

# Jessica Coon

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## EMPLOYMENT

**McGill University**, Montreal, QC, 2011–present

Associate Professor of Linguistics, 2015–present  
Director; McGill Indigenous Studies and Community Engagement Initiative, 2019–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

**Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social (CIESAS)-Sureste**, San Cristóbal de las Casas, Chiapas, México, Visiting Scholar, Winter 2018

**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, Winter 2018

**LSA Institute**, Cambridge, MA, Summer 2005

**LSA Institute**, Santa Barbara, CA, Summer 2001

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## GRANTS AND AWARDS

### Awards and distinctions

1. **Linguistics Society of America’s** Linguistics, Language, and the Public Award, 2020.
2. **Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA)** Archiving Award for the “Chol Collection of Juan Jesús Vázquez Álvarez and Jessica Coon” at AILLA, 2020.
3. *Member*: **Royal Society of Canada College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists**, 2019–present.
4. **McGill Principal’s Prize for Outstanding Emerging Researchers**, 2016.

### External grants and awards, as Principal Investigator

1. *Principal Applicant*: **SSHRC Connection Grant, Workshop Funding**, 2019: “Workshop on Linguistic Parameters in Honour of Lisa Travis.” — \$7,200.

2. *Principal Investigator: National Geographic Society Explorers Grant*, 2018: “Documenting word order variation in Mayan languages: A collection of Ch’ol narratives.” (<http://chol.lingspace.org>) #HJ-138R-17 — \$29,998 (USD).
3. *Principal Investigator: SSHRC Insight Grant*, 2017–2022: “Agreement and anti-agreement across languages” #435-2017-0545 — \$244,629.
4. *Principal Investigator: Endangered Languages Fund Language Legacies Grant*, 2016: “A collection of narrative texts in Chuj” (Co-Applicant Pedro Mateo Pedro) — \$2,700 (USD).
5. **Canada Research Chair** in Syntax and Indigenous Languages, 2015–present.
6. *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
7. *Principal Investigator: SSHRC Partnership Development Grant*, 2013–2016: “Developing mobile learning applications for the Mi’gmaq language: New opportunities for language research and revitalization” (<http://www.migmaq.org>) #890-2012-0091 (Co-applicants Alan Bale, Gail Metallic, and Michael Wagner) — \$200,000
8. *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
9. *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
10. *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
11. *Principal Investigator: SSHRC Conference and Workshop Funding*, 2012: “Corpus Approaches to Mayan Linguistics (CAML) Workshop” #646-2011-1601 — \$21,544
12. **SSHRC Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship**, McGill University, 2011–2012
13. **Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship**, McGill University, 2011 (declined)
14. **Killam Postdoctoral Research Fellowship**, University of British Columbia, 2011 (declined)
15. *Principal Investigator: National Science Foundation conference funding*, 2009–2010: “Formal Approaches to Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi)” #0841282 (Primary Applicant – David Pesetsky) — \$15,933 (USD)
16. *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 (USD)
17. **National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship** #1000032703, 2006–2009
18. *Member: Phi Beta Kappa* (National Academic Honor Society), 2004

#### External grants, as non-Principal Investigator

1. *Co-Applicant: New Frontiers in Research Fund – Exploration*: “In the Words of our Ancestors: Inspiring Contemporary Indigenous Language Research by Critically Engaging with Linguistic Archives” (Principal Investigator – Janine Metallic) – \$250,000
2. *Co-Applicant: SSHRC Connection Grant: Indigenous Research Capacity*, 2018–2019: “Building capacity in indigenous research: Exploring relational research strategies in a Canadian university” (Principal Investigator – Janine Metallic)
3. *Collaborator: SSHRC Insight Grant*, 2018–2023: “Modality across Categories: Modal Indefinites and the Projection of Possibilities” (Principal Investigator – Luis Alonso-Ovalle)

4. *Collaborator: SSHRC Insight Grant*, 2018–2023: “Investigations on the theory of action nominals in highly nominalizing languages” (Principal Investigator – Andrés Salanova)
5. *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
6. *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
7. *Collaborator: SSHRC Connection Grant*, 2016: “Workshop on structure and constituency in languages of the Americas” #611-2015-0330 (Principal Investigator – Richard Compton) — \$8,273
8. *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
9. *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
10. *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
11. *Collaborator: SSHRC Insight Development Grant*, 2014–2016: “Nominal and verbal incorporation in Inuit” (Principal Investigator Richard Compton) — \$61,946
12. *Collaborator: SSHRC Insight Grant*, 2013–2017: “Modality in the Nominal Domain” #435-2013-0103 (Principal Investigator Luis Alonso-Ovalle) — \$278,758

### Internal grants

1. **McGill Social Sciences and Humanities Development Grant**, 2016: “Kabyle grammar in linguistic theory” — \$6,000
2. **McGill Paper Presentation Grant**, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2019 — \$1,500
3. **MIT Ken Hale Fund for Field Research**, 2006, 2007 — \$2,000
4. **Reed College Undergraduate Initiative Grant**, 2004 — \$1,000

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## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

1. Coon, Jessica (in prep). *Linguistics in the Field: A Slim Guide*. Under contract with Oxford University Press, *Slim Guides to Linguistics* series.
2. Coon, Jessica (2013). *Aspects of split ergativity*. New York: Oxford University Press, *Studies in Comparative Syntax*.

### Papers in peer-reviewed journals

1. Keine, Stefan, Michael Wagner, and **Jessica Coon** (2019). ‘Hierarchy effects in copula constructions.’ *Canadian Journal of Linguistics*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/cnj.2019.28>.
2. Bale, Alan, **Jessica Coon**, and Nicolás Arcos López (2019). ‘Classifiers, partitions, and measurements: Exploring the syntax and semantics of sortal classifiers.’ *Glossa: A journal of general linguistics*, 4, 1: 1–30.

3. Coon, Jessica (2019). 'Building verbs in Chuj: Consequences for the nature of roots.' *Journal of Linguistics* 55, 1: 35–81.
4. Clemens, Lauren and **Jessica Coon** (2018). 'Deriving verb-initial word order in Mayan.' *Language*, 94, 2: 237–280.
5. Henderson, Robert and **Jessica Coon** (2018). 'Adverbs and variability in Kaqchikel Agent Focus: A reply to Erlewine (2016).' *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*, 36, 1: 149–173.
6. Coon, Jessica (2017). 'Little-*v*<sup>0</sup> agreement and Templatic Morphology in Ch'ol.' *Syntax*, 20, 2: 101–137.
7. Coon, Jessica and Elizabeth Carolan (2017). 'Nominalization and the structure of progressives in Chuj Mayan.' *Glossa, a Journal of General Linguistics*, 2, 1: 22.
8. Coon, Jessica (2016). 'Mayan morphosyntax.' *Language and Linguistics Compass*, Special Issue: Mayan Linguistics, 10, 10: 515–550.
9. Bennett, Ryan, **Jessica Coon**, and Robert Henderson (2016). 'Introduction to Mayan Linguistics.' *Language and Linguistics Compass*, Special Issue: Mayan Linguistics, 10, 10: 455–468.
10. Carol Little, Elise McClay, Travis Wysote, and **Jessica Coon** (2015). 'Language research and revitalization through a community-university partnership: Lessons for linguists.' *Language Documentation and Conservation*, 9: 292–306.
11. Clemens, Lauren Eby, **Jessica Coon**, Pedro Mateo Pedro Adam Milton Morgan, Gabrielle Tandet, Maria Polinsky, Matt Wagers (2015). 'Ergativity and the complexity of extraction: A view from Mayan.' *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*, 33, 2: 417–467.
12. Coon, Jessica, Pedro Mateo Pedro, and Omer Preminger (2014). 'The role of case in A-bar extraction asymmetries: Evidence from Mayan.' *Linguistic Variation*, 14, 2: 179–242.
13. Coon, Jessica and Alan Bale (2014). 'The interaction of person and number in Mi'gmaq.' *NordLyd*, 41, 1: 85–101.
14. Bale, Alan and **Jessica Coon** (2014). 'Classifiers are for numerals, not nouns: Evidence from Mi'gmaq and Chol.' *Linguistic Inquiry*, 45, 4: 695–707.
15. Coon, Jessica (2013). 'TAM split ergativity (Parts I–II).' *Language and Linguistics Compass* 7, 3: 171–200.
16. Coon, Jessica (2012). 'Split Ergativity and transitivity in Chol.' *Lingua* 122, special volume *Accounting for Ergativity*: 241–256.
17. Coon, Jessica (2010). 'Rethinking split ergativity in Chol.' *International Journal of American Linguistics* 76, 2: 207–253.
18. Coon, Jessica (2010). 'VOS as predicate fronting in Chol Mayan.' *Lingua* 120: 345–378.
19. Gallagher, Gillian and **Jessica Coon** (2009). 'Distinguishing total and partial identity: Evidence from Chol.' *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 27, 3: 545–582.
20. Coon, Jessica (2009). 'Comments on Austronesian nominalism: A Mayan perspective.' *Theoretical Linguistics* 35, 1: 73–93.
21. Coon, Jessica (2009). 'Interrogative possessors and the problem with pied-piping in Chol.' *Linguistic Inquiry* 40, 1: 165–175.

#### **Papers in peer-reviewed edited volumes and series**

1. Coon, Jessica and Justin Royer (to appear). 'Nominalization and selection in two Mayan languages.' In *Nominalizations: 50 Years on from Chomsky's Remarks*, eds. Artemis Anagnostopoulou and Hagit Borer. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

2. Coon, Jessica (to appear). 'The linguistics of *Arrival*: Heptapods, field linguistics, and Universal Grammar.' In *Language invention for linguistics pedagogy*, eds. Jeffrey Punske, Amy Fountain, and Nathan Sanders. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
3. Vázquez Álvarez, Juan Jesús and **Jessica Coon** (to appear). 'Headless relative clauses in Ch'ol.' In *Headless Relative Clauses in Languages of Mesoamerica*, ed. Ivano Caponigro, Harold Torrence, Roberto Zavala. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
4. Coon, Jessica and Clint Parker (2019). 'Case interactions in syntax.' In *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Linguistics*. ed. Mark Aronoff. New York: Oxford University Press.
5. Coon, Jessica (2017). 'Ch'ol.' In *The Mayan Languages*, ed. Judith Aissen, Nora England, and Roberto Zavala Maldonado, 648–684. New York: Routledge.
6. Coon, Jessica, Diane Massam, and Lisa Travis (2017). 'Introduction to ergativity.' In *Oxford Handbook of Ergativity*, ed. Jessica Coon, Diane Massam, Lisa Travis, 1–22. New York: Oxford University Press.
7. Coon, Jessica and Omer Preminger (2017). 'Split ergativity is not about ergativity.' In *Oxford Handbook of Ergativity*, ed. Jessica Coon, Diane Massam, Lisa Travis, 226–252. New York: Oxford University Press.
8. Coon, Jessica (2017). 'Two types of ergative agreement: Implications for case.' In *A Pesky Set: Papers for David Pesetsky*, ed. Claire Halpert, Hadas Kotek, and Coppe van Urk, 361–370. Cambridge: MITWPL.
9. Coon, Jessica and Maayan Adar (2013). 'Ergativity.' *Oxford bibliographies in linguistics*, ed. Mark Aronoff. New York: Oxford University Press.
10. Coon, Jessica and Robert Henderson (2011). '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.

### Language corpora

1. Vázquez Álvarez, Juan Jesús and Jessica Coon (2019). 'A Corpus of Ch'ol Narratives.' *The Archive of the Indigenous Languages of Latin America*. ailla.utexas.org. Access: public. PID ailla: 261383
2. Mateo Pedro, Pedro and Jessica Coon (2017). 'Chuj Oral Tradition Collection of Pedro Mateo Pedro and Jessica Coon.' *The Archive of the Indigenous Languages of Latin America*. ailla.utexas.org. Access: public. PID ailla:119647.

### Volumes edited

1. Coon, Jessica, Diane Massam, and Lisa Travis (eds) (2017). *The Oxford Handbook of Ergativity*. New York: Oxford University Press.
2. Shklovsky, Kirill, Pedro Mateo Pedro, and **Jessica Coon** (eds) (2011). *Proceedings of FAMLi 1: Formal Approaches to Mayan Linguistics*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Working Papers in Linguistics.
3. Avelino, Heriberto, **Jessica Coon**, and Elisabeth Norcliffe (eds) (2009). *New Perspectives in Mayan Linguistics*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Working Papers in Linguistics, volume 59.

### Papers in proceedings and non-reviewed volumes

1. Henderson, Robert, Paulina Elias, Justin Royer, and **Jessica Coon** (to appear). 'La composición de la estatividad en chuj.' In *Actas del Primer Encuentro de Estudios Sobre el Chuj*.
2. AnderBois, Scott, Miguel Oscar Chan Dzul, **Jessica Coon**, and Juan Jesús Vázquez Álvarez (2019). 'Relativas libres en ch'ol y maya yucateco y la tipología de cláusulas relativas sin núcleo.' In *Proceedings of Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi V)*, ed. Ryan

- Bennett, Robert Henderson, Pedro Mateo Pedro, and Meg Harvey. Published online at <http://escholarship.org/uc/item/4d837983>.
3. Coon, Jessica (2018). 'Distinguishing adjectives from relative clauses in Chuj (With help from Ch'ol).' In *Heading in the Right Direction: Linguistic Treats For Lisa Travis*. ed. Laura Kalin, Jozina van der Klok, and Ileana Paul, 90–99. McGill Working Papers in Linguistics.
  4. Henderson, Robert, Paulina Elias, Justin Royer, and **Jessica Coon** (2018). 'The composition of stativity in Chuj.' In *Heading in the Right Direction: Linguistic Treats For Lisa Travis*. ed. Laura Kalin, Jozina van der Klok, and Ileana Paul, 100–109. McGill Working Papers in Linguistics.
  5. Clemens, Lauren and **Jessica Coon** (2018). '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* (UBCWPL 46), eds. Megan Keough et al., 88–100. Vancouver, BC: University of British Columbia.
  6. Coon, Jessica, Stefan Keine, and Michael Wagner (2017). 'Hierarchy effects in copular constructions: The PCC corner of German.' In *NELS 47: Proceedings of the 47th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistics Society*, ed. Andrew Lamont and Katerina Tetzloff, 205–214. Amherst, MA: GLSA.
  7. Coon, Jessica (2016). 'Little-*v*<sup>0</sup> 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.
  8. Coon, Jessica (2016). 'Unergatives, antipassives, and the status of roots in Chuj.' *Proceedings of CILLA VII*, <http://www.ailla.utexas.org>. Austin, TX: AILLA.
  9. Coon, Jessica (2014). '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. Amherst, MA: GLSA.
  10. Coon, Jessica and Omer Preminger (2013). '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. Amherst, MA: GLSA.
  11. Elise McClay, Erin Olson, Carol Little, Hisako Noguchi, Alan Bale, **Jessica Coon**, and Gina Cook (2013). '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.
  12. Coon, Jessica and Omer Preminger (2012). '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.
  13. Coon, Jessica and Pedro Mateo Pedro (2011). '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.
  14. Coon, Jessica (2010). '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.
  15. Coon, Jessica and Gillian Gallagher (2009). '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.

16. Coon, Jessica and Andrés Salanova (2009). '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.
17. Coon, Jessica and Omer Preminger (2009). '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.
18. Coon, Jessica (2008). '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.
19. Coon, Jessica (2006). '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.
20. Coon, Jessica (2004). 'Nominal constructions and split-ergativity in Chol Mayan.' In *BLS 30: Proceedings of the 30th Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society*, ed. Marc Ettliger, Nicholas Fleischer, and Mischa Park-Doob, 34–45. Berkeley: Berkeley Linguistics Society.

#### Published reviews

- Vázquez Álvarez, Juan Jesús and **Jessica Coon** (2017). Review of *Chol (Mayan) Folktales: A collection of stories from the modern Maya of southern Mexico*. By Nicholas A. Hopkins and J. Kathryn Josserand with Ausencio (Chencho) Cruz Guzmán. *International Journal of American Linguistics*, 83, 4: 743–746.

#### Reports

- Working Group on the Role of the University in Supporting Indigenous Languages (Member) (2018). 'Bridging communities and universities through language engagement: A vision for university engagement in the maintenance, revitalization, and strengthening of Indigenous languages.' Published online at: <http://mcgillindigenousslanguagesymposium.ca>

#### Papers under review

1. Coon, Jessica and Stefan Keine (resubmitted). 'Feature gluttony.' (lingbuzz/004224)
2. Coon, Jessica, Nico Baier, and Theodore Levin (submitted). 'Mayan Agent Focus and the Ergative Extraction Constraint: Facts and Fictions Revisited.' (lingbuzz/004545)

#### PRESENTATIONS

##### Refereed Conference and Workshop Presentations

1. AnderBois, Scott, Oscar Chan Dzul, **Jessica Coon**, and Juan Jesús Vázquez Álvarez (2019). 'Las construcciones relativas "super-libres" en lenguas mayas.' Paper to be presented at the *9th Conference on Indigenous Languages of Latin America (CILLA IX)*, University of Texas, Austin.
2. Coon, Jessica, Nico Baier, and Theodore Levin (2019). 'Mayan Agent Focus and the Ergative Extraction Constraint: Facts and fictions revisited.' Paper presented at *Parameters Workshop in Honour of Lisa Travis*, Montreal, Canada.
3. AnderBois, Scott, Oscar Chan Dzul, **Jessica Coon**, and Juan Jesús Vázquez Álvarez (2018). 'Free relatives in Ch'ol and Yucatec Maya and the typology of headless relative clauses.' Paper presented at the *Fifth Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi V)*, Guatemala.

4. Coon, Jessica, Stefan Keine, and Michael Wagner (2017). 'Hierarchy effects in copular constructions: The PCC corner of German.' Poster presented at the *DP 60: A Workshop in Honor of David Pesetsky*, Cambridge, MA.
5. Clemens, Lauren, **Jessica Coon**, Carol-Rose Little, Morelia Vázquez Martínez (2017). 'Encoding focus in Ch'ol spontaneous speech.' Paper presented at *Society for the Study of Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA)*, Austin, TX.
6. Little, Carol-Rose, Morelia Vázquez Martínez, Lauren Clemens, **Jessica Coon** (2016). 'Encoding focus in Ch'ol spontaneous speech.' Paper presented at *Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi) IV*, Yucatan, Mexico.
7. Clemens, Lauren and **Jessica Coon** (2016). 'VOS two ways: A unified account of V1 order in Mayan.' Paper presented at the *47th Northeast Linguistics Society (NELS 47)*, Amherst, MA.
8. Coon, Jessica, Stefan Keine, and Michael Wagner (2016). 'Hierarchy effects in copular constructions: The PCC corner of German.' Poster presented at the *47th Northeast Linguistics Society (NELS 47)*, Amherst, MA.
9. Clemens, Lauren and **Jessica Coon** (2016). '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.
10. Coon, Jessica (2016). '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.
11. Henderson, Robert and **Jessica Coon** (2015). 'When adverbs embed clauses: An explanation of variability in Kaqchikel Agent Focus.' Paper presented at the *46th Northeast Linguistics Society (NELS 46)*, Montreal, Canada.
12. Famularo, Nadia, Madeleine Mees, Tashi Wangyal, and **Jessica Coon** (2015). 'Ergative marking in Dharamsala Tibetan.' Paper presented at *The 48th International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics (ICSTLL 48)*, Santa Barbara, CA.
13. Dunham, Joel, **Jessica Coon**, and Alan Bale (2015). 'LingSync: Web-based software for language documentation.' Paper presented at *International Conference on Language Documentation and Conservation*, Honolulu, HI.
14. Clemens, Lauren and **Jessica Coon** (2015). 'Deriving Mayan V1: A Fresh Look at Chol.' Presented at the *Society for the Study of Indigenous Languages of the Americas*, Portland, Oregon.
15. Carolan, Elizabeth and **Jessica Coon** (2015). 'Negation in Chuj progressives.' Presented at the *Society for the Study of Indigenous Languages of the Americas*, Portland, Oregon.
16. Bale, Alan, **Jessica Coon**, Joel Dunham, Kyle Gorman, and Michael Wagner (2015). 'LingSync and ProsodyLab-Aligner: Tools for Linguistic Fieldwork and Experimentation.' Presented at the 2015 *Linguistics Society of America Annual Meeting*, Portland, Oregon.
17. Clemens, Lauren and **Jessica Coon** (2014). '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.
18. Coon, Jessica (2014). 'Little-*v* agreement: Evidence from Mayan.' Presented at *Workshop on Structure and Constituency of Languages of the Americas (WSCLA)*, Memorial University Newfoundland.
19. Coon, Jessica and Alan Bale (2013). 'The inseparability of person and number in Mi'gmaq.' Presented at *Features in Phonology, Morphology, Syntax, and Semantics*, University of Tromsø/CASTL, Norway.
20. Coon, Jessica and Omer Preminger (2013). 'Asymmetries in differential argument marking.' Presented at *Societas Linguistica Europaea Annual Meeting*, special session on Differential Subject Marking, Split, Croatia.



21. Coon, Jessica and Alan Bale (2013). 'Person and number in Mi'gmaq.' Presented at the *Canadian Linguistics Association*, Victoria, British Columbia.
22. McClay, Elise, Carol Little, Hisako Noguchi, Erin Olson, Alan Bale, **Jessica Coon**, and Gina Cook (2013). '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
23. Henderson, Robert, **Jessica Coon**, and Lisa Travis (2013). 'Micro- and macro-parameters in Mayan syntactic ergativity.' Presented at *Towards a Theory of Syntactic Variation*, Bilbao, Spain.
24. McClay, Elise, Carol Little, Mary-Beth Wysote, Madelaine Metallic, Sarah Vicaire, Travis Wysote, Janine Metallic, and **Jessica Coon** (2013). '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.
25. Clemens, Lauren Eby, **Jessica Coon**, Pedro Mateo Pedro Adam Milton Morgan, Gabrielle Tandet, Maria Polinsky, Matt Wagers (2013). 'Ergativity and the complexity of extraction: A view from Mayan.' Presented at the 31st *West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL)*, Tempe, Arizona.
26. McClay, Elise, Carol Little, Mary-Beth Wysote, Madelaine Metallic, Sarah Vicaire, Travis Wysote, Janine Metallic, and **Jessica Coon** (2012). 'Student Perspectives on Mi'gmaq Language-Learning through Multi-Modal Teaching: A Community-Linguistics Partnership.' Paper presented at the *44th Algonquian Conference*, Chicago, Illinois.
27. Coon, Jessica (2012). 'Predication, predicate fronting, and what it takes to be a verb.' Presented at the 43rd *Northeast Linguistics Society (NELS)*, New York, New York.
28. Bale, Alan and **Jessica Coon** (2012). 'Classifiers are for numerals, not nouns: Evidence from Mi'gmaq and Chol.' Presented at the 43rd *Northeast Linguistics Society (NELS)*, New York, New York.
29. Coon, Jessica (2012). 'Concordancia ergativa y clíticos absolutivos: Evidencia en chol.' Presented at the *2nd Formal Approaches to Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi 2)*, Patzún, Guatemala.
30. Eby Clemens, Lauren, **Jessica Coon**, Peter Graff, Pedro Mateo Pedro, Adam Milton Morgan, Gabrielle Tandet, Maria Polinsky, and Nicolás Arcos López (2012). '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.
31. Coon, Jessica and Omer Preminger (2011). 'Towards a Unified Account of Person Splits.'
  - Paper presented at *WCCFL*, Tucson, Arizona
  - Paper presented at *CLS 47*, Chicago, Illinois
32. Coon, Jessica and Pedro Mateo Pedro (2011). '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.
33. Coon, Jessica and Omer Preminger (2011). 'Transitivity in Chol: A New Argument for the Split VP Hypothesis.' Presented at the *85th Meeting of the LSA*, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
34. Coon, Jessica (2011). 'Prepositions and the Perfective: Deriving Aspect-Based Split Ergativity.' Presented at the *85th Meeting of the LSA*, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
35. Coon, Jessica and Omer Preminger (2010). 'Transitivity in Chol: A New Argument for the Split VP Hypothesis.' Presented at *NELS 41*, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

36. Coon, Jessica and Pedro Mateo Pedro (2010). 'Extraction and Embedding in Two Mayan Languages.' Presented at *Formal Approaches to Mayan Linguistics*, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts.
37. Coon, Jessica (2009). 'Rethinking Aspect Based Split Ergativity.' Presented at *EHU International Workshop on Ergativity*, University of the Basque Country, Bilbao, Spain.
38. Coon, Jessica (2009). '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.
39. Coon, Jessica and Omer Preminger (2008). 'Posicionales y Pasivos en Chol.' Presented at *X Encuentro Internacional de Lingüística en el Noreste*, University of Sonora, Hermosillo, Mexico.
40. Coon, Jessica (2008). '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.
41. Coon, Jessica and Andrés Salanova (2008). 'Nominalization and Predicate Fronting: Two Sources of Ergativity.' Presented at *The 32nd Penn Linguistics Colloquium*, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
42. Gallagher, Gillian and **Jessica Coon** (2008). 'Identity and Consonant Harmony in Chol.' Presented at *The sixteenth Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe*, Paris, France.
43. Coon, Jessica (2008). 'Interrogative Possessors and the Problem with Pied-Piping in Chol Mayan.' Presented at *82nd Annual Meeting of the LSA*, Chicago, Illinois.
44. Coon, Jessica and Gillian Gallagher (2007). 'Similarity and Correspondence in Chol Roots.' Presented at *NELS 38*, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada.
45. Coon, Jessica (2007). 'Interrogative Possessors and the Problem with Pied-Piping in Chol Mayan.' Presented at *NELS 38*, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada.
46. Coon, Jessica (2007). 'Counting with verbs in Chol Mayan.' Presented at *Workshop on Determiners and Classifiers*, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada.
47. Coon, Jessica (2007). 'VOS as predicate-fronting in Chol Mayan.' Presented at *Workshop on V1/V2*, University of Leiden, Leiden, The Netherlands.
48. Coon, Jessica (2007). 'Right-specifiers vs. V-movement: VOS in Chol.' Presented at *The SSILA Annual Meeting*, Anaheim, California.
49. Coon, Jessica (2006). 'Existentials and two types of negation in Chol Mayan.' Presented at *CamLing*, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK.
50. Coon, Jessica and Kirill Shklovsky (2005). 'Cliticization and affixation in two Mayan languages.' Presented at *The SSILA Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, California.
51. Coon, Jessica (2004). 'Nominal roots and stem formation in Chol Mayan.' Presented at *The Harvard Undergraduate Linguistics Colloquium*, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.
52. Coon, Jessica (2004). '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

- [2020] 'TBA.' Colloquium talk, UCSD.
- [2020] 'TBA.' Colloquium talk, UCLA.

- 2019 'Feature gluttony and the syntax of hierarchy effects.' Colloquium talk, University of Ottawa.
- 2019 'Intervention as gluttony.' Invited talk, *Workshop on Approaches to Wh-Intervention*, National University Singapore, Singapore (presenting collaborative work with Stefan Keine).
- 2019 'Mayan Agent Focus and the Ergative Extraction Constraint: Facts and fictions revisited.' Plenary talk, *Florida Linguistics Yearly Meeting*, University of Florida, Gainesville (presenting collaborative work with Nico Baier and Theodore Levin).
- 2019 'Mayan Agent Focus and the Ergative Extraction Constraint: Facts and fictions revisited.' Colloquium talk, UC Berkeley (presenting collaborative work with Nico Baier and Theodore Levin).
- 2019 'Feature gluttony and the syntax of hierarchy effects.' Invited presentation, Stanford University, Syntax and Morphology Group (presenting collaborative work with Stefan Keine).'
- 2018 'Verb-initial word order in Mayan: Causes and consequences.' Colloquium talk, Memorial University Newfoundland.
- 2018 'Feature gluttony and the syntax of hierarchy effects.' Colloquium talk, University of Calgary (presenting collaborative work with Stefan Keine).
- 2018 'Construyendo verbos en chuj y ch'ol.' Plenary talk, *Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics V*, Guatemala.
- 2018 'Headless relative clauses in Ch'ol.' *Headless relative clauses in Mesoamerican languages*, CIESAS-Sureste, San Cristóbal de las Casas, Mexico (with Juan Jesús Vázquez Álvarez).
- 2018 'Distinguiendo adjetivos y cláusulas relativas en chuj (con la ayuda del ch'ol).'
- *Primer Encuentro de Estudios sobre el Chuj*, UNAM, Mexico City
  - CIESAS-Sureste, San Cristóbal de las Casas, Mexico.
- 2018 'La composición de la estatividad en chuj.' Taller Chuj, UNAM, Mexico City (with Robert Henderson, Paulina Elias, and Justin Royer).
- 2018 'Feature gluttony and the syntax of hierarchy effects.' Workshop: *Current Issues in Comparative Syntax: Connecting Past, Present and Future*, Singapore (presenting collaborative work with Stefan Keine).
- 2017 'Feature gluttony and the syntax of hierarchy effects.' Colloquium talk, Princeton University (presenting collaborative work with Stefan Keine).
- 2017 'Verb-initial word order in Mayan: Causes and consequences.' Plenary talk, CILLA, Austin, Texas (with Lauren Clemens).
- 2017 'Feature gluttony and hierarchy effects.' Colloquium talk, Cornell University (presenting collaborative work with Stefan Keine).

- 2017 'Hierarchy effects in copular constructions: The PCC corner of German.' Talk presented at the *Manitoba Workshop on Person* (with Stefan Keine and Michael Wagner).
- 2017 'Building verbs in Chuj: Consequences for the nature of roots.'
- Colloquium talk, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
  - Colloquium talk, University of Chicago.
- 2016 'What's in Pred<sup>0</sup>? Functional Categories and the Parameterization of Predication.' Talk presented at *What's in a Label? The categorial status of functional categories*, Arrezzo, 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.

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### Public lectures and outreach

- [2020] 'The linguistics of *Arrival*: What can an alien writing system tell us about human language?' Plenary talk, Grapholinguistics in the 21st Century, Paris, June 2020.
- 2020 'Linguistics and Indigenous languages.' Invited talk, *Onkewehonwehnéha Tewathahíta: Kanien'kéha is an Asset!*, Skátne, Kahnawá:ke, Canada.
- 2020 'The linguistics of *Arrival*: Aliens, fieldwork, and Universal Grammar.' CogFest, Center for Cognitive & Brain Sciences, The Ohio State University, February 2020.
- 2019 'The linguistics of *Arrival*: Aliens, fieldwork, and Universal Grammar.'
- Annual *Babel Lecture*, University of Huddersfield, England, May 2019.
  - University of Florida Linguistics Department, Gainesville, April 2019.
- 2018 'The linguistics of *Arrival*: Aliens, fieldwork, and Universal Grammar.'
- Liverpool Biennial, October 2018.
  - University of Calgary, September 2018.
  - *Montréal Language Fest*, Montreal, August 2018.
  - Commencement speech at Berkeley Linguistics Department graduation ceremony, May 2018.
- 2018 'Lenguas en peligro y documentación lingüística.' *Taller de documentación ch'ol*. Universidad Intercultural de Tabasco (with Juan Jesús Vázquez Álvarez).
- 2017 'La importancia de la diversidad lingüística.' *Taller del Field Station Guatemala*, Universidad del Valle de Guatemala, Altiplano.
- 2017 'Mayan languages and linguistics.' *Midis autochtones*, UQAM, Canada.
- 2017 'The linguistics of *Arrival*: Aliens, fieldwork, and Universal Grammar.'
- Princeton University Translation Lunch Lecture Series, December 2017.
  - Global Machine Intelligence Summit (GMIS), Beijing China, May 2017.
  - Google, Montreal, May 2017.
  - Silicon Valley Comic Con, San Jose, California, April 2017.
  - McGill Cog-Sci speaker series, March 2017.
  - McGill Public *AstroNight*, March 2017.
  - McGill *National Integrative Research Conference (NiRC)*, March 2017.
  - McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, January 2017.
- 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 Mi'gmaq Language-Learning through Multi-Modal Teaching: A Community-Linguistics Partnership.' Paper presented at *L'nui'sultinej: Let us Speak Mi'kmaq*, 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)

**Invited teaching**

- Summer 2019 Invited instructor at *Eastern Generative Grammar (EGG) Summer School*, Wraclaw, Poland.
- Introduction to Ergativity
  - Mini-course: Hierarchy Effects
- Fall 2017 Invited instructor for *Project on the morpho-syntax and semantics of Headless Relative Clauses in Mesoamerican languages*, CIESAS-Sureste, San Cristóbal de las Casas, Chiapas, Mexico.

**McGill Courses**

- Winter 2019 LING 675, *Syntax 4 (graduate seminar, Hierarchy Effects)*  
 Winter 2015 LING 675, *Syntax 4 (graduate seminar, Case and Agreement)*
- Fall 2019 LING 671, *Syntax 3 (1st semester graduate syntax)*  
 Fall 2015
- Winter 2016 LING 410, *Structure of a Specific Language: The Mayan Family*  
 Winter 2014
- Winter 2020 LING 415/610, *Linguistic Field Methods: Malagasy*  
 Winter 2017 LING 415/610, *Linguistic Field Methods: Bobangi (with Morgan Sonderegger)*  
 Winter 2016 LING 415/610, *Linguistic Field Methods: Kabyle (with Morgan Sonderegger)*  
 Fall 2014 LING 415/610, *Linguistic Field Methods: Tibetan*  
 Fall 2011 LING 415/610, *Linguistic Field Methods: Mi'gmaq (with Michael Wagner)*
- Winter 2019 LING 201, *Introduction to Linguistics (with Heather Goad)*  
 Fall 2018 LING 201, *Introduction to Linguistics (with Francisco Torreira)*  
 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 2020 LING 488, *Independent Study, Georges Awaad, Topics in Chuj phonology*  
 Fall 2019 LING 488, *Independent Study, Kanontienentha Brass, Vanessa Racine, Indigenous Language Revitalization*

Fall 2017	LING 499, <i>Independent Study</i> , Paulina Elias, Chuj positionals
Winter 2017	LING 488, <i>Independent Study</i> , Sarah Mihuc, Chuj grammar
Winter 2016	LING 488, <i>Independent Study</i> , Douglas Gordon, Mi'gmaq verb structure
Winter 2015	LING 488, <i>Independent Study</i> , Lorna D'Sa, Nadia Famularo, Maggie Haughey, Madeleine Mees, Tibetan Field Methods cont.
Fall 2014	LING 499, <i>Internship in Linguistics</i> , Douglas Gordon, Mi'gmaq Partnership
Winter 2014	LING 488, <i>Independent Study</i> , Jieliu Liu, Anthropological Linguistics
Fall 2013	LING 488, <i>Independent Study</i> , Louisa Bielig, Inuktitut Morphology
Fall 2013	LING 488, <i>Independent Study</i> , Liwen Hou, Topics in Syntax

### As Lecturer

Spring 2011	LING 24.942, <i>Topics in the Grammar of a Less Familiar Language: Kaqchikel</i> , MIT, (with Michael Kenstowicz)
Spring 2011	LING 204, Advanced syntax seminar: <i>Topics in the Syntax of Verb Initial Languages</i> , Harvard (with Maria Polinsky)
Fall 2010	Lecturer for LING 83 <i>Language, Culture, and Cognition</i> , Harvard, primary instructor Maria Polinsky. Taught syntax component of the course.

## ADVISING AND SUPERVISION

### Academic advising

#### PhD dissertation supervision

- Clint Parker, PhD dissertation supervisor. 2019–present.
- Jurij Božič, PhD dissertation co-supervisor (with Lisa Travis). 2018–present.
- Carol-Rose Little (Cornell University), PhD dissertation committee member. 2017–present.
- Henrison Hsieh, PhD dissertation committee member (with Junko Shimoyama and Lisa Travis), 2017–present.
- Jiajia Su, PhD dissertation committee member (with Lydia White and Lisa Travis). *Plurality in second language Chinese*, 2017–2019.
- Justin Rill (University of Delaware), PhD dissertation committee member. *The morphology and syntax of ergativity: A typological approach*, 2017.
- Michael Hamilton, PhD dissertation supervisor. *The syntax of Mi'gmaq: A configurational account*, 2013–2015.
- 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.

#### PhD evaluation paper supervision

- Jacob Hoover, PhD evaluation paper committee member (with Tim O'Donnell). 2019–present.
- Justin Royer, PhD evaluation paper co-supervisor (with Michael Wagner). 2019–present.
- Matthieu Paillé, PhD evaluation paper supervisor (with Nico Baier). *VSO in Colloquial Malay*. 2018–2019.
- Clinton Parker, PhD evaluation paper supervisor (with Janine Metallic). *Painting the picture of Indigenous Language Revitalization in Canada: Context and practices*. 2018–2019.



- Justin Royer, PhD evaluation paper co-supervisor (with Aron Hirsch). *The role of noun classifiers in the composition of the DP in Chuj (Mayan)*. 2018–2019.
- Clinton Parker, PhD evaluation paper co-supervisor (with Lisa Travis). *Agreement, clitic doubling, and vestigial ergativity in Shughni*, 2017–2018.
- Khokha Fahloune (UQÀM), PhD evaluation paper committee member. *Accord ou redoublement de clitique? Retour sur les marqueurs sujet et objet en kabyle*. 2017–2018.
- Jurij Božič, PhD evaluation paper co-supervisor (with Lisa Travis). *Non-Local Allomorphy in a Strictly Local System*, 2016–2017.
- 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

- Tarynne Pachano, MA in Indigenous Language Revitalization co-supervisor (with Janine Metallic, Education). 2019–present.
- Dejan Milacic, MA thesis co-supervisor (with Bernhard Schwarz). *On the limits of number features: The case for a non-featural dual*, 2017.
- Colin Brown, MA thesis supervisor (with Lisa Travis). *Extraction restrictions in Gitksan*, 2016.
- Yuliya Manyakina, MA thesis co-supervisor (with Lisa Travis). *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

- Benjamin Oldham, BA Honours thesis supervisor, *Syntactic variation in Chichewa applicatives*, 2019.
- Lydia Felice, BA Honours thesis supervisor, *The free state and construct state in Kabyle*, 2017.
- Sarah Mihuc, BA Honours thesis co-supervisor (with Michael Wagner) *Focus, extraction, and anti-agreement in Kabyle*, 2017.
- Justin Royer (Concordia University), BA Honours thesis co-supervisor (with Alan Bale), *Classifiers, pronouns, and referentiality in Chuj (Mayan)*, 2016.
- Cora Lesure, BA Honours thesis co-supervisor (with Lauren Clemens) *Prosodic boundary marking in Ch'ol: Acoustic indicators and their applications*, 2016.
- Louisa Bielig, 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.

## Post-doctoral fellows and visiting scholars

- Martina Martinović — Post-doctoral research fellow (SSHRC Insight Grant), 2019.
- Nico Baier — Post-doctoral research fellow (SSHRC Insight Grant), 2018–present.
- Carolyn Anderson — Fulbright Fellow (Mi'gmaq Research Partnership), 2015.
- Lauren Eby Clemens — Post-doctoral research fellow (co-supervised with Lisa Travis), 2014–2015.

- Michael Erlewine — Post-doctoral research fellow (co-supervised with Lisa Travis and Michael Wagner), 2014–2015.
- Richard Compton — Post-doctoral research fellow (Mi'gmaq Research Partnership), 2013–2014.
- Conor Quinn — Visiting scholar, 2013.

#### Research Assistants

- Georges Awaad (BA) – Chuj language research, 2019–present.
- Vanessa Racine (BA) – Linguistic research on Ojibwe, Summer 2019
- Colin Jacobs & Clara Saliba (BA) – Linguistic research, 2019–present
- Benjamin Oldham (BA) – Linguistic fieldwork book research assistance (McGill ARIA Award), Summer 2018.
- Paulina Elias (BA) – Chuj language research (McGill ARIA Social Equity Award), Summer 2017.
- 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 Bielig (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, 2012–2016.
- 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.

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#### ACADEMIC SERVICE

#### Conferences and workshops organized

- Organizer of *Workshop on Parameters in Honour of Lisa Travis*, Montreal, QC, May 2019.
- Co-organizer of Montreal Amazigh Workshop, Montreal, QC, March 2019.
- Co-organizer of Ch'ol language documentation and transcription workshop; three-workshop series, Chiapas, Mexico, February (UIT Tabasco), March (UNICH Yajalón), June 2018 (CIESAS-Sureste)
- Co-organizer of Afternoon Bantu Workshop, McGill, May 2017
- Co-organizer of Kabyle Mini Workshop, McGill, April 2016
- 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
- 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

#### External examiner for non-McGill theses

- Clarissa Forbes. 2018. 'Agreement in Tsimshianic: Splits and persistent ergativity.' PhD dissertation, University of Toronto.
- Antonia Santíz Girón. 2018. 'Los clasificadores y especificadores numerales en tseltal de Tenejapa.' MA thesis, Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social (CIESAS), México.

#### Reviewing

- Positions held:
  - Editorial Board, *Open Generative Syntax* open access book series, 2016–present
  - Associate Editorial Board, *Linguistic Inquiry*, 2012–2017
- Review committees:
  - SSHRC Connection Grant review panel, 2013, 2019
- Ad hoc journal reviewing:
  - *Linguistic Inquiry*: 2012 (2), 2013 (2), 2014 (2), 2015 (1), 2016 (1), 2018 (1), 2019 (2)
  - *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*: 2012 (1); 2015 (1); 2016 (1); 2017 (1); 2018 (2); 2019 (1)
  - *Language*: 2016 (1), 2017 (1)
  - *Syntax*: 2012 (1), 2013 (1)
  - *Glossa*: 2018 (1); 2019 (1)
  - *Journal of Linguistics*: 2017 (1), 2018 (1)
  - *International Journal of American Linguistics*: 2010 (1); 2017 (1); 2018 (2)
  - *Linguistic Variation*: 2018 (1)
  - *Studies in Language*: 2016 (1)
  - *Cuadernos de Lingüística*: 2016 (1)
  - *Revista Pueblos y Fronteras Digital*: 2019 (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)
- *Southwest Journal of Linguistics*: 2010 (1)
- Ad hoc book/book chapter reviewing:
  - CONACyT (Mexico): 2018 (1)
  - Oxford University Press: 2018 (2); 2019 (1)
  - 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:
  - Northeast Linguistics Society (NELS): 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2019
  - West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL): 2012, 2014, 2016, 2017
  - Workshop on Structure and Constituency of Languages of the Americas (WSCLA): 2018, 2019
  - Chicago Linguistics Society: 2014
  - Linguistics Society of America (LSA): 2012
  - *Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi)*: 2014, 2016, 2018
  - *International Conference on Yucatec Linguistics (ICYL)*: 2012
  - Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA): 2011
  - *Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW)*: 2010, 2015, 2016
  - *GLOW in Asia*: 2016, 2019
  - McGill Parameters Workshop: 2019
- Ad hoc grant reviewing:
  - SSHRC Canada Research Chair: 2017 (1)
  - National Science Foundation: 2012 (1), 2013 (1)
  - *Endangered Languages Documentation Programme*: 2014 (1)

### **Service to McGill Linguistics Department**

- Chair, Syntax search committee, 2018–2019
- Undergraduate Advisor, Fall 2013–2017
- Syntax (temporary position) job search committee, 2017
- Linguistics Chair Selection Committee, 2016, 2019
- PhD oral defense committee membership
  - 2019 – Francesco Gentile, PhD oral defense committee, chair’s delegate. *Modal Adjectives and the Grammar of Non-local Modification*.
  - 2019 – Jiajia Su, PhD oral defense Internal Examiner. *Plurality in second-language Chinese*.
  - 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
- Co-organizer of McGill Agreement Reading Group, 2013–2014
- Departmental Admissions Committee, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
- Colloquium co-organizer, 2012–2016
- Co-organizer of McGill Ergativity Lab, 2012–2017
- Organizer of McGill Algonquian Reading Group, 2012–2013
- Speaker at SLUM's "Future Week" career panel, 2012, 2016
- Creation and editing of departmental blog *McLing*, 2011–2017
- Web committee member, 2011–2017
- McCCLU conference faculty liaison, 2011–2017
- Syntax (temporary position) job search committee, 2012
- Phonology job search committee, 2011–2012

#### **Service to McGill University**

- Director, Mellon Foundation Indigenous Studies and Community Engagement Initiative, 2019–present.
- Chair, Joint search for Provostial position in Indigenous Languages, joint between Linguistics (Arts) and Department of Integrated Studies in Education (Education), 2019–2020
- Selection committee member, Principal's Prize for Outstanding Emerging Researchers, 2019
- Chair, Joint search for Provostial position in Indigenous Languages, joint between Linguistics (Arts) and Department of Integrated Studies in Education (Education), 2018–2019
- Co-organizer, McGill Symposium on the Role of the University in Supporting Indigenous Languages, 2018
- McGill Inter-Faculty Committee on Indigenous Languages, 2017–2019
- 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, 2013–2017
- 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; Epidemiology 2017
- Mentor for McGill Staff–Student Mentoring Program, 2011–2012

#### **Other service**

- Invited panel chair for Blue Metropolis International Literary Festival panel for Indigenous authors, *Do you speak Indigenous?*, May 2019.
  - *Breaking Through the STEM Ceiling for Women*, invited panel member, Silicon Valley Comic Con, April 2017
  - ANVILS (*A National Vision for Indigenous Language Sustainability*) Workshop, invited participant, July 2016
  - 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
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#### MEMBERSHIPS

- Canadian Linguistics Association
  - Linguistics Society of America
  - Society for the Study of Indigenous Languages of the Americas
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#### OTHER EMPLOYMENT

- Consulting linguist for science fiction film *Arrival* by Paramount Motion Pictures, 2015 (see <http://jessica.lingspace.org/arrival> for details)
  - 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, Bobangi (Bantu)

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