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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

PRIMARY APPOINTMENTS

- 2022–present **Associate Professor**, Department of Anthropology, Program in Linguistics and Cognitive Science, University at Albany, State University of New York
- 2015–2021 **Assistant Professor**, Department of Anthropology, Program in Linguistics and Cognitive Science, University at Albany, State University of New York
- 2014–2015 **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**, Department of Linguistics, McGill University, Supervisor: L. Travis

SECONDARY APPOINTMENTS AND AFFILIATIONS

- 2024–present **Affiliated Associate Professor**, Experimental Syntax Lab, Department of Linguistics and Cognitive Science, University of Delaware
- 2019 **Status-Only Assistant Professor**, Department of Linguistics, University of Toronto

EDUCATION

- 2009–2014 **Ph.D.**, Linguistics, Harvard University
Dissertation: *Prosodic noun incorporation and verb-initial syntax*
Chair: M. Polinsky (Harvard); Committee: Kevin Ryan (Harvard), Ryan Bennett (Yale), Norvin Richards (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)
- 2007–200 **M.A.**, Linguistics, University of Iowa
- 2000–2004 **B.A.**, English Literature, French minor, Franklin and Marshall College

OTHER ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- 2003 Pratique de Langue Française, Université Marc Bloch, Strasbourg, France
- 2003 Oberstufenprüfung, Goethe Institut, Schwäbisch Hall, Germany

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2019 **President's Award for Exemplary Public Engagement**, University at Albany
Awarded to the Department of Anthropology Triqui Project for outstanding community-engaged research and public service
- 2019 **Drescher Award**, University at Albany
Dr. Nuala McGann Drescher Diversity and Inclusion Leave Program to prepare for permanent or continuing appointments
- 2015 **Mellon Fellowship of Scholars in the Humanities** (Declined), Stanford University
Three years of postdoctoral funding
- 2012, 2013 **Bok Center Distinction in Teaching**, Harvard University
- 2003 **Peter and Irene Seadle Award**, Franklin and Marshall College
- 2000–2004 **Presidential Scholarship**, Franklin and Marshall College

PUBLICATIONS

*indicates student coauthor

Refereed Journal Articles

- Submitted Tollan, R and **L. Clemens** Nominal markedness and pronoun resolution: Where syntactic accessibility and referential prominence diverge (but unite again).
- 2022 Tollan, R. and **L. Clemens**. Syntactic ergativity as a processing-based constraint against crossing dependencies. *Linguistic Inquiry* 53 (3): 459–499.
- 2021 **Clemens, L.** and L. Bickmore. The role of attachment height in explaining prosodic phrasing in Rutooro. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 39(3):803–842.
- 2019 **Clemens, L.** 2019. Prosodic noun incorporation: The relationship between prosody and argument structure in Niuean, *Syntax* 22(4): 337–377.
- 2018 **Clemens, L.** and J. Coon. Deriving verb-initial word order in Mayan, *Language* 94(2): 237–280.
- 2017 Becker, M., **L. Clemens**, and A. Nevins. A richer model is not always more accurate: The case of French and Portuguese Plurals, *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 35(2): 299–345.
- 2015 **Clemens, L.**, J. Coon, P. Mateo Pedro, *A. Morgan, M. Polinsky, *G. Tandet, and M. Wagers. Ergativity and the complexity of extraction: A view from Mayan. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 33(2): 417–467.

Chapters in Refereed Volumes

- To Appear **Clemens, L.**, J. Coon, J. Rodriguez, *M. Vázquez Martínez. Focus and word order in Ch'ol: A production study. In L. Clemens, G. Scontras, and V. Gribanova (eds.) *Syntax in Uncharted Territories: Essays in Honor of Maria Polinsky*. eScholarship: Open Access Publications from the University of California.
- 2021 **Clemens, L.** and D. Massam. Polynesian languages and their contributions to theoretical linguistics. In L. Clemens and D. Massam (eds.) *Polynesian syntax and its interfaces*, 1–10. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.
- 2021 **Clemens, L.** and R. Tollan, Syntactic ergativity as absolutive movement in Polynesian. In L. Clemens and D. Massam (eds.) *Polynesian syntax and its interfaces*, 89–112. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.
- 2021 **Clemens, L.** The use of prosody as a diagnostic for syntactic structure: The case of verb-initial order. In V. Lee-Schoenfeld and D. Ott (eds.) *Parameters of Predicate Fronting, Oxford University Press, Studies in Comparative Syntax*, 63–95. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.
- 2019 **Clemens, L.** 2019. Major Families of North America: Mayan, In Daniel Siddiqi (ed.) *Routledge Handbook of North American Languages*, 365–396. Abingdon, UK: Routledge.
- 2017 **Clemens, L.** and M. Polinsky. VSO and VOS Word Order, Primarily in Austronesian and Mayan Languages, In Martin Everaert and Henk van Riemsdijk (eds.) *The Wiley Blackwell Companion to Syntax, 2nd edition*, Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell, 4747–4796.
- 2013 Polinsky, M., **L. Clemens**, *A. Morgan, M. Xiang and *D. Heestand, Resumption in English. In J. Sprouse and N. Hornstein (eds.) *Experimental Syntax and Island Effects*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 341–359.

Chapters in Editorially-reviewed Volumes

- 2018 **Clemens, L.** Niuean *nākai* as a negative verb: Implications for the derivation of V1 order, In L. Kalin, I. Paul, J. Vander Klok (eds.) *Festschrift in Honor of Lisa Travis*, Montreal: McGill Working Papers in Linguistics, 78–90.
- 2013 **Clemens, L.** 2013. V2 in a V1 language: Kaqchikel SVO. In M. Kenstowicz (ed.) *MIT Working Papers in Linguistics Volume on Kaqchikel*, Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.

Proceedings Papers based on Peer-reviewed Conference Abstracts

- To Appear **Clemens, L.**, B. Fernández Merino, J. Rodríguez, R. Tollan. When differential object marking is optional: the case of Copala Triqui, In *Selected Papers from NAWAV 51, University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics* 30(2).
- 2020 *Rodríguez, J. **Clemens, L.** Tone lowering in nominal compounds of Copala Triqui, In H. Baek, C. Takahashi, A. H.-L. Yeung (eds.) *Supplemental Proceedings of the 2019 Annual Meeting on Phonology*, 1–12.
- 2018 **Clemens, L.** and J. Coon. Prosodic constituency of verb-initial clauses in Ch’ol, In M. Keough, N. Weber, A. Anghelescu, S. Chen, E. Guntly, K. Johnson, D. Reisinger, and O. Tkachman (eds.) *Proceedings of the Workshop on Structure and Constituency in the Languages of the Americas [WSCLA] 20 (UBCWPL 43)*, 88-100.
- 2016 **Clemens, L.** ARGUMENT- φ : A Prosodic Account of Pseudo Noun Incorporation. In B. Prickett and C. Hammerly (eds.) *Proceedings of the 46th Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society: 217-226*.
- 2015 *Lesure, C. and **L. Clemens**. Prosodic Boundary marking in Ch’ol, *Proceedings of the Conference on Indigenous Languages of Latin America VII*. Available at <https://www.ailla.utexas.org>.
- 2014 **Clemens, L.** 2014. The prosody of Niuean pseudo noun incorporation: A recursion-based analysis. In J. Iyer and L. Kusmer (eds.) *Proceedings of the 44th Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society: 69-82*.

Volumes edited

Books

- To Appear **Clemens, L.** G. Scontras and V. Gribanova (eds.) *Syntax in Uncharted Territories: Essays in Honor of Maria Polinsky*. eScholarship: Open Access Publications from the University of California.
- 2021 **Clemens, L.** and D. Massam (eds.) *Polynesian syntax and its interfaces*. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press

Special Issues

- 2017 **Clemens, L.** and E. Elfnér (eds.) 2017. *Glossa: Special Collection on Prosody and Constituent Structure* 2(1).

Conference Proceedings

- 2012 Henderson, R., P. Mateo Pedro, and **L. Clemens** (eds.) 2012. *Proceedings of the 2nd Meeting of Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi II)*, MIT Working Papers in Linguistics, Cambridge, MA: MIT Press
- 2011 **Clemens, L.**, G. Scontras, and M. Polinsky (eds.) 2011. *Proceedings of the 18th Annual Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Society (AFLA 18)*, AFLA Proceedings Project, University of Western Ontario
- 2010 **Clemens, L.** and C.M. Louis Liu (eds.) 2010. *Proceedings of the 22nd North American Conference on Chinese Linguistics and the 18th Annual Meeting of the International Association of Chinese Linguistics*, <https://naccl.osu.edu/>

GRANT FUNDING

Federal

Role: Principle Investigator
Project: #BCS-1913122: Symposium to advance multidisciplinary perspectives on minority languages in diaspora
Source: National Science Foundation
Time: 2019–2020
Total: \$14,206 USD

Role: Collaborator
Project: #435-2017-0545: Agreement and anti-agreement across languages
Source: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (Canada)
Time: 2017–2022
Total: \$244,629 CAD

Role: Collaborator
Project: #435-2015-1987: Heavy predicates and split arguments in Niuean
Source: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (Canada)
Time: 2015–2020
Total: \$98,843 CAD

Foundations

Role: Co-Investigator
Project: Exploring the Links Between Tone Language Use, Pitch Discrimination, and Musical Emotion Perception
Source: GRAMMY Museum Grant Program

Time: 2020–2021
Total: \$19,320 USD

Role: Collaborator
Project: #HJ-138R-17: Documenting word order variation in Mayan languages: A collection of Ch’ol narratives
Source: National Geographic Society
Time: 2018
Total: \$29,998

Small Internal Awards

2017 Individual Development Awards Program Grant, University at Albany: \$1000
2016 Tenure Trek, Institute for Teaching and Learning, University at Albany: \$500
2016 Individual Development Awards Program Grant, University at Albany: \$500
2013 Mind, Brain, Behavior Graduate Student Award, Harvard University: \$2500
2013 Graduate Student Council Summer Research Award, Harvard University: \$1000

PRESENTATIONS

*indicates student coauthor

Major Conference Keynote Presentations

2024 Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA 31), University at Massachusetts, Amherst, Syntax and Prosody of Tahitian Possessives (6/12)
2020 Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA 27), National University of Singapore [zoom], Absolutive movement in Polynesian: Syntactic ergativity and word order variation (8/21)
2019 Annual Meeting on Phonology, Stony Brook University, State University of New York, Preventing prosodic indeterminacy: A syntax-prosody mismatch in Rutooro’s relative clauses (10/12)

Plenary Presentations

2023 Western Conference on Linguistics (WECOL), California State University, Fresno [zoom], Differential Object Marking in Copala Triqui: Lessons from experimental syntax (11/11)
2022 Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar (SICOGG 24), Sogang University and Korea University [zoom], Syntactic ergativity and postverbal word order variation in Tongic Polynesian (8/13)

- 2022 Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar (SICOGG 24), Sogang University and Korea University [zoom], Syntactic ergativity and postverbal word order variation in Tongic Polynesian (8/13)
- 2019 CNY Humanities Corridor Workshop: Celebrating Indigenous and Refugee Language Communities in New York State, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. A Changing Field: Linguistic Work With Diaspora Communities (9/22)
- 2019 Workshop on the interface between module of grammars, International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan. Linearization at the syntax-prosody interface: Accounting for verb-initial order in Mayan languages (5/17)
- 2019 Princeton Symposium on Syntactic Theory (PSST), Princeton, New Jersey. Preventing prosodic indeterminacy: A syntax-prosody mismatch in Rutooro's relative clauses (4/6)
- 2018 Nominals at the Interfaces, Sogang University, Seoul, Korea. Prosodic Noun Incorporation and the Use of Prosody as a Diagnostic for Syntactic Structure (11/4)
- 2018 Cornell Undergraduate Linguistics Colloquium, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. Prosodic parallels in Rutooro's nominal and clausal domains (4/28)
- 2018 Berkeley Linguistics Society, University of California, Berkeley. Verb-initial word order in Mayan languages: Causes and consequences (2/9)
- 2016 Head Movement Workshop, Stanford University. On the prosodic diagnostics of head movement (9/17)
- 2014 Exploring the Interfaces Workshop, Prosodic evidence for the structure and constituency of verb-initial languages, McGill University, Montreal, Canada. Prosodic Noun Incorporation (5/8)

Departmental Colloquia

- 2023 Languages, Literatures, and Cultures Seminar Series, University at Albany, SUNY. When differential object marking is optional: the case of Copala Triqui (10/20)
- 2022 University of Vienna Linguistics [zoom]. Syntactic ergativity as a constraint against crossing-dependencies (4/26)
- 2022 University of California Berkeley Linguistics [zoom]. Explaining the Absolutive Inversion Account of Syntactic Ergativity (4/03)

- 2020 International Christian University and Keio University, Tokyo, Japan [zoom] Prosodic Phrasing in Rutooro (12/19)
- 2019 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Preventing prosodic indeterminacy: A syntax-prosody mismatch in Rutooro's relative clauses (4/22)
- 2019 University of California, San Diego, Linearization at the syntax-prosody interface: Accounting for verb-initial order in Mayan languages (1/28)
- 2017 University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland. The Prosody of Rutooro Adnominals (12/8)
- 2015 Queens College, City University of New York, The possibilities and limitations of using prosodic phrasing as a diagnostic for syntactic structure (3/19)

Other Invited Presentations

- 2023 Experimental Syntax Lab, University of Delaware. Word order and object marking in Copala Triqui: Lessons from experimental fieldwork (co-presented with Rebecca Tollan) (11/13).
- 2021 Friday Speaker Series, Georgetown University, Washington, DC [zoom]. Nominal Compounds in Copala Triqui (4/19)
- 2021 Syntax Circle, Leibniz-Center for General Linguistics (ZAS), Berlin, Germany [zoom], Copala Triqui Tone Lowering in the Nominal Domain (12/09)
- 2018 Joint meeting of Syntactic Theory at Rutgers and Rutgers Phonology and Phonetics Research Group, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. Resisting prosodic ambiguity: the case of reduced relative clauses in Rutooro, with L. Bickmore (11/16)
- 2017 Conference on Indigenous Languages of Latin America VIII, University of Texas, Austin. Verb initial word order in Mayan: Causes and consequences, with J. Coon (invitee) (9/27)
- 2016 University of Toronto Syntax Project, Toronto, Ontario. Prosodic parallelism in the nominal and clausal domains: evidence from Rutooro (6/23)
- 2015 University of Toronto Syntax Project, Toronto, Canada. The possibilities and limitations of using prosodic phrasing as a diagnostic for syntactic structure: A look at Niuean and Ch'ol (4/10)
- 2015 Stony Brook University, State University of New York. The possibilities and limitations of using prosodic phrasing as a diagnostic for syntactic structure (2/20)

- 2014 Wednesday talk series “Mercredi moins niaiseux,” Université du Québec à Montréal, Montreal, Canada. Têtes et compléments à l’interface prosodie/syntaxe (10/15)
- 2012 Indiana University. English does not have resumptive pronouns: A cross-sentential account of resumption in English, with M. Polinsky and G. Scontras (11/28)
- 2012 Celebrating 30 years to ‘On the Syntax and Semantics of Resumptive Pronouns’ by Edit Doron, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel, Listening to resumption in English, with S. Pokross, M. Polinsky (invitee), and G.Scontras (7/3)

Refereed Conference presentations

- 2024 **L. Clemens**, J. Rodriguez, and R. Tollan. Where word order and object marking intersect: Differential object marking in Copala Triqui, Linguistics Society of America (LSA 2024) New York, New York (1/6).
- 2024 **L. Clemens**, J. Rodriguez, *D. A. Kowalewski, and R. S. Friedman. Language Use by Copala Triqui speakers living in Diaspora. Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of America (SSILA), New York, New York (1/5).
- 2023 **L. Clemens**, J. Rodriguez, and R. Tollan. Optionality in Differential Object Marking in Copala Triqui. New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAY), Queens College, CUNY (10/14).
- 2023 **L. Clemens**, J. Rodriguez, *D. A. Kowalewski, and R. S. Friedman. Uso de idiomas por hablantes de triqui bajo en los Estados Unidos. Congreso sobre lenguas otomangues y vecinas (COLOV IX), Oaxaca, Mexico (4/20)
- 2019 *Rodriguez, J. and **L. Clemens**. Tone overlay in Copala Triqui: Nominal compounds and other syntactic domains [poster]. Annual Meeting on Phonology (AMP 2019), Stony Brook University, State University of New York (10/11)
- 2019 **Clemens, L** and *J. Rodriguez. Descenso tonal y compuestos nominales en el triqui bajo. Conference on Indigenous Languages of Latin America (CILLA IX), University of Texas at Austin (10/10)
- 2019 Vidal López, R. *M. de Jesús Ramírez, **L. Clemens**, *J. Rodriguez, *M. Stoop, and G. A. Broadwell. Multilingual language documentation in the Copala Triqui diaspora. LSA Summer Institute Symposium on Language Research in Diaspora Communities, University of California, Davis (6/28)

- 2019 Vidal López, R., *M. de Jesús Ramírez, **L. Clemens**, *J. Rodriguez, *M. Stoop, and G. A. Broadwell. Dictionary as entry to literacy and language documentation: A Copala Triqui case study. International Conference on Language Documentation and Conservation (ICLDC 6) University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, Hawai'i (3/2)
- 2019 **Clemens, L.** and *R. Tollan. Syntactic ergativity as absolutive movement in Polynesian. The 93rd Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, New York, New York (1/6)
- 2017 Broadwell, G. A., **L. Clemens**, and *M. Stoop. Cambios en el sistema de flexión del triqui de Copala. Coloquio sobre Lenguas Otomangues y Vecinas (COLOV VIII), Biblioteca de Investigación Juan de Córdova, Oaxaca, Mexico (4/22)
- 2017 Broadwell, G. A., **L. Clemens**, and *M. Stoop. Inflectional change in Copala Triqui. International Conference on Historical Linguistics, The University of Texas at San Antonio (8/4)
- 2017 Broadwell, G. A. and **L. Clemens**. Inflectional change in Copala Triqui. Symposium on American Indian Languages, Rochester Institute of Technology, New York (4/7)
- 2017 *de Jesús Ramírez, M., *S. Lefavour, *Z. Zimmerglass, and **L. Clemens**. Focus in Copala Triqui: A study of semi-spontaneous speech. Symposium on American Indian Languages, Rochester Institute of Technology, New York (4/7)
- 2017 **Clemens, L.**, J. Coon, *C.-R. Little, and *M. Vázquez Martínez. Encoding focus in Ch'ol semi-spontaneous speech. Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA), Austin, Texas (1/7)
- 2017 **Clemens, L.** Prosody, pseudo noun incorporation, and V₁ syntax: VP-fronting or V⁰ -raising? 91st meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA), Austin, Texas (1/7)
- 2017 Broadwell, G. A., and **L. Clemens**. Inflectional change in Copala Triqui. Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA), Austin, Texas (1/5)
- 2016 *Little, C.-R., *M. Vázquez Martínez, **L. Clemens** and J. Coon. Codificación del enfoque en el habla semi-naturel en ch'ol. Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi 4), Universidad de Oriente, Saki' (Valladolid) Yucatán, México (11/18)
- 2016 **Clemens, L.** and J. Coon. VOS two ways. North East Linguistic Society (NELS 47), University of Massachusetts, Amherst (10/15)
- 2016 *Tollan, R. and **L. Clemens**. Syntactic ergativity and word order in Polynesian. Linguistics Association of Great Britain, University of York (9/7)

- 2016 Bickmore, L. and **L. Clemens**. The Prosody of Rutooro Adnominals [poster]. Workshop on the Effects of Constituency on Sentence Phonology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst (7/30)
- 2016 **Clemens, L.**, *M. de Jesús Ramírez, *Z Zimmerglass, B. Ramírez Ríos, and W. E. Little. Transnational Oaxaca Collaborations: Language, Culture and Community. Northeast Anthropological Association (NAA 2016), Skidmore College, New York (4/23)
- 2016 **Clemens, L.** and J. Coon. Deriving Mayan V₁: A Fresh Look at Ch'ol. Workshop on Structure and Constituency in Languages of the Americas (WSCLA 21), Université du Québec à Montréal, Quebec (4/3)
- 2016 Bickmore, L. and **L. Clemens**. Phonological phrasing in Rutooro. Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL 47), University of California, Berkeley (3/24)
- 2016 *Lesure, C. and **L. Clemens**. Prosodic Boundary marking in Ch'ol: acoustic indicators and their applications. Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA), Washington D.C. (1/8)
- 2015 *C. Lesure and **L. Clemens**. Una investigación de los correlatos acústicos de la estructura prosódica del ch'ol. Conference on Indigenous Languages of Latin America (CILLA VII), University of Texas at Austin (10/29)
- 2015 **Clemens, L.** A Prosodic Account of Pseudo Noun Incorporation [poster], North East Linguistic Society (NELS 46), Concordia University University, Montreal, Canada (10/17)
- 2015 **Clemens, L.** and J. Coon. Deriving Mayan V₁: A Fresh Look at Ch'ol. Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA), Portland, Oregon (1/10)
- 2014 **Clemens, L.** and J. Coon. Un primer acercamiento a la relación entre sintaxis y prosodia en ch'ol. Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi 3), El Colegio de México, Mexico City, Mexico (12/4)
- 2013 **Clemens, L.** *Presented in absentia by Sam Alxatib*. Evidence for prosodic recursion from Niuean pseudo noun incorporation. North East Linguistic Society (NELS 44), The University of Connecticut (10/20)
- 2013 **Clemens, L.**, J. Coon, P. Mateo Pedro, *A. Morgan, M. Polinsky, *G. Tandet, and M. Wagers. Ergativity and the complexity of extraction: A view from Mayan. West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 31), Arizona State University (2/8)

- 2013 N. Radkevich and **L. Clemens**. Person hierarchy and structure dependence in Lak agreement. West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 31), Arizona State University (2/8)
- 2013 **Clemens, L.**, M. Polinsky and G. Scontras. Resumptive pronouns in English: Speaker oriented coreference tracking. 86th meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA), Boston, MA (1/3)
- 2012 **Clemens, L.** Asimetrías Prosódicas en Sujetos Kaqchikeles. Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi 2), Patzún, Guatemala (8/3)
- 2012 **Clemens, L.**, A. M. Morgan, M. Polinsky, and Ming Xiang. Listening to resumptives: An auditory experiment [poster]. CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing (CUNY 25), City University of New York (3/15)
- 2012 Arcos López, N., **L. Clemens**, J. Coon, P. Graff, P. Mateo Pedro, *A. Morgan, and M. Polinsky. Processing ergative languages: Methodology and preliminary results. 86th Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA), Portland, Oregon (1/7)
- 2012 **Clemens, L.** V₂ in a V₁ language. 86th Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA), Portland, Oregon (1/7)
- 2012 M. Becker, **L. Clemens**, and A. Nevins. Discrete grammar beats phonetics and usage-based predictors in alternations. 86th Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA), Portland, Oregon (1/6)
- 2011 M. Becker, **L. Clemens**, and A. Nevins. A richer model is not always more accurate: The case of French and Portuguese plurals. North East Linguistic Society (NELS 42), University of Toronto, Canada (11/11)
- 2011 **Clemens, L.** and E. Kurniawan. Sundanese active voice: Transitivity and agentivity. Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA 18), Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts (3/4)
- 2010 **Clemens, L.** Sundanese number agreement. Annual Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA 17), Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, New York (5/7)
- 2010 **L. Clemens**. Initial syllable faithfulness in the realization of Norwegian tone [poster]. Annual Mid-Continental Workshop on Phonology (McWOP 16), Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois (10/30)

Workshop presentations

- 2017 Bickmore, L. and **L. Clemens**. The Prosody of Rutooro Adnominals [poster], David Pesetsky 60, MIT, Cambridge MA (2/11)
- 2013 **Clemens, L.** The role of prosody in deciphering verb-initial word orders: A look at Māori, Ling Lunch, McGill University (4/17)
- 2013 **Clemens, L.**, J. Coon, P. Mateo Pedro, *A. Morgan, M. Polinsky, *G. Tandet, and M. Wagers. Ergativity and the complexity of extraction: A view from Mayan. Ergativity Lab, McGill University, Montreal, Canada (4/16)
- 2013 **Clemens, L.** What can prosody tell us about the derivation of verb-initial word order? A look at Māori, Information Structure and Word order: Focusing on Asian Languages, Harvard-Yenching Institute, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts (4/7)
- 2012 **Clemens, L.** Kaqchikel V2 and the typology of CP. East Coast 5 Syntax Workshop (ECO5), University of Massachusetts, Amherst (4/6)
- 2012 **Clemens, L.**, *S. Pokross, and M. Polinsky. The role of resumptive pronouns in English. Language and Cognition Workshop, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts (4/3)
- 2012 M. Becker, **L. Clemens** and A. Nevins, The protection of initial syllables in novel words, Language and Cognition Workshop, Harvard University (2/7)
- 2011 **Clemens, L.**, P. Mateo Pedro, *A. Morgan, M. Polinsky, and *G. Tandet. New approaches to linguistic work in Mesoamerican communities. David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies: Mexico and Central America Program Speaker Series, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts (11/9)

Guest Lectures

- 2021 Copala Triqui in Diaspora. Guest Lecture at McGill University, Migration, Immigration and Exile, Instructor: A. Holmes (3/19)
- 2019 Austronesian Languages: Prototypical features, typologically exceptional properties, and their role in linguistic theory. Guest Lecture at International Christian University, Japan, Field Methods, Instructor: S. Lee (5/15)
- 2016 Alumni Perspectives. Guest Lecture at Harvard University, Practicum in Linguistics, Instructor: J. Jasanoff (4/1)

- 2016 Prosody and constituent structure in Ch'ol. The Department of Anthropology and New York State Museum Open House, The Anthropology Graduate Student Organization. University at Albany, State University of New York (1/22)
- 2015 Using prosodic phrasing as a diagnostic for syntactic structure in Ch'ol. Guest Lecture at McGill University, Introduction to Linguistics, Instructor: J. Coon (3/10)
- 2014 Sociolinguistics with a focus on the structural properties of African American English and Québécois French. Guest Lecture at Concordia University Montreal, Introduction to Linguistics, Instructor: L. Grestenberger (11/12)
- 2012 Language variation and social prestige: The case of African American English. Guest Lecture at MIT, Introduction to Linguistics, Instructor: O. Preminger (5/9)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Field Work with diaspora communities

- 2022-2023 Copala Triqui, Oaxaca, Mexico
 2015-present Copala Triqui, Albany, New York
 Summer 2019 Copala Triqui, Oaxaca, Mexico
 Winter 2016 Niuean, Auckland, New Zealand

Field Work in traditional communities

- Summer 2015 Ch'ol, Chiapas, Mexico
 Summer 2013 Tahitian, Mo'orea, French Polynesia
 Summer 2012 Kaqchikel, Chimaltenango, Guatemala
 Summer 2011 Q'anjob'al and Kaqchikel, Huehuetenango and Chimaltenango, Guatemala

Additional work with language consultant(s)

- 2016-2019 Rutooro, Albany, New York
 2014-2015 Chuj, Montreal, Quebec
 2014-2015 Indonesian, Montreal, Quebec
 2010-2012 Kaqchikel, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Acoustic Analysis

2011-2012 Nez Perce intonation, Research Assistant to Amy Rose Deal
2008-2009 Russian VOT, Research Assistant to Catherine Ringen

TEACHING

University at Albany, State University of New York

ANT 197 Special Topics in Anthropology: World Englishes
Winter 2024

LIN 212 Structure of African American English
Winter 2021, Fall 2018, Summer 2018, Summer 2017

ANT 197 Special Topics in Anthropology: Child Language Acquisition
Winter 2020, Summer 2019

LIN 220 Introduction to Linguistics
Fall 2024, Spring 2021, Fall 2020

LIN 321 Introduction to Syntax
Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018, Fall 2016, Fall 2015

LIN 421/541 Advanced Syntax
Spring 2024, Spring 2022, Spring 2021, Spring 2020, Spring 2018, Spring 2017, Spring 2016

LIN 423/523 Linguistic Structures
Spring 2022, Spring 2020, Spring 2018, Spring 2017

LIN 429/529 Field Methods
Fall 2023, Fall 2021, Fall 2019, Fall 2016

ANT 506 Proseminar in Linguistic Anthropology
Spring 2024, Spring 2022

LIN 495 Honors Thesis
Spring 2024, enrollment: 1, Fall 2023, enrollment: 2, Spring 2021, enrollment: 1, Fall 2020, enrollment: 1, Spring 2020, enrollment: 1, Fall 2018, enrollment: 1, Spring 2017, enrollment: 1, Fall 2016, enrollment: 1

LIN 497 Independent Study
Fall 2022, enrollment: 1, Spring 2022, enrollment: 2, Fall 2021, enrollment: 1, Fall 2020, enrollment: 2, Summer 2020, enrollment: 2, Spring 2020, enrollment: 2, Fall 2019, enrollment: 1, Spring 2018, enrollment: 1, Fall 2017, enrollment: 1, Spring 2017, enrollment: 3, Spring 2016, enrollment: 1, Fall 2015, enrollment: 2

ANT 691 Directed Reading
Spring 2022, enrollment: 1,

ANT 692 Directed Reading
Spring 2024, enrollment: 1, Spring 2022, enrollment: 1,

- LIN 697 Independent Study and Research
Fall 2022, enrollment: 1, *Fall 2018*, enrollment: 2, *Fall 2017*, enrollment: 3
- LIN 791 Directed Reading
Spring 2018, enrollment: 1
- ANT 899 Doctoral Dissertation
Spring 2024, enrollment: 1, *Fall 2023*, enrollment: 1, *Spring 2023*, enrollment: 1, *Fall 2023*, enrollment: 1, *Spring 2022*, enrollment: 1, *Spring 2021*, enrollment: 1, *Fall 2020*, enrollment: 1, *Spring 2020*, enrollment: 1

McGill University

- Ling 200 Introduction to the Study of Language
Fall 2014

Harvard University

- Ling 97r Acoustic Analysis, Instructor
Spring 2012
- Ling 98a Language Rights, Instructor
Fall 2011
- Ling 99a Senior Thesis Writing Tutorial, Teaching Fellow (TA)
Fall 2012
- Ling 102 Sentence Structure, Teaching Fellow (TA)
Spring 2012
- Ling 105 Sounds of Language, Teaching Fellow (TA)
Fall 2011
- Ling 241r Practicum in Linguistics, Teaching Fellow (TA)
Spring 2013
- Ling 117r Languages of the Caucasus, Teaching Fellow (TA)
Fall 2012

University of Iowa

- 103:011 Language and Society, Teaching Assistant
Fall 2008, Spring 2007
- 103:110 Articulatory and Acoustic Phonetics, Teaching Assistant
Spring 2009
- 103:150 Language and Gender, Teaching Assistant
Spring 2008

ADVISING

Graduate Students

- Current L. Dashman, PhD student, University at Albany, Supervisor
Current J. Holtz, PhD student, University at Albany, Committee member
Current S. Dumas, MA student, University at Albany, Supervisor
2024 D. Somoray, *Unraveling the Nexus: Yucatan's Tourism Dynamics and Their Community and Archaeological Implications* MA Thesis, University at Albany, Reader
2024 L. DeGeorgia, *Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Teaching English Passive Voice to ELLs: Insights from Language Variation, Theories of Second Language Acquisition, and Educational Practice* MA Thesis, University at Albany, Supervisor
2021 J. Rodriguez, *The syntax and phonology of grammatical tone in Copala Triqui*, Doctoral Thesis, University at Albany, Supervisor
2019 R. Tollan, *The processing of wh-questions in Polynesian as a window to ergativity, transitivity, and subjecthood*, Doctoral Thesis, University of Toronto, Committee member
2019 L. Borise, *Phrasing is Key: The Syntax and Prosody of Focus in Georgian* Doctoral Thesis, Harvard University, Committee member

Undergraduate Students

- current L. Monahan, *Topics in Silozi Syntax* Undergraduate Honors Thesis, University at Albany, State University of New York, Supervisor
current E. McCarthy, *An Analysis of Differential Object Marking in Copala Triqui* Undergraduate Honors Thesis, University at Albany, State University of New York, Supervisor
2021 S. Andrew, Undergraduate Honors Thesis, University at Albany, State University of New York, Supervisor
2020 G. Millet, *Tahitian Intonation*, Undergraduate Honors Thesis, University at Albany, State University of New York, Co-supervisor with L. Bickmore
2020 H. Canfield, *Recommendations to TESOL instructors working with the Copala Triqui population in the Capital District*, Undergraduate Honors Thesis, University at Albany, State University of New York, Supervisor
2018 Z. Gao, *Tone in Nominal Compounds*, Undergraduate Honors Thesis, University at Albany, State University of New York, Supervisor
2017 S. Lefavour, *Marking Aspect in Copala Triqui*, Undergraduate Honors Thesis, University at Albany, State University of New York, Supervisor
2016 Z. Zimmerglass, *Focus Structures in Copala Triqui*, Undergraduate Honors Thesis, University at Albany, State University of New York, Supervisor
2015 C. Lesure, *Prosodic Boundary Marking in Ch'ol: Acoustic Indicators and Their Applicationn*, Undergraduate Honors Thesis, McGill University, Co-supervised with J. Coon
2014 V. Rahardjo and C. Lesure, McGill Student Research Assistants for SSHRC Grant *The mental representation of language variation: macro- and micro-parameters*, Co-supervised with L. Travis

2013 S. Pokross, *Testing the theory of comprehension and coreference: An auditory study of English re-summption*, AB honors thesis, Harvard University, Co-supervised with M. Polinsky

SERVICE

Service to the Profession

2024-present Junior co-chair on the Program Committee, Linguistic Society of America.
2012-2014 Committee Member, Committee on Ethnic Diversity in Linguistics (CEDL), Linguistic Society of America (LSA) Standing Committee

Editing

2024-present Co-editor, *Studies in Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*

Conference and Workshop Organization

2019 Co-organizer, Linguistic Research in Diaspora Communities, 2019 Linguistic Institute Weekend Symposium with G. A. Broadwell
2014 Co-organizer, 22th Annual Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Society (AFLA 22) with Mitcho Erleweine, Henrison Hsieh, Jiajia Su and Lisa Travis
2011 Co-organizer, 18th Annual Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Society (AFLA 18) with Gregory Scontras and M. Polinsky
2011 Co-organizer, East Coast Graduate Student Workshop in Syntax (ECO5) with Peter Jenks and Patrick Rich

Reviewing

JOURNALS

Frontiers in Psychology, Language Sciences

Glossa

Journal of Linguistics

Journal of Morphology

Laboratory Phonology

Lingua

Linguistic Inquiry

Linguistics Vanguard

Natural Language and Linguistic Theory

Syntax

EDITED VOLUMES

Harvard Working Papers in Linguistics
MIT Working Papers in Linguistics
Routledge Handbook of North American Languages

GRANT PROPOSALS

National Science Foundation, Linguistics Program

BOOK PROPOSALS

Routledge, English Language and Linguistics

RECURRING CONFERENCE REVIEWING

Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA)
Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA)
Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi)
Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW)
North East Linguistics Society (NELS)
Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA)
Speech Prosody

WORKSHOP REVIEWING

Experimental and Theoretical Advances in Prosody (ETAP)
Exploring the interfaces workshop (ETI)
Parameters Workshop in honour of Lisa Travis
Student Organisation of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE)
Workshop on the Sound Systems of Mexico and Central America (SSMCA)

University Service

UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY, STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

2021-2022	Member, University Planning and Policy Council, University Senate
2020-2021	Member, Academic Support Committee, College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Council
2019-2020	Recorder, College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Council
2016-2019	Faculty Advisor, Triquis Sin Fronteras-UA, University at Albany Student Organization
2018-2019	Member, Middle States Self-Study Workgroup IV: Support of the Student Experience

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

- 2011 Committee Member, HGSC Everett Mendelsohn Excellence in Mentoring
- 2010-2011 Committee Member, HGSC Conference Grants and Summer Research Awards
- 2009-2011 Secretary, Harvard Graduate Student Council (HGSC)

Departmental Service

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY, UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY, STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

- 2023-present Director, Program in Linguistics and Cognitive Science
- 2024-present Chair, Undergraduate Affairs Committee
- 2015-present Board Member, Institute for Mesoamerican Studies
- 2015-present Director, Albany Triqui Working Group
- 2015-present Member, Department of Anthropology Triqui Project
- 2023-2024 Member, Graduate Affairs Committee (also 2018-2019 and 2021-2022)
- 2023-2024 Member, Undergraduate Affairs Committee
- 2022-2023 Member, Awards Committee (also 2016-2017)
- 2017-2018 Chair, Awards Committee
- 2019-2020 Website Committee
- 2017-2020 Member Graduate Professionalization Colloquia Committee
- 2018-2019 Member, Program Review Committee

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS, HARVARD UNIVERSITY

- 2012-2013 Assistant Head Tutor, Harvard Department of Linguistics (undergraduate advising)
- 2011-2012 Student Representative to the faculty
- 2010-2012 Student Organizer, GSAS Workshop Language Universals and Linguistic Fieldwork
- Spring 2011 Student Representative, Phonology Search Committee
- 2009 Departmental Representative, Harvard Graduate Student Council

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS, UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

- 2008-2009 Student Representative to the faculty

Community Service

- 2023-present Instrument Donations Coordinator, Albany Fund for Education
- 2022-2023 PTA President Albany International Center and Dual Language Program
- 2021-2022 Schenectady County Medical Reserve Corps Volunteer
- 2020-2021 Co-chair, Dual Language Committee, Delaware Community School
- 2017-2020 Dual Language Committee, Delaware Community School
- 2016-2018 Board of Directors, Triquis Sin Fronteras

COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC LECTURES

- 2019 African American English: Linguistic Structure and Student Success. Delaware Community School, Professional Development (11/5)
- 2016 Triqui Language Resources. 'O güüí se cha'anj nij sí chihan' man Distrito Capital, *Day of Triqui Culture in the Capital District* (4/10)
- 2012 On the interaction between 'natural' and grammatical gender from linguistics, Gendered Language: An International Women's Rights Collective Discussion Event, Harvard University (4/13)

LANGUAGES

Native	English
Fluent	Dutch, French, German
Conversant	Spanish, Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian
Structural	Austronesian: Indonesian, Niuean, Sundanese, Tahitian Mayan: Ch'ol, Ch'orti', Chuj, Kaqchikel, Q'anjob'al Otomanguean: Copala Triqui

AFFILIATIONS

- 2009–present Linguistic Society of America
- 2015–present Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas