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## Education

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| 2020 – 2026<br>(anticipated) | <b>Ph.D. in Linguistics, University of British Columbia</b><br>Interests: semantics, fieldwork, modification, kinds, numerals, expressivity<br>Dissertation: The Grammar of Non-intersective Modification<br>Committee: Marcin Morzycki (supervisor), Ryan Bochnak, Hotze Rullman |
| 2022                         | <b>4th Crete Summer School of Linguistics, Rethymno, Greece</b><br>Courses: Intermediate Semantics (focus on mass/count cardinality), Tense and Aspect, Semantics and Pragmatics of Questions, Varieties of X-marking   |
| 2015 – 2019                  | <b>B.A. in Linguistics with honors, New York University</b>   |

## Publications

### Journal articles

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| to appear      | <i>Non-speaker-oriented expressives in Ktunaxa</i> . Topoi  |
| under revision | <i>Event Readings of Nouns, Mass Terms, and Bare Singulars in English</i> . With Marcin Morzycki. Glossa          |
| in prep        | <i>Modification at a distance in Ktunaxa: the case of ‘wilit’</i> . International Journal of American Linguistics |

### Handbook articles

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| under revision | <i>Modification and Modality</i> . with Marcin Morzycki. Cambridge Handbook of Natural Language Modality. |
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### Conference proceedings

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| to appear | <i>The Twofold Nature of Degree Nominalizations: Degree Concepts and Qualities</i> . with Ryan Bochnak, Adam Gobeski, and Marcin Morzycki. Proceedings of the 29th Sinn und Bedeutung. |
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- to appear     *Building Adjunct Questions from Anaphors in Ktunaxa*. with Marcin Morzycki and Kate Yangshuying Zhou. Proceedings of the 29th Sinn und Bedeutung.
- 2025     *‘As’ phrases as a window onto multidimensionality*. Proceedings of the 34th Semantics and Linguistics Theory.
- 2024     *Responsible drivers and good passengers: the influence of subsective modification on nouns*. Proceedings of the 28th Sinn und Bedeutung.
- 2024     *Propositional ‘How’ and Justification*. with Marcin Morzycki. Proceedings of the 41st West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics.
- 2024     *Instrument Names, Bare Singulars, and Event Kinds*. with Daniel Greeson and Marcin Morzycki. Proceedings of the 58th Chicago Linguistics Society.
- 2024     *Monotonicity enables degree modification in Ktunaxa: an investigation of the intensifier witił*. Proceedings of the 12th Semantics of Under-represented Languages of the Americas.

## Presentations

### Invited Talks

- 2025     *Subjective adjectives and as phrases*. University of Montréal, Canada. June 6.
- 2024     *Predicates of Non-existence in English and Ktunaxa*. Collaborator of Marcin Morzycki. Modification and (non-)existence entailing predicates, Essen Germany. September 23.
- 2024     *Non-speaker-oriented Expressives in Ktunaxa and English*. Slurring Terms Across Languages Monthly Seminar, Virtual. June 4.

### Peer-reviewed conferences and workshops

- 2025     *What to do about what to do? Root wh infinitives as deliberative non-canonical questions*. with Colin Brown. 56th North East Linguistics Society, New York City, United States. October 17-19.
- 2025     *Event kind anaphora in Ktunaxa: the case of qa*. 72nd Canadian Association of Linguistics Conference, Montreal, Canada. June 16-18.

- 2024 *Non-speaker-oriented Expressives in Ktunaxa.* with Violet Birdstone and Dorothy Alpine. 13th Semantics of Under-represented Languages of the Americas, Florianopolis, Brazil. October 28-31.
- 2024 *The Anatomy of Adjunct Questions in Ktunaxa.* with Marcin Morzycki and Kate Yangshuying Zhou. 13th Semantics of Under-represented Languages of the Americas, Florianopolis, Brazil. October 28-31.
- 2024 *The Twofold Nature of Degree Nominalizations: Degree Concepts and Qualities.* with Ryan Bochnak, Adam Gobeski, and Marcin Morzycki. 29th Sinn und Bedeutung, Noto, Italy. September 16-19.
- 2024 *Building Adjunct Questions from Anaphors in Ktunaxa.* with Marcin Morzycki and Kate Yangshuying Zhou. 29th Sinn und Bedeutung, Noto, Italy. September 16-19.
- 2024 *Ontological puzzles of non-intersective adjectives and ‘as’ phrases.* Events. New Work on Their Ontology and Semantics, Nice, France. June 16-17.
- 2024 *‘As’ phrases as a window onto multidimensionality.* 34th Semantics and Linguistic Theory, Rochester, New York. May 28-30.
- 2024 *Expressive Language in Ktunaxa.* Grad Student and Postdoc Research Day at UBC, Vancouver, Canada. May 15.
- 2024 *Polar degree questions in Ktunaxa.* Workshop on Polar question meaning[s] across languages. with Marcin Morzycki and Anne Bertrand. Amsterdam, Netherlands. April 11-13.
- 2023 *Responsible drivers and good passengers: the influence of subsective modification on nouns.* 28th Sinn und Bedeutung, Bochum, Germany. Sep 6-8.
- 2023 *Propositional ‘How’ and Justification.* Poster with Marcin Morzycki. 41st West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics, Santa Cruz, California. May 5-7.
- 2022 *Monotonicity enables degree modification in Ktunaxa: an investigation of the intensifier wíłł.* 12th Semantics of Under-represented Languages of the Americas, Ottawa, Ontario. Oct. 13-15.
- 2022 *Instrument Names, Bare Singulars, and Event Kinds.* Poster with Daniel Greeson and Marcin Morzycki. 58th Chicago Linguistics Society, Chicago, Illinois. April 15-17.

## Awards and Fellowships

- 2024     **Jacobs Research Fund** | *Form and meaning in Ktunaxa*  
Competitive/Received | Co-Investigator, PI: Ryan Bochnak | 6,000 USD.
- 2024     **Best Talk Award** at UBC Language Sciences Grad Student and Postdoc Research Day | Competitive/Received | 500 CAD
- 2023 –     **Public Scholars Initiative** | *Expressive Meaning in Ktunaxa* | UBC Internal Award | Competitive/Received | 7,000 CAD
- 2022 – 2026     **4 Year Graduate Fellowship** | UBC Internal Award (Stipend) | Nominated/Received 18,200 CAD/year + Tuition
- 2022     **Jacobs Research Fund** | *Aspects of Ktunaxa grammar: Meaning, discourse, and texts*  
Competitive/Received | Co-Investigator, PI: Ryan Bochnak | 6,000 USD.
- 2021     **MA Affiliated Award**  
UBC Internal Award | Competitive/Received | 6,000 CAD

## Research Positions

### Full time

- Sept. 2019 – April 2020     **Language Development Lab**, Lab Manager  
Principal Investigator: Felix Wang, University of Nevada Las Vegas  
Developed and ran EEG and eye-tracking studies, coded/analyzed results, prepared grant applications and manuscripts, trained and supervised undergraduate RAs.
- June – August 2019     **Harvard Lab for Developmental Studies**, Summer Intern  
Principal Investigator: Jessie Snedeker, Harvard University.  
Researched L1 acquisition of presuppositions, coded data, scheduled participants

### Part time

- Spring 2024     **Child acquisition of *why* questions**, Graduate Research Assistant  
Principal Investigator: Carla Hudson-Kam, University of British Columbia.  
Supervise undergraduates coding of CHILDES data

Fall 2021	<b>Semantics of nominalized degree expressions</b> , Graduate Research Assistant Principal Investigator: Ryan Bochnak, University of British Columbia. Helped prepare grant application materials, conducted literature reviews
Fall 2020	<b>Child acquisition of French liaison</b> , Graduate Research Assistant Principal Investigator: Anne-Michelle Tessier, University of British Columbia. Collected, coded, and analyzed corpus data using CHILDES, CLAN and R
Fall 2020	<b>Child acquisition of <i>why</i> questions</b> , Graduate Research Assistant Principal Investigator: Carla Hudson-Kam, University of British Columbia. Collected, coded, and analyzed corpus data using CHILDES, CLAN and Python
November 2018 – May 2019	<b>NYU LEARN Lab</b> , Undergraduate Research Assistant Principal Investigator: Sudha Arunachalam, New York University Designed stimuli, scheduled and ran eye-tracking studies, coded results
Jan. – May 2019	<b>Child Language Lab</b> , Undergraduate Research Assistant Principal Investigator: Ailís Cournane, New York University Collected and analyzed data using CHILDES and CLAN

## Teaching Positions

### Teaching assistant positions at the University of British Columbia

Fall 2025	LING 327: Semantics, Marcin Morzycki
Spring 2025	LING 201: Morphology, Syntax and Semantics, Marcin Morzycki
Fall 2024	LING 327: Semantics, Marcin Morzycki
Spring 2024	LING 345: Pragmatics, Eva Csipak
Spring 2024	LING 201: Morphology, Syntax and Semantics, Marcin Morzycki
Spring 2023	LING 201: Morphology, Syntax and Semantics, Ryan Bochnak
Fall 2022	LING 327: Semantics, Marcin Morzycki
Fall 2022	LING 300: Syntax, Joash Gambarage
Spring 2022	LING 201: Morphology, Syntax, and Semantics, Lisa Matthewson
Fall 2021	LING 100: Intro to Linguistics, Amanda Cardoso

## Other teaching positions

June – Aug. 2018	<b>English Tutor to high school students, Come on Out Japan, Tokyo, Japan</b> Designed and held lessons on English grammar, public speaking, and politics
Oct. 2015 – May 2018	<b>Teaching assistant to first graders, America Reads, New York, NY</b> Taught reading, writing, and math; analyzed test scores and wrote progress reports
May – Aug. 2017	<b>Educational Intern, International Rescue Committee, Atlanta, GA</b> Taught history, civics and vocational skills; organized IRC fundraiser events
July – Aug. 2016	<b>Teacher to preschool students, Guda Education Center, Guangzhou, China</b> Taught English using Montessori methods, coordinated recreational student events

## Service

Sept. 2024 –	<b>UBC Colloquium Committee Graduate Representative</b>
Sept. 2020 –	<b>UBC Linguistics PhD Student Representative</b>
Jan – May 2021	<b>39th Northwest Linguistics Conference at UBC (Volunteer)</b>
Feb – April 2019	<b>Mid-Atlantic Colloquium of Studies in Meaning 8 at NYU (Lead Organizer)</b>

## Memberships

2024 –	Canadian Linguistics Association (CLA)
2023 –	Sluring Terms Across Languages (STAL)
2023 –	Linguistics Society of America (LSA)

## Skills

Software	$\LaTeX$ , R, Python, JSPsych, ELAN, Praat, CLAN, Adobe (Photoshop, Premiere)
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# Languages

English	native
German	fluent (C1)
Ktunaxa	research, documentation work