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TEACHING ASSISTANT

University of Geneva, Department of Linguistics

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

University of Geneva, Department of Linguistics

POSITIONS

08/2021 - present
(completion date: 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

09/2019 - 01/2026

SPECIALIZATION CERTIFICATE, LINGUISTICS University of Geneva

Supervisor: Ur Shlonsky
Thesis: "Tigrinya Restrictive Relative Clauses" Grade: 6/6

02/2019 - 09/2019

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 Puskás

09/2016 - 02/2019

B.A., LINGUISTICS University of Geneva

09/2016 - 02/2019

B.A., ARABIC STUDIES &

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

09/2013 - 09/2016

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES

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.

PROCEEDINGS

Hyperagreement and Case-licensing in Tigrinya with Jason Overfelt Under Review
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 Čakányová, and Joseph Emonds.
Olomouc: Palacký University. 24–41.

COLLECTIONS

Topics in Tigrinya Syntax 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.

MANUSCRIPTS

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

In prep.

Subordination as Relativization in Tigrinya

Subordination in Ethiopian Afroasiatic Languages, eds. Ronny Meyer, Anbessa Tefera 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.

TALKS

INVITED

Copular Clauses in Tigrinya

2023

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

The Tigrinya $\mathbf{zə}$ - prefix: A Morphological Reflex of Successive-Cyclic Movement

2022

Workshop on Prefixes vs Suffixes in Afroasiatic. CNRS Pouchet. Paris, France.

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

Introduction (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 (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

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

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

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

2023

Séminaire de Recherche en Linguistique. Université de Genève. Geneva, Switzerland.

The Tigrinya Relative Clause

2018

Séminaire de Recherche en Linguistique. Université de Genève. 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. Florence, Italy.

TEACHING

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

<i>Natural Language and Linguistic Theory</i>	ad hoc
<i>Brill's Journal of Afro-Asiatic Languages and Linguistics</i>	ad hoc

DEPARTMENT

Assistants' & Lecturers' Representative, <i>Commission Mixte</i>	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, <i>Commission Mixte</i>	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

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

DOCTORAL SCHOOLS

Organizer, Morphology, Syntax and The Semitic Languages

University of Geneva

2026

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>

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

CERTIFICATES

Google Project Management Google (Coursera)

ongoing

Crash Course on Python Google (Coursera)

ongoing

SQL Fundamentals for Data Analysts 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

LANGUAGES

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

SYNTAX (MG)

Advanced

LATEX

Intermediate

FIELDWORK

Advanced

R

Beginner

NANOSYNTAX

Intermediate

PRAAT

Beginner

CORPUS LINGUISTICS

Beginner

SQL

Beginner

FORMAL SEMANTICS

Beginner

PYTHON

Beginner

REFERENCES

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