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POSITIONS

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

EDUCATION

PH.D., LINGUISTICS University of Geneva Thesis: “The Syntax of Clausal Prefixes in Tigrinya” Grade: <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> 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 &	09/2013 - 09/2016
B.A., ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE University of Geneva	

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES

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.	

PROCEEDINGS

Hyperagreement and Case-licensing in Tigrinya with Jason Overfelt <i>Selected Proceedings of the 55th Annual Conference on African Linguistics.</i> McGill University. Montréal. Canada.	Under Review
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.	

COLLECTIONS

Topics in Tigrinya Syntax with Jason Overfelt <i>Handbook of Afroasiatic Languages and Linguistics</i> , eds. Karim Bensoukas, and Alireza Korangy. Springer Handbooks of Languages and Linguistics.	Under Review
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.	

MANUSCRIPTS

The Syntax of Clausal Prefixes in Tigrinya (Ongoing Ph.D. Thesis)	In prep.
Subordination as Relativization in Tigrinya	
<i>Subordination in Ethiopian Afroasiatic Languages</i> , 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.

TALKS

INVITED

Copular Clauses in Tigrinya	2023
<i>Structure of Ethio-Semitic Languages (Seminar)</i> . Oakland University. Michigan, U.S. Online.	
The Tigrinya zə- prefix: A Morphological Reflex of Successive-Cyclic Movement	2022
<i>Workshop on Prefixes vs Suffixes in Afroasiatic</i> . CNRS Pouchet. Paris, France.	

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

Introduction (Ethio)-Semitic Morphosyntax	2026
<i>Morphology, Syntax and the Semitic Languages</i> . Université de Genève. Geneva, Switzerland.	
The Syntax of Complement Clauses in Tigrinya	2025
<i>Language and Languages at the Crossroads of Disciplines (LLcD)</i> . Université de Lille. Lille, France.	
Subordination as Relativization in Tigrinya	2025
<i>BerlinBrnoVienna Workshop</i> . Masaryk University. Brno, Czech Republic.	
Issues in Tigrinya Syntax	2025
<i>PhD Day of Swiss Linguistics</i> . Université de Lausanne. Lausanne, Switzerland.	
The Syntax of Sentential Negation in Tigrinya	2024
<i>Sentential Negation Across the Globe (SNAG)</i> . Université Paris Cité. Paris, France.	
The Syntax of Sentential Negation in Tigrinya	2024
<i>BerlinBrnoVienna Workshop</i> . Masaryk University. Brno. Czech Republic.	
Hyperagreement and Case-licensing in Tigrinya with Jason Overfelt	2024
<i>The 55th Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL 55)</i> . McGill University. Montreal, Canada.	
Copular Clauses in Tigrinya	2024
<i>PhD Day of Swiss Linguistics</i> . Universität Bern. Bern, Switzerland.	
The Syntax of Modality in Tigrinya with Jason Overfelt.	2023
<i>16th Conference on Syntax, Phonology and Language Analysis</i> . Masaryk University. Brno, Czech Republic.	
Verum Focus in Tigrinya	2023
<i>The Olomouc Linguistics Colloquium</i> . Palacký University. Czech Republic.	
The Tigrinya Relative Clause with Bahareh Samimi & Ur Shlonsky	2018
<i>2nd BRILL's Journal of Afro-Asiatic Languages and Linguistics International Conference</i> . Université de Nantes. Nantes, France.	

RESEARCH SEMINARS

Polar Questions in Tigrinya	2025
<i>Séminaire de Recherche en Linguistique</i> . Université de Genève. Geneva, Switzerland.	
The Syntax of Modality in Tigrinya with Jason Overfelt.	2023
<i>Séminaire de Recherche en Linguistique</i> . Université de Genève. Geneva, Switzerland.	
The Tigrinya Relative Clause with Bahareh Samimi & Ur Shlonsky	2018
<i>Séminaire de Recherche en Linguistique</i> . Université de Genève. Geneva, Switzerland.	

POSTERS

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

The Tigrinya zə- prefix: A Morphological Reflex of Successive-Cyclic Movement

2022

47^{imo} Incontro di Grammatica Generativa (IGG47). University of Catania. Catania, Italy.

TEACHING

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

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> Department of Linguistics, University of Geneva	09/2022 - 06/2024
Website Manager Department of Linguistics, University of Geneva	09/2022 - 06/2023
Research Seminar Organizer and Chair Department of Linguistics, University of Geneva	08/2020 - 07/2022
Students' Representative, <i>Commission Mixte</i> Department of English Language & Literature, University of Geneva	09/2014 - 02/2019

UNIVERSITY

Member, Nomination Committee for a Monitor Position Department of Linguistics, University of Geneva	05/2024
Member, Nomination Committee for a Professor in Syntax Department of Linguistics, University of Geneva	05/2023 - 10/2023
Member, Nomination Committee of Tabea Ihsane As Associate Professor (<i>Nomination par appel</i>) Department of Linguistics & Department of English Language and Literature, University of Geneva	05/2023

ORGANIZATIONS

Member, Scientific Committee of the Linguistics Doctoral Program of CUSO (<i>Conférences Universitaires de la Suisse Occidentale</i>) Switzerland	08/2023 - present
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

DOCTORAL SCHOOLS

Organizer, *Morphology, Syntax and The Semitic Languages*

2026

University of Geneva

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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