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Employment

9/2026–present	Postdoctoral Researcher, Institut für Linguistik, Universität Leipzig DFG Research Unit *Cyclic Optimization* (FOR 5175)

Education

2026	PhD in Linguistics, University of Connecticut Dissertation: *Comparative explorations in the middle-field* Advisor: Željko Bošković
2024	MA in Linguistics, University of Connecticut
2016	MA in Philosophy, York University, Toronto
2014	BA (Hons.) in Philosophy, University of Toronto
2026	UConn Logic Certificate (concentration in formal semantics & logic)

Research interests

Broad: theoretical linguistics, syntax, morphology (and syntax-morphology interface), semantics (and syntax-semantics interface), comparative linguistics, Turkic

Narrow: syntactic locality and phases, ellipsis, PF movement, head-movement, ECM and other cross-clausal dependencies, agreement and case morphology

Publications

Journal articles

Under review — Adverb shift in English: An argument for PF movement. Submitted to *Natural language & linguistic theory.*

Under review — Variation in verb-stranding VP-ellipsis: Verbal identity and phases. Submitted to *Syntactic theory and research: Special issue on phases and spell-out* (ed. Svitlana Antonyuk-Yudina).

2026 — Scrambling, specificity effects and phasal variation in Turkish and Uyghur. In *Linguistic inquiry*. 57: 745-788. https://doi.org/10.1162/ling_a_00545.

2026 — Making the remarkable regular: 'Marked absolutive' in Nias. In *Glossa*. 11:1–42. https://doi.org/10.16995/glossa.18327.

Conference proceedings

2026 — Investigating adverb shift in English. In Giang Dang, Jahnai Garner, Emily Pecsok, and Mikaela Belle Martin (eds.), *Proceedings of the 49th Penn Linguistics Conference*, 49–57. Philadelphia, PA: University of Pennsylvania.

2025 — Making the remarkable regular: 'Marked absolutive' alignment in Nias. In Muhammed Ileri, Chun-Hung Shih, and Wesley M. Lincoln (eds.), *Proceedings of the 48th Penn Linguistics Conference*, 69–78. Philadelphia, PA: University of Pennsylvania.

2025 — Timing the escape: Verbal identity in Uyghur verb-stranding ellipsis. In Nikolas Webster, Yağmur Kiper, Richard Wang, and Sichen Larry Lyu (eds.), *Proceedings of the 41st West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, 242–251. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project. (https://robinjenkins.net/research/papers/JenkinsWCCFL41.pdf).

2023 — Accusative case in Turkish & Uyghur and the articulation of the verbal field. In Suet-Ying Lam and Satoru Ozaki (eds.), *Proceedings of the 53rd Meeting of the North East Linguistics Society*, 99–108. Amherst, MA: GLSA, University of Massachusetts. (https://robinjenkins.net/research/papers/JenkinsNELS53.pdf).

2023 — Covert movement and finite ECM in Japanese, Turkish, and Uyghur. In Lucas Fagen, Sam Gray Quain, Stephanie Reyes, Irene Tang (eds.), *Proceedings of the 58th Meeting of the Chicago Linguistics Society,* 199–211. Chicago, IL: University of Chicago. (https://robinjenkins.net/research/papers/JenkinsCLS58.pdf).

2022 Scrambling and successive cyclic movement in Turkish and Uyghur. In Akshay Aitha, Steven Castro, Brianna Wilson (eds.), *Proceedings of the 57th Meeting of the Chicago Linguistics Society,* 211–226. Chicago, IL: University of Chicago.

2021 Scrambling and object movement in Turkish and Uyghur. In Songül Gündoğdu, Sahar Taghipour, and Andrew Peters (eds.), *Proceedings of the 6th Workshop on Turkic and languages in contact with Turkic.* Linguistic Society of America.

2019 Expected utility and intentional action: The semantics of *try*. In M. Teresa Espinal, Elena Castroviejo, Manuel Leonetti, Louise McNally, and Cristina Real-Puigdollers (eds.), *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 23,* 533–545. (`https://robinjenkins.net/research/papers/V2SuB23Jenkins.pdf`).

Presentations

Refereed presentations

2025 *Adverb shift in English: A new paradigm.* PLC 49 (Penn Linguistics Conference), University of Pennsylvania, April 5-6.

2024 *Making the remarkable regular: 'Marked absolutive' alignment in Nias.* PLC 48 (Penn Linguistics Conference), University of Pennsylvania, March 16-17.

2023 *Timing the escape: Verbal identity in Uyghur verb-stranding ellipsis.* WCCFL 41 (West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics), University of California, Santa Cruz, May 5-7.

2023 *Timing the escape: Verbal identity in Uyghur verb-stranding ellipsis.* PLC 47 (Penn Linguistics Conference), University of Pennsylvania, March 18-19.

2023 *Variations in verbal identity in Uyghur and Uzbek verb-stranding ellipsis.* TU+8 (Workshop on Turkic and languages in contact with Turkic), Harvard University, March 4-5.

2023 *Accusative case in Turkish & Uyghur and the articulation of the verbal field.* Poster. NELS 53 (North East Linguistics Society), Göttingen University, January 12-14.

2022 *Covert movement and finite ECM in Japanese, Turkish, and Uyghur.* Poster. CLS 58 (Chicago Linguistics Society), University of Chicago, April 22-24.

2021 *Scrambling and successive cyclic movement in Turkish and Uyghur.* CLS 57 (Chicago Linguistics Society), University of Chicago, May 6-8.

2021 *Scrambling and object movement in Turkish and Uyghur.* TU+6 (Workshop on Turkic and languages in contact with Turkic), University of Toronto, February 19-20.

2018 *Expected utility and intentional action: The semantics of try*. SuB 23 (Sinn und Bedeutung), Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, September 5-7.

Invited talks

2024 *Adverb shift in English: A new paradigm.* Syntax Reading Group, Yale University, October 25.

2024 *The philosophy of generative syntax.* Seminar guest lecture. Advanced Philosophy of Language Undergraduate Seminar, University of Connecticut, February 6.

2023 *Variations in verb-stranding ellipsis.* Syntax Project talk series, University of Toronto, April 28.

2022 *Typological variation in finite ECM*. Seminar guest lecture. Advanced Syntax Graduate Seminar, University of Toronto, November 28.

Honors & Awards

2023 *UConn Linguistics Alumni Grant.* (For field research on Uyghur). University of Connecticut.

2022 *Departmental Fellowship Semester.* University of Connecticut.

2022 *Doctoral Student Travel Award.* University of Connecticut.

2019-2024 *Predoctoral Fellowship.* University of Connecticut.

2015 *York Graduate Scholarship.* York University.

2015 *York Graduate Entrance Scholarship in Philosophy.* York University.

Teaching experience

As principal instructor

LING 3610W, Language and Culture. Upper-division intensive writing course with a focus on sociolinguistics. (Spring 2026, Spring 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2021)

LING 1010, Language and Mind. Introductory course on generative linguistics and cognitive science. (Summer 2022)

As teaching assistant

COGS 2201, Foundations of Cognitive Science. Introductory course on cognitive science. (Spring 2023)

LING 1010, Language and Mind. (Fall 2025, Spring 2022, Spring 2021, Fall 2020)

LING 1020, Language and Environment. Introductory course on sociolinguistics. (Fall 2019)

Research experience

Research assistant for Professor Željko Bošković (Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2023)

Academic service

Reviewing

Journal of Comparative Germanic Linguistics
Chicago Linguistics Society 59, 61
7th Workshop on Turkic and languages in contact with Turkic
54th Annual Conference on African Linguistics

Departmental

2021-2023	Webmaster for UConn Linguistics Department
2020-2021	Colloquium Co-Chair (with Beccy Lewis)

References

Professor Željko Bošković. University of Connecticut, Department of Linguistics. Susan V. Herbst Hall. zeljko.boskovic@uconn.edu

Professor Mamoru Saito. Nanzan University, Center for Linguistics. 18 Yamazato-cho, Showa-ku, Nagoya 466-8673, Japan. saito@nanzan-u.ac.jp.

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