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Academic Positions

2017 - 2019: Collegiate Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Linguistics
University of Michigan College of Literature, Arts, and Sciences

Fall 2019: Assistant Professor
University of Michigan Linguistics Department

Education

- **PHD IN LINGUISTICS (2017)**
University of California, San Diego
Thesis title: “An Experimental Approach to Variation and Variability in Constituent Order”
Thesis committee:
 - Grant Goodall (Committee Chair)
 - Farrell Ackerman
 - Vic Ferreira
 - Robert Kluender
 - John Moore
- **MASTER OF ARTS IN LINGUISTICS**
University of Chicago (2010)
Thesis title: “A Comparison of Path and Manner in American and Turkish Homesign”
Advisors: Anastasia Giannakidou and Susan Goldin-Meadow
- **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN LINGUISTICS**
University of Chicago (2010)

Articles

- Abner, N., **Namboodiripad, S.**, Spaepen, E., Goldin-Meadow, S. (in prep). Emergent Morphology in Child Homesign: Evidence from Number Language.
- Namboodiripad, S.**, Kim, D., Kim, G. (in press). English-dominant Korean-speakers show reduced flexibility in constituent order. In *Proceedings of the 53rd Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistics Society*.
- Namboodiripad, S.**, Lenzen, D., Lepic, R., & Verhoef, T. (2016). Measuring Conventionalization in the Manual Modality. *Journal of Language Evolution*.

Namboodiripad, S. & Garellek, M. (2016). Illustrations of the IPA: Malayalam (Namboodiri Dialect). *Journal of the International Phonetic Association*.

Goldin-Meadow, S., **Namboodiripad, S.**, Mylander, C., Özyürek, A., & Sancar, B. (2014). The resilience of structure built around the predicate: Homesign gesture systems in Turkish and American deaf children. *Journal of Cognition and Development*.

Conference Presentations

Namboodiripad, S. (2018). The IT-boom as a facilitator of language maintenance: Malayalees in Minnesota. Talk at The International Congress of Linguists 20. Cape Town, South Africa.

Bouavichith, D., **Namboodiripad, S.**, Garellek, M. (2018). A contrastive place of articulation between palatals and velars: an ultrasound study of Malayalam palatal-velar nasals. Talk at Acoustical Society of America 175. Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Namboodiripad, S. (2018). Language contact as partial contributor to linguistic universals. Talk at the Workshop on the Emergence of Universals. Columbus, Ohio.

Namboodiripad, S. (2017). Formal acceptability experiments as a novel measure of variation in flexible constituent order. Poster at New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAY) 46. Madison, Wisconsin.

Namboodiripad, S. (2017). Acceptability judgment tasks as a measure of variation within and across languages with “flexible” constituent order. Talk at the 50th Societas Linguistica Europaea Conference. Zurich, Switzerland.

Kim, D., Kim, G., & **Namboodiripad, S.** (2017). Bilingual Processing of Flexible Constituent Order in Korean. Poster at Architectures and Mechanisms of Language Processing (AMLaP) 23. Lancaster, United Kingdom.

Namboodiripad, S. (2017). Language contact as a source of reduced flexibility in Malayalam constituent order. Talk at the 23rd International Conference on Historical Linguistics. San Antonio, Texas.

Namboodiripad, S. (2017). Language contact as a source of reduced flexibility in Malayalam constituent order. Talk at the ‘Bridging formal and sociolinguistic approaches to language contact and code-mixing’ workshop hosted by the Linguistic Complexity in the Individual and Society Group. Trondheim, Norway.

Namboodiripad, S., Kim, D., & Kim, G. (2017). English-dominant Korean speakers show reduced flexibility in constituent order. Talk at the 53rd Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society. Chicago, Illinois.

Namboodiripad, S. (2017). Using acceptability judgments to study language change: Age differences reflect differences in speakers’ linguistic systems. Poster at the 30th Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing. Boston, Massachusetts.

Namboodiripad, S., Goodall, G. (2017). Formal acceptability experiments as a tool for exploring variation in constituent order. Talk at the Linguistic Society of America’s Annual Meeting. Austin, Texas.

Namboodiripad, S., Lopic, R., Lenzen, D., & Verhoef, T. (2016). Measuring articulatory reduction in silent gesture. Poster at the International Workshop on Language Production. San Diego, California.

- Lepic, R., **Namboodiripad, S.**, Lenzen, D., & Verhoef, T. (2016). Repetition and reduction in silent gesture: Evidence from body tracking. Talk at the 7th Conference of the International Society for Gesture Studies. Paris, France.
- Namboodiripad, S.**, Lenzen, D., Lepic, R., & Verhoef, T. (2016). Measuring Conventionalization in the Manual Modality. Talk at the 11th International Conference on the Evolution of Language. New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Namboodiripad, S.**, & Goodall, G. (2016). Verb position predicts acceptability in a flexible SOV language. Poster at the 29th Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing. Gainesville, Florida.
- Abner, N., **Namboodiripad, S.**, Spaepen, E., & Goldin-Meadow, S. (2016). Child Homesigners Innovate Morphology: Evidence from Number Marking. Talk at The Sign Language and Linguistics Society's Theoretical Issues in Sign Language Research Meeting. Melbourne, Australia.
- Namboodiripad, S.**, & Goodall, G. (2015). On the Universality of Adjunct Islands: Evidence from Malayalam. Poster presented at 28th Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing. Los Angeles, California.
- Namboodiripad, S.**, Bakovic, E., & Garellek, M. (2015). Moraic Geminates in Malayalam: Evidence from minimal word effects and loanword adaptation. Talk at the Old World Conference in Phonology. Barcelona, Spain.
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- Abner, N., **Namboodiripad, S.**, Spaepen, E., & Goldin-Meadow, S. (2015). What Counts: Morphological Encoding of Number Information in Child Homesigners. Talk at the Linguistic Society of America's Annual Meeting. Portland, Oregon.
- Abner, N., **Namboodiripad, S.**, Spaepen, E., & Goldin-Meadow, S. (2014). What Counts: Morphological Encoding of Number Information in Child Homesigners. Poster presented at Formal and Experimental Advances in Sign Language Theory. Università Ca'Foscari, Venice, Italy.

Invited Talks

- Namboodiripad, S.** (2018). Contact, variation, and change in constituent order: integrating social and cognitive approaches. Talk at the University of Chicago's Language Variation and Change Workshop. Chicago, Illinois.
- Namboodiripad, S.** (2017). Language contact and language evolution: Integrating approaches. Talk at the Center for Language Evolution. Edinburgh, Scotland.
- Namboodiripad, S.** (2017). Towards a motivated model of contact-induced syntactic change: flexible constituent order and beyond. Talk at the Language Acquisition, Variation, & Attrition Group. Tromsø, Norway.

Workshop Presentations

Namboodiripad, S. (2016). Measuring shifts in attitudes towards language use and language policy. Teaching As Research Project via The Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching and Learning (CIRTL) Network at UC San Diego. San Diego, CA.

Namboodiripad, S., Lenzen, D., Lopic, R., & Verhoef, T. (2015). Measuring Conventionalization in the Manual Modality. The Center for Research in Language. San Diego, CA.

Namboodiripad, S. (2015). Evolution of a Talk. Presentation in the UCSD Linguistics Department Brown Bag Series. San Diego, CA.

Teaching

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

- *Winter 2019*: Language & Discrimination (LING 370/ANTHCUL 370)
- *Fall 2017*: Living with Animals (HON230), co-taught with Robin Queen

University of California, San Diego

Associate with the Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching and Learning (CIRTL) Network at UC San Diego

- *Spring 2017*: Language Acquisition (HDP 120), Teaching Assistant
- *Winter 2017*: Introduction to Linguistics (LIGN 1), Teaching Assistant
- *Fall 2016*: Introduction to Human Development (HDP 1), Lead Teaching Assistant
- *Summer 2016*: Languages and Cultures of America (LIGN 8), Instructor
- *Spring 2016*: Research Methods (PSYC 70), Teaching Assistant
- *Winter 2016*: Multilingualism (LIGN 177), Teaching Assistant
Guest Lecture: “Is it a creole? The Case of Nicaraguan Sign Language”
Guest Lecture: “Deconstructing The Bilingual Advantage”
- *Fall 2015*: Introduction to Human Development (HDP 1), Lead Teaching Assistant
- *Spring 2015*: Languages and Cultures of America (LIGN 8), Teaching Assistant
- *Winter 2015*: Syntax (LIGN 121), Teaching Assistant
- *Fall 2014*: Introduction to Human Development (HDP 1), Teaching Assistant
- *Spring 2014*: Child Language Acquisition (LIGN 171), Teaching Assistant
Guest Lecture: “Morphology and Early Syntax”
- *Winter 2014*: Language Acquisition (HDP 120), Teaching Assistant
- *Winter-Fall 2013*: Directed Study of a Language (LIDS 19/LIFR 11/LIGM 11), Teaching Assistant
- *Fall 2012*: Second Language Acquisition Research (LIGN 179), Teaching Assistant

Grants and Awards

- *Fall 2017*: UMich Center for South Asian Studies International Top-Up Grant
- *Fall 2017*: UMich Center for South Asian Studies Domestic Top-Up Grant
- *Spring 2016*: UC San Diego Linguistics Department TA Excellence Award
- *Spring 2016*: UC San Diego Linguistics Department Travel Grant
- *Spring 2016*: UC San Diego Dean of Social Sciences Research Travel Grant
Project: Contact Effects in Constituent Order
- *2015-2016*: UC San Diego Interdisciplinary Collaboratories Grant, Office of the Chancellor
Project: American Sign Language with Depth Data: Representation and Recognition
PIs: Carol Padden and Jim Hollan
- *Spring 2015*: UC San Diego Linguistics Department Service Award
- *Winter 2015*: UC San Diego Dean of Social Sciences Research Travel Grant
- *Fall 2014*: UC San Diego Graduate Student Association Travel Grant
- *Fall 2014*: UC San Diego Graduate Student Association Grant for the Linguistics Department Brown-Bag

Research Experience and Affiliations

- *2012-2017*: Experimental Syntax Lab, UC San Diego
- *2012-2017*: Morphology/Typology Reading Group, UC San Diego
- *Summer 2015*: Summer Graduate Research: A Typology of Constructed Languages (supervised by Grant Goodall)
- *2008 - 2012*: Research Assistant, Goldin-Meadow Lab, University of Chicago

Service

- *Ad hoc* reviewer: Language Ecology, Psychonomic Review, Journal of the International Phonetic Association, 11th & 12th International Conference on the Evolution of Language, Formal Approaches to South Asian Linguistics 8
- *2017-2018*: Michigan Linguistics Department Graduate Committee
- *2015-2016*: UC San Diego Linguistics Department Curriculum Committee, Graduate Student Member
- *2013-2017*: UC San Diego Linguistics Department Brown Bag, Organizer
- *2013*: American International Morphology Meeting, Volunteer
- *2012-2015*: UC San Diego Linguistics Colloquium Committee, Member

Professional Affiliations

- *2017 - present*: Societas Linguistica Europae
- *2017 - present*: International Congress of Historical Linguists
- *2012 - present*: Linguistic Society of America
- *2015*: Sign Language and Linguistics Society

Other

- Programming experience in L^AT_EX, R, HTML
- Proficient with Final Cut Pro, Quicktime editing, Praat, ELAN, FileMaker Pro, Audacity, Processing
- Native speaker of Malayalam