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Research interests

Syntax, semantics, fieldwork, language revitalization, Arctic languages

Languages I've worked on: Western Aleut, Western Samoan, English, Toba Batak

Education

2020 – present

The University of Chicago – *Chicago, IL*
Ph.D. in Linguistics

- First Qualifying Paper: “Head movement from adjunct positions: Evidence from Aleut”
Readers: Jason Merchant, Erik Zyman
- Second Qualifying Paper: “An alternative semantics of the Samoan article system”
Readers: Karlos Arregi, Chris Kennedy

2016 – 2020

Stanford University – *Stanford, CA*
BA with Honors in Linguistics, Minor in Slavic Languages and Literatures
Honors Thesis: *Constructing Language Revitalization Resources: The Aleut Picture Dictionary*
Advisor: Paul Kiparsky

Publications

Snigaroff, M. K. (In press). Head movement from non-complement positions: Evidence from Aleut. *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory*.

Edited volumes

Aitha, A., K. Serova, & **M. K. Snigaroff**. (In prep). *Proceedings of the Fifty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society*. Chicago, IL: Chicago Linguistic Society.

Talks

Invited talks

- May 2023 **Revitalization and Fieldwork that Complements Communities: A Case Study with Aleut**
University of California, San Diego
Linguistic Fieldwork Working Group
- February 2019 **Language Revitalization in Alaska**
Stanford University
Guest lecture at LINGUIST 47N: Languages, Dialects, Speakers

Conference talks

- accepted **Language-learning Tailored to Endangered Language Communities**
Ilisimatusarfik Grønlands Universitet
Language Ideologies and Inequality with a Perspective on the Arctic

Internal talks

- February 2024 **Merge and C-command**
The University of Chicago
Lecture at LING 20201: Introduction to Syntax
- April 2022 **Head Movement from Adjunct Positions: The Case of Aleut Suffixal Adjectives**
The University of Chicago
Morphology & Syntax Workshop
- May 2021 **Aleut Language Revitalization**
The University of Chicago
Workshop on Language Variation and Change
- October 2017 **The Presidents Project: Evaluating Metrical Tree**
Stanford University
VPUE Research Initiative Presentations, Department of Linguistics

Honors and scholarships

- 2020 – present Humanities Fellowship (The University of Chicago)
- 2020 – 2024 Graduate Scholarship (The Aleut Foundation)
- Oct. 2022 Sapir Scholars Program (The University of Chicago)
- Sep. 2022 Graduate Research Aid Initiative in Linguistics (The University of Chicago)
- June 2022 Graduate Research Aid Initiative in Linguistics (The University of Chicago)
- 2020 Chancellor's Fellowship for Graduate Study (University of California, Berkeley; declined)
- 2020 Cota-Robles Fellowship (University of California, Los Angeles; declined)
- 2016 – 2020 Educational Scholarship with Honors (The Aleut Foundation)
- 2020 Robert M. Golden Medal for Excellence in the Humanities and Creative Arts (Stanford University)

- 2019 Dobro Slovo (National Slavic Honor Society)
- 2019 Phi Beta Kappa (Stanford University)
- 2017 Vice Provost of Undergraduate Education (VPUE) Research Initiative (Stanford University)

Language Revitalization

- Sep. 2022 – present **Cultural Heritage Center Independent Contractor**
Aleut elicitation, curriculum-building, teaching, organization of revitalization activities, transcription of lessons, language proficiency testing, among other duties
Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association
Remote work
- May – June 2023 **Summer Language Intensive Intern**
Aleut elicitation, curriculum-building, and teaching
Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association
Anchorage, AK
- July – August 2022 **Summer Language Intensive Intern**
Aleut elicitation, curriculum-building, and teaching
Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association
Anchorage, AK
- June – August 2019 **Summer Language Intensive Intern**
Aleut elicitation, curriculum-building, and teaching
Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association
Anchorage, AK
- June 2019 **Culture Camp Language Teacher**
The Aleut Foundation
Atka, AK
- May 2018 **Culture Camp Language Teacher**
The Aleut Foundation, Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association
Anchorage, AK
- March – August 2018 **Summer Language Intensive Intern**
Aleut elicitation, curriculum-building, and teaching
Where Are Your Keys, Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association
Atka and Anchorage, AK

Classroom teaching experience

- ongoing **Teaching assistant, LING 20301: Introduction to Semantics and Pragmatics**
Prof. Anastasia Giannakidou, The University of Chicago
- Winter 2024 **Teaching assistant, LING 20201: Introduction to Syntax**
Prof. Amy Dahlstrom, The University of Chicago
Gave a guest lecture, led weekly discussion sessions, attended all lectures, and graded assignments

Fall 2022 **Teaching assistant, LING 20001: Introduction to Linguistics**
Prof. Erik Zyman, The University of Chicago
Led weekly discussion sessions, attended all lectures, and graded assignments

Mentorship

Winter 2023 **Gabriel Correa Ramos Alves (RA)**
Lars Nordquist (RA)
The University of Chicago
Mentored two undergraduate research assistants in a project gathering, organizing, and annotating Aleut recordings

Fall 2022 **Sarah Kim (RA)**
Reagan Sparks (RA)
The University of Chicago
Mentored two undergraduate research assistants in a project gathering, organizing, and annotating Aleut recordings

Leadership and service

February 2024 **Panelist**
Panel on Careers in Linguistics
Stanford University

February 2024 **Abstract Reviewer**
60th Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS)

2022 – 2023 **Central Committee Member**
59th Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS)

2022 – 2023 **Student Coordinator**
Language Variation and Change Workshop
The University of Chicago

2022 – 2023 **Student Coordinator**
Fieldworkers' Lab
The University of Chicago

January 2023 **Abstract Reviewer**
59th Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS)

February 2022 **Abstract Reviewer**
58th Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS)

Industry experience

2022 **Worldshifter Games (Independent contractor)**
Remote
Gave linguistic, worldbuilding, and story feedback for desktop videogame; constructed dialogue and other elements of the storyline

Technical skills

Programming languages

R, Python

Software

L^AT_EX, ELAN, SayMore, Pratt

Languages

English (L1), Spanish (fluent), Russian (intermediate), Aleut (intermediate)

Other interests

Conlanging, worldbuilding