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POSITIONS

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| LECTURER | 03-2026 - present |
| University of Geneva, Department of Linguistics | (completion date 07/2026) |
| RESEARCH & TEACHING ASSISTANT | 08/2021 - 02/2026 |
| University of Geneva, Department of Linguistics | |
| RESEARCH ASSISTANT | 09/2020 - 07/2021 |
| University of Geneva, Department of Linguistics | |

EDUCATION

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| PH.D., LINGUISTICS University of Geneva | 2026 |
| <i>Thesis:</i> "The Syntax of Clausal Prefixes in Tigrinya" Grade: <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> with Congratulations of the Committee | |
| <i>Supervisors:</i> Ur Shlonsky, Eric Haeberli | |
| <i>Committee:</i> Ruth Kramer, Jason Overfelt, Coppe van Urk, Tabea Ihsane | |
| SPECIALIZATION CERTIFICATE, LINGUISTICS University of Geneva | 2019 |
| <i>Supervisor:</i> Ur Shlonsky | |
| <i>Thesis:</i> "Tigrinya Restrictive Relative Clauses" Grade: 6/6 | |
| M.A., ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE University of Geneva | 2019 |
| <i>Thesis:</i> "Women's Language and Female Characters: A Case Study of Gender-based Linguistic Differences in Novels" Grade: 6/6 | |
| <i>Supervisor:</i> Prof. Genoveva Puskás | |
| B.A., LINGUISTICS University of Geneva | 2019 |
| B.A., ARABIC STUDIES & | 2016 |
| B.A., ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE University of Geneva | |

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES

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|---|-------------|
| Itinerant Relative Clauses in Tigrinya | Submitted |
| The Tigrinya <i>zi-</i> prefix: A Morphological Reflex of Successive-Cyclic Movement | 2023 |
| Brill's Journal of Afroasiatic Languages and Linguistics 15(1): 232-261. | |
| https://doi.org/10.1163/18776930-01501004 | |

PROCEEDINGS

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| Hyperagreement and Case-licensing in Tigrinya with Jason Overfelt | Accepted |
| <i>Selected Proceedings of the 55th Annual Conference on African Linguistics.</i> | |
| McGill University. Montréal. Canada. | |
| A note on Verum Focus in Tigrinya | 2024 |
| <i>Language Use and Linguistic Structure: Proceedings of the Olomouc Linguistics Colloquium 2023,</i> | |
| eds. Markéta Janebová, Michaela Čakányová, and Joseph Emonds. | |
| Olomouc: Palacký University. 24–41. DOI: www.doi.org/10.5507/ff.24.24465081 | |

COLLECTIONS

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| Topics in the Syntax of Tigrinya with Jason Overfelt | Under Review |
| <i>Handbook of Afroasiatic Languages and Linguistics</i> , eds. Karim Bensoukas, and Alireza Korangy. | |
| Springer Handbooks of Languages and Linguistics. | |
| Subjunctive Mood in Tigrinya? | 2025 |
| <i>Generative Grammar in Geneva (GG@G): Studies in Honour of Genoveva Puskás</i> , eds. Anne-Elisabeth Donzé, Eric Haeberli, Tabea Ihsane, and Wenli Tang. Geneva: Université de Genève, 29–40. | |
| https://www.unige.ch/lettres/linge/syntaxe/journal/Volume12/3_Cacchioli.pdf | |

PH.D. THESIS

The Syntax of Clausal Prefixes in Tigrinya. Université de Genève, Genève. 2026
<https://doi.org/10.13097/archive-ouverte/unige:191615>

MANUSCRIPTS

Subordination as Relativization in Tigrinya
Subordination in Ethiopian Afroasiatic Languages, eds. Ronny Meyer, Anbessa Teferra and Chris H. Reintges. In prep.

The Syntax of Verbal Modality in Tigrinya with Jason Overfelt In prep.

Varieties of Headless Relative Clauses in Tigrinya with Ivano Caponigro In prep.

The Syntax of Negation in Tigrinya In prep.

TALKS

INVITED

Varieties of Headless Relative Clauses in Tigrinya (joint work with Ivano Caponigro) forthcoming
Research Seminar of LLACAN (Langages, Langues et Cultures d'Afrique). CNRS Villejuif. Paris, France.

Copular Clauses in Tigrinya 2023
Structure of Ethio-Semitic Languages (Seminar). Oakland University. Michigan, U.S. Online.

The Tigrinya zə- prefix: A Morphological Reflex of Successive-Cyclic Movement 2022
Workshop on Prefixes vs Suffixes in Afroasiatic. CNRS Pouchet. Paris, France.

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

Introduction to (Ethio)-Semitic Morphosyntax 2026
Morphology, Syntax and the Semitic Languages. Université de Genève. Geneva, Switzerland.

The Syntax of Complement Clauses in Tigrinya 2025
Language and Languages at the Crossroads of Disciplines (LL&D). Université de Lille. Lille, France.

Subordination as Relativization in Tigrinya 2025
BerlinBrnoVienna Workshop. Masaryk University. Brno, Czech Republic.

Issues in Tigrinya Syntax 2025
PhD Day of Swiss Linguistics. Université de Lausanne. Lausanne, Switzerland.

The Syntax of Sentential Negation in Tigrinya 2024
Sentential Negation Across the Globe (SNAG). Université Paris Cité. Paris, France.

The Syntax of Sentential Negation in Tigrinya 2024
BerlinBrnoVienna Workshop. Masaryk University. Brno. Czech Republic.

Hyperagreement and Case-licensing in Tigrinya with Jason Overfelt 2024
The 55th Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL 55). McGill University. Montreal, Canada.

Copular Clauses in Tigrinya 2024
PhD Day of Swiss Linguistics. Universität Bern. Bern, Switzerland.

The Syntax of Modality in Tigrinya with Jason Overfelt. 2023
16th Conference on Syntax, Phonology and Language Analysis. Masaryk University. Brno, Czech Republic.

Verum Focus in Tigrinya 2023
The Olomouc Linguistics Colloquium. Palacký University. Czech Republic.

The Tigrinya Relative Clause with Bahareh Samimi & Ur Shlonsky 2018
2nd BRILL's Journal of Afro-Asiatic Languages and Linguistics International Conference.
Université de Nantes. Nantes, France.

RESEARCH SEMINARS

Polar Questions in Tigrinya 2025
Séminaire de Recherche en Linguistique. Université de Genève. Geneva, Switzerland.

The Syntax of Modality in Tigrinya with Jason Overfelt. 2023
Séminaire de Recherche en Linguistique. Université de Genève. Geneva, Switzerland.

The Tigrinya Relative Clause with Bahareh Samimi & Ur Shlonsky 2018
Séminaire de Recherche en Linguistique. Université de Genève. Geneva, Switzerland.

POSTERS

- The morphosyntax of sentential complementation in Tigrinya: Subordination as relativization** with Ur Shlonsky 2023
48imo Incontro di Grammatica Generativa (IGG48). University of Florence. Florence, Italy.
- The Tigrinya zə- prefix: A Morphological Reflex of Successive-Cyclic Movement** 2022
47imo Incontro di Grammatica Generativa (IGG47). University of Catania. Catania, Italy.

TEACHING

UNDERGRADUATE

- Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology** (taught in French) present
BA Level - UNIGE; Primary Instructor: Prof. Danfeng Wu
- Introduction to the Science of Language** (taught in French) Fall Semester 2025
BA Level - UNIGE; Primary Instructor: Prof. Isabelle Charnavel
- Introduction to the Science of Language** (taught in French) Fall Semester 2024
BA Level - UNIGE; Primary Instructor: Prof. Isabelle Charnavel
- Language and its Structure** (taught in French) Spring Semester 2024
BA Level - UNIGE; Primary Instructor: Dr. Giuseppe Samo
- Introduction to the Science of Language** (taught in French) Fall Semester 2023
BA Level - UNIGE; Primary Instructor: Prof. Isabelle Charnavel
- Introduction to Semantics and Pragmatics** (taught in French) Academic Year 2022-2023
BA Level - UNIGE; Primary Instructor: Prof. Isabelle Charnavel
- Introduction to Semantics and Pragmatics** (taught in French) Academic Year 2021-2022
BA Level - UNIGE; Primary Instructor: Prof. Isabelle Charnavel
- Syntactic Cartography** (taught in French) Spring Semester 2021
BA Level - UNIGE; Primary Instructor: Prof. Ur Shlonsky
- Theoretical Syntax** (taught in French) Fall Semester 2021
BA Level - UNIGE; Primary Instructor: Prof. Ur Shlonsky

SERVICE

REVIEWING

- Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* ad hoc
- Brill's Journal of Afro-Asiatic Languages and Linguistics* ad hoc

DEPARTMENTAL

- Assistants' & Lecturers' Representative, Commission Mixte** 09/2022 - 06/2024
Department of Linguistics, University of Geneva
- Member, Nomination Committee for a Monitor Position** 05/2024
Department of Linguistics, University of Geneva
- Member, Nomination Committee for a Professor in Syntax** 05/2023 - 10/2023
Department of Linguistics, University of Geneva
- Member, Nomination Committee of Tabea Ihsane** 05/2023
As Associate Professor (*Nomination par appel*)
Department of Linguistics & Department of English Language and Literature, University of Geneva
- Website Manager** 09/2022 - 06/2023
Department of Linguistics, University of Geneva
- Research Seminar Organizer and Chair** 08/2020 - 07/2022
Department of Linguistics, University of Geneva
- Students' Representative, Commission Mixte** 09/2014 - 02/2019
Department of English Language & Literature, University of Geneva

ORGANIZATIONS

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| Member, Scientific Committee of the Linguistics Doctoral Program of CUSO (<i>Conférences Universitaires de la Suisse Occidentale</i>) Switzerland | 08/2023 - 02/2026 |
| Vice-president, AELCA (<i>Association d'Etudiants en Langue et Civilisation Arabes</i>) University of Geneva | 09/2014 - 06/2016 |
| Accounts Auditor, UniART (<i>Association d'Artistes à l'UNIGE</i>) University of Geneva | 09/2017 - 09/2020 |

SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

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|---|------|
| Organizer, Workshop, Morphology, Syntax and The Semitic Languages University of Geneva | 2026 |
| Organizer, Doctoral School, Latex for Linguists: A Hands-On Workshop University of Geneva | 2025 |

CONSULTANT

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| Fieldwork in Tigrinya | 2021 |
| Franck J, Papadopoulou D. (2022). "L2 French learning by Eritrean refugee speakers of Tigrinya". <i>Bilingualism: Language and Cognition</i> 25, 631–644. | |

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

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| Podcast "Tigrinya and Gioia Cacchioli" | 2023 |
| Episode 14 of <i>A Language I love is...</i> of Danny Bate Spotify: https://open.spotify.com/episode/4jzWLDtlo2ga129aOrsx7u?si=f03499ce44d24727 | |

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

CERTIFICATES

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| Google Project Management Google (Coursera) | ongoing |
| Crash Course on Python Google (Coursera) | ongoing |
| SQL Fundamentals for Data Analysts Corporate Finance Institute (Coursera) | ongoing |
| Tableau Fundamentals Corporate Finance Institute (Coursera) | ongoing |
| Machine Learning for Everyone IBM (Coursera) | 2025 |
| Basic Statistics University of Amsterdam (Coursera) | 2025 |
| Introduction to Generative AI Google Cloud (Coursera) | 2025 |
| Certificate in Advanced English Cambridge | 2013 |

LANGUAGES

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|----------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| ITALIAN | Native Speaker | TIGRINYA | Advanced (grammar) |
| FRENCH | Proficiency (C2) | ARABIC | Advanced (grammar) |
| ENGLISH | Proficiency (C2) | AMHARIC | Beginner (grammar) |
| GERMAN | Elementary (A2) | LATIN | High School Level |
| ARABIC | Beginner (A1) | | |

SKILLS

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| SYNTAX (GENERATIVE) | Advanced | MICROSOFT OFFICE | Advanced | | |
| FIELDWORK | Advanced | GOOGLE WORKSPACE | Advanced | | |
| NANOSYNTAX | Intermediate | LATEX | Intermediate | SQL | Beginner |
| CORPUS LINGUISTICS | Intermediate | R | Beginner | TABLEAU | Beginner |
| FORMAL SEMANTICS | Beginner | PRAAT | Beginner | | |
| PHONETICS/PHONOLOGY | Beginner | PYTHON | Beginner | | |

REFERENCES

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Professor **Jason Overfelt** (for research)
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