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Education

- Pres. Ph.D., Linguistics, Newcastle University
Thesis: *Syntax Without Words*
- 2016 M.Phil., Linguistics (Distinction), University of Oxford
- 2013 B.A., English Language & Literature (1st Class), University of Oxford

Publications

- 2017 [Justifications for a discontinuity theory of language evolution.](#)
Biolinguistics 11. 171-220.

Manuscripts in Progress

Honest signalling theory and its limits in language evolution.
Non-compositionality is the norm for all linguistic expressions.
Reconciling verb movement and inflection.
INFL isn't a deictic anchoring category and it isn't INFL.

Conference Talks

- 2018 Syntax: one interface or two? 2018 Annual Meeting of the LAGB.
- 2017 Universals of INFL: Challenges from Maybrat. Greenwich Tenselessness Workshop.
- 2017 The evolution of linguistics and the evolution of language. Durham Castle Conference.
- 2017 Principles and parameters in the 21st century. Edinburgh LEL Postgraduate Conference.
- 2017 A variational model of root infinitives during language acquisition. 12th Newcastle upon Tyne Postgraduate Conference in Linguistics.

Seminar Teaching

- 2018 SEL1028 — Building Blocks of Language
- 2017 SEL1027 — Shaping Sounds and Syntax
- 2017 SEL1007 — The Nature of Language
- 2016 SEL8500 — Academic Writing in Language & Linguistics

Scholarships & Awards

- 2016 George Wolf Prize (for best M.Phil. performance), University of Oxford
- 2015 Academy Scholarship, Institute of Ideas
- 2015 Finalist, BBC Radio 3 Young Composers Award
- 2014 4-Year ESRC Doctoral Studentship, Universities of Oxford & Newcastle
- 2008 Fulbright Award (for 'Outstanding European Students')

Research Interests

Syntax-Semantics Interface • Language of Thought • Evolution of Language & Nonhuman Communication • Minimalism & Nanosyntax • Neo-Davidsonian Semantics • Relevance Theory • Peircean Semiotics