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Education

- 2013–2020 **University of Massachusetts Amherst**
Ph.D., Linguistics
Dissertation: *Optimal Linearization: Prosodic displacement in Khoekhoe and beyond* [PDF](#)
- 2012 **CoLang Summer Institute for Collaborative Language Research**
Kansas University
- 2007–2011 **Swarthmore College**
B.A., Linguistics
Graduated with High Honors
Thesis: *Diachronic verbal morphology in Fante* [PDF](#)
Advisor: Jason Kandybowicz

Teaching

SUNY ALBANY

- Fall 2017 Instructor of Record for *Anthropology 321: Introduction to Syntax*
Adjunct Professor, Fall Semester. [SYLLABUS](#)

UNIVERSITY OF NAMIBIA

- August 2017 Guest Lecturer in *Structure of Khoekhoegowab*
Instructor: Professor Levi Namaseb

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST

- 2017–2018 Supervisor, Kerriane Devlin; undergraduate independent study on Khoekhoegowab syntax.
Developed and co-presented a poster at ACAL49.
- Spring 2017 Instructor of Record for *Linguist 201: Introduction to Linguistics*. [SYLLABUS](#)
- Spring 2016 Supervisor, Harry McKeeman; undergraduate independent study in prosody and the PF-Interface
- Fall 2016 Teaching Assistant for *Linguist 101: People and Their Language*
Instructor: John Kingston

Pedagogy Training

- 2019 ‘Teaching Linguistics,’ LSA 2019 mini-workshop; included training on online & multi-media course design.
- 2018 ‘Evaluating Teaching Effectiveness,’ Center for Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning

Publications

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- in submission ‘Khoekhoegowab tone sandhi: New experimental evidence’ [PDF](#)
- 2020 ‘Optimal Linearization: Word order typology with violable constraints.’ *Syntax*. [PDF](#)
- 2019 ‘Prosody and the disjoint in Tshivenḁa’
Proceedings of THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON AFRICAN LINGUISTICS 47. [PDF](#)

ABSTRACT-REVIEWED PROCEEDINGS

- 2018 [with Sakshi Bhatia & Ekaterina Vostrikova]
‘Indirect interaction of person & number in Ojibwe’
*Proceedings of WORKSHOP ON STRUCTURE & CONSTITUENCY
IN LANGUAGES OF THE AMERICAS 21*,
ed. by Natalie Weber. [VOLUME, PDF](#)

EDITED VOLUMES

- 2014 [with Jyoti Iyer]
Proceedings of NORTH EASTERN LINGUISTICS SOCIETY 44
Amherst, MA: GLSA. [VOLUME](#)

MANUSCRIPTS

- In prep. ‘Coordination via adjunction in Khoekhoegowab.’
Ms., University of Massachusetts Amherst.
- In prep. ‘Asymmetric extraction from coordination in Khoekhoegowab and German.’
Ms., University of Massachusetts Amherst.
- 2016 ‘Prosody and the disjoint alternation in Tshivenḁa.’
Ms., University of Massachusetts Amherst. [PDF](#)
- 2015 ‘(Re)labeling and constituency paradoxes: Remnant movement in Akan’
Ms., University of Massachusetts Amherst. [PDF](#)

Presentations

PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

- January 2020 ‘Prosodic conditioning of word order in Khoekhoegowab’
LSA 2020, New Orleans

- November 2019 ‘Minimal prosodic recursion in Khoekhoegowab’
RECURSIVITY IN PHONOLOGY BELOW AND ABOVE THE WORD 2019
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
- August 2019 [poster]
‘Khoekhoegowab tonal sandhi, prosodic structure, and extended projections’
INTONATIONAL PHONOLOGY OF TYPOLOGICALLY RARE OR UNDERSTUDIED LANGUAGES. (SATELLITE EVENT, ICPHS 2019.)
University of Melbourne
- May 2019 ‘Khoekhoegowab tonal sandhi, prosodic structure, and extended projections’
ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON AFRICAN LINGUISTICS 50.
UBC SLIDES
- May 2019 [poster, with Leah Chapman]
‘Backwards control in Khoekhoegowab’
ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON AFRICAN LINGUISTICS 50.
UBC
- January 2019 ‘Word and affix ordering with Optimality Theory’
LINGUISTIC SOCIETY OF AMERICA 2019.
NYC HANDOUT
- April 2018 ‘Extraction from coordination in Khoekhoegowab’
WEST COAST CONFERENCE ON FORMAL LINGUISTICS 36.
UCLA HANDOUT
- March 2018 ‘Asymmetric extraction from coordination in Khoekhoegowab’
ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON AFRICAN LINGUISTICS 49.
Michigan State University. HANDOUT
- March 2018 [poster, with Kerriane Devlin]
‘Default case in Khoekhoegowab’
ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON AFRICAN LINGUISTICS 49.
Michigan State University. POSTER
- May 2016 [with Ivy Hauser]
‘Wrong-side reduplication in Koasati’
MANCHESTER PHONOLOGY MEETING 24.
University of Manchester. HANDOUT
- April 2016 [with Sakshi Bhatia & Ekaterina Vostrikova]
‘Indirect interaction of person and number’
GENERATIVE LINGUISTICS IN THE OLD WORLD 39.
Göttingen. HANDOUT
- April 2016 [with Sakshi Bhatia & Ekaterina Vostrikova]
‘Indirect interaction of person and number in Ojibwe’
WORKSHOP ON STRUCTURE & CONSTITUENCY
IN LANGUAGES OF THE AMERICAS 21.
UQÁM, Montreal. HANDOUT

- March 2016 ‘Prosody and the conjoint / disjoint alternation in Tshivenda’
ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON AFRICAN LINGUISTICS 47.
University of California, Berkeley. HANDOUT
- INVITED PRESENTATIONS**
- February 2018 ‘Khoekhoegowab, DPs, & Coordination’
Guest lecture, THE KHOISAN LANGUAGES, Professor Chris Collins.
New York University. HANDOUT
- October 2017 ‘Extraction from Coordination in Khoekhoe’
SYNTAX BROWN BAG. New York University. HANDOUT
- April 2015 ‘Purpose and instrumentality in Akan’
ECO-5. Harvard University. HANDOUT

Grants & Honors

- 2017 UMass Amherst Graduate School Dissertation Fieldwork Grant
- 2014–2019 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
- 2010 Joel Dean Student Initiated Summer Grant, Swarthmore College

Service

- 2016–2018 UMass Graduate School Predissertation Research Grant review committee
- 2015, 2019 NSF Fellowship Application Mentor, UMass Office of Professional Development
- 2016–2017 NELS 47 Organising Committee
- 2016–2017 Treasurer, Graduate Linguistics Student Association
University of Massachusetts Amherst

Fieldwork

- Ongoing **Naro**
[Khoesan, Namibia]
Topics include: language documentation; developing orthography, teaching resources.
Gobabis, Namibia.
- Ongoing **Khoekhoegowab**
[Khoesan, Namibia]
Topics include: Prosody; coordination; definiteness; tense-aspect marking.
Windhoek, Namibia.
- 2015 **Somali**
[Cushitic, Somalia]
Topics include: Clause structure; clitic placement; prosody.
Springfield, Massachusetts.

- 2015 **Tshivenda**
 [Bantu, South Africa]
 Topics include: Prosody; disjoint alternation.
 University of Venda, Limpopo Province, South Africa.
- 2015 **Wolof**
 [Atlantic, Senegal]
 Topics include: Vowel harmony; syntax.
 Field methods, University of Massachusetts Amherst.
- 2013–2014 **Luganda**
 [Bantu, Uganda]
 Topics include: Prosody; tone-spread.
 Research assistantship with Lisa Selkirk.
 University of Massachusetts Amherst.
- 2012 **Uda**
 [Lower Cross, Nigeria]
 Topics include: Documentation; orthography development; prosody.
 CoLang Institute, Kansas University.
- 2010 **Akan (Twi & Fante dialects)**
 [Kwa, Ghana]
 Topics include: Tense morphology; serial verb constructions.
 Accra, Ghana; & field methods, Swarthmore College.

Professional Skills

Technical	Python, L ^A T _E X, R, PraatScript, HTML, CSS, XML, SQL, git, Linux (Ubuntu), macOS github.com/lelandpaul	
Languages	English (<i>native</i>) Mandarin Cantonese Khoekhoegowab, Akan, Tshivenda, Luganda, Wolof, Uda, ASL	<i>fluent</i> <i>advanced</i> <i>intermediate</i> <i>fieldwork</i>