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EDUCATION

Cornell University	2016-2023

Ph.D. Linguistics, Minor in Cognitive Science
Title of dissertation: *Differential Subject Marking in Kazakh*
Dissertation chair: Miloje Despić

University of Szeged	2011-2016

Ph.D. Altaic Studies
Title of dissertation: *The syntax of non-finite clauses in Kazakh*

University of Szeged	2009-2011

M.A. Altaic Studies

University of Szeged	2006-2009

B.A. Hungarian Literature and Linguistics

EMPLOYMENT

University of Toronto	2024 Sep-

SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow
Supervisor: Prof. Arsalan Kahnemuyipour

STUDY AND FIELDWORK

Fieldwork, Astana & Taraz, Kazakhstan	Jun-Jul 2019
Summer School (London School in Bishkek), Kirgizstan	Jul-Aug 2018
Fieldwork, Bishkek, Kirgizstan	Jan 2018
Fieldwork, L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University, Astana, Kazakhstan	Dec 2014
Fieldwork, L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University, Astana, Kazakhstan	May 2014
Studies at Al-Farabi Kazakh National University	May-Jun 2013
Yunus Emre Turkish Summer Course, TÖMER of Ankara University, Ankara, Turkey	Jul-Aug 2012
Erasmus student, Hacettepe University, Turkish Lang. and Lit. Dept., Ankara, Turkey	Feb-Jun 2010

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant University of Toronto Mississauga	2022
Teaching Assistant Cornell University	2016 - 2022
Assistant Lecturer (Tenure track) University of Szeged, Dept. of Altaic Studies	2011 - 2016

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Control and intermediate scrambling: An investigation of Kazakh relative clauses	2024

Glossa: a journal of general linguistics 9.1 (2024)

Argument Introducing Pluractionals: An Investigation of Kyrgyz and Kazakh Assistives	2024

Natural Language & Linguistic Theory (2024): 1-65.

Restrictions on genitive subjects in Kazakh relative clauses	2021

In Palaz, B. & L. Stromdahl (eds.) In Proceedings of the Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic Vol. 5, No. 1. 110-124.

Kazakh non-finite clauses followed by -LIQ as a case in favor of the clause-internal nominalization hypothesis   2018
In Kornfilt, Jaklin & Yilmaz Koylu (eds.) Papers in Turkish and Turkic Linguistics. Indiana University: Bloomington.

On the causative-marked passive clauses in Old Turkic   2015
In Deniz Zeyrek et al. (eds). Ankara Papers in Turkish and Turkic Linguistics. Wiesbaden, Harrasowitz. 604-613.

Articles (peer reviewed by abstract)

Differential Subject Marking in Kazakh   2022
In Proceedings of the 45th Annual Penn Linguistics Conference, Vol 28, Iss. 1.

Double Evidential Morphology in Turkish   2021
In Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America Vol 6, No 1. 761-768

Nasal assimilation in Kazakh   2019
In Proceedings of the 14th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics (WAFL14). MIT Working Papers in Linguistics #90. 205-219.

Manuscripts (under review)

The Pluractional Marker in Turkish (Co-author: Greg Key)   2022
Submitted to *Theoretical Studies on Turkic Languages: A special issue of Languages*. Ed. Jaklin Kornfilt

Reviews

İbrahim Ahmet Aydemir: Konverbien im Tuwinischen. Eine Untersuchung unter Berücksichtigung des Altay-Dialekts   2012

Books in Hungarian

[Huastuanift. The Old Turkic Manichean Prayer of Confession. Transliteration, Transcription, Translation, Indexes, Annotations]   2014
Co-authors Biacsi, M. & B. Danka, Altajisztikai Tankönyvtár 3. Szeged.

Peer-Reviewed Articles in Hungarian

[Non-finite subordinate clauses in the Volga-Kama Sprachbund]   2016
co-author Ekaterina Georgieva
Gécseg Zsuzsanna (ed.) LingDok 15. Nyelvészdoktoranduszok dolgozatai. Szegedi Tudományegyetem, Nyelvtud. Dok. Isk., 51–67.

[Classification of Kazakh non-finite clauses]   2015
Gécseg Zsuzsanna (ed.) LingDok 14. Nyelvészdoktoranduszok dolgozatai. Szegedi Tudományegyetem, Nyelvtud. Dok. Isk., 145-164.

[Negation in the Kazakh sentences containing converb clauses]   2014
Gécseg Zsuzsanna (ed.) LingDok 13. Nyelvészdoktoranduszok dolgozatai. Szegedi Tudományegyetem, Nyelvtud. Dok. Isk., 125-142.

[On the development of Old Turkic passive constructions marked with causative suffixes]   2013
Gécseg Zsuzsanna (ed.) LingDok 12. Nyelvészdoktoranduszok dolgozatai. Szegedi Tudományegyetem, Nyelvtud. Dok. Isk., 221-238.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Deriving the Coercive-Permissive Distinction from the Causee's Thematic Role   March 23, 2024
Talk at the Workshop on Turkic and languages in contact with Turkic (Tu+9), Cornell

The Causee's Thematic Roles: Deriving the Permissive-Coercive Distinction in Affixal Causatives   March 16, 2024
Talk at The 48th Penn Linguistics Conference, UPenn

A-bar movement feeds case assignment: Evidence from Kazakh differential subject marking   March 5, 2023
Talk at the Workshop on Turkic and languages in contact with Turkic (Tu+8), Harvard

Postsyntactic Operations and Turkic 3PL Agreement Patterns   Feb 19, 2022
Talk at the Workshop on Turkic and languages in contact with Turkic (Tu+7), UConn

A tale of two -mIş's: between evidential and attitudinal semantics   Feb 18, 2022
co-athor Lingzi Zhuang

Talk at the Workshop on Turkic and languages in contact with Turkic (Tu+7), UConn

How reportatives become attitudinal: Turkish "double evidential" in diachronic and cross-linguistic view   Jan 9, 2022
co-athor Lingzi Zhuang

Talk at the Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA96)

Argument-Introducing Pluractionals: A New Way to Introduce Arguments   Jan 8, 2022

Talk at the Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA96)

Argument-Introducing Pluractionals: A New Way to Introduce Arguments   Nov 12, 2021

Talk at MoMOT 5, University of Ottawa

Assistive: A New Type of Argument Introducing Head   May 6, 2021

Poster at CLS 57

Assistive: A New Type of Argument Introducing Head   Apr 8, 2021

Talk at the 39th meeting of the West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL39)

Differential Subject Marking in Kazakh   March 20, 2021

Talk at the 45th Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC45)

Genitive-Nominative Alternation in Kazakh Complement Clauses   Feb 20, 2021

Flash talk at the Workshop on Turkic and languages in contact with Turkic (Tu+6)

Double Evidential Morphology: Dubitative or Evaluative?   Jan 9, 2021

Talk at the Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA95)

Non-local agreement in Kazakh relative clauses?   Feb 8, 2020

Poster at the Workshop on Turkic and languages in contact with Turkic (Tu+5)

Possessed Relatives in Turkic   Jan 3, 2020

Poster at the Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA94)

Genitive-marked subjects in Kazakh relative clauses   Sep 26, 2019

Talk at the 15th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics (WAFL15)

Kazakh complex predicates: Functional projections above VP   Oct 26, 2018

Talk at "Combining verbs in and across languages," Charles University, Prague

Nasal assimilation in Kazakh and Kyrgyz   Oct 21, 2018

Talk at the 14th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics (WAFL14)

Clause chaining in Kazakh   Aug 18, 2018

Talk at the 19th International Conference on Turkish Linguistics (ICTL19)

Subject agreement marking in Kazakh non-finite clauses   Nov 19, 2016

Poster at "Turkish, Turkic and the Languages of Turkey" (Tu+2)

Truncation and overt subjects: Two types of non-finite clauses in Kazakh   Apr 2, 2016

Poster at "NonFinite Subjects," University of Nantes

On the complex sentences in the Old Turkic Huastuanift   Sep 10, 2015

Talk at "The Role of Religion in Turkic Culture," Budapest

Syntactic similarities between Udmurt and Tatar non-finite clauses?   Aug 17, 2015

co-author Ekaterina Georgieva

Poster at the XII International Congress for Finno-Ugric Studies (CIFU)

Kazakh -(I)p-clauses: A case of underspecification   Jun 6, 2015

Talk at the 11th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics (WAFL11)

Are the Kazakh -GAn-headed non-finite clauses nominalised?   Sep 5, 2014

Talk at the 17th International Conference on Turkish Linguistics (ICTL17)

On the Use of Accusative Case in Passive Clauses   Sep 19, 2012

co-author Éva Kincses-Nagy

Talk at the 16th International Conference on Turkish Linguistics (ICTL16)

Syntactic Passive Structures in Old Turkic   Sep 18, 2012

Talk at the 16th International Conference on Turkish Linguistics (ICTL16)

INVITED TALKS

Argument Introducing Event Pluralizers   Apr. 18, 2024

Talk at the Syntax Workshop, UMass Amherst

A-bar-Movement Feeds Case Assignment: Evidence from Kazakh Differential Subject Marking   Nov. 18, 2022

Talk at Syntax Research Group, University of Toronto

Turkic languages and Turkic Writing Systems   May 19, 2021

Talk at the Languages of the World course, McGill University

Subject Agreement Microvariation in Turkic languages	Apr 2, 2021
Talk at the Introduction to Linguistics course, Cornell University	
Genitive-Nominative Case Alternation in the Nominal Domain in Kazakh	Apr 1, 2021
Invited talk at McGill Fieldwork Lab	
Turkic languages and Turkic Writing Systems	March 18, 2021
Talk at the Languages of the World course, McGill University	
Subject Agreement Microvariation in Turkic languages	March 9, 2020
Talk at the Introduction to Linguistics course, Cornell University	

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant at the University of Toronto Mississauga

Introduction to General Linguistics: Words, Sentences, their Structure and Meaning	2022 Fall
Instructor: Michelle Troberg	

Teaching Assistant at Cornell University

Pragmatics (grader)	2022 Spring
Instructor: Sarah Murray	
Introduction to Cognitive Science	2022 Spring
Instructor: Shaun Nichols	
Introduction to Linguistics	2021 Spring
Instructor: Sam Tilsen	
Introduction to Linguistics	2020 Spring
Instructor: Sam Tilsen	
Introduction to Linguistics	2019 Fall
Instructor: Sarah Murray	
Native American Languages	2019 Spring
Instructor: Sarah Murray	
Introduction to Linguistics	2018 Fall
Instructor: Miloje Despić	
Introduction to Linguistics	2018 Spring
Instructor: Wayne Harbert	
Language and Society	2017 Fall
Instructor: Sally McConnell-Ginet	

Assistant Lecturer at the University of Szeged

Turkish language (Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced Reading)	2011-2016
Course instructor	
Introduction to Turkology	2011-2016
Course instructor	
Introduction to Turkic Historical Sources	2011-2016
Course instructor	
Turkic Loanwords in Hungarian	2011-2016
Course instructor	
Introduction to Turkish Syntax	2015
Course instructor	

SERVICE

Cornell GPSAFC (Finance Committee) Chair	2019-2020
Member of Cornell Graduate & Professional Student Assembly Finance Commission	2017-2020
Cornell Linguistics Circle Treasurer	2018-2019
Cornell Linguistics Circle Speaker Series coordinator	2017-2018
Cornell Linguistics Circle Junior Speaker Series coordinator	2016-2017
Cornell Linguistics Circle Junior Treasurer	2017

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Native	Hungarian
Fluent	English, Turkish
Advanced	German, Kazakh, Kyrgyz
Intermediate	Russian, Turkmen
Reading	Old Turkic (Runic, Uyghur, Manichean),
	Middle-Turkic (Chagatai, East Anatolian Turkish)