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Research Interests

Comparative syntax and morphology, argument structure, language development, Tagalog and Austronesian languages, French and Romance languages

Academic Appointments

2022–   **Assistant Professor**
Department of Linguistics and Language Development, San José State University

2021–2022   **Postdoctoral Researcher**
Department of English and American Studies, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
ERC project *Realizing Leibniz's Dream: Child Languages as a Mirror of the Mind*
Compressor Group, PIs: Artemis Alexiadou, Maria Teresa Guasti, Uli Sauerland

Education

2020   **Ph.D. in Linguistics**, Department of Linguistics, New York University
Dissertation: *Licensing arguments*
Committee: Alec Marantz (chair), Stephanie Harves, Richard Kayne, Gary Thoms, Laura Kalin (Princeton University)

2019   **M.Phil. in Linguistics**, Department of Linguistics, New York University

2015   **M.A. in Linguistics**, Department of Linguistics, University of Toronto
Thesis: *French morphology and the pieces of verbal inflection*
Advisor: Elizabeth Cowper

2014   **B.A. (Hons.) in Linguistics**, Trinity College, University of Cambridge

Other Training

2017   Linguistic Society of America Linguistic Institute, University of Kentucky

2012   Certificate in Humanities Computing for Languages, University of Cambridge

Grants and Awards

2023–2025   RSCA Seed Grant, Office of Research, San José State University

2017–2019   Bernard and Julia Bloch Memorial Fellowship, Linguistic Society of America

2016–2020   SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

2016–2019   Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarships Doctoral Fellowship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (declined)

2015–2020 Henry M. MacCracken Doctoral Fellowship, New York University

2015 B. Elan Dresher Phonology Prize, Department of Linguistics, University of Toronto

2014–2015 University of Toronto Fellowship, University of Toronto

2011–2014 Blyth Cambridge Commonwealth Trust Scholarship, Blyth Education & Cambridge Commonwealth Trust

Publications

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

Accepted Hein, Johannes, Imke Driemel, Fabienne Martin, **Yining Nie** and Artemis Alexiadou. Errors of multiple exponence in Child English: A study of past tense formation. *Morphology* (pending revisions).

2023 **Nie, Yining**. Applicative recursion and nominal licensing. *Linguistic Inquiry* (early access). DOI: 10.1162/ling_a_00513

2022 **Nie, Yining**. Turkish causatives are recursive: A response to Key 2013. *Linguistic Inquiry* (early access). DOI: 10.1162/ling_a_00472

2021 Kouneli, Maria and **Yining Nie**. Across-the-board tonal polarity in Kipsigis: Implications for the morphology-phonology interface. *Language* 92(2): e111–e138. DOI: 10.1353/lan.2021.0030

2020 **Nie, Yining**. Morphological causatives are Voice over Voice. *Word Structure* 13(1): 102–126. DOI: 10.3366/word.2020.0161

2019 **Nie, Yining**. Raising applicatives and possessors in Tagalog. *Glossa: a journal of general linguistics* 14(1), 139: 1–30. DOI: 10.5334/gjgl.941

2019 Warstadt, Alex, Yu Cao, Ioana Grosu, Wei Peng, Hagen Blix, **Yining Nie**, Anna Alsop, Shikha Bordia, Haokun Liu, Alicia Parrish, Sheng-Fu Wang, Jason Phang, Anhad Mohananey, Phu Mon Htut, Paloma Jeretič and Samuel R. Bowman. Investigating BERT's Knowledge of Language: Five Analysis Methods with NPIs. *Proceedings of the 2019 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)*. DOI: 10.18653/v1/D19-1286

Edited Volume

2020 Manova, Stela, Harald Hammarström, Itamar Kastner and **Yining Nie**. *What is in a morpheme? Word Structure* 13(1). Edinburgh University Press. ISSN: 1750-1245.

Conference Proceedings and Invited Contributions

To appear Buenrostro, Ruby and **Yining Nie**. Ordering preferences in Ukrainian multiple *wh*-fronting. *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America 2024 Annual Meeting*.

To appear Hein, Johannes, Imke Driemel, Fabienne Martin, **Yining Nie** and Artemis Alexiadou. Errors of multiple exponence in child language. *Proceedings of the 40th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*.

2022 Lee, Soo-Hwan and **Yining Nie**. Korean case stacking and the nominal template. In Johanna Benz and Yiran Chen (eds.), *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics 28: Proceedings of 45th Annual Penn Linguistics Conference*, Article 11.

2022 Martin, Fabienne, **Yining Nie**, Artemis Alexiadou, and Maria Teresa Guasti. Wearing causation on its sleeve: Overt *cause* in child French causatives. In Ying Gong and Felix Kpogo (eds), *Proceedings of 46th annual Boston University Conference on Language Development*, 497–510. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Press.

2020 Manova, Stela, Harald Hammarström, Itamar Kastner, and **Yining Nie**. What is in a morpheme? Theoretical, experimental and computational approaches to the relation of meaning and form in morphology. *Word Structure* 13(1). 1–21. DOI: 10.3366/word.2020.0157

2018 Hsieh, Henrison and **Yining Nie**. Where (and what) the Tagalog *kung*-CPs are. In Laura Kalin, Ileana Paul and Jozina Vander Klok (eds.), *Heading in the right direction: Linguistic Treats for Lisa Travis. McGill Working Papers in Linguistics 25*.

2018 **Nie, Yining**. Contrast and prosody in derived environment effects. *Toronto Working Papers in Linguistics 40: Special issue from the Canada Research Chair-sponsored Phonology/Phonetics Workshops.*

2017 **Nie, Yining**. Why is there NOM-NOM and ACC-ACC but no ERG-ERG? In Andrew Lamont & Katerina Tetzloff (eds.), *Proceedings of 47th Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society, Volume 2*, 315–328.

2017 **Nie, Yining**. Phonetic enhancement and three patterns of English a-tensing. In Kajsa Djärv & Amy Goodwin Davies (eds.), *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics 23: Proceedings of 40th Annual Penn Linguistics Colloquium*, Article 21.

2016 **Nie, Yining**. Why is there NOM-NOM but no ERG-ERG? *Toronto Working Papers in Linguistics 36: Proceedings of the Montréal-Ottawa-Toronto-Hamilton 2016 Syntax Workshop.*

2015 **Nie, Yining**. Tense and modality in French verbal morphology. In Santa Vīnerte (ed.), *Proceedings of the 2015 Annual Conference of the Canadian Linguistics Association.*

Unpublished Manuscripts

2017 Nie, Yining. Voice morphology and the features of *v*P. New York University: ms. lingbuzz/003750

Other Resources

LITMUS Quasi-universal Nonword Repetition Tests (http://www.bi-sli.org/qu-nonword-repetition):
- Italian, with Silvia Silleresi and Maria Teresa Guasti
- Hungarian, with Lilla Pintér

Presentations

Invited Talks

(2024) TBA. Keynote, *31st Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association*, University of Massachusetts Amherst, June 11–14.

(2024)   What can Tagalog teach us about causation? *The impact of Tagalog in Psycholinguistics and Formal Linguistics*, Queen Mary University of London, March 22 (virtual).

2023   with Ruby Buenrostro. Ordering preferences in Ukrainian multiple *wh*-fronting. Syntax and Morphology Circle, Stanford University, November 10.

2023   with Fabienne Martin. Interpreting (the absence of) *se* under *faire* in French. Research Unit on (Experimental) Syntax and Heritage Languages, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, July 10.

2023   Causatives and ambiguity in French and Italian. Syntax and Semantics Circle, University of California Berkeley, April 21.

2023   Causatives and ambiguity in French and Italian. Syntax and Semantics Circle, University of California Santa Cruz, April 7.

2022   Recursion and thematic relations in causatives. Keynote, *15th Brussels Conference in Generative Linguistics*, Center for Research in Syntax, Semantics, and Phonology (CRISSP), KU Leuven, Belgium, October 6–7.

2022   with Johannes Hein, Imke Driemel, Fabienne Martin and Artemis Alexiadou. Redundant errors in child language. Colloquium, University of Leipizig, Germany, July 13.

2022   Two ways of forming causatives and their implications for recursion. Colloquium, San José State University, March 2 (virtual).

2022   Two ways of forming causatives and their implications for recursion. Colloquium, University of California Santa Cruz, February 23.

2021   Event distinctness and the cross-linguistic expression of causation. Colloquium, McMaster University, Canada, March 16 (virtual).

2021   The syntax of double object constructions: Evidence from recursion and symmetry. Colloquium, University of Konstanz, Germany, January 11 (virtual).

2020   Two ways of forming causatives and their implications for recursion. Comparative Syntax (ComSyn) group, Leiden University, the Netherlands, October 29 (virtual).

2019   The limits of applicative recursion. Syntactic Theory @ Rutgers, Rutgers University, New Jersey, November 20.

2015   Contrast and prosodic preservation in derived environment effects. Keynote, *2015 Canada Research Chair-sponsored Summer Phonetics/Phonology Workshop*, University of Toronto, June 8.

2013   with Bert Vaux. Learning theory and language change: The evolution of phonological scope. Colloquium, University of Cambridge, October 24.

Conference Talks

(2024)   with Low Saelee. Adjective ordering in Iu Mien. *33rd Annual Meeting of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society*, National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan, June 15–17 (hybrid).

2024   with Ruby Buenrostro. Ordering preferences in Ukrainian multiple *wh*-fronting. *Linguistic Society of America 2024 Annual Meeting*, New York City, January 4–7.

2023 with Fabienne Martin and Artemis Alexiadou. A preposition cycle in French. *Going Romance 37*, Radboud Universiteit, the Netherlands, November 30–December 1.

2023 with Henrison Hsieh. Tagalog valency morphology and its neutralization. *30th Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association*, Lund University, Sweden, October 20–22.

2023 with Fabienne Martin, Chiara Dal Farra, Silvia Silleresi, Artemis Alexiadou and Maria Teresa Guasti. Agent bias in child Italian event descriptions. *Linguistic Society of America 2023 Annual Meeting*, Denver, Colorado, January 5–8.

2022 with Fabienne Martin, Chiara Dal Farra, Silvia Silleresi, Artemis Alexiadou and Maria Teresa Guasti. Agentivity in child and adult Italian event descriptions. *Going Romance 2022*, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, November 30–December 2.

2022 with Silvia Silleresi, Chiara Dal Farra, Fabienne Martin, Artemis Alexiadou, and Maria Teresa Guasti. The agent bias holds in production too: Event descriptions in child Italian. *47th Boston University Conference on Language Development*, Boston University, November 3–6.

2022 with Chiara Dal Farra, Fabienne Martin, Maria Teresa Guasti and Artemis Alexiadou. Bigger is better! Older Italian children prefer heavy locative prepositions. *15th Generative Approaches to Language Acquisition Conference*. Goethe-Universität Frankfurt, Germany, September 22–24.

2022 with Fabienne Martin, Chiara Dal Farra and Silvia Silleresi. Who did it? How alternating verbs are interpreted under *faire*. *Syntactic Conferences at the University of Palermo 2022: The syntax of causative, perception and restructuring verbs in Romance and Latin*. University of Palermo, Italy, May 26–27.

2022 with Johannes Hein, Fabienne Martin and Artemis Alexiadou. Minimizing and maximizing exponence in child language. *40th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, Stanford University, May 13–15 (virtual).

2021 with Johannes Hein, Fabienne Martin, Artemis Alexiadou and Imke Driemel. Multiple exponence in child language. *Multiple Exponence @ ZAS*, Leibniz-ZAS Berlin, December 1–3 (virtual).

2021 with Fabienne Martin, Elisabeth Backes and Daniil Bondarenko. Variation in the actuality inference of circumstantial modals. *Going Romance 2021*, Amsterdam, December 1–3 (virtual).

2021 with Fabienne Martin, Artemis Alexiadou and Maria Teresa Guasti. Wearing causation on its sleeve: Overt CAUSE in child French causatives. *46th Annual Boston University Conference on Language Development*, Boston University, November 4–7 (virtual).

2021 with Fabienne Martin, Elisabeth Backes and Daniil Bondarenko. Variation in the actuality inference of circumstantial modals. *Sensus 2021*, University of Massachusetts Amherst, October 1–2 (virtual).

2021 with Soo-Hwan Lee. Korean case stacking and the nominal template. *45th Annual Penn Linguistics Conference*, University of Pennsylvania, March 19–21 (virtual).

2020 Double causatives are real. *51st Meeting of the North East Linguistics Society*, Université du Québec à Montréal, November 6–8 (virtual).

2020 with Henrison Hsieh. Tagalog gerunds are antipassive. "Remarks: the Legacy" Workshop, *43rd Generative Linguistics in the Old World Colloquium*, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, April 8–20 (virtual).

2019 with Alex Warstadt, Yu Cao, Ioana Grosu, Wei Peng, Hagen Blix, Anna Alsop, Shikha Bordia, Haokun Liu, Alicia Parrish, Sheng-Fu Wang, Jason Phang, Anhad Mohananey, Phu Mon Htut, Paloma Jeretič, and Samuel R. Bowman. Investigating BERT's Knowledge of Language: Five Analysis Methods with NPIs. *2019 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)*, Hong Kong, November 3–7.

2019 with Ollie Sayeed and Bert Vaux. Scope expansion: an asymmetry in phonological change. *24th International Conference of Historical Linguistics*, Australian National University, July 1–5.

2019 Raising applicatives in Tagalog. *26th Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association*, Western University (University of Western Ontario), May 24–26.

2018 with Maria Kouneli. Paradigmatic tonal polarity in Kipsigis nominal modifiers. *49th Meeting of the North East Linguistics Society*, Cornell University, October 5–7.

2018 Voice and Austronesian-type voice morphology. *Linguistic Society of America 2018 Annual Meeting*, Salt Lake City, Utah, January 4–7.

2018 with Henrison Hsieh. Clausal arguments in Tagalog. Symposium on The Syntax of Clausal Arguments, *Linguistic Society of America 2018 Annual Meeting*, Salt Lake City, Utah, January 4–7.

2017 Austronesian voice morphology and the structure of causatives. *11th Arizona Linguistics Circle*, University of Arizona, October 20–22.

2017 Ergative Voice and the features of transitivity. *vP workshop*, University of Cambridge, June 17.

2016 Why is there NOM-NOM but no ERG-ERG? *47th Meeting of the North East Linguistics Society*, University of Massachusetts Amherst, October 14–16.

2016 Why is there NOM-NOM but no ERG-ERG? *Montréal-Ottawa-Toronto-Hamilton 2016 Syntax Workshop*, University of Toronto Mississauga, April 15–16.

2016 Phonetic enhancement and three patterns of English a-tensing. *40th Annual Penn Linguistics Conference*, University of Pennsylvania, March 18–20.

2016 Derived environment effects are prosodic, not morphological. *24th Conference of the Student Organisation of Linguistics in Europe*, York, UK, January 6–8.

2015 *Go*-support in the Québec French futures. *2015 Stony Brook-Yale-NYU-CUNY Graduate Linguistics Conference*, New York University, December 3.

2015 Tense and modality in French verbal morphology. *2015 Annual Conference of the Canadian Linguistics Association*, University of Ottawa, May 30–June 1.

2015 Morphological truncation in Harmonic Serialism. *Montréal-Ottawa-Laval-Toronto 2015 Phonology Workshop*, University of Toronto, March 13–15.

Conference Posters

2024   with Fabienne Martin, Chiara Dal Farra and Silvia Silleresi. Interpreting causatives: The case of *faire se* in French and Italian. *Linguistic Society of America 2024 Annual Meeting*, New York City, January 4–7.

2023   with Johannes Hein, Imke Driemel, Fabienne Martin and Artemis Alexiadou. Errors of redundancy in child English and beyond. *46th Generative Linguistics in the Old World Colloquium*, University of Vienna and University of Graz, Austria, April 11–15.

2021   with Fabienne Martin, Artemis Alexiadou and Maria Teresa Guasti. Two causatives for the price of one in child French. *Sensus 2021*, University of Massachusetts Amherst, October 1–2 (virtual).

2021   with Soo-Hwan Lee. Korean case stacking and triple nominatives. *Linguistic Society of America 2021 Annual Meeting*, January 7–10 (virtual).

2019   with Ollie Sayeed and Bert Vaux. Scope expansion: an asymmetry in phonological change. *5th Workshop on Sound Change*, University of California, Davis, June 21–23.

2019   Applicatives and the parameters of promotion. *Parameters Workshop in honour of Lisa Travis*, McGill University, May 17–18.

2019   *Re-* frozen scope in *spray–load* constructions. *Linguistic Society of America 2019 Annual Meeting*, New York City, January 3–6.

2018   Possessor raising and adversity in Tagalog. *25th Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association*, Academia Sinica, Taiwan, May 10–12.

2016   Prosodic conditioning in derived environment effects. *13th Old World Conference in Phonology*, Budapest, Hungary, January 13–16.

Teaching

San José State University

Primary Instructor

- Introduction to Linguistics (undergraduate)
  Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024

- Introduction to Syntax (undergraduate)
  Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024

- Introduction to Semantics and Discourse (undergraduate)
  Fall 2022, Fall 2023

- Introduction to Phonology (undergraduate)
  Spring 2024

- Syntactic Theory (graduate)
  Spring 2023

- Semantic Structures (graduate)
  Fall 2022

Other Teaching

Primary Instructor

- Introduction to Linguistics (undergraduate)
  New York University (Summer 2018)

Teaching Assistant

- Introduction to Linguistics (undergraduate)
  University of Toronto (Winter 2015), New York University (Spring 2017)

- Morphology (undergraduate)
  University of Toronto (Fall 2014), New York University (Spring 2019)

- Phonology (undergraduate)
  New York University (Spring 2018)

Advising

MA Linguistics, San José State University

2023   Ruby Buenrostro: Ordering preferences in Ukrainian multiple *wh*-fronting

2023–   Sarah Gerlach: Argument accessibility in French event descriptions

2023   Denny O'Shea: Effect of morphology on the interpretation of Spanish verbs

2023   Low Saelee: Adjective ordering in Iu Mien

Service

Linguistic Society of America

2022–   Committee on Linguistic Institutes and Fellowships

2018   Strategic Planning Committee (LSA Long-range Strategic Plan 2019–2023)

2017–2019   Executive Committee (ex officio as Bloch Fellow)

2017–2019   Chair, Committee on Student Issues and Concerns

San José State University

2023–   Research Committee, College of Humanities and the Arts

2022–2023   MA Curriculum Committee, Department of Linguistics and Language Development

2022–   Curriculum Committee, Department of Linguistics and Language Development

New York University

2016–2019   Co-organizer, Morph Beer (morphology reading group), Department of Linguistics

2016–2017   President, Linguistics Association of NYU, Department of Linguistics

Conference Organization

2022   Austronesian and Papuan Languages and Linguistics Conference 14
        Leibniz-ZAS and HU Berlin, June 9–11 (hybrid)

2019   MarantzFest
        New York University, January 6

2018   Symposium on The Syntax of Clausal Arguments
        Linguistic Society of America 2018 Annual Meeting
        Salt Lake City, Utah, January 4–7

2017   Annual Meeting on Phonology 2017
        New York University, September 15–17

Reviewing

Journal Articles

- *Linguistic Inquiry*, *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory*, *Journal of Linguistics*, *Syntax*, *Glossa: A journal of general linguistics*, *The Linguistic Review*, *Studia Linguistica*, *Journal of East Asian Linguistics*, *Journal of Comparative Germanic Linguistics*, *Frontiers in Psychology: Language Sciences*, *Languages*, *NUSA: Linguistic studies of languages in and around Indonesia*

Conference Abstracts

- Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting (LSA), West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL), North East Linguistics Society (NELS), Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA), Brussels Conference in Generative Linguistics (BCGL), Austronesian and Papuan Languages and Linguistics Conference (APLL), Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic (Tu+), Stony Brook-Yale-NYU-CUNY Conference (SYNC)

Languages

- Spoken: English (native), Mandarin (heritage, intermediate), French (intermediate), German (basic), Tagalog (basic)
- Current research: Tagalog, French, Italian, Korean
- Previous research: Turkish, Japanese, Kipsigis (Nilotic; Kenya), Khoekhoe (Central Khoisan; Namibia), Inuktitut
- Programming/Analysis: Python, R, CLAN