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Curriculum Vitae

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Appointments

2021 – Present Post-doctoral Research Associate
Department of Linguistics, Yale University
Supervisor: Robert Frank

Education

2015 – 2021 PhD, Linguistics
Dissertation: *The Syntactic and Semantic Atoms of the Spray/load Alternation*
Committee: Kyle Johnson (Chair), Rajesh Bhatt, Seth Cable, Luiz Amaral
University of Massachusetts Amherst

2012 – 2013 BA, Linguistics and Hispanic Linguistics, *summa cum laude*
University of Texas at Austin

Publications

IN PREPARATION

- In prep **Michael Wilson**, Jackson Petty, & Robert Frank. BERT models learn construction-specific position-role mappings. In preparation.
- In prep **Michael Wilson**. On the utility of *Again* in the study of argument structure. In preparation.
- In prep **Michael Wilson**, & Thomas Roeper. (Re)sultatives. In preparation.
- In prep Shota Momma, & **Michael Wilson**. The interaction between complementizer production and long-distance dependencies in English. In preparation.

PEER-REVIEWED

- 2020 **Michael Wilson**, & Rong Yin. [Argument and adjunct coordination in Spanish](#). In Juan J. Colomina-Almiñana, & Sandro Sessarego (Eds.) *Language Patterns in Spanish and Beyond: Structure, Context and Development*, Routledge Studies in Hispanic and Lusophone Linguistics, (pp. 13–36). London/New York: Routledge.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- To appear **Michael Wilson**. P-conflation in the English *spray/load* alternation. To appear in the *Proceedings of the 52nd Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society*.
- To appear **Michael Wilson**, & Thomas Roeper. *Re- visiting resultatives*. To appear in the *Proceedings of the 52nd Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society*.
- To appear Jackson Petty, **Michael Wilson**, & Robert Frank. [Do language models learn position-role mappings?](#) To appear in the *Proceedings of the 46th Annual Boston University Conference on Language Development*.
- 2021 **Michael Wilson**. [How to derive non-logophoric backward binding for stative location verbs](#). In Alexandros Kalomoiros, & Lefteris Papparounas (Eds.) *Proceedings of the 44th Annual Penn Linguistics Conference*, vol. 27.1 of *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics*, (pp. 247–255). Philadelphia: Penn Graduate Linguistics Society.
- 2020 Daoxin Li, Xiaolu Yang, Thomas Roeper, **Michael Wilson**, Rong Yin, Jaieun Kim, Emma Merritt, Diego Lopez, & Austin Tero. [Acquisition of recursion in child Mandarin](#). In Megan M. Brown, & Alexandra Kohut (Eds.) *Proceedings of the 44th Annual Boston University Conference on Language Development*, vol. 1, (pp. 294–307). Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Press.
- 2020 **Michael Wilson**. [The reversible core of object experiencer, location, and govern-type verbs](#). In Maggie Baird, & Jonathan Pesetsky (Eds.) *Proceedings of the 49th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society*, vol. 3, (pp. 285–294). Amherst: GLSA.
- 2019 **Michael Wilson**. [The dative illusion as an argument for lexicalist argument structure](#). In Eszter Ronai, Laura Stigliano, & Yenan Sun (Eds.) *Proceedings of the 54th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society*, (pp. 541–556). Chicago: CLS.
- 2018 **Michael Wilson**. [Causing resultative passives](#). In Kate Bellamy, Anastasiia Ionova, & George Saad (Eds.) *ConSOLE XXV: Proceedings of the 25th Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe*, (pp. 310–330). Leiden: Leiden University Centre for Linguistics.

REFEREED PRESENTATIONS & POSTERS

- 2022 **Michael Wilson**, Jackson Petty, & Robert Frank. [Probing language models' knowledge of position-role mappings with novel word learning](#). Talk presented at the Jaberwocky Words in Linguistics Workshop, University of Bucharest/University of Massachusetts Amherst (Online).
- 2022 **Michael Wilson**. [P-conflation in the English spray/load alternation](#). Poster presented at the 96th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Washington Hilton, Washington, D.C. (Online).
- 2022 **Michael Wilson**, & Thomas Roeper. [Re- visiting resultatives: Evidence for non-uniformity](#). Poster presented at the 96th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Washington Hilton, Washington, D.C. (Online).
- 2021 **Michael Wilson**. [P-conflation in the English spray/load alternation](#). Poster presented at the 52nd Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society, Rutgers University (Online).

- 2021 **Michael Wilson**, & Thomas Roeper. *Re- visiting resultatives*. Poster presented at the 52nd Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society, Rutgers University (Online).
- 2021 **Michael Wilson**, & Thomas Roeper. *(Re)sultatives*. Talk presented at the International Workshop on Secondary Predication 2021, Nihon University (Online).
- 2021 **Michael Wilson**. *Again reveals multidominance in the structure of spray/load verbs*. Poster presented at the 39th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics, University of Arizona (Online).
- 2020 **Michael Wilson**, & Brian Dillon. *Thematic roles' alignment with grammatical functions facilitates sentence processing*. Poster presented at the 26th Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing Conference, University of Potsdam (Online).
- 2020 **Michael Wilson**. *How to derive non-logophoric backward binding for stative location verbs*. Talk accepted for presentation at the 44th Annual Penn Linguistics Conference. Conference canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 2020 Shota Momma, **Michael Wilson**, & Victor Ferreira. *Syntax guides verb planning in sentence production*. Talk presented at the 33rd Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, University of Massachusetts Amherst (Online).
- 2020 Shota Momma, & **Michael Wilson**. *What does that tell us about sentence production?* Poster presented at the 33rd Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, University of Massachusetts Amherst (Online).
- 2020 **Michael Wilson**. *How to derive non-logophoric backward binding for stative location verbs*. Poster presented at the 19th Annual Meeting of the Texas Linguistics Society, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2019 Daoxin Li, Xiaolu Yang, Thomas Roeper, **Michael Wilson**, Rong Yin, Jaieun Kim, Emma Merritt, Diego Lopez, & Austin Tero. *Acquisition of recursion in child Mandarin*. Poster presented at the 44th Annual Meeting of the Boston University Conference on Language Development.
- 2019 Daoxin Li, Xiaolu Yang, Thomas Roeper, **Michael Wilson**, Rong Yin, Jaieun Kim, & Emma Merritt. *Acquisition of recursion in child Mandarin*. Poster presented at the 14th Generative Approaches to Language Acquisition conference, University of Milano-Bicocca.
- 2019 **Michael Wilson**. *The reversible core of ObjExp, location, and govern-type verbs*. Talk presented at the 93rd Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Sheraton New York Times Square.
- 2018 **Michael Wilson**, & Rong Yin. *Argument and adjunct coordination in Spanish*. Talk presented at the 2018 Hispanic Linguistics Symposium, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2018 **Michael Wilson**. *The reversible core of ObjExp, location, and govern-type verbs*. Poster presented at the 49th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society, Cornell University.
- 2018 **Michael Wilson**. *The dative illusion as an argument for lexicalist argument structure*. Talk presented at the 54th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society, University of Chicago.

- 2018 **Michael Wilson.** [Interpreting an interpretive illusion: What the dative illusion tells us about processing.](#) Poster presented at the 31st Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, University of California, Davis.
- 2017 **Michael Wilson.** Causing resultative passives. Talk presented at the Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe XXV, 4–6 January 2017, University of Leipzig. ([Slides](#), [Handout](#)).

EDITED VOLUMES

- 2020 **Michael Wilson** (Ed.) *Paths of Development: Language Acquisition in Spring 2020*. Self-published. (This volume collects course papers and theses on language acquisition written by undergraduates in the University of Massachusetts Amherst's linguistics program during the Spring 2020 semester.)

NON-REFEREED PRESENTATIONS

- 2016 **Michael Wilson.** [How do children acquire possessive recursion?](#) Talk at LAWNE Language Acquisition Workshop, 13 November 2016, University of Massachusetts Amherst.

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

- 2013 **Michael Wilson.** [Answer to Do People Learn Nouns or Verbs More Easily?](#) on Quora. Published on [HuffPost](#).
(The images have broken on HuffPost, but they can be seen at the original answer on Quora.)

MANUSCRIPTS

- 2018 **Michael Wilson.** Argument structure and adjectival passives. Ms., University of Massachusetts Amherst.
- 2017 **Michael Wilson.** The dative illusion as an argument for lexical argument structure. Ms., University of Massachusetts Amherst.
- 2014 Juan J. Colomina-Almiñana, & **Michael Wilson.** Historical, theoretical, and empirical developments in linguistic relativity. Ms., University of Texas at Austin.

Teaching

AS TEACHING ASSISTANT

- Spring 2020 Linguistics 411: Introduction to Language Acquisition
Instructor: Tom Roeper
- Fall 2018 Linguistics 401: Introduction to Syntax
Instructor: Kyle Johnson
- Linguistics 610: Semantics and Generative Grammar (Graduate level)
Instructor: Seth Cable
- Spring 2018 Linguistics 305: Writing for Linguistics
Instructor: Brian Dillon
- Fall 2017 Linguistics 412: Language Processing and the Brain
Instructor: Lyn Frazier
- Linguistics 101: People and Their Language (Online)
Instructor: Magda Oiry

- Summer 2017 Linguistics 101: People and Their Language (Online)
Instructor: John Kingston
- Spring 2017 Linguistics 101: People and Their Language (Two in-person sections)
Linguistics 101: People and Their Language (Online)
Instructor: John Kingston
- Fall 2016 Linguistics 201: Introduction to Linguistic Theory
Instructor: Nick LaCara
- AS WRITING CONSULTANT**
- 2011 – 2013 Over 300 individual sessions helping students with their writing
[University of Texas at Austin Writing Center](#)
[Texas State University Writing Center](#)
- Fall 2011 Hosted weekly grammar, spelling, and punctuation review sessions
Texas State University Writing Center
- Fall 2011 Co-hosted workshop on essay structure
Texas State University Writing Center

Service

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

- 2020 – 2021 Research Assistant to Shota Momma
University of Massachusetts Amherst
- 2019 Research Assistant to Shota Momma
University of Massachusetts Amherst

DEPARTMENT

- 2019 – 2021 Student Representative to the Faculty
University of Massachusetts Amherst
- 2017 – 2019 Colloquium Reception Coordinator
University of Massachusetts Amherst

CONFERENCES

- 2020 Co-organizer
33rd Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing

EDITOR

- 2013 *Praxis: A Writing Center Journal* · Copy editor, layout editor

Languages

- English Native speaker (American)
- Spanish Strong reading, writing, and conversational ability
- French Limited reading and writing ability

Awards & Honors

- Spring 2019 Departmental Research Fellowship
Department of Linguistics · University of Massachusetts Amherst

- 2014 – Present Phi Beta Kappa · Member
- Fall 2013 *Summa cum laude*, Dean's Honor List
 University of Texas at Austin
- Spring 2013 *Magna cum laude*, Dean's Honor List
 University of Texas at Austin
- Fall 2012 *Magna cum laude*, Dean's Honor List
 University of Texas at Austin
- Fall 2011 Award for Academic Excellence; Dean's List; Honors Student
 Texas State University
- Spring 2011 Award for Academic Excellence; Dean's List
 Texas State University
- 2009 – Present Phi Theta Kappa · Member

Skills

- Technical Python, \LaTeX , R, IbexFarm, EyeTrack, PCIBex, Excel, Praat, Audacity
- Methodologies acceptability judgment, speeded acceptability, self-paced reading, eye-tracking while reading, speech production (sentence recall, picture description)