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Affiliation

Ph.D. Candidate,
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Education

2013-present: Rutgers University, New Jersey, USA
Ph.D. in Linguistics
2011-2013: Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan
M.A. in Linguistics
2009-2010: University of Sheffield, Sheffield, UK
Exchange student
2006-2011: University of the Ryukyus, Okinawa, Japan
B.A. in English Education

Research Interests

Syntactic theory of case and agreement, semantics of contrastive topic, endangered Languages, Japanese, Ryukyuan Languages

Fellowships and Scholarship

2016 Mellon Summer Research Grant, Rutgers University
2014-2015 Graduate School Fellowship, Rutgers University
2013-2015 Fulbright Scholarship
2011-2013 Nakamura Sekizenkai scholarship
2012 Sophia University Tuition Support Scholarship
2011 Sophia Type II Scholarship
2009-2010 JASSO scholarship for exchange students

Publications

2017 Agree by Minimal Search: A Case Study of the Antiagreement Effect. In *The Proceedings of Chicago Linguistic Society* 52, 327-341.
2017 An Intervention Approach to Antiagreement. In *The Proceedings of the West*

- Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics 34*, 329-338.
- 2016 Wh-Concord in Okinawan = Syntactic Movement + Morphological Merger. In *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics*: Vol. 22: Iss. 1, Article 20 (with Yohei Oseki).
- 2015 A Probe-Goal Approach to Impoverished Agreement. In *Proceedings of Seoul International Circle of Generative Grammar 17 (SICOGG 17)*, 225-244.
- 2012 Dative Subject and Nominative Object Constructions in Naha Ryukyuan. *Linguistic Society of Japan 145th Conference Handbook*. 220-225.
- 2012 Moraicity of Geminate of Shuri Ryukyuan in Ryuuka (Okinawan Poetry) [in Japanese]. *Sophia University Working Papers in Phonetics*. 35-47.
- 2011 Grammatical Properties Which Restrict Scrambling; A Typological Sketch [in Japanese]. *Proceedings of Sophia University Linguistic Society 26*. 1-18.

Unpublished Manuscripts

- 2016 A Semantics of CT-questions in Japanese. Qualifying paper submitted to Department of Linguistics, Rutgers University.
- 2015 *A Probe-Goal Approach to Impoverished Agreement*. Qualifying paper submitted to Department of Linguistics, Rutgers University.
- 2013 *A Particle-based Analysis of Okinawan WH-questions and its Implications on Focus and Topic Constructions*. Master thesis submitted to Sophia University.

Presentations (Refereed)

- 2017 "The wh-wa question in Japanese - Topicalized wh and destressed focus". The 13th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics (WAFL 13). International Christian University, Tokyo, May 25 - 28.
- 2017 "Antiagreement in Berber and theory of agreement". 48th Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL 48). Indiana University Bloomington, March 30 - April 2.
- 2016 "A Probe-Goal Approach to Antiagreement and A'-opacity". The West Coast Conference of Formal Linguistics 34, at University of Utah, Salt Lake City. April 29-May 1.
- 2016 "Antiagreement as Intervention". The 52nd Annual Conference of the Chicago Linguistics Society (CLS 52). Chicago University, Chicago. April 21-23.
- 2015 "A Probe-Goal Approach to Impoverished Agreement". Seoul International Circle of Generative Grammar 17, at Kyung Hee University, Seoul. August 5-8.
- 2015 "Wh-Concord = Syntactic Movement + Morphological Merger". The 39th Penn

- Linguistics Conference (PLC 39), at University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania (with Yohei Oseki). March 20-22.
- 2013 “Shortening of Initial Geminates and Long Vowels Shuri Okinawan Poetry”. International Conference on Phonetics and Phonology 2013 (ICPP 2013), NINJAL, Tokyo. January 25-27.
- 2012 “Dative Subject and Nominative Object Constructions in Naha Ryukyuan”. Linguistic Society of Japan 145th Conference, Kyusyu University, Fukuoka. November 24-25.
- 2011 “Head-Parameter and Locality of Optional Movement”. The 26th Annual Meeting of the Sophia University Linguistic Society, Sophia University, Tokyo. July 30.

Presentations (Non-refereed)

- 2017 「一致現象から見る人間言語の不思議」第3回明海大学応用言語学研究所基礎言語学コロキアム. (Invited talk). Meikai University, Chiba, Japan. June 22.
- 2017 Agree by minimal search: A probe-free model of agreement. Talk given at NYU Syntax Brown Bag. April 21.
- 2015 “A Probe-Goal Approach to Impoverished Agreement”. RULing X. Rutgers University, at New Jersey. May 2.
- 2014 “Okinawan Interrogatives and Focus Constructions”. RULing IX, at Rutgers University, New Jersey. April 12.

Teaching

- 2018 Instructor: Rutgers University, Introduction to Linguistic Theory (Spring)
- 2017 Instructor: Rutgers University, Introduction to Linguistic Theory (Fall)
- 2016 Instructor: Rutgers University, Introduction to Linguistic Theory. (Spring)
- 2015 Teaching Assistant: Rutgers University, Introduction to Linguistic Theory with Dr. Paula Houghton (Fall)

Other Academic Activities

- 2013 participated in Documentary Linguistics Workshop (DocLing) at Research Institute of Languages and Cultures in Asia and Africa, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Tokyo. (February 11 – 16)

Languages

Japanese (native), English (fluent), Naha Okinawan (intermediate)

Qualifications

- Elementary, junior high (English) and high (English) school teacher license in Japan
- Hazardous Materials Officer in Japan (Type 4)
- Coffee instructor (authorized by Japan Coffee Qualification Authority)