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Academic appointments

2013 Assistant Professor, Department of Linguistics, Cornell University
2011-2013 Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow, Cornell University
Project Title: *Language and Gender: From Grammar to Society*

Education

2006 – 2011 **Ph.D.** Linguistics, University of Connecticut
Dissertation: “Syntax in the Absence of Determiner Phrase”
Committee: Željko Bošković (chair), Jonathan Bobaljik, Susi Wurmbrand
2002 – 2005 **M.A.** Linguistics – Turkish language teaching, Ankara University, Turkey
1997 – 2002 **B.A.** Turkish Language and Literature, University of Belgrade, Serbia

Research Interests

Syntax, Morphology, Semantics, Slavic Linguistics, Turkish Linguistics, Language and Gender

Fellowships, Grants and Awards

2018-2019 Co-Principal Investigator on the NSF Grant #1852744: Doctoral Dissertation Research: Investigating Overt Definite Articles and Grammatical Variation. (Principal Investigator: Sarah Murray, Co-Principal Investigator: Carol-Rose Little)
2018 Cornell Graduate and Professional Student Assembly’s Faculty Teaching, Advising, and Mentorship Award
2017 – 2018 Engaged Opportunity Grant (EOG): *Ch’oi Language Preservation through a Community-Linguistics Partnership*. [with Carol-Rose Little, Mia Wiegand (Cornell graduate linguistics students) and José Armando Fernández Guerrero (Cornell undergraduate linguistics student)]
2011 – 2013 Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship, Cornell University
2010 – 2011 Graduate Dissertation Fellowship, Humanities Institute, University of Connecticut
2008 – 2011 Global Supplementary Grant Program, Open Society Institute (OSI)
2006 – 2009 Graduate School Outstanding Scholar Program Award, University of Connecticut

Publications

Peer-reviewed publications

- Forthcoming (Non-)Intersective Adjectives and Root Suppletion. *The Linguistic Review* (Special Issue of Roots V).
- Forthcoming On Kinds and Anaphoricity in Languages without Definite Articles. In Aguilar Guevara, Ana, Julia Pozas and Violeta Vázquez-Rojas (eds.) *Definiteness Across Languages*. LangSci series “Studies in Diversity Linguistics”. LangSci Press, 143-177.
- 2018 On Binary Features and Disagreeing Natural Classes. *The Linguistic Review* 35 (2): 219-241. (with Sarah Murray) <https://doi.org/10.1515/tlr-2017-0025>
- 2018 A Cyclic and Multiple Agree account: Person/number marking in Cheyenne. *Natural Language and linguistic Theory*. (with Mike Hamilton and Sarah Murray) <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11049-018-9405-4>.
- 2017 Investigations on Mixed Agreement: Polite Plurals, Hybrid Nouns and Coordinate Structures. *Morphology* 27: 253-310. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11525-017-9301-3>
- 2017 Suspended Morphology in Serbian: Clitics vs. Affixes. *Glossa: a journal of general linguistics*, 2(1), 12. DOI: <http://doi.org/10.5334/gigl.130>. 1-43.
- 2016 Morfologija inflektivnih kategorija u okviru teorije markiranosti (Inflectional Morphology within the Markedness Theory) *Srpski jezik u savremenoj lingvističkoj teoriji (Serbian Language in Contemporary Linguistic Theory)* ed. by Arsenijević, Boban and Sabina Halupka Rešetar. University of Niš, Serbia.
- 2016 Coordinating Gender: What can Coordinate Structure Agreement Tell us about Gender?. *Studies in Polish Linguistics*, 2016 (2).
- 2015 Phases, reflexives and definiteness, *Syntax*. 18:3, September 2015, 201–234.
- 2013 Binding and the structure of NP in Serbo-Croatian, *Linguistic Inquiry*, 44(2): 239-270.
- 2013 Intensifiers, focus, and clitics: is pronoun position truly an argument for D in Serbo-Croatian? *Nominal Constructions in Slavic and Beyond* ed. by Lilia Schürcks, Anastasia Giannakidou, Urtzi Etxeberria, Peter Kosta. De Gruyter (Studies in Generative Grammar), 39-74. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter.

Proceedings of refereed conferences and working papers

- Accepted Linking agreement and anticausality: Semantic effects of agreement on exclusives in Serbian. Proceedings of Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistic 27 (FASL 27). Stanford University, May 4-6. (with Mia Wiegand)
- To Appear Syntactic & post-syntactic aspects of Algonquian theme signs. NELS 48. University of Iceland. (with Mike Hamilton)
- To Appear Negative Imperatives and Aspect: A Phase-based Approach. *Current developments in Slavic Linguistics. Twenty years after* (based on selected papers from FDSL 11 and a guest paper by N. Chomsky) eds. Peter Kosta & Teodora Radeva-Bork.

- 2017 Despić, M., M. Hamilton and S. Murray. 2017. Multiple and Cyclic Agree: Person/Number Marking in Cheyenne. *Proceedings of the 34th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, ed. by Aaron Kaplan, Abby Kaplan, Miranda K. McCarvel, and Edward J. Rubin, 167-176. Cascadilla Proceedings Project, Somerville, MA, USA.
- 2014 Reanalyzing Serbo-Croatian long form adjectives - the feminine paradigm. *University of Connecticut Working Papers in Linguistics*.
- 2013 A note on paucal, agreement and case. *Proceedings of the Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics 20*, MIT.
- 2011 On two types of pronouns and the so-called ‘movement to D’ in Serbo-Croatian. *Proceedings of the Northeast Linguistic Society 39*, Cornell.
- 2011 Some “non-intersective” adjectives are genuinely noun-taking. *Proceedings of the Northeast Linguistic Society 39*, Cornell. [with Yael Sharvit].
- 2010 Markedness and marked features in Serbian. *Proceedings of the Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics 18*, Cornell.
- 2009 On the structure of the Serbo-Croatian noun phrase – evidence from binding. *Proceedings of the Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics 17*, Yale.

In Progress

- Quantificational scope of Serbian exclusives A syntax-semantics interface account. (with Mia Wiegand).
- Markedness and Algonquian Theme Signs. (with Mike Hamilton).
- Negative Imperatives, Aspect and Agree: From Locality to Argument Structure
- Case-Gender Syncretisms and Binary Features

Presentations

Conference presentations

- 2018 Linking agreement and anticausality: Semantic effects of agreement on exclusives in Serbian. *Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistic 27 (FASL 27)*. Stanford University, May 4-6. (with Mia Wiegand)
- 2017 Syntactic and Post-Syntactic Aspects of Algonquian Theme Signs. *Northeast Linguistic Society (NELS) 48*, University of Iceland, Reykjavik, October 27-29 (with Mike Hamilton).
- 2017 (Non-)Intersective Adjectives and Root Suppletion. *Roots V*. Department of Linguistics of Queen Mary, University of London and the Department of Linguistics of University College London, June 17-18.
- 2017 Algonquian Theme Signs: A Markedness Account. *Workshop on Structure and Constituency in Languages of the Americas (WSCLA 2017)*. University of British Columbia, April 21-23. (with Mike Hamilton)
- 2016 (with Mike Hamilton) Theme Signs and Multiple Argument Indexing. *48th Algonquian Conference*, University of Wisconsin, October 14-16.
- 2016 On kinds and anaphoricity in languages without definite articles. *Dimensions of D Workshop*. University of Rochester, September 17-18.

- 2016 Anaphoricity and Kinds (in Languages) without Definite Articles. *Definiteness across Languages Conference*. National Autonomous University of Mexico, June 22-24.
- 2016 Elided Morphology: Clitics vs. Affixes. *Ellipsis across Borders Conference*. Univeristy College London and Filizofski Fakultet Sarajevo, Sarajevo, June 20-21.
- 2016 (with Mike Hamilton and Sarah Murray). Multiple and Cyclic Agree: Person/Number Marking in Cheyenne. The West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 34), The University of Utah, April 29-May 1.
- 2016 (with Mike Hamilton and Sarah Murray). A syntactic account of person/number marking in Cheyenne. *Generative Linguistics in the Old World 39*, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, April 5-7.
- 2016 (with Mike Hamilton and Sarah Murray). Agreement in Cheyenne: A Syntactic Account. *Workshop on Structure and Constituency in Languages of the Americas 21*, Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM), Montréal, April 1-3.
- 2015 Aspect and Negative Imperatives: A Phase-based Approach. *Formal Description of Slavic Languages 11*, Potsdam, December 2-4.
- 2015 Negative imperatives and aspect: From locality to argument structure. *Workshop on Aspect*, Cornell, October 3-4.
- 2015 Possessives Reflexives and the Phase-based Binding Theory. *48th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europae (SLE)*, workshop “Locally bound possessives as a window on language structure”, Leiden University Centre for Linguistics (LUCL), Leiden, September 2 – 5 (invited to submit).
- 2014 On Binary Features and Disagreeing Natural Classes: Evidence from Cheyenne and Serbian (with Sarah Murray). *Mellon Humanities Corridor Workshop in Theoretical and Experimental Linguistics*, Syracuse University Hall of Languages, Room 207, December 6-7.
- 2014 Cheyenne and the typology of person features. *46th Algonquian Conference*, Mohegan Tribal Nation, Uncasville, Connecticut, 23-26 October.
- 2011 Paucals, pronouns and agreement in Serbo-Croatian. *Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics*, MIT, May 13-15.
- 2010 Interpretation and Morphology of Definite Adjectives - Clitics vs. Affixes. *Chicago Linguistic Society*. April 08.
- 2010 On the morpho-semantics of “definite” adjectives. *Georgetown Linguistics Society (GLS) 2010: Sound, Structure, Meaning: Explorations at the Interface*, February 14.
- 2009 Clitics, affixes and the interpretation of definite adjectives. *SYNC Yale*, December 5.
- 2009 On markedness and marked features in Serbian. *Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics 18 (FASL 18)*, Cornell, May 17.
- 2008 On the structure of the Serbo-Croatian noun phrase – evidence from binding. *Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics 17*, Yale, May 9.
- 2008 On two types of pronouns and the so-called ‘movement to D’ in Serbo-Croatian. *North East Linguistic Society 39*, Cornell, November 7.
- 2008 Some non-intersective adjectives are genuinely noun-taking. *North East Linguistic Society 39*, Cornell, November 8 [with Yael Sharvit].
- 2008 On binding and the structure of NP in Serbo-Croatian. *Slavic Linguistics Society 3 (SLS-3)*, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, June.

Invited presentations

- 2019 On Some Properties of Left Branch Extraction: Extraction and/or Scattered Deletion. *Keio-Nanzan One Day Workshop on Minimalist Syntax*. Keio University, Department of Linguistics. June 08.
- 2019 On the Nature of Syntactic Probing in Algonquian: Its Exceptionality, Variation and Limits (Joint work with Mike Hamilton and Sarah Murray). *Keio-Nanzan One Day Workshop on Minimalist Syntax*. Keio University, Department of Linguistics. June 08.
- 2017 O Hibridnom Slaganju u Srpskom: Vi iz Poštovanja, Hibridne Imenice i Koordinacija. (On Mixed Agreement in Serbian: Polite Plurals, Hybrid Nouns and Coordinate Structures). *Linguistics Colloquium*, University of Niš Department of Linguistics, Serbia, May 22.
- 2017 Investigations on Mixed Agreement: Polite Plurals, Hybrid Nouns and Coordinate Structures. *Linguistics Colloquium*. Cornell Department of Linguistics. February 22.
- 2016 Investigations on Mixed Agreement: Polite Plurals, Hybrid Nouns and Coordinate Structures. *Syntax Interface Lecture Series*. Universiteit Utrecht. October 24.
- 2016 Investigations on Mixed Agreement: Polite Plurals, Hybrid Nouns and Coordinate Structures. *LinG Colloquium, Linguistics in Göttingen*, Georg-August-Universität October 25.
- 2016 Negative Imperatives, Aspect and Agree: From Locality to Argument Structure. *LinG Colloquium, Linguistics in Göttingen*, Georg-August-Universität October 26.
- 2016 On Negative Imperatives, Aspect and Argument Structure. *General Lecture*. The St. Petersburg Institute of Linguistics, Cognition and Culture (NYI), St. Petersburg State University, St. Petersburg, July 14.
- 2015 Negative Imperatives, Aspect and Agree: From Locality to Argument Structure. Nanzan University, Nagoya, Japan, December 12.
- 2015 Some Issues in the Theory of Nominal Domain: Reflexive Possessives, Left Branch Extraction and Quantifier Raising. Mie University, Japan, July 10.
- 2014 On Negative Imperatives, Aspect and Agree(ment). Cornell Undergraduate Linguistics Colloquium (CULC). April 26-27.
- 2013 *Got D? A round table on determiner status in article-less languages* – a panel participant (with Solveiga Armoskaite, Greg Carlson, and Carrie Gillon); University of Rochester, December 06.
- 2013 Binding, Phases and Definiteness Marking, Cornell University, Department of Linguistics, February 07.
- 2013 Some Issues in the Morphosemantics of Comparative Suppletion, Cornell University, February 08.
- 2013 Negative Imperatives and Aspect, University of Connecticut, Department of Linguistics, January 28.
- 2012 Commentator. *Workshop on Suspended Affixation*. Cornell University, October 26-27.
- 2012 Commentator. *Semantics of Under-Represented Languages in the Americas* – (SULA 7). Cornell University, May 4-6.

- 2012 Reflexives and Definiteness Marking - A Phase-Based Analysis. Colloquium Talk, Cornell University, April 26.
- 2012 Phases, Reflexives and Definiteness Marking. – Colloquium Talk, Stony Brook University, February 24.
- 2009 The universal DP hypothesis and binding – the case of Serbo-Croatian. *Syntax Colloquium Series*, Yale, October 30.

Fellowship presentations

- 2012 Grammatical Gender and Linguistic Relativity. *Cornell University Society for the Humanities, Fellow Lecture*. October 31.
- 2011 Definiteness and Languages without Articles. *University of Connecticut Humanities Institute, Fellow Lecture*. March 15.

Teaching

- Fall 2019 Ling 4403 Syntax I; Ling 3303 Intro to Syntax and Semantics
- Spring 2019 Parental Leave
- Fall 2018 Ling 1101 – Introduction to Linguistics, Ling 4423 – Morphology
- Spring 2018 Ling 6404 – Syntax II, Ling 7159 – Syntax Seminar
- Fall 2017 Ling 1101 – Introduction to Linguistics, Ling 3303 – Introduction to Syntax and Semantics
- Spring 2017 Ling 4423 – Morphology; Ling 7712 – Syntax Seminar
- Summer 2016 Morphology: the structure of words. The St. Petersburg Institute of Linguistics, Cognition and Culture (NYI), St. Petersburg State University, St. Petersburg, Russia, July 11-29.
- Spring 2016 Ling 4423 – Morphology, Ling 7712 – Syntax Seminar
- Spring 2015 Ling 4423 – Morphology
- Fall 2014 Ling 4403 Syntax I; Ling 3303 Intro to Syntax and Semantics
- Spring 2014 Ling 7712 - 101 Syntax Seminar; Ling 4423 – Morphology
- Fall 2013 Ling 4403: Syntax I
- Spring 2013 Ling 4423 – Morphology
- Fall 2012 Ling 6616, Topics in Syntactic Theory
- Spring 2012 Ling 4423 – Morphology
- Fall 2011 Ling 7712 – Syntax Seminar (with Molly Diesing)

Advising (outside of Cornell)

Graduate Dissertation Committee Member: Dunja Veselinović (past)
NYU Linguistics Department

Advising (at Cornell)

Graduate Dissertation (Co-)Chair: Mary Moroney (current)
Carol-Rose Little (current)
Hasan Sezer (current)

Graduate Dissertation Committee Member:

Shohini Bhattacharya (current)
Jacob Collard (current)
Simone De Lemos (current)
Ryan Hearn (current)
Hankyul Kim (current)
Zachary Smith (current)
Mia Wiegand (current)
Ekarina Winarto (current)
Esra Kesici (past)
Nan Li (past)

Graduate Special Committee Chair:

Jasmim Drigo (current)
Mia Gong (current)
Eszter Otott-Kovacs (current)
Brynhildur Stefánsdóttir (current)
Lingzi Zhuang (current)
Carol-Rose Little (past)
Hasan Sezer (past)
Jennifer Wiegand (past)
Ekarina Winarto (past)

Graduate Special Committee Member:

Kevin Kwong (current)
Joseph Rhyne (current)
Hitomi Minamida (past)
Eszter Otott-Kovacs (past)
Brynhildur Stefánsdóttir (past)
Shohini Bhattacharya (past)
Ryan Hearn (past)
Emily Barth (past)
Amui Chong (past)
Sarah D'Antonio (past)
Simone De Lemos (past)
Naomi Enzinna (past)
Esra Kesici (past)
Hankyul Kim (past)
Ferdinan Kurniawan (past)
Hasan Sezer (past)
Zachary Smith (past)
Todd Snider (past)
Christopher Sundita (past)

Undergraduate Honors thesis committee (co-)chair:

José Armando Fernández Guerrero (past)
Laura Moraff (past)
Michael Sosnick (past)
Lilly Zhang (past)

Undergraduate advising:

Sophia Evans (current)
Yiteng Guo (current)
Tjaden Hess (current)
Maya Hiebert (current)
Cassidy Keppler (current)
Laura Moraff (current)
Isaac Murphy (current)
Iain Pile (current)
Matthew Shames (current)
Hans Slechta (current)
Ellie Thorsgaard (current)
John Trujillo (current)
Hongsheng Zhao (current)
Flora Kielland (past)
Andrew Kott (current)
Asad Marghoob (current)
Sarah Birmingham (past)
Wesley Jacobsson (past)
Martha Wolfe (past)
Sonya Xu (past)

Service

Reviewing (ad hoc)

Grants: NSF (2014), (2018)

Journals: *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* (2019), *Glossa* (2018), *Journal of Linguistics* (2018), *Journal of Polish Linguistics* (2018), *Linguistic Inquiry Squibs* (2017), *The Linguistic Review* (2017), *Ampersand* (2017), *Glossa* (2017), *The Proceedings of Sinfonija/Linguistica Brunensia* (2017), *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* (2016-twice), *The Proceedings of Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics* (2016), *Linguistic Inquiry* (2015), *Linguistic Inquiry Squibs* (2015), *The Linguistic Review* (2015), *Journal of Slavic Linguistics* (2015), *The Proceedings of Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics* (2015), *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* (2015), *Lingua* (2014/2015), *Canadian Journal of Linguistics* (2014), *Philologia*, *Linguistic Inquiry*, *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*, *Lingua*, *The Linguistic Review*, *Journal of Comparative Germanic Linguistics*, *Morphology/Yearbook of Morphology*,

Books: *Oxford University Press Handbook on Determiners*. (eds.) Martina Wiltchko and Solveiga Armoskaite (2018), *Definiteness across Languages*. (eds.) Aguilar Guevara, Ana, Julia Pozas and Violeta Vázquez-Rojas LangSci series “Studies in Diversity Linguistics”. LangSci Press (2017), *A Festschrift* (ed. Ilyana Krapova) (2017), *Agreement and the Minimalist Program*, (ed. Peter Smith), Open Generative Syntax Series, Language Science Press (2017), *Serbian Language in Contemporary Linguistic Theory* (2014)

Abstracts:

Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics 28 (FASL 28) (Stony Brook 2019), North East Linguistic Society (NELS) 49 (Cornell 2018), Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics 27 (FASL 27) (Stanford University 2018), West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics 36 (WCCFL 36) (UCLA 2018), North East Linguistic Society (NELS) 48 (University of Iceland 2017), West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics 35 (WCCFL 35) (University of Calgary 2017), 13th International Conference on the Structure of Hungarian (ICSH 13), Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics 26 (FASL 26) (University of Illinois 2017), Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics 25 (FASL 25) (Cornell 2016), Syntax, Phonology and Language Analysis (SINFONIJA 9) (Faculty of Arts of Masaryk University, Brno, 2016), Formal Description of Slavic Languages 12 (FDSL 12) (Berlin, 2016), West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics 34 (WCCFL 34) (The University of Utah 2016), West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics 33 (WCCFL 33) (Simon Fraser 2015), Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics (FASL) (NYU 2015), North East Linguistic Society (NELS) (2013), West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL) (2013), European Summer School of Logic, Language and Information (ESSLLI) (2013), Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics (WAFL) (2013), Syntax, Phonology and Language Analysis (SINFONIJA) (2013), Semantics of Under-Represented Languages in the Americas (SULA), Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics (FASL), American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages (AATSEEL)

Conference Organization

- 2018 Member of the organizing committee. *North East Linguistic Society (NELS 49)*, Cornell University, October 5-7.
- 2016 Member of the organizing committee. *Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics (FASL) 25*, Cornell University, May 13-15, 2016.
- 2015 Main organizer: *Workshop on Aspect*. Cornell University, October 3-4, 2015.
- 2008 Member of the organizing committee: *The East Coast Workshop in Syntax (ECO5)* (U-Conn, U-Mass, U-Maryland, MIT, Harvard)

University Service

Cornell

- 2019 Member, Admissions Committee, Department of Linguistics
- 2018 Cornell Faculty Senate, Representative of the Department of Linguistics
- 2018 Member, Diversity Committee for Linguistics Positions Searches
- 2018 Member, Search Committee for the Position in Experimental Linguistics, Department of Linguistics
- 2018 Member, First Year Graduate Advisory Committee, Department of Linguistics
- 2018 Cornell Undergraduate Admissions Committee: Dean's Scholar Nominations Committee.
- 2018 Member, Admissions Committee, Department of Linguistics
- 2017 Member, First Year Graduate Advisory Committee, Department of Linguistics
- 2015-2016 Member, Website Transition Committee, Department of Linguistics
- 2014-2015 Member, Admissions Committee, Department of Linguistics
- 2014-2015 Member, First Year Graduate Advisory Committee, Department of Linguistics

2013 Member, Graduate Curriculum Committee, Department of Linguistics

University of Connecticut

2009-2010 Linguistics Club at *U-Conn*, President

2007-2010 *U-Conn* Graduate Student Senate Representative

2008-2010 U-Conn Liaison for *The East Coast Workshop in Syntax (ECO5)*

Other

2017- Co-coordinator of a local host site of the *North American Computational Linguistics Olympiad*, Ithaca High School, Ithaca.

2013- Committee Member of a local host site of the *North American Computational Linguistics Olympiad*, Ithaca High School, Ithaca.

Languages

Serbian (native), English (near native), Turkish (fluent), Japanese (basic), Russian (basic)