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Messages from M.A. and Ph.D. Recipients

Master of Arts

Elyse Foreman, M.A.

Committee: Jesse Harris (Chair), Dylan Bumford, Ethan Poole

I was first motivated to study language and speech disorders after my mom was diagnosed with post-stroke Broca's aphasia in 2019. Witnessing my mom's strength and perseverance throughout her recovery continues to inspire me to pursue a higher education and perform independent psycho-linguistic research on aphasia and agrammatism.

Doctor of Philosophy

Mayumi Ajioka, Ph.D.

Dissertation Title: A Japanese heritage speaker's acquisition of formal writing In Japanese and heritage motivation: A case study

Committee: Olga Yokoyama (Chair), John Schumann, Kie Zuraw, Noreen Webb

My dissertation study is a qualitative case study, and I provided a Japanese heritage speaker with a four-week intensive academic Japanese reading and writing program based on a usage-based model of instruction. The program worked well and the participant's formal Japanese writing skills dramatically improved. The usage-based model was one of the keys to her success, but the close analysis revealed that the biggest key was her distinctively strong, "mission-like" motivation to master Japanese, which I called "Heritage Motivation" as a working term.

I am from Applied Linguistics, so I feel very sad and nostalgic about my department. But thanks to wonderful people from the Linguistics Department, especially Kie and Sara, I accomplished my goal and can be here now. I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all my committee members, Olga, John, Kie, and Noreen, and also special thanks to all the Linguistics people.

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Doctor of Philosophy (cont.)

Madeleine Booth, Ph.D.

Dissertation Title: Topics in the nominal domain in San Cristóbal Lachirioag Zapotec

Committee: Harold Torrence (Chair), Hilda Koopman, Anoop Majahan, Michael Galant

My research is syntactic and descriptive fieldwork on the nominal domain in San Cristóbal Lachirioag Zapotec (SCLZ), a variety of Zapotec spoken in the town of San Cristóbal Lachirioag, Oaxaca, Mexico. My thesis gives an overall architecture of the NP and a close look at relative clauses and possessives in SCLZ.

I'd like to thank my committee — Harold, Hilda, Anoop, and Mike — for all their work and support over the years. I'd also like to thank my consultants Julio Dominguez, Minerva Mendez, Lucina Miguel, Minerva Dominguez, Maximo Morales, Ezequiel Ambrosio, and others for sharing their time and language. To my colleagues, friends, and especially my cohort, you made these years wonderful.

Noah Elkins, Ph.D.

Dissertation Title: The interplay of syntax and prosody in Mam

Committee: Harold Torrence and Kie Zuraw (Co-Chairs), Sun-Ah Jun, Pamela Munro

The empirical focus of my research is Mam, an underdocumented Mayan language of western Guatemala. I am interested in questions of Mam syntax and prosody, and how the two interrelate.

Hendrik Kim, Ph.D.

Dissertation Title: The syntax of negation in Korean given an antisymmetric and cartographic framework

Committee: Hilda Koopman (Chair), Tim Hunter, Anoop Mahajan, Carson Schütze

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Doctor of Philosophy (cont.)

Jennifer Kuo, Ph.D.

Dissertation Title: Phonological markedness effects in reanalysis

Committee: Bruce Hayes (Chair), David Goldstein, Claire Moore-Cantwell, Kie Zuraw

My focus is on how morphophonological learning works, and in particular how frequency effects interact with other biases. Fun projects I have lined up include looking at paradigm restructuring in Rukai, and tone sandhi acquisition in Southern Min heritage speakers.

My interests in linguistics were only able to grow because I was in a department that was both supportive and brimming with exciting research. Thank you to all the faculty, students, and staff for making the department so welcoming!

Adeline R. Tan, Ph.D.

Dissertation Title: Learning hidden structure: Derived environment effects and the richness of the base

Committee: Kie Zuraw (Chair), Tim Hunter, Claire Moore-Cantwell, Donka Stockwell

Z.L. Zhou, Ph.D.

Dissertation Title: Categorical and non-categorical perception of marginal phonemes

Committee: Patricia Keating (Chair), Bruce Hayes, Megha Sundara, Kie Zuraw

I am gratified to have worked on all of my favorite topics — phonetics, phonology, intonation, historical linguistics, and even some sociolinguistics — over the course of my academic career. After four journal articles, one conference proceedings, two theses, many committee memberships, and one tech startup job, I am excited to see what comes after graduate school!

Thanks to everyone who has shaped the culture of the department to be a welcoming, supportive, and collegial one. I will think back on the time I spent here with my colleagues and mentors with great fondness.

