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## EDUCATION

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- 2019 – 2024 **PhD in Linguistics**, University of Pennsylvania  
(EXPECTED) Thesis: ‘Structure and interpretation across categories’,  
advisor: David Embick
- 2017 – 2019 **MA in Linguistics**, Universität Leipzig  
Thesis: ‘Cyclic paradoxes’, advisor: Jochen Trommer
- 2014 – 2017 **BA in Linguistics**, Universität Leipzig  
Thesis: ‘Stress and a morpheme ordering anomaly in Washo’, advisor: Jochen  
Trommer

## PUBLICATIONS

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- IN PREP. French verb stem alternations - morpho-phonology beyond Vocabulary Insertion.
- SUBMITTED ‘Arguments and events with German *bekommen+participle*’. Special issue of Journal of Comparative Germanic Linguistics, guest ed. Andrew Murphy.
- TO APPEAR ‘The syntax of the content reading in German nominalizations’. Proceedings of NELS 53, eds. Suet-Ying Lam & Satoru Ozaki.
- TO APPEAR (with Gesoel Mendes & Martin Salzmann) ‘Against evacuation movement in NP-ellipsis’. Proceedings of PLC 47, eds. May Chan & June Choe.
- 2023 (with David Embick & Lefteris Paparounas) ‘Blocking effects’. The Wiley Blackwell Companion to Morphology, eds. Peter Ackema, Sabrina Bendjaballah, Eulàlia Bonet, and Antonio Fábregas.
- 2019 Structure Removal Counterfeeds Status Government’. Linguistische Arbeitsberichte 94, ed. Andrew Murphy.

## TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

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- 2023 ‘In defense of readjustment’. Poster, Morris Halle @ 100, Cambridge, September 9.
- 2023 **(invited)** ‘Derivational morphology: How fuzzy form-meaning pairs reveal linguistic systems’. Talk, Concordia University, Montréal, March 30.
- 2023 (with Gesoel Mendes & Martin Salzmann) ‘Against evacuation movement in NP-ellipsis’. Talk, PLC 47, Philadelphia, March 18.

- 2023 ‘The syntax of the content reading in German nominalizations’. Talk, NELS 53, Göttingen, January 14.
- 2023 **(invited)** ‘Properties of the German bekommen-construction’. Talk, University of Leipzig, Leipzig, January 6.
- 2022 **(invited)** ‘French verbs: decomposition and the rules of morpho-phonology’. Talk, Princeton Phonology Forum, Princeton, December 3.
- 2022 ‘The event structure and thematic properties of the German bekommen-construction’. Talk, Comparative Germanic Syntax Workshop (CGSW) 36, Chicago, October 14.
- 2020 ‘Limiting the effects of prosodification on surface word order’. Lightning talk, online @ Linearizing Constituents Across Domains Workshop, Bled, October 15.
- 2018 ‘Phonologically conditioned affix order in Washo’. Talk, 16èmes Rencontres du Réseau Français de Phonologie (RFP), Paris, June 28.
- 2018 ‘Metrical Incoherence: different metrical structure at different strata’. Talk, 26th Manchester Phonology Meeting (mfm), Manchester, May 24.
- 2018 (with Shanti Ulfsbjorninn) ‘Improving the Formalism of Phonological Parameter Hierarchies’. Talk, Phonological Theory Agora workshop at GLOW<sub>41</sub>, Budapest, April 14.
- 2018 ‘Phonologically conditioned affix order in Washo’. Poster, GLOW<sub>41</sub>, Budapest, April 11.
- 2018 **(invited)** ‘Phonologically conditioned affix order in Washo’. Talk, Atelier de phonologie CNRS/Paris 8, Paris, February 21.
- 2018 ‘Phonologically conditioned affix order in Washo’. Talk, 15th Old World Conference on Phonology (OCP) UCL, London, January 13.
- 2017 ‘Phonologically conditioned affix order in Washo’. Talk, Workshop on Strata, Leipzig, July 20.

## TEACHING

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- 2023 Main Instructor LING0001 (Summer Session): Introduction to Linguistics, University of Pennsylvania
- 2023 Teaching Assistant LING0600: Introduction to Sociolinguistics, for Dr. Lacey Wade, University of Pennsylvania
- 2022 Facilitator Mini-Course: Inclusive and Equitable Teaching, Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Pennsylvania
- 2022 Teaching Assistant LING102: Introduction to Sociolinguistics, for Prof. Nicole Holliday, University of Pennsylvania
- 2021 Teaching Assistant LING250: Introduction to Syntax, for Dr. Beatrice Santorini, University of Pennsylvania
- 2020 Teaching Assistant LING001: Introduction to Linguistics, Prof. Mark Liberman, University of Pennsylvania
- 2017 Teaching Assistant in the ‘Studieren in Leipzig’ (studying in Leipzig) project, Universität Leipzig
- 2016 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Formal Logic, Prof. Sandhya Sundaresan, Universität Leipzig

- 2016 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Syntax, Prof. Fabian Heck, Universität Leipzig
- 2015 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Phonology, Prof. Jochen Trommer, Universität Leipzig

#### AWARDS & STIPENDS

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- 2022 – 2023 Fellow for Inclusive and Equitable Teaching at the Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Pennsylvania
- 2014 – 2019 Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes (German Academic Scholarship Foundation)

#### SERVICE & JOBS

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##### *Journal reviewing*

- 2023 Journal of Comparative Germanic Linguistics
- 2018 Glossa

##### *Conference reviewing*

- 2022 PLC 47
- 2021 PLC 46

##### *Editing*

- 2022 (with Yiran Chen) Editor Vol. 28.1 of Penn Working Papers in Linguistics (PWPL), Proceedings of PLC 45

##### *Conference & colloquium organizing*

- 2022 Organizer of FMART (Penn morphology reading group)
- 2021 Chair of the organizing committee, Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC) 45
- 2020 Penn Linguistics Speaker Series Coordinator
- 2018 Co-Organizer of the Open Podium at the EGG summer school
- 2016 Chair of the organizing committee, Studentische Tagung Sprachwissenschaft (StuTS) 59, Universität Leipzig

##### *Representation*

- 2021 – Co-President of GradLingS, the Penn Linguistics graduate student organization
- 2016 – 2019 Elected student representative on the faculty council of the Philologische Fakultät, Universität Leipzig
- 2015 – 2019 Elected member of the linguistics department's student council, Universität Leipzig

##### *Other academic work*

- 2019 Student research assistant to the graduate school 'Interaction of Grammatical Building Blocks' (IGRA), Universität Leipzig