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Academic Positions

Fall 2019 - : Assistant Professor
University of Michigan Linguistics Department

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

2017 - : Faculty Affiliate in the Center for South Asian Studies at the University of Michigan

Education

PhD in Linguistics: University of California, San Diego (2017)
Thesis title: “An Experimental Approach to Variation and Variability in Constituent Order”
<https://escholarship.org/uc/item/2sv6z8bz>

MA in Linguistics: University of Chicago (2010)
Thesis title: “A Comparison of Path and Manner in American and Turkish Homesign”

BA in Linguistics: University of Chicago (2010)

Publications

* indicates graduate student co-authors, ** indicates undergraduate or MA students, † indicates I am lead or co-lead author

Peer reviewed journal articles and book chapters

*Birkeland, A., *Block, A., *Craft, J., *Sedarous, Y., **Wang, S., **Wu, G., & †Namboodiripad, S. (accepted). Rejecting “nativeness” to produce a more accurate and just Linguistics. *Language*. preprint doi: [10.31234/osf.io/ektmf](https://doi.org/10.31234/osf.io/ektmf)

Gibson, H., Jerro, K., †Namboodiripad, S., & Reidel, K. (2024) “Research, teaching, publishing: Towards a decolonial syntax.” Chapter in *Decolonizing Linguistics*, Charity Hudley, A., Mallinson, C., & Bucholtz, M., eds. preprint DOI: [10.31219/osf.io/p29g5](https://doi.org/10.31219/osf.io/p29g5) (authors in alphabetical order)

- Ferrer-i-Cancho, R. & **Namboodiripad, S.** (2023). Swap distance minimization in SOV languages. Cognitive and mathematical foundations. *Glottometrics*. Vol 55.
https://glottometrics.iqla.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/55_2023.pdf
- Levshina, N., †**Namboodiripad, S.**, Allasonnière-Tang, *M., Kramer, M., Talamo, L., Verkerk, A., Wilmoth, S., Garrido Rodriguez, G., Gupton, T., Kidd, E., Liu, Z., Naccarato, C. Nordlinger, R., Panova, N., Stoyanova, N. (2023). Why we need a gradient approach to word order. *Linguistics: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Language Sciences*. **co-first author**. <https://doi.org/10.1515/ling-2021-0098>
- *Cheng, L. S. P., *Burgess, D., *Vernooij, N., *Solís-Barroso, C., *McDermott, A., & †**Namboodiripad, S.** (2021). The Problematic Concept of “Native Speaker” in Psycholinguistics: Replacing vague and harmful terminology with inclusive and accurate measures. In special issue of *Frontiers in Psycholinguistics*: “The Notion of the Native Speaker Put to the Test: Recent Research Advances.”
doi: 10.3389/fpsyg.2021.715843
- †**Namboodiripad, S.** (2021). Non-Dravidian elements and (non)diasystematic change in Malayalam. Chapter in *Constructions in Contact 2: Language change, multilingual practices, and additional language acquisition*. Benjamins. Höder, S. & Boas, H., eds. <https://doi.org/10.1075/cal.30.07nam>
- Abner, N., **Namboodiripad, S.**, Spaepen, E., Goldin-Meadow, S. (2021). Emergent Morphology in Child Hometown: Evidence from Number Language. *Language Learning and Development*.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/15475441.2021.1922281>
- *Sedarous, Y. & †**Namboodiripad, S.** (2020). Audio stimuli in acceptability judgment experiments. *Language and Linguistics Compass*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/lnc3.12377>
- †**Namboodiripad, S.**, Lenzen, D., Lepic, R., & Verhoef, T. (2016). Measuring Conventionalization in the Manual Modality. *Journal of Language Evolution*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/jole/lzw005>
- †**Namboodiripad, S.** & Garellek, M. (2016). Illustrations of the IPA: Malayalam (Namboodiri Dialect). *Journal of the International Phonetic Association*. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/pdf/26352327.pdf>
- Goldin-Meadow, S., **Namboodiripad, S.**, Mylander, C., Özyürek, A., & Sancar, B. (2015). The resilience of structure built around the predicate: Hometown gesture systems in Turkish and American deaf children. *Journal of Cognition and Development*.

Peer reviewed conference proceedings

- †**Namboodiripad, S.**, *Cuneo, N., *Kramer, M., *Sedarous, Y., *Bisnath, F., *Sugimoto, Y, & Goldberg, A. (2022). Backgroundedness Predicts Island Status of Non-finite Adjuncts in English. In *Proceedings of the 42nd Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society*.
<https://escholarship.org/uc/item/236280w2>
- *Cheng, L. S. P., *Kramer, M, **Upreti, R., & †**Namboodiripad, S.** (2022). Moving past indirect proxies for language experience: ‘Native speaker’ and residential history are poor predictors of language behavior. In *Proceedings of the 42nd Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society*.
<https://escholarship.org/uc/item/1p59b35f>
- Liu, Z., *Kramer, M, **Upreti, R., & †**Namboodiripad, S.** (2022). Does One Size Fit all in Crosslinguistic Dependency Length Minimization? In *Proceedings of the 42nd Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society*. <https://escholarship.org/uc/item/14j4s1j7>

†**Namboodiripad, S.**, Kim, D., & Kim, G. (2019). English-dominant Korean-speakers show reduced flexibility in constituent order. In *Proceedings of the 53rd Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistics Society*. <http://savi.ling.lsa.umich.edu/publications/CLsmanuscript.pdf>

Invited publications

†**Namboodiripad, S.** & Henner, J. (2022). Rejecting Competence: Essentialist constructs reproduce ableism and white supremacy in linguistic theory. Invited peer commentary for Flores & Rosa target article “Undoing Competence: Race, Linguistic Homogeneity, and Humanism in Applied Linguistics” in *Language Learning*. Satterfield, T., ed. <https://doi.org/10.1111/lang.12534>

Monographs

Gibson, H., Riedel, K., Luck, J., & †**Namboodiripad, S.** (in production). *African Linguistics after #RhodesMustFall: Language and Power in Times of Change*. Palgrave MacMillan.

Publications under review or in revision

†**Namboodiripad, S.** (under revision). Shared processing strategies as a mechanism for contact-induced change in flexible constituent order. Accepted pending final revisions at *Linguistics Vanguard*.

Hou, L. & †**Namboodiripad, S.** (under review). Manifesting a Crip Linguistic Theory through a Critical Disability Raciolinguistic Perspective. Special issue of *Journal of Deaf Studies and Deaf Education* in honor of Jonathan Henner. Robinson, O. & Hall, W., (eds). preprint doi: <https://doi.org/10.31234/osf.io/mh38t>

*Bisnath, F. & †**Namboodiripad, S.** (under review). Language Contact. Chapter in *Routledge Handbook of Linguistics*. ed. Gaby, A., Mans, H., & Margetts, A. preprint doi: [10.31234/osf.io/jcrwb](https://doi.org/10.31234/osf.io/jcrwb)

†**Namboodiripad, S.**, Kutlu, E., Babel, A., Babel, M., **Bassuk, P. B., Baese-Berk, M., *Block, A., Carlson, M. T., Cheng, A., Combiths, P., Hayes-Harb, R., Frederiksen, AT, *Kendro, K., Koulidobrova, E., Lin, C. C., Lin, Z., Luque A., McGowan, K. B., *Muegge, J. B., Tripp, A., & Wright, K. E. (under revision after desk rejection). Essentialist characterizations of language are an obstacle to accuracy, progress, and justice in science. **co-lead author**
preprint link: <https://doi.org/10.31234/osf.io/jn3ct>

Manuscripts in progress/in prep

*Cheng, L. & †**Namboodiripad, S.** Native Speaker. Invited to contribute to the *International Encyclopedia of Language and Linguistics, 3rd Edition*; Florian Coulmas, section ed.

Gibson, H., Reilly, C. & **Namboodiripad, S.** The Next Grammar. Invited to contribute to the *Routledge Handbook of Postcolonial and Decolonial Linguistics*.

- Sedarous, Y., *Bisnath, F., & †**Namboodiripad, S.** Resumptive pronouns are grammatical in English: Evidence from acceptability and pupillometry.
- †**Namboodiripad, S.**, **Harkrider, J., **Robbins, N., *Cuneo, N., & Goldberg, A. Digging deeper into backgroundedness: Backgroundedness measures predict island status of non-finite embedded clauses in English.
- **Upreti, R., & †**Namboodiripad, S.** Emergent English experience measures show distinct contact-effects in Hindi-Urdu.
- *Cheng, L. S. P. & †**Namboodiripad, S.** Asking the right questions: Variable language experience and ideologies amongst American English speakers.
- Flaherty, M. & †**Namboodiripad, S.** Language communities do not cohere in isolation: Language contact as an explanatory factor in the conventionalization of NP order in Nicaraguan Sign Language
- Abtahian, M., & †**Namboodiripad, S.** Diaspora identity and language in the Malayalee-American community
- **Ong, S., **Bergen, C., **Brodeur, M., **Haskins, L., **Weingart, J., & †**Namboodiripad, S.** (in prep.). Substrate word origin mediates constituent order flexibility in Singlish.
- Cuskley, C., Roberts, G., *Bisnath, F., Roberts, S., Flaherty, M., & **Namboodiripad, S.** Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Language Evolution. Special issue of *Topics in Cognitive Science*.

Preprints and online resources

- Kutlu, E. & **Namboodiripad, S.** (2022). The ROLE Collective: Reframing Our Language Experience; A consortium of scholars working against essentialist notions of language in policy and practice, within academia and beyond.
<https://rolecollective.github.io/>
 [link to symposium talks]
- Cuskley, C., **Namboodiripad, S.**, Roberts, G., *Bisnath, F., Roberts, S., Flaherty, M., & Verhoef, T. (2022). Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Language Evolution.
<https://edile.herokuapp.com/>
- **Zhang, K. & **Namboodiripad, S.** (2022). Public-facing website featuring main findings from Fall 2020 course *Problematizing the Native Speaker in Linguistic Research*.
<https://sites.google.com/umich.edu/ccl-lab/problematizing-the-native-speaker-blogpost>
- Namboodiripad, S.**, Levshina, N., & *Kramer, M. (2020).
<https://sites.google.com/umich.edu/ccl-lab/sle-workshop-new-perspectives-on-word-order-flexibility>.
 Website featuring talks from 2020 SLE Workshop, New Perspectives on Word Order Flexibility.
- Namboodiripad, S.** A gradient approach to flexible constituent order. PsyArXiv. October 18 2019.
 doi:10.31234/osf.io/rvjn5.
- Namboodiripad, S.**, Hou, L., & Occhino, C. (2019). linguistsurvey.com: Select results from *A Survey of Linguists and Language Researchers*. (last updated March 2019)

With Sonja Lanehart and Hayley Heaton. *Social Justice Ling 101*

<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1oB5NtNUEnJo0xs3XZRxc313xea7ZqZRe>. Google drive folder of crowdsourced materials from classes taught in North America which cover language and social justice.

Presentations

* indicates graduate student co-authors, ** indicates undergraduate or MA students

Keynotes/Plenary presentations

Namboodiripad, S. (2025). Title TBD. Invited talk at the South Asian Forum on the Acquisition and Processing of Language. University of Colorado. Boulder, Colorado.

Namboodiripad, S. (2025). Title TBD. Invited presentation at “Bringing the Outside In: Language in the Public Domain”. Sponsored by the British Academy. Essex, England.

Namboodiripad, S. (2023). What’s a “native speaker”? Rejecting essentialist constructs as a way to lead to a better Linguistics. Keynote talk at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill Spring Colloquium. Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Namboodiripad, S. (2022). Experimental Typology: Accounting for individual differences while making crosslinguistic comparisons. Invited talk at the Diversity in Language and Cognition Conference. Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies. Freiburg, Germany.

Namboodiripad, S. (2022). A experimental approach to constituent order typology. Plenary talk at the Purdue Linguistics Symposium. West Lafayette, Indiana.

Namboodiripad, S. (2021). Psycholinguistics as a tool for studying syntactic typology and language contact: Methodological and conceptual concerns. Keynote talk at the Architectures and Mechanisms of Language Processing conference. Paris, France.

Namboodiripad, S. (2020). Language learning in a multilingual world shapes language change. Invited talk at the Weinberg Cognitive Science Colloquium. Ann Arbor, MI. (cancelled due to COVID)

Namboodiripad, S. (2019). An experimental approach to flexible constituent order: Insights from Malayalam. Invited talk at Formal Approaches to South Asian Languages 9. Portland, Oregon.

Namboodiripad, S., Hou, L., & Occhino, C. (2019). A Survey of Linguists and Language Researchers: Harassment, Bias, and What We Can Do About It. Plenary panel at the Linguistic Society of America’s Annual Meeting. New York, New York.

Colloquia

Namboodiripad, S. (2024). “Forgive my bad grammar, not a native speaker”: How rejecting essentialist thinking can improve scholarship and society . Divisional Speaker in the Division of Philosophy, Religion, Psychology, and Linguistics at Reed College. Portland, Oregon.

- Namboodiripad, S.** (2024). Imagining and creating a Linguistics without “nativeness”. Colloquium at the University of Pennsylvania Linguistics Department. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Namboodiripad, S.** (2022). Conceptual concerns in studying contact and variation in constituent order. Colloquium at the University of Buffalo Linguistics Department. Buffalo, New York.
- Namboodiripad, S.** (2022). An experimental approach to contact-induced change: Characterizing “contact”. Colloquium at the University of Wisconsin Madison Language Sciences program. Madison, Wisconsin.
- Namboodiripad, S.** (2022). Moving beyond dichotomous thinking in language contact and linguistic typology. Colloquium at the University of Rochester Linguistics Department. Rochester, New York.
- Namboodiripad, S.** (2022). Deconstructing language boundaries and transnational identities: Malayalees in Kerala and the US. Invited talk in the Center for South Asian Studies Speaker Series. Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- Namboodiripad, S.** (2022). Malayalam ennal... (‘What is Malayalam?’). Invited talk at Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit Distinguished Speaker Series. Kalady, Kerala.
- Namboodiripad, S.** (2022). Resisting boundedness as a way to push against essentialism in linguistics. Colloquium talk as part of the Language and Social Justice Initiative at Rutgers University. New Brunswick, New Jersey.
- *Cheng, L. S. P., *Burgess, D., *Vernooij, N., *Solís-Barroso, C., *McDermott, A., & **Namboodiripad, S.** (2022). Problems with “Native Speaker” in psycholinguistics and what we can do about it. Invited talk part of the Cognitive Language Aficionados Research Group speaker series at the University of Utah. Salt Lake City, Utah.
- Namboodiripad, S.** (2022). Problematizing the “native speaker” in our courses. Pedagogy colloquium in the Linguistics Department at the University of California, San Diego. La Jolla, California.
- Namboodiripad, S.** (2022). Beyond WISPy languages and Native Speakers: What transcending disciplinary boundaries can do for psycholinguistics. Talk as part of the “Diversity in Language and Cognition” lecture series. Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies. Freiburg, Germany.
- Namboodiripad, S.** (2021). What can we gain from gradience? New approaches to constituent order typology and contact. Colloquium talk in the Hebrew University Linguistics Department. Jerusalem, Israel.
- Namboodiripad, S.** (2021). Gradience in flexible constituent order: Acceptability judgment experiments as a measure of variation within and across languages. Recruitment colloquium at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Ann Arbor, Michigan
- Namboodiripad, S.** (2021). Comparing constituent orders within and across languages: Acceptability judgments as a gradient measure of flexibility. Invited talk at the Early Career Researchers in Linguistics talk series at Swarthmore/Bryn Mawr/Haverford.
- Namboodiripad, S.** (2020). Reframing curricula through reframing our fields. Invited talk at The Ohio State University Linguistics Department’s Annual Pedagogy series.

Other Invited Presentations

- Sedarous, Y., *Bisnath, F., & **Namboodiripad, S.** (2023). Naturalistic prosody leads to acceptable resumptive pronouns in English, but cliticization does not improve acceptability. Talk at UC San Diego Experimental Syntax Lab. San Diego, California.
- Muwakkil, J., Calhoun, K., Garza, J. Y., Weissler, R. E., & **Namboodiripad, S.** (2023). “Reflections on Responses to the ‘Racial Reckoning’ of 2020 in U.S. Higher Education: A Collective Conversation on Lessons Learned and Next Steps.” Webinar sponsored by the American Education Research Association Language and Social Processes Special Interest Group. Online.
- Namboodiripad, S.**, Roberts, G., *Bisnath, F., Cuskley, C., Roberts, S., & Flaherty, M. (2022). Engaging with issues of inclusion and justice in Language Evolution. Invited poster at the 13th International Conference on the Evolution of Language. Kanazawa, Japan.
- Namboodiripad, S.** (2022). Co-creating a better field by collaborating with kindness. Invited talk at the Many Hands Lab, UC Santa Barbara. Santa Barbara, California.
- Namboodiripad, S.** (2021). Invited panelist at the 2nd South Asian Forum on the Acquisition and Processing of Language. Potsdam, Germany.
- *Cheng, L. S. P., *Burgess, D., *McDermott, A., *Solís-Barroso, C., *Vernooij, N., & **Namboodiripad, S.** (2021). Problematizing the Native Speaker in Psycholinguistics: Replacing vague and harmful terminology with inclusive and accurate measures. Invited talk at the The Language Acquisition and Visual Attention Lab at Boston University. Boston, Massachusetts.
- *Cheng, L. S. P., *Burgess, D., *McDermott, A., *Solís-Barroso, C., *Vernooij, N., & **Namboodiripad, S.** (2021). Problematizing the Native Speaker in Psycholinguistics: Replacing vague and harmful terminology with inclusive and accurate measures. Invited talk at the University of Oregon Speech Perception and Production Lab. Eugene, Oregon.
- Namboodiripad, S.** (2021). Towards explanations of cross-linguistic and cross-construction variation in adjunct extraction. Invited talk at the NTNU EyeLands Lab, Norwegian University of Science and Technology. Trondheim, Norway.
- Namboodiripad, S.** (2021). Backgroundedness measures predict acceptability of extraction from adjuncts: Paths forward for crosslinguistic comparisons. Invited talk at CNRS, Université de Paris. Paris, France.
- Namboodiripad, S.** (2021). Contact, Cognition, and Change: The role of language ideologies in how languages change in multilingual contexts. Invited talk as part of the Cognitive Science Community Talk Series, University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- Namboodiripad, S.** (2020). Racial Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in the Linguistics Curriculum: Centering linguistic diversity and justice in course design. Invited talk for a pedagogy webinar put on by the Linguistic Society of America.
- Namboodiripad, S.** (2020). Invited talk at a roundtable on Sexual Harassment in Academia at the Organization of American Historians’ Committee for Women in the Historical Profession. Washington, D.C. (cancelled due to COVID)

Namboodiripad, S. (2020). Language (contact) is whatever we want it to be: The role of top-down categorization in shaping emergent phenomena. Invited talk at the Symposium on Emergence in Communication & Learning. Ann Arbor, MI.

Namboodiripad, S. (2018). Contact, variation, and change in constituent order: integrating social and cognitive approaches. Invited talk at the University of Chicago's Language Variation and Change Workshop. Chicago, Illinois.

Namboodiripad, S. (2017). Language contact and language evolution: Integrating approaches. Invited talk at the Center for Language Evolution, University of Edinburgh. Edinburgh, Scotland.

Namboodiripad, S. (2017). Towards a motivated model of contact-induced syntactic change: flexible constituent order and beyond. Invited talk at the Language Acquisition, Variation, & Attrition Group, The Arctic University of Norway. Tromsø, Norway.

Refereed Organized Sessions and Workshops

Kutlu, E., & **Namboodiripad, S.** (2024). Pushing against essentialist characterizations of language in Linguistics: Setting priorities in research, teaching, and advocacy. Organized session at the 2024 LSA Annual Meeting. New York, NY.

Calhoun, K., *Muwakkil, J., Weissler, R., Garza, J., & **Namboodiripad, S.** (2023). Linguists' reflections on responses to the 'racial reckoning' of 2020 in U.S. higher education: A collective conversation on lessons learned and next steps. Organized session at the 2023 LSA Annual Meeting. Boulder, CO.

Namboodiripad, S., Levshina, N., & *Kramer, M. (2020). New perspectives on word order flexibility. Workshop at Societas Linguistica Europaea 53. Bucharest, Romania.

Namboodiripad, S., Kush, D., & *Morgan, A. (2019). Experimental approaches to cross-linguistic variation in island phenomena. Organized Session at the Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting. New York, New York.

Refereed Conference Presentations

Dockum, R., Green, C., **Sarathi, R., **Richter, **M., Briggs, K., & **Namboodiripad, S.** (2024). Minding the Gap: Length of precarious employment increasing for tenure-track linguists over time. Talk at the 2024 LSA Annual Meeting. New York, NY.

Abtahian, M. & **Namboodiripad, S.** (2023). Diaspora identity and language in the Malayalee American Community. Poster at New Ways of Analyzing Variation 51. Queens, NY.

Sedarous, Y., *Bisnath, F., & **Namboodiripad, S.** (2023). Naturalistic prosody leads to acceptable resumptive pronouns in English: Evidence from audio stimuli. Poster at the Architectures and Mechanisms of Language Processing conference. San Sebastian, Spain.

Robbins, N. & **Namboodiripad, S. (2023). Can prosodic focus alone ameliorate acceptability of extraction from adjuncts? Poster at the Architectures and Mechanisms of Language Processing conference. San Sebastian, Spain. (withdrawn due to childbirth)

- Liu, Z., *Kramer, M., **Upreti, R., & **Namboodiripad, S.** (2023). Does One Size Fit all in Crosslinguistic Dependency Length Minimization? Talk at 16th International Cognitive Linguistics Conference. Düsseldorf, Germany. (withdrawn due to childbirth)
- Lepic, R. & **Namboodiripad, S.** (2023). The wickedly flexible “Adele Dazeem” construction. Talk at 16th International Cognitive Linguistics Conference. Düsseldorf, Germany.
- **Upreti, R., & **Namboodiripad, S.** (2023). Hindi-Urdu speakers living in the US show increased word order flexibility. Short talk at the 13th (formal) Approaches to South Asian Languages conference 13. Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- *Chiang, Y-C., & **Namboodiripad, S.** (2022). Auditory or written stimuli? A case study from acceptability judgment tasks. 34th North American Conference on Chinese Linguistics (NACCL-34). Bloomington, Indiana.
- Flaherty, M., **Namboodiripad, S.**, & Goldin-Meadow, S. (2022). Language Contact is Part of Language Emergence: Noun Phrase Ordering in Nicaraguan Sign Language. Podium presentation at the 1st Joint Conference on Language Evolution. Kanazawa, Japan.
- Namboodiripad, S.** (2022). Using experimental methods to create a typology of contact-induced change in constituent order. Poster at the 25th International Conference on Historical Linguistics. Oxford, England. (did not attend due to COVID)
- **Upreti, R., & **Namboodiripad, S.** (2022). The effect of English experience on constituent order flexibility in Hindi-Urdu. Poster at the 96th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. Washington, D.C.
- Liu, Z., *Kramer, M., **Upreti, R., & **Namboodiripad, S.** (2022). Dependency length minimization does not affect acceptability of PP ordering in Hindi and English. Talk at the 96th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. Washington, D.C.
- *Sedarous, Y., *Birkeland, A., *Block, A., *Craft, J., **Wang, S., **Wu, G. & **Namboodiripad, S.** (2022). Problematizing the “native speaker” in Linguistic Research: History of the term and ways forward. Talk at the 96th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. Washington, D.C.
- **Jessee, E., **Yu, D., & **Namboodiripad, S.** (2022). Emergent mappings between form and word origin as morphological knowledge. Poster at the 96th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. Washington, D.C.
- Flaherty, M., **Namboodiripad, S.**, & Goldin-Meadow, S. (2021). Language Contact is Part of Language Emergence: Noun Phrase Ordering in Nicaraguan Sign Language. Poster at the 46th Boston University Conference on Language Development. Boston, MA.
- Namboodiripad, S.** (2021). Shared processing strategies as a mechanism of contact-induced change in flexible constituent order. Talk at Societas Linguistica Europaeae 54. Athens, Greece.
- **Jessee, E., **Yu, D., & **Namboodiripad, S.** (2021). Emergent mappings between form and etymological meaning as morphological knowledge. Poster at the 5th American International Morphology Meeting. Columbus, Ohio.
- Riedel, K., Gibson, H., Luck, J., & **Namboodiripad, S.** (2021). African Linguistics after #RhodesMustFall. Talk at the Conference of the International Association of Colonial and Postcolonial Linguistics. Cape Town, South Africa.

- Namboodiripad, S.**, *Bisnath, F., *Kramer, M., **Luntzlara, N., & Goldberg, A. (2021). Backgroundedness measures predict island status of non-finite adjuncts in English. Short talk at the 34th Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Namboodiripad, S.** (2021). Globalization and language mixing practices among Minnesota Malayalees. Talk in VariAsian: Contact and Change in Asian North American Speech Communities. Organized session at the 2021 Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting. San Francisco, California.
- Francis, E. & **Namboodiripad, S.** (2021). Teaching ethics in the experimental linguistics curriculum. Talk in Teaching Ethics across the Linguistics Curriculum. Symposium at the 2021 Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting. San Francisco, California.
- Namboodiripad, S.** & **Yu, D. (2020). Exploring the construction of language boundaries via impressionistic identification of word-origins. Poster at the 14th High Desert Linguistics Society. Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- Tobin, S., *Kramer, M., **Namboodiripad, S.**, Garcia-Amaya, L., *Sedarous, Y., Henriksen, N., Coetzee, A., & Boland, J. (2020). Portable pupillometry on a shoe-string: a sentence processing demonstration. Poster at the Architectures and Mechanisms of Language Processing conference. Postdam, Germany.
- Namboodiripad, S.** (2020). Gradience in constituent order within and across languages: Insights from acceptability judgment experiments. Talk at Societas Linguistica Europaea 53. Bucharest, Romania.
- Gibson, H., Riedel, K., Luck, J., & **Namboodiripad, S.** (2020). African Linguistics after #RhodesMustFall. Talk at the World Congress of Applied Linguistics. Groningen, The Netherlands. (postponed to 2021 due to COVID)
- Namboodiripad, S.** (2020). English and what counts as Malayalam: Revisiting Kala (1977). Talk at (formal) Approaches to South Asian Languages 10. Columbus, Ohio.
- Namboodiripad, S.**, Garcia-Amaya, L., *Kramer, M., Tobin, S., *Sedarous, Y., Henriksen, N., Boland, J., & Coetzee, A. (2020). Verb position and flexible constituent order processing: Comparing verb-final and verb-medial languages. Poster at the 33rd Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing. Amherst, Massachusetts.
- *Kramer, M. & **Namboodiripad, S.** (2020). Defining constituent order flexibility from a typological perspective: WALs, AUTOTYP, and beyond. Poster at the Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting. New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Namboodiripad, S.** (2019). Loanword non-adaptation from Southern California to South India. Talk at the 52nd annual meeting of Societas Linguistica Europaea. Leipzig, Germany.
- Namboodiripad, S.** (2019). A gradient approach to flexible constituent order. Poster at the 15th International Cognitive Linguistics Conference. Nishinomiya, Japan.
- *Zaslansky, M., & **Namboodiripad, S.** (2019). Syntactic Flexibility in the Djar Dialect of Avar: Experimental Evidence from Basic Constituent Order. Talk at the Linguistic Forum 2019: Indigenous languages of Russia and beyond. Moscow, Russia.
- Namboodiripad, S.** (2019). Contact-induced change in constituent order; Opportunities for integrating socio-, psycho-, and historical linguistics. Talk at the North American Research Network for Historical

Sociolinguistics workshop at KFLC: The Languages, Literatures, and Cultures Conference. Lexington, Kentucky.

Namboodiripad, S. (2019). Language contact, language evolution, and flexible constituent order. Poster at the Center for the Interdisciplinary Study of Language Evolution's inaugural workshop. Zurich, Switzerland.

Namboodiripad, S. (2019). Superadditivity in acceptable island extraction: Malayalam adjuncts. Talk in Experimental approaches to cross-linguistic variation in island phenomena. Organized session at the 2019 Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting. New York, New York.

*Heaton, H., *Herbert, M., **Namboodiripad, S.**, Occhino, C., Hou, L., & *Canning, D., (2019). Harassment and bias in linguistics: Uplifting voices and working toward solutions. Talk at the Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting. New York, New York.

Hou, L., Charity Hudley, A., **Namboodiripad, S.**, Occhino, C. (2018). Have you ever been told you're not a linguist? A national survey of disciplinary harassment and bias. Talk at the American Anthropological Association's Annual Meeting. San Jose, California.

Namboodiripad, S., Lopic, R. (2018). Constructions in contact: Two studies of English-influenced language change. Talk at the 10th International Conference on Construction Grammar. Paris, France.

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.,** Lepic, 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.,** Baković, 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.

Workshop Presentations

- Namboodiripad, S.,** *Canning, D., **Jesse, E., Hou, L., & Occhino, C. (2022). Disciplinary and interpersonal inclusion in Language Evolution. Poster at Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion in Language Evolution Workshop as part of the Joint Conference on Language Evolution. Kanazawa, Japan.

*Vernooij, N., *Burgess, D., *Cheng, L. S. P., *McDermott, A., *Solís-Barroso, C., & **Namboodiripad, S.** (2021). Problematizing the Native Speaker in Psycholinguistics: Replacing vague and harmful terminology with inclusive and accurate measures. Talk at the University of Michigan Department of Psychology Methods Hour. Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Namboodiripad, S. (2018). Survey of Linguists and Language Researchers: Harassment, Bias, and What We Can Do About It. Talk as part of the National Center for Institutional Diversity Research & Scholarship Seminar Series. Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Namboodiripad, S. (2018). “Speak English or go home”: On English and being “American”. A Lightning Talk Workshop hosted by the Language Matters Initiative at the University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, Michigan.

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, California.

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

Teaching

Pedagogical training

- Workshops: Disrespect and Disruption in the Classroom (2020), Teaching about Race and Ethnicity in Racially Homogeneous Classrooms (2018)
- University of Michigan College of Literature, Sciences, and Arts Teaching Academy (2017-2018)
- 10-week course: Associate with the Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching and Learning (CIRTL) Network at UC San Diego (2015)

Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute

- *Summer 2019*: Acceptability judgments in syntax: theoretical interpretation and experimentation outside the lab, with Elaine Francis

Guest lectures

- *Summer 2023* Invited panelist in *Field Psycholinguistics* at the 2023 Linguistic Society of America Institute.
- *Winter 2021*: Constituent order and indirect object clitics in Spanish: The role of learning *with Lorenzo García-Amaya* (University of Michigan Spanish 373)
- *Fall 2020*: Methods and Activism (University of Essex)
- *Fall 2020*: Language contact and multilingualism (University of Michigan LING 111)
- *Winter 2020*: Multilingualism (University of Michigan LING 111)

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

- Language & Discrimination (LING 370/ANTHCUL 370): Winter 2019, 2020, 2021, 2023, 2025
- Start Talking (LING 106): Fall 2019, 2020, 2024
- Experimental Typology (LING 497): Winter 2023, Fall 2024
- Problematizing the Native Speaker in Linguistic Research (LING 492/792): Fall 2020
- Experimental Syntax: Robust Methodologies and Diverse Approaches (LING 492/792): Winter 2020
- Living with Animals (HON 230), with Robin Queen: Fall 2017

Grants and Awards

- NSF: Reframing Our Language Experience Collective Symposium (\$49,237)
PI: Savithry Namboodiripad
co-PIs Ethan Kutlu
- NSF: 2024 Human Sentence Processing Conference PI: Jonathan Brennan
Co-PIs: Julie Boland, Rick Lewis, Lisa Levinson, Savithry Namboodiripad
- *submitted*: NSF Collaborative Research: CRCNS US-German Research Proposal: Cross-linguistic computational neuroscience
PI: Jonathan Brennan
Co-PIs: John Hale, Lars Meyer, Savithry Namboodiripad
- *2023*: University of Michigan Advance SUCCEED Grant (\$5,000), for Symposium on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Language Evolution
- *2021*: University of Michigan Large Course Initiative Grant (\$2,000), for Language & Discrimination
- *2020*: Invited to submit a Carnegie Fellowship grant proposal summary as the junior scholar representative from the UMich Linguistics Dept (rejected at the College level)
- *2019*: Minnesota Historical & Cultural Heritage Grant (\$6,440)
Project: Oral History of Minnesota Malayalees
in collaboration with Suresh Pillai and the Minnesota Malayalee Association
- *2019*: University of Michigan MCubed grant (\$60,000)
Project: Flexibility and bilingualism: How does flexible word order affect bilinguals' abilities to process their second language?
with Lorenzo Garcia-Amaya and Brady West
- *Summer 2018*: Center for Research on Teaching and Learning Instructional Development Fund (\$500)
Project: Social Justice Linguistics 101
- *Winter 2018*: NCID Grants for Change (\$4,800)
Project: Survey of Linguists and Language Researchers
- *Fall 2017*: UMich Center for South Asian Studies International Top-Up Grant (\$1,500)
- *Fall 2017*: UMich Center for South Asian Studies Domestic Top-Up Grant (\$500)
- *Spring 2016*: UC San Diego Linguistics Department TA Excellence Award

- *Spring 2016*: UC San Diego Linguistics Department Travel Grant (\$500)
- *Spring 2016*: UC San Diego Dean of Social Sciences Research Travel Grant (\$800)
Project: Contact Effects in Constituent Order
- *2015-2016*: UC San Diego Interdisciplinary Collaboratories Grant, Office of the Chancellor (\$15,000)
Project: American Sign Language with Depth Data: Representation and Recognition
PIs: Dr. Carol Padden and Dr. Jim Hollan
- *Spring 2015*: UC San Diego Linguistics Department Service Award
- *Winter 2015*: UC San Diego Dean of Social Sciences Research Travel Grant (\$800)
- *Fall 2014*: UC San Diego Graduate Student Association Travel Grant (\$500)
- *Fall 2014*: UC San Diego Graduate Student Association Grant for the Linguistics Department Brown-Bag (\$400)

Mentorship

Mentorship training

- One-day workshops: MORE mentoring plan workshop (2021), MORE mentoring for new faculty (2020), Transformational DEI (2018), Distress Signals: Supporting students facing mental health challenges (2018), Culturally Aware Mentorship Training (2018)
- Online course: Mentoring Undergraduate and Graduate Student Research (2018)

Advising

- Primary advisor/Dissertation Chair
 - Felicia Bisnath (PhD expected 2024)
 - Emma Portugal
 - Daniel Morales
 - Nour Kayali (starting Fall 2024)
 - Mathew Kramer (MA 2021)
- Co-advisor/co-chair
 - Danielle Burgess (PhD 2023)
- Dissertation committee member
 - Dominique Canning
 - Adeli Block
 - Promise McEntire
 - Lucy Yu-Chuan Chiang
 - Natasha Vernooij (PhD 2024)
 - Lauretta Cheng (PhD 2024)
 - Jeonghwa Cho (PhD 2024)
 - Yourdanis Sedarous (PhD 2022)
 - Marcus Berger (PhD 2019)
- BA thesis supervision

June Harkrider (BA '25)

Juan Tampubolon (BA '22, co-advised with Lorenzo García-Amaya)

Carly Marten (BA '19), thesis won the Raoul Wallenberg Humanitarian Award (University level) and Matt Alexander award (Michigan Linguistics Dept.)

Teaching Mentorship

Emily Sabo (Winter 2018)

Other graduate student co-authors

Yushi Sugimoto

Dominique Bouavichith

Hayley Heaton

Marjorie Herbert

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Serena Thariath

Alexander Forrest

Noah Luntzlara

Rachel Paroff

Keri Zhang

Huijia Zheng

Diane Yu

Em Jessee

Ria Upreti (UT Austin)

Amey Krishna (high school volunteer)

Edith Adams

Service

– Service to the field

- * **Reviewing:** *NWO (The Dutch Research Council)*, *NSF- Linguistics (ad hoc)*, *LangDiv (panel)*, *Agence Nationale de la Recherche (French National Research Agency)*, *Cognitive Science*, *Applied Psycholinguistics*, *Second Language Research*, *Languages*, *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society*, *Language (x2)*, *International Journal of Bilingual Education and Bilingualism*, *Journal of Deaf Studies and Deaf Education*, *Journal of Language Evolution*, *Journal of South Asian Languages (x2)*, *Applied Linguistics Review*, *Language Ecology*, *Psychonomic Review*, *DeGruyter Handbook of Language Contact*, *Journal of the International Phonetic Association (x2)*, *Human Sentence Processing Conference (since 2023)*, *South Asian Forum on the Processing and Acquisition of Language (since 2022)*, *Architectures and Mechanisms of Language Processing (since 2021)*, *Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting (since 2017)*, *(Formal) Approaches to South Asian Languages (since 2016)*, *International Conference on the Evolution of Language (since 2016)*, *Center for the Education of Women at UMich Graduate Student Grants*

- **Conference/workshop organizing**
 - * Winter 2023: Co-organizer of the First ROLE Symposium-Workshop
 - * *Winter 2023 - Winter 2024*: Co-organizer of the Human Sentence Processing Conference at the University of Michigan
 - * *2022-2023*: Local organizer of the (formal) Approaches to South Asian Languages conference.
 - * *Summer 2021*: Co-organizer of diversifying syllabus workshop, in collaboration with the Ohio State University Linguistics Department
 - * *2013*: American International Morphology Meeting, Volunteer
- **Service to professional organizations**
 - * *2023-2025*: Co-chair of the Linguistic Society of America’s Committee for Ethnic Diversity in Linguistics
 - * *2022-2023*: Co-chair of the Linguistic Society of America’s Committee for Ethnic Diversity in Linguistics Nominations sub-committee.
 - * *2019- :* Linguistic Society of America Committee for Ethnic Diversity in Linguistics
 - * *2020- :* EvoLang working group for the creation of a Statement on Race and Racism, co-organizer of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Language Evolution workshop
- **Other**
 - * *2021-2022*: Consultant on Inclusive Language for the NCAA
- **University-level service**
 - * *Winter 2023 - Fall 2024*: Executive Committee, Center for South Asian Studies at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
 - * *2020-:* Faculty Ally for Student Parents
 - * *2019-2021*: Mentoring of Collegiate Fellows at the University of Michigan
 - * *2020-2021*: National Center for Institutional Diversity (NCID) Diversity Scholars Network Working group member
- **Departmental service**
 - * Ad hoc promotion committee (2024)
 - * University of Michigan Linguistics Department Committee on Inclusive Practices (Winter 2023-Winter 2024)
 - * University of Michigan Linguistics Department Graduate Committee (2017-2018; 2020-2021 as faculty DEI representative)
 - * University of Michigan Linguistics Department Executive Committee (2019-2020)
 - * University of Michigan Linguistics Department Undergraduate Committee (2018-2019)
 - * *Summer 2020*: University of Michigan Linguistics Department Ad Hoc Committee on Anti-racist practices
 - * UC San Diego Linguistics Department: Colloquium Committee (2012-2015), Curriculum Committee (2015-2017), Brown Bag organizer

Research Affiliations

- Co-founder of ROLE Collective, with Ethan Kutlu

- **University of Michigan, 2017 - :**
 - * *2019 - :* Director of Contact, Cognition and Change Lab
 - * Psycholinguistics Group
 - * Hist(orical)Ling(uistics) Group
 - * So(ciolinguistics)Con(tact)Di(scourseAnalysis) Group
 - * Center for South Asian Studies
- **UC San Diego:**
 - * *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)
- **University of Chicago:**
 - * *2010 - 2012:* Full-time Research Assistant, Goldin-Meadow Lab
 - * *2008 - 2010:* Volunteer Research Assistant, Goldin-Meadow Lab

Professional Affiliations

- Society for Human Sentence Processing
- North American Research Network in Historical Sociolinguistics
- University of Michigan Women of Color in the Academy Project
- Diversity Scholar Network: National Center for Institutional Diversity
- Societas Linguistica Europaea
- International Congress of Historical Linguists
- Linguistic Society of America lifetime member
- Sign Language and Linguistics Society
- International Cognitive Linguistics Association