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## Research Interests



**Broadly:** Syntax, syntax-semantics interface, Philosophy of Mind and Language.

**Specifically:** Nature and formalization of syntactic movement, emergent phenomena in language, syntax and semantics of *Raising-to-Object* and *Tough-constructions*.

## Education





- 2017 – 2024  **Ph.D in Linguistics.** University of Michigan, Ann Arbor  
*Dissertation committee: Acrisio Pires, Natasha Abner, Ezra Keshet, Teresa Satterfield.*
- 2008 – 2009  **MA in Philology.** Minsk State Linguistic University, Minsk, Belarus
- 2003 – 2009  **Specialist's Degree in Linguistics and Translation.** Minsk State Linguistic University, Minsk, Belarus.

### Non-Degree

- 2023  **Graduate Certificate in Cognitive Science.** Weinberg Institute for Cognitive Science, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- 2019  **LSA Linguistic Institute.** University of California, Davis


## Teaching Experience

### University of Michigan, Graduate Student Instructor


- Fall 2018, 2024; Winter 2019, 2021  **LING 111** Lenses into Language
- Fall 2019, 2021; Winter 2020, 2022  **LING/COGSCI 209/PSYCH 242** Language and Human Mind
- Fall 2023  **LING 315** Introduction to Syntax  
*Upper-level Writing Requirement course*
- Winter 2024  **LING 316** Aspects of Meaning  
*Upper-level Writing Requirement course*

## Research Positions

### University of Michigan


- Fall 2022; Winter 2023  **Graduate Research Assistant** with the Department of Linguistics  
Supervisor: Prof. Acrisio Pires

## Professional Experience

- 2009-2011  **International Sales Manager.** Joint Stock Company Belshina, Bobruisk, Belarus

## Research Publications

### Conference proceedings (abstracts peer-reviewed)

- to appear  **Tough-constructions as complex constituents: the no A-bar movement approach.** *In Proc. of the 48th Annual Penn Linguistics Conference*

## Research Publications (continued)

- 2024 ■ Raising-to-Object in ECM: A-movement without Internal Merge? *In Proc. of the 59th meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society.*
- 2024 ■ ECM constructions as complex predicates: a neo-constructivist approach. *In Proc. of the 39th meeting of the West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*
- 2023 ■ A neo-constructivist approach to Exceptional Case Marking Constructions. *In Proc. of the 56th meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society.*

## Referred Talk and Poster Presentations

- January 2025 ■ *Exfoliation* approach to Raising-to-Object: the puzzle of *wager*-class verbs. *99th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA2025)*. Poster.
- April 2024 ■ *Tough*-constructions as complex constituents: the no A-bar movement approach *60th meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS60)*. Talk.
- March 2024 ■ *Tough*-constructions as complex constituents: the no A-bar movement approach *48th Annual Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC48)*. Talk.
- *Tough*-constructions as complex constituents: the no A-bar movement approach *GLOW in Asia. The Chinese University of Hong Kong*. Poster (did not attend).
- January 2024 ■ *Tough*-constructions as complex constituents: exploring the no A-bar movement approach. *32nd Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE32)*. *Queen Mary University of London*. Talk.
- *Tough*-constructions as complex constituents. *98th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA2024)*. Poster.
- April 2023 ■ Raising-to-object in English ECM: A-movement without Internal Merge? *59th meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS59)*. Poster.
- January 2023 ■ Raising-to-object in English ECM: A-movement without Internal Merge? *97th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA2023)*. Poster.
- January 2022 ■ Complex predicates in ECM: evidence from topicalization, (pseudo-)clefting and VP-ellipsis. *96th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA2022)*. Talk.
- April 2021 ■ ECM constructions as complex predicates: a neo-constructivist approach. *39th meeting of the West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL39)*. *University of Arizona*. Talk.
- March 2021 ■ ECM constructions as complex predicates: a neo-constructivist approach. *45th Annual Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC45)*. Poster.
- January 2021 ■ ECM constructions as complex predicates: a neo-constructivist approach. *95th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA2021)*. Poster.
- April 2020 ■ A neo-constructivist approach to Exceptional Case Marking Constructions. *56th meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS56)*. Poster (cancelled due to COVID-19).

## Invited Presentations

- April 2023 ■ A-movement without Internal Merge. *Weinberg CogSci Seminar Series. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor*
- April 2024 ■ Rethinking A-Movement: Raising-to-Object without Internal Merge. *Linguistics Graduate Student Colloquium. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor*

## Grants and Awards

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Fall 2018	■	<b>Block Grant Fellowship.</b> \$4,700
Spring/Summer 2020	■	<b>Humanities Research Fellowship.</b> \$10,800
Fall 2020	■	<b>Humanities Research Fellowship.</b> \$10,800
Summer 2022	■	<b>Linguistics Summer Research Stipend.</b> \$2,500
2021	■	<b>Rackham Conference Travel Grant.</b> \$814
2022	■	<b>Rackham Conference Travel Grant.</b> \$900
2023	■	<b>Block Conference Travel Grant.</b> \$1,120
Spring/Summer 2023	■	<b>Rackham One-Term Dissertation Fellowship.</b> \$12,000
2023	■	<b>Rackham Conference Travel Grant.</b> \$900
2024	■	<b>Block Conference Travel Grant.</b> \$940
Summer 2024	■	<b>Linguistics Summer Fellowship.</b> \$6,000

## Service

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### University of Michigan, Linguistic Department

2017-2018	■	<b>GLaM committee</b>
2018-2019	■	<b>Colloquium committee</b>
2019-2020	■	<b>Colloquium committee</b>
2020-2021	■	<b>Graduate committee</b>

## Volunteer Experience

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- 2024 ■ **Staff member.** *HSP 2024: 37th Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing*, May 16-18. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
- **Staff member.** *FEAST 2024: Formal and Experimental Advances in Sign Language Theory*, August 6-8. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

## Memberships

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2017-present	■	<b>Linguistic Society of America</b>
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## Languages

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Native	■	<b>Russian, Belarusian</b>
Fluent	■	<b>English, Ukrainian</b>
Fair	■	<b>German</b>

## Skills

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Adobe Suite,  $\LaTeX$ , Microsoft Office, Google Suit

## References

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