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POSITIONS

TEACHING ASSISTANT 08/2021 – present
University of Geneva, Department of Linguistics

RESEARCH ASSISTANT 08/2020 - 07/2021
University of Geneva, Department of Linguistics

EDUCATION

PH.D. IN LINGUISTICS 09/2019 - present
University of Geneva; Supervisor: Prof. Ur Shlonsky

SPECIALIZATION CERTIFICATE IN LINGUISTICS 02/2019 - 09/2019
University of Geneva; Supervisor: Prof. Ur Shlonsky

M.A. IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE 09/2016 - 02/2019
University of Geneva; Supervisor: Prof. Genoveva Puskás

B.A. IN LINGUISTICS 09/2016 - 02/2019
University of Geneva

B.A. IN ARABIC STUDIES 09/2013 - 09/2016
B.A. IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE
University of Geneva

PUBLICATIONS

Subjunctive Mood in Tigrinya? Submitted

The Syntax of Verbal Modality in Tigrinya with Jason Overfelt Submitted

Hyperagreement and Case-licensing in Tigrinya with Jason Overfelt Submitted
Selected Proceedings of the 55th Annual Conference on African Linguistics.
McGill University, Montréal, Canada.

A note on Verum Focus in Tigrinya 2024
Language Use and Linguistic Structure: Proceedings of the Olomouc Linguistics Colloquium 2023,
eds. Markéta Janebová, Michaela Čáková, and Joseph Emonds.
Olomouc: Palacký University. 24–41.

The Tigrinya *zi-* prefix:
A Morphological Reflex of Successive-Cyclic Movement
Brill's Journal of Afroasiatic Languages and Linguistics 15(1): 232-261.

2023

MANUSCRIPTS

The Syntax of Clausal Prefixes in Tigrinya (Ongoing Ph.D. Thesis)

In prep.

Tigrinya (tentative title) with Jason Overfelt

In prep.

Handbook of Afroasiatic Languages and Linguistics, eds. Karim Bensoukas, and Alireza Korangy.
Springer Handbooks of Languages and Linguistics.

Itinerant Relative Clauses in Tigrinya

In prep.

TALKS

INVITED

Copular Clauses in Tigrinya

2023

Structure of Ethio-Semitic Languages (Seminar). Oakland University. Michigan, U.S. Online.

The Tigrinya *zə-* prefix:

2022

A Morphological Reflex of Successive-Cyclic Movement

Workshop on Prefixes vs Suffixes in Afroasiatic. University of Paris. France.

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

Issues in Tigrinya Syntax

forthcoming

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. Czech Republic.

Verum Focus in Tigrinya

2023

The Olomouc Linguistics Colloquium. Palacký University. Czech Republic.

RESEARCH SEMINARS

The Syntax of Modality in Tigrinya with Jason Overfelt.

2023

Séminaire de Recherche en Linguistique. University of Geneva. Switzerland.

The Tigrinya Relative Clause with Bahareh Samimi & Ur Shlonsky 2018
Séminaire de Recherche en Linguistique. University of Geneva. Switzerland.

POSTERS

The morphosyntax of sentential complementation in Tigrinya: 2023
 Subordination as relativization with Ur Shlonsky
48imo Incontro di Grammatica Generativa (IGG48). University of Florence. Italy.

The Tigrinya *zə-* prefix: 2022
 A Morphological Reflex of Successive-Cyclic Movement
47imo Incontro di Grammatica Generativa (IGG47). University of Catania. Italy.

TEACHING

Introduction to the Science of Language (taught in French) forthcoming
 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

Brill's Journal of Afro-Asiatic Languages and Linguistics 2025 - present

DEPARTMENT

Assistants' & Lecturers' Representative, *Commission Mixte* 09/2022 - 06/2024
 Department of Linguistics, 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

UNIVERSITY

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

ORGANIZATIONS

Program in Language Sciences of CUSO 08/2023 - present
(*Conférences Universitaires de la Suisse Occidentale*)
Switzerland

Vice-president, AELCA (Arabic Studies Student Association) 09/2014 - 06/2016
University of Geneva

DOCTORAL SCHOOLS

Organizer, *Latex for Linguists: A Hands-On Workshop* 2025
University of Geneva

CONSULTANT

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

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Podcast "Tigrinya and Gioia Cacchioli" 2023
Episode 14 of *A Language I love is...* of Danny Bate
Spotify: <https://open.spotify.com/episode/4jzWLDtlo9ga129aOrsx7u?si=f03499ce44d24727>

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

LIBRARY ASSISTANT (50%) 09/2020 - 12/2020
Bastions Library, University of Geneva

LIBRARY ASSISTANT (30%) 05/2019 - 08/2020
Philosophes Library, University of Geneva

LANGUAGES

ITALIAN Native Speaker
FRENCH Fluent
ENGLISH Fluent
GERMAN Beginner

TIGRINYA Advanced (grammar)
ARABIC Beginner (oral)
Advanced (grammar)
AMHARIC Beginner (grammar)
LATIN High School Level

SKILLS

SYNTAX Advanced
FIELDWORK Advanced
NANOSYNTAX Beginner
CORPUS LINGUISTICS Beginner
FORMAL SEMANTICS Beginner

LATEX Intermediate
PYTHON Beginner
PRAAT Beginner
R Beginner