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Research Areas

Broad Syntax • Morphology • Semantics
Narrow Agreement • Roots • Negation • Modality • Indexical shift
 Algonquian languages • Kartvelian languages

Education

2016– **PhD Linguistics**, University of Maryland, College Park (expected 2021)
 ADVISORS: Maria Polinsky & Omer Preminger
2017 Crete Summer School of Linguistics, Rethymnon, Greece
2015–2016 **MA Linguistics**, Concordia University
 ADVISOR: Alan Bale
 THESIS: *Failure to Agree in Nishnaabemwin Inverse-marking*
2011–2015 **BA Honours Linguistics**, Concordia University
 Graduated with Distinction

Scholarships & Awards

2016–2020 Canada Graduate Scholarship – Doctoral
 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)
2016–2019 Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS Doctoral Scholarships (declined)
 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)
2016 Graduate Fellowship in Ethnic Studies and Social Diversity
 Faculty of Arts & Science, Concordia University

- 2015–2016 Concordia Student Support Graduate Scholarship
Concordia University
- 2015–2016 Master’s Scholarship
Fonds de recherche du Québec – Société et culture (FRQSC)
- 2015 Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship – Master’s Program
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)
- 2015 INDI Entrance Fellowship
Concordia University
- 2015 Campaign for the New Millennium Student Contribution Scholarship
Concordia University
- 2014 EACOM First Nations Scholarship Program
EACOM Timber Corporation
- 2014 Concordia Undergraduate Student Research Award
Concordia University
- 2014 Campaign for the New Millennium Student Contribution Bursary
Concordia University

Publications

- 2018 **Thivierge, Sigwan.** Nishnaabemwin Inverse-marking: A Morphosyntactic Approach. In *Proceedings of the 21st Workshop on Structure and Constituency in Languages of the Americas*, ed. Emily Sadlier-Brown, Erin Guntly, and Natalie Weber. Vancouver, BC: University of British Columbia.
- 2017 **Thivierge, Sigwan.** Deriving Inverse-marking Patterns in Nishnaabemwin. In *Proceedings of the 34th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, ed. Aaron Kaplan, Abby Kaplan, Miranda K. McCarvel, and Edward J. Rubin. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project.

Presentations

INVITED

- 2020 **Thivierge, Sigwan.** *Agreement Systems and Universal Grammar*. Concordia Centre for Cognitive Science, Concordia University.
- 2016 **Thivierge, Sigwan.** *Person Hierarchy Effects in Nishnaabemwin: Deriving Agreement*. Concordia Linguistics Colloquium, Concordia University.

REFEREED

- 2019 **Thivierge, Sigwan.** *Phase unlocking in Georgian.* Canadian Linguistic Association (CLA) Annual Meeting 2019, University of British Columbia. Talk.
- 2019 **Thivierge, Sigwan.** *Expanding the agreement domain in Georgian.* 43rd annual Penn Linguistics Conference, University of Pennsylvania. Talk.
- 2018 **Thivierge, Sigwan.** *When is agreement agreement? The view from Georgian.* Multiple Agreement across Domains 2018 Workshop, Leibniz-Zentrum Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft in Berlin. Talk.
- 2018 **Thivierge, Sigwan.** *On the syntactic nature of Nishnaabemwin roots.* 23rd Workshop on Structure and Constituency in Languages of the Americas (WSCLA 23), University of Ottawa. Poster.
- 2016 **Thivierge, Sigwan.** *Deriving Inverse-marking Patterns in Nishnaabemwin.* The 34th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 34), University of Utah. Talk.
- 2016 **Thivierge, Sigwan.** *A Morphosyntactic Analysis of Nishnaabemwin Person Hierarchy Effects.* 4th Montréal-Ottawa-Toronto-Hamilton Syntax Workshop (MOTH 4), University of Toronto Mississauga. Talk.
- 2016 **Thivierge, Sigwan.** *Nishnaabemwin Inverse-Marking: A Morphosyntactic Approach.* 21st Workshop on Structure and Constituency in Languages of the Americas (WSCLA 21), Université du Québec à Montréal. Talk.

NON-REFEREED

- 2019 **Thivierge, Sigwan.** *High shifty operators in Georgian indexical shift.* Mid-Atlantic Colloquium of Studies in Meaning (MACSIM) 8, New York University. Poster.
- 2018 **Thivierge, Sigwan.** *Syntactic roots: Evidence from Algonquian.* 23rd East Coast 5 (ECO-5), University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Talk.
- 2015 **Thivierge, Sigwan.** *Phi-Feature Overlap in Nishnaabemwin.* Ottawa Conference for Linguistics Undergraduates and Masters students (OCLU+M), University of Ottawa. Talk.
- 2015 **Thivierge, Sigwan.** *Feature Overlap in Algonquian Languages.* Concordia Linguistics Student Colloquium, Concordia University. Talk.
- 2014 **Thivierge, Sigwan.** *Inverse-marking in Algonquian Languages.* Concordia Undergraduate Student Research Award (CUSRA) Showcase, Concordia University. Poster.

OTHER

- 2020 **Thivierge, Sigwan.** *Investigating indexical shift in Georgian: Evidence for matrix monsters.* S-Lab, University of Maryland, College Park
- 2019 **Thivierge, Sigwan.** *Expanding the agreement domain in Georgian.* Syntax seminar on hierarchy effects, McGill University
- 2019 **Thivierge, Sigwan.** *Paraguayan Guaraní Agreement: Constraining Person, or Cyclic Agree?* S-Lab, University of Maryland, College Park
- 2018 **Thivierge, Sigwan.** *Indigenous American Languages: Their Structure, Loss, and Reclamation.* UMD Linguistics Club, University of Maryland, College Park
- 2018 **Thivierge, Sigwan.** *Diagnosing inverse agreement in Georgian.* S-Lab, University of Maryland, College Park
- 2018 **Thivierge, Sigwan.** *On the syntactic nature of roots: The view from Algonquian.* S-Lab, University of Maryland, College Park
- 2018 Participant of *Expanding Linguistic Science By Broadening Native American Participation.* LSA workshop, Salt Lake City, Utah
- 2017 Gajić, Jovana, Marten Stelling, and **Sigwan Thivierge.** *Negation & Co.* Göttingen Lunch Talk Series, University of Göttingen

Research Experience

RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

- 2015 Research Assistant, *Agreement in Algonquian languages*
Professor Alan Bale, Concordia University
- 2014 Concordia Undergraduate Student Researcher, *The syntax of inverse-marking*
Professor Charles Reiss, Concordia University
- 2013 Research Assistant, *Nishnaabemwin morphology*
Professor Charles Reiss, Concordia University

FIELDWORK

- 2017– Georgian – College Park, USA, and Tbilisi, Georgia
Ongoing investigation of agreement paradigms and indexical shifting
- 2016– Nishnaabemwin – Long Point First Nation in Winneway, Canada
Ongoing investigation of agreement paradigms, negation, and modality

Teaching Experience

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

- 2019 LING 311: Syntax I
Professor Tonia Bleam, University of Maryland, College Park
Grading, office hours
- 2019 LING 262: Heritage Languages and Their Speakers
Professor Maria Polinsky, University of Maryland, College Park
Grading, office hours
- 2018 LING 200: Introductory Linguistics
Professor Tonia Bleam, University of Maryland, College Park
Planning and leading weekly discussion sections, grading, office hours
- 2017 LING 200: Introductory Linguistics
Professor Margaret J. Antonisse, University of Maryland, College Park
Planning and leading weekly discussion sections, grading, office hours
- 2016 LING 222: Language & Mind: The Chomskyan Program
Professor Dana Isac, Concordia University
Grading, office hours, guest lecture
- 2015 LING 222: Language & Mind: The Chomskyan Program
Professor Charles Reiss, Concordia University
Grading, office hours, guest lecture
- 2015 LING 421: Non-Indo-European Structures – Algonquian Languages
Professor Alan Bale, Concordia University
Grading, office hours
- 2015 LING 315: Syntax
Professor Dana Isac, Concordia University
Grading, office hours
- 2014 LING 320: Semantics
Professor Alan Bale, Concordia University
Grading, office hours
- 2014 LING 373: Phonological Analysis
Professor Charles Reiss, Concordia University
Grading, office hours

INVITED LECTURES

- 2018 Introduction to Agreement
The South Caucasian Chalk Circle Summer School, Tbilisi, Georgia
Professors Léa Nash & Maria Polinsky

- 2018 Language Loss & Revitalization: Reclamation in Native American Communities
LING 262: Heritage Languages and Their Speakers
Professor Maria Polinsky, University of Maryland, College Park
- 2017 First Nations Language Loss & Revitalization
LING 262: Heritage Languages and Their Speakers
Professor Maria Polinsky, University of Maryland, College Park
- 2016 Animacy and Inverse-marking in Nishnaabemwin
LING 222: Language & Mind: The Chomskyan Program
Professor Dana Isac, Concordia University
- 2015 Animacy and Inverse-marking in Nishnaabemwin
LING 222: Language & Mind: The Chomskyan Program
Professor Charles Reiss, Concordia University
- 2013 Introduction to Algonquian Languages
LING 380: Morphology
Professor Charles Reiss, Concordia University

TRAINING

- 2015 Graduate Student University Teaching Seminar
Week-long intensive seminar for academic teaching at the university level
Concordia University

Service

CONFERENCES

- 2019– Organizing committee, *Mayfest: 2020 Hindsight*
University of Maryland, College Park
- 2018–2019 Chair, organizing committee, *24th Workshop on the Structure and Constituency of the Languages of the Americas (WSCLA)*
University of Maryland, College Park
- 2017–2018 Organizing committee, *Mayfest: Negation*
University of Maryland, College Park
- 2017 Organizing committee, *27th Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT)*
University of Maryland, College Park
- 2016 Volunteer, *9th North American Phonology Conference (NAPhC)*
Concordia University
- 2015 Organizing committee, *46th Meeting of the North East Linguistics Society (NELS)*
Concordia University

2014 Volunteer, *8th North American Phonology Conference (NAPhC)*
Concordia University

COMMITTEE WORK

2018– Committee member, *UMD Department of Linguistics Colloquium*
University of Maryland, College Park

2018– Committee member, *Language Science Outreach*
University of Maryland, College Park

2017–2018 Committee member, *Language Science Professional Development and Communica-
tions*
University of Maryland, College Park

2017 Organizing committee, *Open House for Prospective Students*
University of Maryland, College Park

2016–2017 Organizing committee, *Language Science Winter Storm*
University of Maryland, College Park

REPRESENTATION

2018– Graduate student representative, *Arts and Humanities Collegiate Council*
University of Maryland, College Park

2017–2018 Student representative, *Linguistics Graduate Students Association*
University of Maryland, College Park

Language proficiency

English (*native*); French (*intermediate*); Nishnaabemwin (*beginner, elicitation*); Georgian (*elicitation*)

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