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## POSITIONS

### POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER

SNSF Project 212974: “First language acquisition and foreign language learning in French-speaking children with DLD: Targeting grammar through explicit intervention” (P.I. Dr. H el ene Delage)

University of Geneva, Psycholinguistics & Speech-Therapy Research Unit

06-2026 - **present**  
(completion date 05/2027)

### LECTURER

University of Geneva, Department of Linguistics

### RESEARCH & TEACHING ASSISTANT

University of Geneva, Department of Linguistics

### RESEARCH ASSISTANT

University of Geneva, Department of Linguistics

03-2026 - **present**  
(completion date 07/2026)  
08/2021 - 02/2026

09/2020 - 07/2021

## EDUCATION

### PH.D., LINGUISTICS University of Geneva

Thesis: “The Syntax of Clausal Prefixes in Tigrinya” Grade: *Summa Cum Laude* with Congratulations of the Committee

Supervisors: Ur Shlonsky, Eric Haeberli

Committee: Ruth Kramer, Jason Overfelt, Coppe van Urk, Tabea Ihsane

### SPECIALIZATION CERTIFICATE, LINGUISTICS University of Geneva

Supervisor: Ur Shlonsky

Thesis: “Tigrinya Restrictive Relative Clauses” Grade: 6/6

### M.A., ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE University of Geneva

Thesis: “Women’s Language and Female Characters: A Case Study of Gender-based Linguistic Differences in Novels” Grade: 6/6

Supervisor: Prof. Genoveva Pusk as

### B.A., LINGUISTICS University of Geneva

### B.A., ARABIC STUDIES &

### B.A., ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE University of Geneva

2026

2019

2019

2019

2016

## PUBLICATIONS

### ARTICLES

Varieties of Headless Relative Clauses in Tigrinya with Ivano Caponigro

Submitted

Itinerant Relative Clauses in Tigrinya

Submitted

The Tigrinya *zi-* 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

Hyperagreement and Case-licensing in Tigrinya with Jason Overfelt

Accepted with minor revisions

*Selected Proceedings of the 55th Annual Conference on African Linguistics.*

McGill University, Montr al, Canada.

A note on Verum Focus in Tigrinya

2024

*Language Use and Linguistic Structure: Proceedings of the Olomouc Linguistics Colloquium 2023*, eds. Mark ta Janebov , Michaela  ak nyov , and Joseph Emonds.

Olomouc: Palack y University. 24–41. DOI: [www.doi.org/10.5507/ff.24.24465081](http://www.doi.org/10.5507/ff.24.24465081)

### COLLECTIONS

Patterns of Subordination in Tigrinya

Submitted

*Subordination in Ethiopian Afroasiatic Languages*, eds. Ronny Meyer, Anbessa Teferra and Chris H. Reintges.

**Topics in the Syntax of Tigrinya** with Jason Overfelt Under Review  
*Handbook of Afroasiatic Languages and Linguistics*, eds. Karim Bensoukas, and Alireza Korangy.  
 Springer Handbooks of Languages and Linguistics.  
**Subjunctive Mood in Tigrinya?** 2025  
*Generative Grammar in Geneva (GG@G): Studies in Honour of Genoveva Puskás*, 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](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

**The Syntax of Verbal Modality in Tigrinya** with Jason Overfelt In preparation  
**The Syntax of Negation in Tigrinya** In preparation

## TALKS

## INVITED

**Varieties of Headless Relative Clauses in Tigrinya** (joint work with Ivano Caponigro) 2026  
*Research Seminar of LLACAN (Langages, Langues et Cultures d'Afrique)*. CNRS Villejuif. Paris, France.  
**Varieties of Headless Relative Clauses in Tigrinya** (joint work with Ivano Caponigro) 2026  
*Syntax and Semantics Babble*. UC San Diego. California, U.S.. Online.  
**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.  
**Polar Questions in Tigrinya** 2025  
*Séminaire de Recherche en Linguistique*. Université de Genève. Geneva, Switzerland.  
**The Syntax of Complement Clauses in Tigrinya** 2025  
*Language and Languages at the Crossroads of Disciplines (LLcD)*. 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.  
**The Syntax of Modality in Tigrinya** with Jason Overfelt. 2023  
*Séminaire de Recherche en Linguistique*. Université de Genève. Geneva, Switzerland.  
**Verum Focus in Tigrinya** 2023  
*The Olomouc Linguistics Colloquium*. Palacký University. Czech Republic.

<b>The Tigrinya Relative Clause</b> with Bahareh Samimi & Ur Shlonsky <i>2<sup>nd</sup> BRILL's Journal of Afro-Asiatic Languages and Linguistics International Conference.</i> Université de Nantes. Nantes, France.	2018
<b>The Tigrinya Relative Clause</b> with Bahareh Samimi & Ur Shlonsky <i>Séminaire de Recherche en Linguistique.</i> Université de Genève. Geneva, Switzerland.	2018

## POSTERS

<b>Subordination as relativization: Evidence from Tigrinya</b> <i>Rencontres Autour de la Linguistique Formelle (RALFe).</i> Université Paris 8. Paris, France.	2026
<b>The morphosyntax of sentential complementation in Tigrinya: Subordination as relativization</b> with Ur Shlonsky <i>48<sup>imo</sup> Incontro di Grammatica Generativa (IGG48).</i> University of Florence. Florence, Italy.	2023
<b>The Tigrinya zə- prefix: A Morphological Reflex of Successive-Cyclic Movement</b> <i>47<sup>imo</sup> Incontro di Grammatica Generativa (IGG47).</i> University of Catania. Catania, Italy.	2022

## TEACHING

<b>Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology</b> (taught in French) BA Level - UNIGE; Primary Instructor: Prof. Danfeng Wu	Spring Semester 2026
<b>Introduction to the Science of Language</b> (taught in French) BA Level - UNIGE; Primary Instructor: Prof. Isabelle Charnavel	Fall Semester 2025
<b>Introduction to the Science of Language</b> (taught in French) BA Level - UNIGE; Primary Instructor: Prof. Isabelle Charnavel	Fall Semester 2024
<b>Language and its Structure</b> (taught in French) BA Level - UNIGE; Primary Instructor: Dr. Giuseppe Samo	Spring Semester 2024
<b>Introduction to the Science of Language</b> (taught in French) BA Level - UNIGE; Primary Instructor: Prof. Isabelle Charnavel	Fall Semester 2023
<b>Introduction to Semantics and Pragmatics</b> (taught in French) BA Level - UNIGE; Primary Instructor: Prof. Isabelle Charnavel	Academic Year 2022-2023
<b>Introduction to Semantics and Pragmatics</b> (taught in French) BA Level - UNIGE; Primary Instructor: Prof. Isabelle Charnavel	Academic Year 2021-2022
<b>Syntactic Cartography</b> (taught in French) BA Level - UNIGE; Primary Instructor: Prof. Ur Shlonsky	Spring Semester 2021
<b>Theoretical Syntax</b> (taught in French) BA Level - UNIGE; Primary Instructor: Prof. Ur Shlonsky	Fall Semester 2021

## SERVICE

### REVIEWING

<i>Natural Language and Linguistic Theory</i> (article reviewer)	<i>ad hoc</i>
<i>Brill's Journal of Afro-Asiatic Languages and Linguistics</i> (article reviewer)	<i>ad hoc</i>
<i>DM meets Nano</i> (abstract reviewer)	2026

### DEPARTMENTAL

<b>Assistants' &amp; Lecturers' Representative, <i>Commission Mixte</i></b> Department of Linguistics, University of Geneva	09/2022 - 06/2024
<b>Member, Nomination Committee for a Student Assistant (<i>ARE</i>)</b> Department of Linguistics, University of Geneva	05/2024
<b>Member, Nomination Committee for a Professor in Syntax</b> Department of Linguistics, University of Geneva	05/2023 - 10/2023
<b>Member, Nomination Committee of Tabea Ihsane As Associate Professor (<i>Nomination par appel</i>)</b> Department of Linguistics & Department of English Language and Literature, University of Geneva	05/2023
<b>Website Manager</b> Department of Linguistics, University of Geneva	09/2022 - 06/2023

**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

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

## SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

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

## CONSULTANT

**Tigrinya Grammar** 2023  
 Dr. Nathalie Dherbey Chapuis - Institut de Plurilinguisme, Université de Fribourg (Switzerland)  
**Tigrinya Morpho-Syntax** 2021  
 Franck Julie & Despina Papadopoulou. (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/4jzW1LDtlo9ga129aOrsx7u?si=f03499ce44d24727>

## LANGUAGES

<b>ITALIAN</b>	Native Speaker	<b>TIGRINYA</b>	Advanced (grammar)
<b>FRENCH</b>	Proficiency (C2)	<b>ARABIC</b>	Advanced (grammar)
<b>ENGLISH</b>	Proficiency (C2)	<b>AMHARIC</b>	Beginner (grammar)
<b>GERMAN</b>	Elementary (A2)	<b>LATIN</b>	High School Level
<b>ARABIC</b>	Beginner (A1)		

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & TECHNICAL SKILLS

**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

**TEX** (fluent); **R, SQL, PYTHON, HTML, PRAAT** (basic)

## **REFERENCES**

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Professor **Ur Shlonsky** (for research)  
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Professor **Ruth Kramer** (for research)  
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