



2018 'Syntax from the roots: Towards a top-down, phase-theoretic model of sentence generation'. (Submitted to *UGA Working Papers in Linguistics*, May 2018)

*Ongoing projects*

2017-19 *Untitled dissertation*. A psycholinguistically plausible phase-theoretic model of sentence generation with a focus on phrasal idioms, arguing for post-syntactic lexical insertion and top-down structure building. (To defend in spring 2019)

2015-18 'Processing and Control in Brazilian Portuguese'. A cross-modal repetition-priming study of empty categories, i.e., traces and null pronouns. Experimental/theoretical collaboration with Tim Gupton, Rachel Olsen (UGA), and Marcello Modesto (Universidade de São Paulo).

2014-17 "'Talk to the hand!': Group differences in semantic activation during idiom processing'. An experimental study investigating the impact of sex and familial handedness on figurative language processing. (Publication in preparation)

CONFERENCE TALKS AND SERVICE

2019 'Castles made of sand: The semantic inertness of idiom components in sentence generation'. *Southeastern Conference on Linguistics*. Boca Raton, FL, May 30 - June 2.

2018 'Later, alligator! The postsyntactic insertion of idioms (and everything else)'. *Fifth Annual Linguistics Conference at the University of Georgia*. Athens, GA. October 12-13.

2017 "'Herding cats': A late insertion account of the syntactic mobility of phrasal idioms'. *Arizona Linguistics Circle 11*. Tucson, AZ. October 20-22.

2016 Co-Chair, *Third Linguistics Conference at the University of Georgia*. Athens, GA. October 7-9.

2015 'Functional dissociations between production and comprehension: The case of Distributed Morphology'. *Second Annual Linguistics Conference at the University of Georgia*. Athens, GA. October 9-11.

2014 'Differences in semantic processing as a function of sex and familial handedness'. *First Annual Linguistics Conference at the University of Georgia*. Athens, GA. October 24-26.

2014-18 Conference committee, abstract reviewer. *Linguistics Conference at the University of Georgia*. Athens, GA.

#### DEPARTMENTAL AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 “‘You can’t get blood from a stone: The semantic inertness of phrasal idioms in sentence generation’. Invited talk (via Skype), *Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra Research Week*. Santiago de los Caballeros, Dominican Republic. Nov. 8, 2018.
- 2018 ‘What goes up doesn’t actually go up: Towards a psycholinguistically plausible model of sentence generation’. *University of Georgia Spring Linguistics Colloquium*. Athens, GA. February 2.
- 2016 “‘Herding cats’: A late insertion account of the syntactic behavior of phrasal idioms’. *University of Georgia Spring Linguistics Colloquium*. Athens, GA. April 8.
- 2015 “‘To each his own’: Idiolectal variation in the syntacto-semantic representations of phrasal idioms’. *University of Georgia Spring Linguistics Colloquium*. Athens, GA. April 24.
- 2014 “An introduction to psycholinguistics and eyetracking as a research paradigm.” Invited guest lecture, *Seminar in Linguistic Theory: Language Acquisition and Universal Grammar* (LING 8080). Athens, GA. March 31.

#### AWARDS

- 2017 UGA Linguistics Department Travel Funding (\$150)  
2017 UGA Graduate School Travel Funding (\$350)  
2012-13 UA Laura and Arch Brown Honors Scholarship (\$1000)

#### RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP ACTIVITIES

- 2014-15 Transcribed morphophonological data in Chaga (a Bantu language)  
2013-15 Proofread a book on Serbo-Croatian lexical and phonological variation; annotated related sound files in Praat  
2013-14 Conducted literature reviews on eyetracking technology and methodology  
2013-14 Transcribed intonation patterns from audio/video for systemic functional linguistics project

### OTHER SERVICE

2014-2017	Linguistics Society at the University of Georgia <i>Vice-President</i>
2015-2018	Syntax Reading Group <i>Co-organizer</i>
2014-2016	Psycholinguistics Reading Group <i>Organizer, founder</i>
2014	Eyetracking Reading Group <i>Co-organizer, co-founder</i>
2014	Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities <i>Best Paper reviewer</i>

### LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

<i>Intermediate (reading)</i>	Modern Standard Arabic, Spanish
<i>Basic (reading)</i>	Latin, Portuguese, German
<i>Other exposure</i>	French, Chaga, Serbo-Croatian

### SOFTWARE SKILLS

<i>Intermediate/Advanced</i>	E-Prime, SPSS, Minitab, MS Word
<i>Proficient</i>	DMDX, Praat, MS Excel, Photoshop/GIMP

### CERTIFICATIONS

Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI):  
*Social and Behavioral Research*  
*Social and Behavioral Responsible Conduct of Research*

### REFERENCES

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