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# Education

2021-Present **PhD** **Linguistics**, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign

Advisor: Dr. Aida Talić

2021 **MA Linguistics**, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign

Advisor: Dr. Aida Talić

2016 **MA** **Linguistics & TESOL**, Southern Illinois University

Advisor: Dr. Jeffrey Punske

2013 **BA Psychology & Biology**, Greenville University

# Academic Training (Additional Education)

2021 **New York – St. Petersburg Institute of Linguistics; 2021 Winter Session**

2020 **Web Summer School for Logic, Language, and Information**

# Presentations

2021 **NSLC 2021** (The 15th Annual Nilo-Saharan Linguistics Colloquium). Making

use of the D-layer in Luo. [paper]

2021 **LSA 2021** (The 95th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America).

Dholuo: Evidence of negative raising and sequence of Tense in an article-less

language. [poster]

2020 **ALC 14** (The 14th Annual Meeting of Arizona Linguistics Circle). What do

negative raising and sequence of Tense have to do with it? [paper]

2015 **Facing the Future: A Writing Center Conference** (Southern Illinois

University). Academic writing for non-native writers of English. [panel]

2013 **MAUPRC 32** (The 32nd Annual Mid-America Undergraduate Psychology

Conference). Co-authored: J. Dees & R. Weidner. Humor is heard, but not

seen. [poster]

# Honors and Awards

**Fellowships**

2019-2020 ***University Fellowship****,* University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

**Awards**

2021 ***Department of Linguistics Student Leadership Award***, University of Illinois

at Urbana-Champaign

***College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Impact Award***, University of Illinois at

Urbana-Champaign

2015-2016 ***College of Liberal Arts Teaching Assistant of the Year (Nominee)****,*

Southern Illinois University

2012-2013 ***Department of Psychology Senior Student of the Year***,Greenville University

***H.J. Long Student Athlete of the Year****,* Greenville University

**Honors**

2019-2020 ***List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by Their Students****,* University of

Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, (Fall 2019 – ‘Outstanding’ distinction; Spring

2020; Fall 2021; Spring 2021 – ‘Outstanding’ distinction; Summer 2021)

# University Teaching Experience

2020-present **University of Illinois** **at Urbana Champaign**

*Instructor of Record:*

ESL 510: English Pronunciation and Oral Fluency (Graduate-level)

ESL 506: Oral Communication for International TAs (Graduate-level)

ESL 512: Introduction to Academic Writing (Graduate-level)

ESL 515: Advanced Introduction to Academic Writing (Graduate-level)

ESL 112: Introduction to Academic Writing II (Undergraduate-level)

ESL 511: Written and Oral Communication (Undergraduate-level)

*Graduate Teaching Assistant:*

LING 501: Syntax I (Graduate-level)

LING 301: Elements of Syntax (Undergraduate-level)

LING 225: Language, Mind, and Brain (Undergraduate-level)

2014-2016 **Southern Illinois University**

*Instructor of Record:*

LING 200: Language, Society, and the Mind (Undergraduate-level)

LING 102: Research and Writing for Intl Students (Undergraduate-level)

LING 101: Writing Composition for Intl Students (Undergraduate-level)

*Graduate Teaching Assistant:*

LING 200: Language, Society, and the Mind (Undergraduate-level)

2013-2014 **Greenville University**

*Lab Instructor:*

BIO 115L: Plants and People

BIO 108L: Environmental Science and Stewardship

# Teaching Experience in the Public Sector

2017-2019 **The Stafford House International – Boston**

*Instructor:*

CORE 3: Pre-Intermediate Integrated Skills in English

CORE 4: Intermediate Integrated Skills in English

2017-2019 **The YMCA International Learning Center**

*Instructor:*

LEVEL 6: Advanced English and Grammar

# Research Experience

2020-present **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**

*Research Assistant:*

Summer 2020 – Luo Database RA; Advisor: Dr. Aida Talić

2015 **Southern Illinois University**

*Research Assistant:*

Spring 2015 – Advisor: Dr. Jeffrey Punske

# Professional Experience

2021 **LING 400: Introduction to Linguistic Structure Course Development**,

Graduate Assistant, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2021 ***Kyungpook National University Summer Study Abroad Program***, Graduate

Assistant, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2020 ***Linguistic Society of America***, Lead Summer Intern

2017-2019 ***Literacy Volunteers of Massachusetts***, Boston Program Manager

* LVM Basic Literacy Tutor Trainer Certified; Trained by Eleanor Stafford, M.Ed
* LVM ESOL Tutor Trainer Certified; Trained by Eric Shuel, MATESL
* BEST Plus 2.0 ESL Assessment Administrator Certified, System for Adult Basic Education
* Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) Administrator Certified, System for Adult Basic Education
* Massachusetts Adult Proficiency Test Administrator Certified, University of Massachusetts Amherst

2016-2017 ***The Hernández (Bilingual) After School Program***, Development Manager

* Resource Development: Fundraising and Grant Writing Certificate; 10-week course through AmeriCorps

2013-2014 ***The Simple Room After School Program***, Director of Family Relations

# Service

**Conference Planning Committees**

2021-2022 ***14th Annual Meeting of the Illinois Language and Linguistics Society***

***(Co-chair)***, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, TBD

2021 ***16th Annual Meeting of the Slavic Linguistics Society (Assistant)***, University

of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Sept. 3rd-5th, 2021

2020-2021 ***13th Annual Meeting of the Illinois Language and Linguistics Society***,

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Feb. 26-27, 2021

**Abstract Reviewer**

2020-2021 ***13th Annual Meeting of the Illinois Language and Linguistics Society***,

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Feb. 26-27, 2021

2019-2020 ***12th Annual Meeting of the Illinois Language and Linguistics Society***,

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Feb. 18-19, 2020

**University Service**

2021 ***Spring 2021 Open House Organizing Committee Member****,* University of

Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Linguistics

2020-2021 ***President of the Linguistics Student Organization****,* University of Illinois at

Urbana-Champaign, Department of Linguistics

2020 ***Spring 2020 Open House Organizing Committee Member****,* University of

Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Linguistics

2015-2016 ***President of the Student Linguistics Association****,* Southern Illinois

University, Department of Linguistics

2012-2013 ***VP of Campus Organizations****,* Greenville University

2011-2013 ***VP of Psi Chi (campus chapter)****,* Department of Psychology, Greenville

University

**Community**

*Linguistics*

2021 ***Committee on LGBTQ+ [Z] Issues in Linguistics Member***, Linguistic

Society of America

**Volunteerism**

2017-2018 ***Basic*** ***Literacy Tutor***, Literacy Volunteers of Massachusetts, Boston,

Massachusetts

2016-2017 ***AmeriCorps VISTA Member****,* The Hernández (Bilingual) After School

Program, Roxbury, Massachusetts

# Professional Affiliations

*Linguistic Society of America*

*International Linguistic Association*

*International TESOL Association*

*Psi Chi*

# Languages

**English**: Native Language

**Spanish**: Intermediate

**French**: Low-Intermediate

**Nafara**: Field research

**Dholuo:** Field research

**Kazakh:** Field research

# References

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