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**Research interests:**

Comparative syntax, semantics, syn-sem interface, and fieldwork

**Education:**

**PhD in Linguistics (2019 - )**  
Boston University, Boston, MA

**MSc Linguistics (2018 - 2019)**  
University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK

MSc Dissertation, 2019  
Supervisors: Rob Truswell and Caroline Heycock  
**Towards a typology of Coordinate Structure Constraint violations**

**BA in Linguistics and German (2014 - 2018)**  
New York University, New York, NY

**Manuscripts on syntax and semantics:**

*A theory of comparatives in Indonesian*, Boston, Spring 2020  
Supervisor: Elizabeth Coppock

*Mandarin auxiliary 'you': functions and structure*, Boston, Fall 2019  
Supervisor: Neil Myler

*Argument structure and case-marking in Kurmanji Kurdish*, Edinburgh, Spring 2019  
Supervisor: Bert Remijsen

*Focus movement in Khoekhoe and some complications*, New York, Spring 2018  
Supervisor: Chris Collins

*Unifying the two Mandarin reflexive forms: simplex and complex ziji*, New York, Spring 2018  
Supervisor: Chris Collins

*Remnant movement: an analysis of fronting in Khoekhoe*, New York, Fall 2017  
Supervisor: Chris Collins

*Null-Subject parameter: rules-based and parametric approaches*, New York, Fall 2017  
Supervisor: Richard Kayne

*Grammaticalization in Germanic syntax*, New York, Spring 2017  
Supervisor: Gregory Guy

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**Other manuscripts:**

*Tone spreading and syllabic length in Shanghainese*, Boston, Spring 2020

Supervisor: Kate Lindsey

*Does bilingualism improve inhibitory control?*, Edinburgh, Spring 2019

Coauthors: Kenneth Chiu and Elizabeth Dickey

Supervisor: Vicky Chondrogianni

*Song ape: a phonology first hypothesis for protolanguage*, Edinburgh, Fall 2018

Supervisor: Christine Cuskley

**Fieldwork experience:**

**Documentation fieldwork (Khoekhoe)**, New York, September 2017 – May 2018

Supervisor: Chris Collins

**Documentation fieldwork (Kurmanji Kurdish)**, Edinburgh, January 2019 – April 2019

Supervisor: Bert Remijsen

**Teaching experience:**

**Teaching Fellow**, Fall 2020

Boston University, Boston, MA

LX250 – Introduction into Linguistics

**Fellowships, awards and honors:**

**Teaching Fellowship**, 2020 –

Boston University, Boston, MA

**Dean's Fellowship**, 2019 – 2020

Boston University, Boston, MA

**Other experiences and skills:**

**Mandarin** (native speaker), **Shanghainese** (comprehension), **English** (fluent), **German** (advanced), **French** (intermediate), **Japanese** (intermediate), **Khoekhoe** (field knowledge), **Kurmanji Kurdish** (field knowledge)

Proficient in **Praat** and **R language**

**Webpage: Khoisan Language**, contributor (Khwe)

**url:** <https://sites.google.com/site/thekhoisanlanguages/>

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