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## RESEARCH

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### Theoretical Syntax, Morphology

nominal features, grammatical gender, number, person, agreement, Distributed Morphology, locality, nominal domain, coordination, modularity, morphosemantics, allomorphy, defectivity

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## EDUCATION

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2014 – 2019

### Ph.D. in Linguistics

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Dissertation: “Derivational Trapping and the Morphosyntax of Inflectionlessness”

Committee: Rolf Noyer (chair), David Embick, Ruth Kramer

2010 – 2014

### Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

oberlin college

2010 – 2014

### Bachelor of Music in Cello Performance

oberlin conservatory

## NON-DEGREE CONFERRING

2017

Crete Summer School of Linguistics (CreteLing)

2013

Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute (Ann Arbor)

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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2023 –

### Researcher (tenure-track)

leibniz-zentrum allgemeine sprachwissenschaft

2022 – 2023

### Lecturer

rutgers university

2020 – 2022

### Postdoctoral Fellow

harvard university

Funding: National Science Foundation SPRF Grant

Fall 2021

### Lecturer

harvard university

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## PUBLICATIONS

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### JOURNAL ARTICLES

Adamson, Luke James and Stanislao Zompì. 2025. Polite pronouns and the PCC. *Linguistic Inquiry*. Early access <https://doi.org/10.1162/LING.a.540>

Adamson, Luke James. 2025. Gender allosemy in Greek. *Glossa: a journal of general linguistics* 10(1). <https://doi.org/10.16995/glossa.18219>

Adamson, Luke James and Elena Anagnostopoulou. 2025. Gender features and coordination resolution in Greek and other three-gendered languages. *Linguistic Inquiry*. Early access [https://doi.org/10.1162/ling\\_a\\_00543](https://doi.org/10.1162/ling_a_00543)

Adamson, Luke James. 2024. Split coordination with adjectives in Italian: An approach with multidominance and semantic agreement. *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11049-024-09617-5>

Adamson, Luke James. 2024. Gender assignment is local: On the relation between grammatical gender and inalienable possession. *Language* 100(2): 218–264. <https://doi.org/10.1353/lan.2024.4929736>

Adamson, Luke James. 2024. Root suppletion in Swedish as contextual allomorphy. *Journal of Comparative Germanic Linguistics* 27(4):1–42. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10828-023-09148-0>

Adamson, Luke James. 2022. Transparency of inflectionless modifiers for Bulgarian definite marker placement. *Journal of Slavic Linguistics*, vol. 30, *FASL* 29 special issue, pp. 1–13. (peer-reviewed) [Link](#)

Adamson, Luke and Milena Šereikaitė. 2019. Representing gender and defaults: Evidence from Lithuanian. *Glossa: a journal of general linguistics* 1–44. <https://doi.org/10.5334/gjgl.860>

#### REFEREED BOOK CHAPTERS

Adamson, Luke James and Ruth Kramer. 2025. On O-Constructions in Jarawara. In *Syntax in uncharted territories: Essays in honor of Maria Polinsky*, eds. Lauren Clemens, Vera Gribanova, and Gregory Scontras. [Link](#)

#### MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW/UNDER REVISION/IN PREPARATION

Adamson, Luke James. 2021. The locus of gender interpretation: A reply to Yatsushiro and Sauerland (2006). Under revision for resubmission to *Linguistic Inquiry*. [Link](#)

#### CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Djärv, Kajsa and Luke James Adamson. to appear. Combinatorial restrictions on emotive nominals: CP and DP-complements. In *Proceedings of the 35th meeting of Semantics and Linguistic Theory*, eds. Youngdong Cho and Yifan Wu.

Adamson, Luke James. 2024. Gender assignment is local: On assignment and inalienable possessors. In *Proceedings of the 39th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, eds. Robert Autry, Gabriela de la Cruz, Luis A. Irizarry Figueroa, Kristina Mihajlovic, Tianyi Ni, Ryan Smith, and Heidi Harley. 1–10. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project. [Link](#)

Adamson, Luke James and Elena Anagnostopoulou. 2024. Interpretability and Gender Features in Coordination: Evidence from Greek. In *Proceedings of the 39th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, eds. Robert Autry, Gabriela de la Cruz, Luis A. Irizarry Figueroa, Kristina Mihajlovic, Tianyi Ni, Ryan Smith, and Heidi Harley. 11–20. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project. [Link](#)

Adamson, Luke James. 2019. On containment and syncretism: English preterites and participles. *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America* 1–15. [Link](#)

Adamson, Luke. 2018. Denominal verbs: Past tense allomorphy, event frames, and zero-categorizers. *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics (PWPL)*, *Proceedings of PLC41* 1–10. [Link](#)

#### OTHER MANUSCRIPTS

Adamson, Luke James. 2016. Towards a theory of grammatically-mediated root polysemy. Qualifying Paper, University of Pennsylvania.

Adamson, Luke James. 2017. *un-* answered questions: *un*-prefixation and stative passives. Qualifying Paper, University of Pennsylvania.

#### PRESENTATIONS

##### INVITED TALKS

Invited talk: TBD

2026

PHI-FEATURE WORKSHOP, LEIBNIZ-ZENTRUM ALLGEMEINE SPRACHWISSENSCHAFT  
Colloquium talk: Person hierarchy effects and polite pronouns (joint work with Stanislao Zompi)

2025

RESEARCH UNIT 'CYCLIC OPTIMIZATION', UNIVERSITÄT LEIPZIG

2025

Invited speaker talk: Polite pronouns and person hierarchy effects (joint work with Stanislao Zompi)  
WORKSHOP ON INDEXICAL BINDING, UNIVERSITÉ DE GENÈVE

2024	Invited speaker talk: Gender, nominalizing heads, and locality	BRUSSELS CONFERENCE ON GENERATIVE LINGUISTICS 17
2024	Allosem and the Interpretation of Neuter Gender in Greek. Colloquium presentation	HEINRICH HEINE UNIVERSITÄT DÜSSELDORF
2024	Split coordination with adjectives in Italian. Guest Lecture for Seminar in Topics on Syntax (Instructors: Faruk Akkuş and Rajesh Bhatt)	UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS, AMHERST
2023	Gender markedness and coordination resolution: Feature representation in Greek and other three-gendered languages (joint work with Elena Anagnostopoulou). Colloquium presentation	UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH
2023	Gender markedness and coordination resolution: On feature representation and 'defaults' (joint work with Elena Anagnostopoulou). Colloquium presentation	UNIVERSITÄT POTSDAM
2023	Plenary Talk: Valuing gender on a noun is local: Evidence from possession and number.	WCCFL 41, UC SANTA CRUZ
2023	Roundtable Discussion with Maziar Toosarvandani and Ivy Sichel	UC SANTA CRUZ
2023	Valuing gender on a noun is local: Evidence from possession (LingLunch).	NEW YORK UNIVERSITY
2022	Root suppletion as contextual allomorphy in Swedish (LingLunch).	PRINCETON UNIVERSITY
2022	A noun's gender is locally determined: Evidence from gender and possession (Colloquium).	RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
2022	Markedness and Interpretability of Grammatical Gender Features: Evidence from Greek. (Colloquium) Presented with Elena Anagnostopoulou.	ZAS
2022	Representing animacy and markedness in grammatical gender representation: On coordination resolution and feature interpretability in Greek. Presented with Elena Anagnostopoulou (virtual). (Colloquium)	BEN GURION UNIVERSITY OF THE NEGEV
2021	Interpretability, Gender, and Agreement in Coordination: Evidence from Greek. Presented with Elena Anagnostopoulou (virtual). (Colloquium)	UNIVERSITÄT LEIPZIG
2017	The neuter 'gender' in Lithuanian, and the Neuter Case Agreement Constraint. Presented with Milena Šereikaitė at 'LingLunch'.	UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2025	Deriving Morphological Gaps: The Neuter Puzzle in Lithuanian. ( <i>with Milena Šereikaitė</i> ) Paper presented at the DM meets Nano workshop, Vienna.
2025	Combinatorial restrictions on emotive nominals: CP and DP-complements. ( <i>with Kajsa Djärv</i> ) Paper presented at SALT 35, Cambridge, MA.
2025	Passivization, speech act participants, and third-person probes in Jarawara. ( <i>with Ruth Kramer</i> ) Paper presented at WCCFL 43, Seattle.
2025	Neuter kinship and ellipsis in Greek: on gender, number, and ellipsis licensing. ( <i>with Artemis Alexiadou and Elena Anagnostopoulou</i> ) Poster presented at GLOW 47, Frankfurt.
2025	The PCC and polite pronouns. ( <i>with Stanislao Zompi</i> ) Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Philadelphia.
2024	PCC effects with polite pronouns. ( <i>with Stanislao Zompi</i> ) Paper presented at Going Romance 2024, Braga, Portugal.
2024	Polite pronouns and the PCC. ( <i>with Stanislao Zompi</i> ) Paper presented at NELS 55, Yale University.
2024	Selectional restrictions of clause-taking emotive predicates across lexical categories. ( <i>with Kajsa Djärv</i> ) Poster presented at Sinn und Bedeutung 2024, Noto.
2024	Gender allosem and neuter interpretation in Greek. Paper presented at LAGB 2024, Newcastle.
2024	The Neuter Kinship Puzzle in Greek: On Gender, Number, and Ellipsis. <i>with Artemis Alexiadou and Elena Anagnostopoulou</i> Paper presented at LAGB 2024, Newcastle.
2024	Deriving morphological gaps: The neuter puzzle in Lithuanian. ( <i>with Milena Šereikaitė</i> ) Cancelled presentation at CLS 60, Chicago.
2024	Gender interpretation and allosem in Greek. Paper presented at the LSA annual meeting, New York.

2023 My left and right hands: Split coordination and multidominant structure in Italian. Cancelled paper presentation at the 'How Many Mothers?' workshop on multidominance, UMass Amherst (LSA Institute).

2022 The Role of Animacy in Gender Resolution for Three-Gendered Languages: A Feature-Geometric Approach. (*with Elena Anagnostopoulou*) Paper presented at WCCFL 40, Stanford (virtual).

2022 Coordination Resolution in Three-Gendered Languages. (*with Elena Anagnostopoulou*) Paper presented at GLOW 45, London.

2022 Gender on a noun cannot be licensed through agreement: On gender and scope in German. Paper presented at the Linguistic Society of America annual meeting, Washington D.C. (virtual).

2021 Coordinating adjectives in Italian: A multidominant, summative agreement approach. Paper presented at the Agreement in Multivaluation Constructions workshop, Frankfurt (virtual).

2021 Interpretability, gender, and agreement in coordination: Evidence from Greek. (*with Elena Anagnostopoulou*) Paper presented at the Agreement in Multivaluation Constructions workshop, Frankfurt (virtual).

2021 Interpretability and gender features in coordination: Evidence from Greek. (*with Elena Anagnostopoulou*) Paper presented at WCCFL 39, University of Arizona (virtual).

2021 Gender assignment is local: On assignment by inalienable possessors. Paper presented at WCCFL 39, University of Arizona (virtual).

2020 On the transparency of inflectionless adjectives for definiteness marker placement in Bulgarian. Paper presented at FASL 29, University of Washington (virtual).

2019 Containment and syncretism in English preterites and participles. Paper presented at the LSA annual meeting, New York.

2018 Default gender and non-agreement in Lithuanian. (*with Milena Šereikaitė*) Poster presented at NELS 49, Cornell University.

2018 Italian switch nouns and adjectives with split interpretations. Paper presented at the Theoretical and Experimental Approaches to Gender Workshop, Zentrum Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft.

2018 On default gender and non-agreement in Lithuanian. (*with Milena Šereikaitė*) Poster presented at the Theoretical and Experimental Approaches to Gender Workshop, Zentrum Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaften.

2018 The Neuter Agreement Constraint in Lithuanian. (*with Milena Šereikaitė*) Paper presented at CLS 54, University of Chicago. [Link](#)

2018 On agreement and coordination in summatives: Lessons from gender switch. Poster presented at the Georgetown Workshop on Morphosyntax, Georgetown University.

2018 The Neuter Agreement Constraint in Lithuanian. (*with Milena Šereikaitė*) Paper presented at PLC 42, University of Pennsylvania.

2017 Non-categorical conditioning of past tense allomorphy. Paper presented at FWAIV4, University of York.

2017 Denominal verbs and root polysemy. Paper presented at PLC 41, University of Pennsylvania.

2017 Past tense doublets: How grammatical architecture constrains variation. Paper presented at GURT, Georgetown University.

2017 On locality conditions for contextual root allomorphy: Gender and number. Poster presented at the LSA annual meeting, Austin.

2016 Towards a formal theory of text-setting in art song. Paper presented by invited speaker Rolf Noyer at the University of Connecticut.

2016 Noun phrase ellipsis, root identity, and egg nouns in Italian. Paper presented at AnaMorphoSys, University of Lyon.

2016 On the (in)extractability of nominal PP adjuncts. (*with Ava Irani*) Paper presented at GLAC 22, University of Iceland.

2016 The verbal prefix *out-*, and its place in argument and event structure. Poster presented at MACSIM V, University of Delaware.

#### COLLABORATORS' INVITED TALKS

2025	Passivization, speech act participants, and third-person probes in Jarawara. Joint work presented by invited speaker Ruth Kramer	MORPHOLOGIE À MONTREAL (MORPHOMO)
2024	Selectional restrictions of clause-taking emotive predicates across lexical categories. Joint work presented by invited speaker Kajsa Djärv	MECORE CLOSING WORKSHOP
2024	The Interaction of Topic, Voice, Case, and Agreement: On O-Constructions in Jarawara. Joint work presented by invited speaker Ruth Kramer	UNIVERSITÉ CITÉ PARIS, CNRS LLF
2024	The Interaction of Topic, Voice, Case, and Agreement: On O-Constructions in Jarawara. Joint work presented by invited speaker Ruth Kramer	LEIPZIG UNIVERSITÄT
2024	Selectional restrictions of clause-taking emotive predicates across lexical categories. Joint work with invited speaker Kajsa Djärv	MEANING @ EDINBURGH WORKSHOP
2023	Gender markedness and coordination resolution: Capturing variation across three-gendered languages. Joint work presented by invited speaker Elena Anagnostopoulou.	LAGB
2023	Coordination resolution and markedness in three-gendered languages. Joint work presented by invited speaker Elena Anagnostopoulou.	GENDER MARKEDNESS AND DEFAULTS WORKSHOP, CRETELING SUMMER SCHOOL

#### FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

##### GRANTS

TBD (3 years)	Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) grant (Principal Investigator)
	Project Title: Grammatical gender in nominal syntax
	Funding to hire a PhD student
	Institution: Leibniz-Zentrum Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft

##### FELLOWSHIPS

Jan. 2020-September 2022	National Science Foundation: Social Behavioral and Economic Sciences Postdoctoral Research Fellowship	NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
	Project Title: Grammatical Gender Representation in Natural Language	
	Sponsor: Jonathan Bobaljik. Institution: Harvard University	
	Collaborator: Elena Anagnostopoulou	

2014-2019	Benjamin Franklin Fellowship (Full PhD funding)	UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
2015-2016	Geo L. Harrison Fellowship (PhD funding)	UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

##### OTHER GRANTS

2025	Van Riemsdijk Foundation: Workshop Grant
	For a ZAS Workshop <i>Clausal Complementation Across Categories</i>
	Main applicant; organizing committee includes Artemis Alexiadou and André Meinunger
2026	Van Riemsdijk Foundation: Workshop Grant
	For a ZAS-organized Workshop entitled <i>Tracing Mismatches: Deviations from One-to-One Patterns</i> to take place as part of the DGfS annual meeting in Trier
	Main applicant; organizing committee includes Zorica Puškar-Gallien and Kazuko Yatsushiro

#### TEACHING

Spring 2023	Seminar in Syntax	RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
	Instructor, graduate-level seminar, topics related to agreement with coordinate structures	

Spring 2023	Syntax Instructor, one undergraduate course section (approximately 30 students)	RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
Fall 2022	Syntax Instructor, two undergraduate course sections (approximately 25 students each)	RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
Fall 2021	Morphosemantics Instructor, mixed undergraduate/graduate ‘topics’-style seminar on nominal features, emphasis on grammatical gender	HARVARD UNIVERSITY
Spring 2016; Fall 2019	Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Linguistics Instructor: Gareth Roberts (2016), Mark Liberman (2019) Taught weekly recitation sections, held office hours	UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
Fall 2016	Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Language and Verbal Art Instructor: Donald Ringe held office hours	UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
Fall 2015	Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Formal Linguistics Instructor: Anthony Kroch Taught weekly recitation sections, held office hours	UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
2022-2023	Qualifying Paper Committee Member Ying Zhang: Long-distance dependency of reflexives in Mandarin fragment answers	RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

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**EDITING**

2024- Co-Editor for *Linguistic Inquiry Squibs & Discussion*

**REVIEWING**

Journals: Linguistic Inquiry, Natural Language & Linguistic Theory, Language, Journal of Linguistics, Glossa: A Journal of General Linguistics, Morphology, Open Slavic Linguistics, Studies in Polish Linguistics

Edited Volumes: The Cambridge Handbook of Distributed Morphology, International Committee on Latin Linguistics Proceedings, Festschrift in Honor of Maria Polinsky, Possession and the Part-Whole Relationship in Language

Conference Abstracts: NELS, WCCFL, LAGB, Sinn und Bedeutung, Going Romance, BCGL, Linguistic Society of America annual meeting, Penn Linguistics Conference, CogSci, Clausal complementation across categories workshop, Tracing Mismatches workshop (DGfS),

Grants: National Science Foundation

**ORGANIZATION**

2025-2026 Organizing committee for the workshop *Tracing Mismatches: Deviations from One-to-one Patterns at DGfS 48* (Trier)

2025 Organizing committee for the workshop *Clausal Complementation Across Categories* at ZAS Berlin

2024-2025 Talk Series Co-Coordinator for the Brown Bag Lunch at ZAS Berlin

2024- Co-Coordinator for the Themed Research Group ‘Mismatches and Disambiguation’ at ZAS Berlin

2023 Organizer of the CreteLing Workshop on Gender Markedness and Defaults (Link)

2017-2018 Co-President of the Graduate Linguistic Society (GradLingS), University of Pennsylvania

2016-2017 Organizer for the morphology reading group FMART, University of Pennsylvania

2014–2016

Co-Chair of the Finance Committee, Penn Linguistics Conference 39 & 40

2014–2015

Linguistics Speaker Series Assistant Coordinator/Full Coordinator, University of Pennsylvania

2014–2019

Editorial member for Penn Working Papers in Linguistics

#### MISCELLANEOUS

2024

Mentor in the ZAS Mentorship Program

2024

Voice recording for the Tutorial of the ZAS Database of Clause-Embedding Predicates Link