall 2010 Lecturer for LING 83 *Language, Culture, and Cognition*, primary instructor Maria Polinsky. Taught syntax component of the course.

ADVISING AND SUPERVISION

Academic advising

PhD

- Jurij Božič, PhD evaluation paper co-supervisor (with Lisa Travis), 2016–present.
- Dejan Milacic, PhD evaluation paper co-supervisor (with Bernhard Schwarz), 2015–2016.
- Michael Hamilton, PhD dissertation supervisor. *The syntax of Mi'gmaq: A configurational account*, 2013–2015.
- Jiajia Su, PhD evaluation paper co-supervisor (with Lisa Travis). *The syntactic structure of Chinese classifiers*, 2014–2015.
- Michael Hamilton, PhD evaluation paper co-supervisor (with Alan Bale). *Phrase structure in Mi'gmaq: A configurational account of a "non-configurational" language*, 2012–2013.

MA

- Colin Brown, MA thesis supervisor. *Extraction restrictions in Gitksan*, 2016.

- Yuliya Manyakina, MA thesis co-supervisor. *Two types of noun incorporation in Mi'gmaq*, 2015.
- Gretchen McCulloch, MA thesis supervisor. *Stem composition in Mi'gmaq*, 2013.
- Jenny Loughran, MA thesis supervisor. *The fusion of tense and evidentiality in Mi'gmaq*, 2012.

BA

- Lydia Felice, BA Honours thesis supervisor, 2017.
- Sarah Mihuc, BA Honours thesis supervisor, 2017.
- Cora Lesure, BA Honours thesis co-supervisor (with Lauren Clemens) *Prosodic boundary marking in Ch'ol: Acoustic indicators and their applications*, 2016.
- Louisa Bieligi, BA Honours thesis supervisor. *Resumptive classifiers in Chuj high topic constructions*, 2015.
- Liwen Hou, BA Honours thesis co-supervisor (with Robert Henderson). *Agent Focus in Chuj Reflexive Constructions*, 2013.
- Elise McClay, BA Honours thesis supervisor. *Possession in Mi'gmaq*. 2012.

Committees

- Justin Rill (University of Delaware), PhD dissertation committee member.
- Yusuke Imanishi (MIT), PhD dissertation committee member. *Default ergative*, 2014.
- Alexandra Simonenko, PhD dissertation committee member. *The Decomposition of Definiteness*, 2013.
- Bethany Lochbihler, PhD dissertation committee member. *Aspects of argument licensing*, 2012.

Post-doctoral fellows and visiting scholars

- Carolyn Anderson — Fulbright Fellow (Mi'gmaq Research Partnership), 2015.
- Lauren Eby Clemens — Post-doctoral research fellow (co-supervised with Lisa Travis), 2014–2015.
- Richard Compton — Post-doctoral research fellow (Mi'gmaq Research Partnership), 2013–2014.
- Conor Quinn — Visiting scholar, 2013.

Research Assistants

- Clint Parker (PhD) – Ergativity research, Summer 2016.
- Lydia Felice (BA) – Kabyle Free State/Construct State alternations (McGill ARIA award), Summer 2016.
- Cora Lesure (BA) – Chol prosody research (McGill ARIA award), Summer 2015.
- Douglas Gordon (BA) – Internship at Listuguj Education Directorate (McGill Internship award), 2014–2015
- Louisa Bieligi (BA) – Research on Chuj Mayan (McGill ARIA award), Summer 2014.
- Lizzie Carolan (BA) – Research on Chuj Mayan, 2013–2016.
- Joyce Xiao (BA) – Research on Chuj Mayan (McGill ARIA award), Summer 2013.
- Janine Metallic (PhD Education) – Mi'gmaq language research, 2012–present.
- Elise McClay and Carol Little (Post-Bac), Mi'gmaq language research and community-linguistics language revitalization project, 2012–2014.
- , Ergativity research – Maayan Adar (MA), Summer 2012.

- Michael Hamilton (PhD), Jacob Leon (BA), Carol Little (BA), Jenny Loughran (MA), Yuliya Manyakina (BA), Elise McClay (BA), Gretchen McCulloch (MA), Erin Olson (BA) – Mi'gmaq language research and online language software development, Summer 2012.
- Liwen Hou (BA) – Chuj (Mayan) language research, 2012.
- Juan Caicedo (BA), Elise McClay (BA) – Split-ergativity research, 2011.

ACADEMIC
SERVICE

Conferences and workshops organized

- Co-organizer of FAMLi III (Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics), Colegio de Mexico, Mexico City, December 2014
- Co-organizer of Mi'gmaq Language Summer Workshop, Listuguj Quebec, summers 2013, 2014, 2015
- Co-organizer of Montreal-Ottawa-Toronto-Hamilton Syntax Workshop (MOTH), held concurrently with MOLT, March 2014
- Member of organizing team for *Exploring the Interfaces 3: Prosody and Constituent Structure Workshop*, May 2014
- Co-organizer of Mi'gmaq Language Summer Workshop, Listuguj Quebec, August 2013
- Organizer of Computational Field Methods workshop, McGill University, May 2013
- Co-organizer of FAMLi II and CAML (Corpus Approaches to Mayan Linguistics) workshop, Patzún, Guatemala 2012
- Organizer of Mini Algonquian Workshop, McGill University, March 2012
- Co-founder and co-organizer of FAMLi (Formal Approaches to Mayan Linguistics), MIT 2010
- Co-organizer of SULA 5 (Semantics of Underdocumented Languages in the Americas), MIT 2009

Reviewing

- Positions held:
 - Editorial Board, *Open Generative Syntax* open access book series, 2016–present
 - Associate Editorial Board, *Linguistic Inquiry*, 2012–2015
- Review committees:
 - SSHRC Connection Grant review panel, 2013
- Ad hoc journal reviewing:
 - *Linguistic Inquiry*: 2012 (2), 2013 (2), 2014 (2), 2015 (1), 2016 (1)
 - *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*: 2012 (1); 2015 (1); 2016 (1)
 - *Language*: 2016 (1)
 - *Syntax*: 2012 (1), 2013 (1)
 - *Studies in Language*: 2016 (1)
 - *Cuadernos de Lingüística*: 2016 (1)
 - *Lingua*: 2010 (1), 2013 (1), 2014 (1)
 - *Language Sciences*: 2015 (1)
 - *Proceedings of the Algonquian Conference*: 2014 (1)
 - *Canadian Journal of Linguistics*: 2013 (1)

- *Journal of Language Contact*: 2013 (1)
- *Estudios de Cultura Maya*: 2016 (1)
- *International Journal of American Linguistics*: 2010 (1)
- *Southwest Journal of Linguistics*: 2010 (1)
- Ad hoc book/book chapter reviewing:
 - MITWPL special volume: 2016 (2)
 - Cambridge University Press: 2014 (1)
 - *Companion to Syntax*: 2013 (1)
 - *John Benjamins*: 2013 (1)
 - Oxford University Press, textbook proposal: 2014 (1); 2015 (1)
- Ad hoc abstract reviewing:
 - Chicago Linguistics Society: 2014
 - West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL): 2012, 2014, 2016
 - Linguistics Society of America (LSA): 2012
 - Northeast Linguistics Society (NELS): 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016
 - *Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi)*: 2014, 2016
 - *International Conference on Yucatec Linguistics (ICYL)*: 2012
 - Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA): 2011
 - *Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW)*: 2010, 2015
 - *GLOW in Asia*: 2016
- Ad hoc grant reviewing:
 - National Science Foundation: 2012 (1), 2013 (1)
 - Endangered Languages Documentation Programme: 2014 (1)

Service to McGill Linguistics Department

- Undergraduate Advisor, Fall 2013–present
- PhD oral defense committee membership
 - 2016 – Alanah McKillen, PhD oral defense committee, chair’s delegate. *On the interpretation of reflexive pronouns.*
 - 2015 – Michael Hamilton, PhD oral defense committee supervisor. *The syntax of Mi’gmaq: A configurational account.*
 - 2015 – Tokiko Okuma, PhD oral defense committee member. *Overt Pronoun Constraint effects in second language Japanese.*
 - 2012 – Bethany Lochbihler, PhD Internal Examiner. *Aspects of argument licensing.*
 - 2011 – Jen Mah, PhD oral defense committee member. *Segmental representations in interlanguage grammars: the case of francophones and English /h/*
- Syntax/Semantics job search committee, 2015–2016
- Departmental Admissions Committee, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016
- Colloquium co-organizer, 2012–present
- Speaker at SLUM’s “Future Week” career panel, 2012, 2016
- Creation and editing of departmental blog *McLing*, 2011–present

- Web committee member, 2011–present
- McCCLU conference faculty liaison, 2011–present
- Syntax (temporary position) job search committee, 2012
- Phonology job search committee, 2011–2012

Service to McGill University

- Task Force on Indigenous Studies and Indigenous Education (Academic programs & curriculum working group), 2016–2017
- Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowships Selection Committee, 2015
- Arts Committee on Student Affairs, 2013–present
- New Faculty Orientation, “Research” panel member, 2014
- CGS Master’s Fellowship selection committee, 2014
- Pro-dean at dissertation defense: Psychology 2012; Law 2013; Biomedical Engineering 2014; History & Classical Studies 2016
- Mentor for McGill Staff–Student Mentoring Program, 2011–2012

Other service

- ANVILS (*A National Vision for Indigenous Language Sustainability*) Workshop, invited participant, July 2016
- Co-organizer of McGill Ergativity Lab, 2012–present
- Co-organizer of McGill Agreement Reading Group, 2013–2014
- Organizer of McGill Algonquian Reading Group, 2012–2013
- Co-organizer of Cambridge-area Mayan Meetings, 2011
- Syntactic Structure of the World’s Languages (SSWL) database, contributor, 2010–2011
- Co-organizer of Cambridge-area Agent Extraction Reading Group, 2010
- MIT Ling Lunch Organizer, 2007–2008
- MIT Job Search Committee, student member, Spring 2008
- MIT Liaison for annual ECO5 Syntax Workshop, 2006–2009
- MIT Colloquium Series Organizer, 2006–2007
- MIT Linguistics Graduate Student Representative, 2005–2006

MEMBERSHIPS

- Linguistics Society of America
- Society for the Study of Indigenous Languages of the Americas

OTHER EMPLOYMENT

- Film consultant, Xenolinguistics Canada, 2015
 - McGill Residence Hall Director, Solin Hall, 2012–2014
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LANGUAGES
SPOKEN AND
STUDIED

- Native: English
- Fluent: Spanish, German
- Intermediate: French, Ch'ol (Mayan)
- Fieldwork: Kaqchikel, Chuj, Q'anjob'al (Mayan), Mi'gmaq (Algonquian), Kabyle (Berber), Tibetan

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