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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2025 – **Postdoctoral Research Assistant**, Princeton University
Program in Linguistics

EDUCATION

2019 – 2025 **PhD in Linguistics**, University of Pennsylvania
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

IN REVISION (with Martin Salzmann) ‘NP-ellipsis in English and German – deriving remnants without evacuation movement’.

SUBMITTED (with Mohamed Lahrouchi*, David Embick*, Qianwen Guan & Meredith Tamminga) ‘Phonological priming in Tashlhiyt Berber’.

TO APPEAR ‘Arguments and events with German bekommen+participle’. Special issue of Journal of Comparative Germanic Linguistics, guest ed. Andrew Murphy.

2025 (with Martin Salzmann) ‘Evidence from German for N-stranding NP-ellipsis’. Proceedings of CLS 60, eds. Xiaobei Chen, Sercan Karakaş & Jaehong Shim

2024 (with Gesoel Mendes & Martin Salzmann) ‘Against evacuation movement in NP-ellipsis’. Proceedings of PLC 47, eds. May Chan & June Choe.

2023 ‘The syntax of the content reading in German nominalizations’. Proceedings of NELS 53, eds. Suet-Ying Lam & Satoru Ozaki.

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.

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- 2025 ‘Prefixation and the locality of allosemy in German nominalizations’. Poster, NELS 56, October 17.
- 2025 **(invited)** ‘Allosemy and the content reading in nominalizations’. Talk, Clausal Complementation Across Categories, ZAS Berlin, June 20.
- 2025 ‘Prefixes, particles, resultatives, and allosemy’. Poster, MorphoMO, UQAM, Montréal, May 1.
- 2024 (with Martin Salzmann) ‘Against Evacuation movement in NP-ellipsis’. Poster, CLS 60, Chicago, April 26.
- 2024 **(invited)** ‘French verbs and the grain of morpho-phonological analysis’. Talk, online @ Atelier de phonologie CNRS/Paris 8, April 24.
- 2023 **(invited)** ‘The content reading in German nominalizations’. Talk, NYU Syntax Brown Bag, New York, December 1.
- 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 GLOW₄₁, Budapest, April 14.
- 2018 ‘Phonologically conditioned affix order in Washo’. Poster, GLOW₄₁, 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

- 2026 Main Instructor LIN250: Language in its Contexts, Princeton University
- 2025 Main Instructor LIN302: Syntax, Princeton University
- 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

- 2024 – 2025 Dissertation Completion Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania
- 2024 Departmental Travel Grant
- 2023 SAS Dean's Travel Subvention
- 2022 – 2023 Fellow for Inclusive and Equitable Teaching at the Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Pennsylvania
- 2022 SASgov Resource and Technology Grant
- 2022 SAS Dean's Travel Subvention
- 2019 – 2024 Benjamin Franklin Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania
- 2019 – 2020 Hamilton-Law Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania
- 2014 – 2019 Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes (German Academic Scholarship Foundation)

SERVICE & OTHER

- Journal reviewing*
- 2023 – 2024 Journal of Comparative Germanic Linguistics (x2)
- 2018 Glossa
- Conference reviewing*
- 2024 PLC 49
- 2024 NELS 55
- 2023 PLC 48
- 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 – 2024 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

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- 2022 EGG Summer School, Brno, Czech Republic
- 2018 EGG Summer School, Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 2018 The 2nd Crete Summer School of Linguistics, Rethymnon, Greece
- 2017 EGG Summer School, Olomouc, Czech Republic
- 2016 EGG Summer School, Lagodekhi, Georgia