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Research Interests

Specialization Diachronic linguistics, generative syntax, phonology, morphophonology.
Interests Diachronic/synchronic interface, diachronic syntax and syntactic reconstruction, grammaticalization, lexical strata, constructed languages, Indo-European studies, Japonic linguistics.

Education

- 2014–2020 **Cornell University - PhD in Linguistics.**
Dissertation: *Evidence from Innovation: Reconstructing disharmonic headedness for Proto-Indo-European*
Michael Weiss, John Whitman, chairs; Miloje Despić.
Defense Date: June 19, 2020. Conferral: September, 2020.
- 2012–2014 **University of Georgia - Master of Arts in Linguistics.**
Jared Klein, advisor
- 2003–2007 **Furman University - Bachelor of Arts in Accounting.**
Cum Laude

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- In Revision Disharmonic headedness in functional categories in early Indo-European. *Proceedings of the 20th meeting of the Diachronic Generative Syntax (DIGS) Conference*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2018 Mixed headedness in Tocharian, and its implications for PIE reconstruction. In Stephanie W. Jamison, Brent Vine, and David Goldstein (eds.), *Proceedings of the 29th Annual UCLA Indo-European Conference*. Bremen: Hempen.

Manuscripts

- 2020 Evidence from innovation: reconstructing disharmonic headedness for Proto-Indo-European. Dissertation, Cornell University. *John Whitman, Michael Weiss, chairs; Miloje Despić.*
- 2017 Wh-questions in Tocharian and implications for PIE reconstruction. Qualifying Paper, Cornell University. *Michael Weiss, John Whitman, chairs; Miloje Despić.*
- 2016 Rethinking the *Core-Periphery* model: evidence from Japanese and English. Qualifying Paper, Cornell University. *Abby Cohn, chair; Michael Weiss, John Whitman.*

Presentations (Refereed by Abstract)

- June 2018 **Disharmonic Headedness in Functional Categories in Early Indo-European**, *The 20th Diachronic Generative Syntax Conference*, University of York.
- November 2017 **Syntactic Headedness in Tocharian**, *Twenty-Ninth Annual UCLA Indo-European Conference*, University of California Los Angeles.
- June 2017 **Wh-questions in Hittite and Tocharian and implications for PIE reconstruction**, *36th Annual East Coast Indo-European Conference*, Cornell University.
- January 2017 **Rethinking lexical indexing models: evidence from Japanese and English**, *Linguistic Society of America (LSA) 91st Annual Meeting*, Austin, TX.

May **Rethinking the *Core-Periphery* model: data from Japanese**, 24th Manchester Phonology Meeting, University of Manchester.

Invited Talks

October 2018 **Evidence from innovation: reconstructing disharmonic headedness for Proto-Indo-European**, *Syntax Brown Bag Speaker Series*, New York University.

Other Presentations

May 2017 **Wh-questions in Tocharian and implications for PIE reconstruction**, *Cornell Linguistics Research Workshop*, Cornell University.

May 2016 **Rethinking the *Core-Periphery* model: evidence from Japanese and English**, *Cornell Linguistics Research Workshop*, Cornell University.

November 2015 **Postnominal relative clause development in Classical Armenian**, *Workshop on Relative Clauses*, Cornell University.

Teaching

Spring 2020 **Introduction to Linguistics**, *Teaching Assistant*, led two discussion sections, graded all assignments, Cornell University.

Fall 2019 **Introduction to Linguistics**, *Teaching Assistant*, led two discussion sections, graded all assignments, Cornell University.

Spring 2018 **Historical Linguistics**, *Teaching Assistant*, led two discussion sections, graded all assignments, Cornell University.

Spring 2017 **Introduction to Japanese II**, *Drill Instructor*, taught six sessions per week, graded all assignments, Cornell University.

Fall 2015, 2016 **Introduction to Japanese I**, *Drill instructor*, taught six sessions per week, graded all assignments, Cornell University.

Spring 2014 **Introduction to Japanese II**, *Instructor of course*, one section with four lectures per week; designed, administered, and graded all assignments, University of Georgia.

Fall 2013 **Introduction to Japanese I**, *Instructor of course*, two sections with four lectures per week; designed, administered, and graded all assignments, University of Georgia.

2007-2008 Assistant English Language Teacher, *Team-taught with local elementary and junior high English teachers*, five classes per day, also held a weekly English conversation class for adults, Kahoku-shi, Ishikawa-ken, Japan.

Consulting

Fall 2018 **Marvel Entertainment, LLC**, *Credited work for the film Captain Marvel*. Constructed two languages, providing grammars, audio pronunciation guides, dictionaries, and example dialogue.

Research Assistantships

2019-2020 **Edited *K_uśiññe Kantwo: Elementary Lessons in Tocharian B***, Performed content and organizational editing for author Michael Weiss, Cornell University.

Fall 2017 **Editorial Assistant for *Korean Linguistics***, Edited submissions, prepared and submitted annual budget request for John Whitman, Cornell University.

Press

Fall 2019 ***Speaking of Language Podcast***, S2E4 "Joseph Rhyne and Ryan Hearn - Do You Speak Torfan?".

- May 6 **National Museum of Language**, "Interview with Joseph Rhyne and Ryan Hearn, Creators of Torfan for Marvel's *Captain Marvel*".
- 2019
- May 1 **Ithaca Times**, "Cornell graduate students create language for *Captain Marvel*".
- 2019
- April 26 **New York Post**, "Meet the super nerds creating languages for 'Game of Thrones,' Marvel", Video interview and print article.
- 2019
- April 25 **Cornell Chronicle**, "Linguistics students create language for 'Captain Marvel'", Video Interview.
- 2019
- April **WSYR Syracuse; News Channel 9, Syracuse; WENY New York; Cornell Daily Sun; Cornell Arts and Sciences Newsletter**, Various radio and print interviews related to work on *Captain Marvel*.
- 2019

Leadership, Service, & Activities

- Dec 2019 **CienciAmerica Workshop: Writing Skills for Successful Scholars**, *Course Assistant*, Cornell.
- Aug 2019 **First-Year Major Fair**, *Linguistics Department Representative*, Cornell University.
- 2018-2020 **Historical Reading Group**, *Treasurer*, Cornell University.
- 2017-2018 **Cornell Linguistics Circle**, *President*, Cornell University.
- 2017-2019 **Cornell Linguistics Youtube Channel**, *Creator and Manager*, Cornell University.
- Oct 2018 **North East Linguistics Society (NELS) 49**, *Volunteer*, Cornell University.
- Feb 2018 **Cornell Linguistics Circle Speaker Series**, *Speaker host*, Cornell University.
- 2014-2018 **Historical Reading Group**, *Presenter, Attendee*, Cornell University.
- 2014-2018 **Syntax Reading Group**, *Presenter, Attendee*, Cornell University.
- 2014-2017 **Go Club**, *Member*, Cornell University.
- 2015, 2016 **Ithaca Public Education Initiative Spelling Bee Fundraiser**, *Team Captain*, Cornell University.
- 2014-2015 **Graduate & Professional Students Assembly**, *Linguistics Representative*, Cornell University.
- 2013-2014 **Linguistics Society at UGA**, *Treasurer*, University of Georgia.

Summer Programs

- Summer 2013 **Leiden Summer School in Languages and Linguistics**, Leiden University.
- Summer 2017 **Leiden Summer School in Languages and Linguistics**, Leiden University.

Fellowships & Awards

- 2014, 2018 Sage Fellowship
- Spring 2016 EAP Smith Research Fellowship
- 2016-2018 Travel Grant, *May 2016, January 2017, November 2017, June 2018*, Cornell University Linguistics Department
- 2016-2017 Travel Grant, *May 2016, November 2017*, Cornell University Graduate School

Languages

- Spoken** English, Japanese (good working knowledge)
- Research** German, French
- Can teach** Japanese, Old English, Old Norse, Gothic, Classical Armenian, Hittite, Tocharian, Greek, Latin, Sanskrit