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## EDUCATION

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<b>Cornell University</b>	2016-
Ph.D. Linguistics, Minor in Cognitive Science	
<b>University of Szeged</b>	2011-2016
Ph.D. Altaic Studies	
Title of dissertation: <i>The syntax of non-finite clauses in Kazakh</i>	
<b>University of Szeged</b>	2009-2011
M.A. Altaic Studies	
<b>University of Szeged</b>	2006-2009
B.A. Hungarian Literature and Linguistics	

## STUDY AND RESEARCH ABROAD

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Fieldwork, Astana & Taraz, Kazakhstan	Jun-Jul 2019
Summer School (London School in Bishkek), Kirgizstan	Jul-Aug 2018
Fieldwork, Bishkek, Kirgizstan	Jan 2018
Fieldwork, L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University, Astana, Kazakhstan	Dec 2014
Fieldwork, L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University, Astana, Kazakhstan	May 2014
Studies at Al-Farabi Kazakh National University	May-Jun 2013
Yunus Emre Turkish Summer Course, TÖMER of Ankara University, Ankara, Turkey	Jul-Aug 2012
Erasmus student, Hacettepe University, Turkish Lang. and Lit. Dept., Ankara, Turkey	Feb-Jun 2010

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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<b>Teaching Assistant</b> Cornell, University	2016 - 2022
<b>Assistant Lecturer (Tenure track)</b> University of Szeged, Dept. of Altaic Studies	2011 - 2016

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Peer-Reviewed Articles

<i>Restrictions on genitive subjects in Kazakh relative clauses</i>	2021
In Palaz, B. & L. Stromdahl (eds.) In Proceedings of the Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic Vol. 5, No. 1. 110-124.	
<i>Kazakh non-finite clauses followed by -LIQ as a case in favor of the clause-internal nominalization hypothesis</i>	2018
In Kornfilt, Jaklin & Yilmaz Koylu (eds.) Papers in Turkish and Turkic Linguistics. Indiana University: Bloomington.	
<i>On the causative-made passive clauses in Old Turkic</i>	2015
In Deniz Zeyrek et al. (eds). Ankara Papers in Turkish and Turkic Linguistics. Wiesbaden, Harrasowitz. 604-613.	

### Articles (peer reviewed by abstract)

<i>Double Evidential Morphology in Turkish</i>	2021
In Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America Vol 6, No 1.	
<i>Nasal assimilation in Kazakh</i>	2019
In Proceedings of the 14th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics (WAFL14). MIT Working Papers in Linguistics #90. 205-219.	

## Manuscripts (to be submitted)

- Argument Introducing Pluractionals: An Investigation of Kyrgyz and Kazakh Assistives* 2022  
*Postsyntactic Operations and the Turkic 3PL Agreement Patterns* 2022

## Reviews

- Ibrahim Ahmet Aydemir: Konverbien im Tuwinischen. Eine Untersuchung unter Berücksichtigung des Altay-Dialekts* 2012  
*Acta Orientalia Academiae Scientiarum Hungaricae* (Vol. 65.) 488-489.

## Books in Hungarian

- [*Huastuanift. The Old Turkic Manichean Prayer of Confession. Transliteration, Transcription, Translation, Indexes, Annotations*] 2014  
Co-authors Biacsi, M. & B. Danka, Altajisztikai Tankönyvtár 3. Szeged.

## Peer-Reviewed Articles in Hungarian

- [*Non-finite subordinate clauses in the Volga-Kama Sprachbund*] 2016  
co-author Ekaterina Georgieva  
Gécseg Zsuzsanna (ed.) LingDok 15. Nyelvészdoktoranduszok dolgozatai. Szegedi Tudományegyetem, Nyelvtud. Dok. Isk.  
[*Classification of Kazakh non-finite clauses*] 2015  
Gécseg Zsuzsanna (ed.) LingDok 14. Nyelvészdoktoranduszok dolgozatai. Szegedi Tudományegyetem, Nyelvtud. Dok. Isk., 145-164.  
[*Negation in the Kazakh sentences containing converb clauses*] 2014  
Gécseg Zsuzsanna (ed.) LingDok 13. Nyelvészdoktoranduszok dolgozatai. Szegedi Tudományegyetem, Nyelvtud. Dok. Isk., 125-142.  
[*On the development of Old Turkic passive constructions marked with causative suffixes*] 2013  
Gécseg Zsuzsanna (ed.) LingDok 12. Nyelvészdoktoranduszok dolgozatai. Szegedi Tudományegyetem, Nyelvtud. Dok. Isk., 221-238.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- Postsyntactic Operations and Turkic 3PL Agreement Patterns* Feb 19, 2022  
Talk at the Workshop on Turkic and languages in contact with Turkic (Tu+7), UConn  
*A tale of two -mIş's: between evidential and attitudinal semantics* Feb 18, 2022  
co-athor Lingzi Zhuang  
Talk at the Workshop on Turkic and languages in contact with Turkic (Tu+7), UConn  
*How reportatives become attitudinal: Turkish "double evidential" in diachronic and cross-linguistic view* Jan 9, 2022  
co-athor Lingzi Zhuang  
Talk at the Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA96)  
*Argument-Introducing Pluractionals: A New Way to Introduce Arguments* Jan 8, 2022  
Talk at the Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA96)  
*Argument-Introducing Pluractionals: A New Way to Introduce Arguments* Nov 12, 2021  
Talk at MoMOT 5, University of Ottawa  
*Assistive: A New Type of Argument Introducing Head* May 6, 2021  
Poster at CLS 57  
*Assistive: A New Type of Argument Introducing Head* Apr 8, 2021  
Talk at the 39th meeting of the West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL39)  
*Differential Subject Marking in Kazakh* March 20, 2021  
Talk at the 45th Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC45)  
*Genitive-Nominative Alternation in Kazakh Complement Clauses* Feb 20, 2021  
Flash talk at the Workshop on Turkic and languages in contact with Turkic (Tu+6)  
*Double Evidential Morphology: Dubitative or Evaluative?* Jan 9, 2021  
Talk at the Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA95)  
*Non-local agreement in Kazakh relative clauses?* Feb 8, 2020  
Poster at the Workshop on Turkic and languages in contact with Turkic (Tu+5)  
*Possessed Relatives in Turkic* Jan 3, 2020

Poster at the Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA94) <i>Genitive-marked subjects in Kazakh relative clauses</i>	Sep 26, 2019
Talk at the 15th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics (WAFL15) <i>Kazakh complex predicates: Functional projections above VP</i>	Oct 26, 2018
Talk at “Combining verbs in and across languages,” Charles University, Prague <i>Nasal assimilation in Kazakh and Kyrgyz</i>	Oct 21, 2018
Talk at the 14th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics (WAFL14) <i>Clause chaining in Kazakh</i>	Aug 18, 2018
Talk at the 19th International Conference on Turkish Linguistics (ICTL19) <i>Subject agreement marking in Kazakh non-finite clauses</i>	Nov 19, 2016
Poster at “Turkish, Turkic and the Languages of Turkey” (Tu+2) <i>Truncation and overt subjects: Two types of non-finite clauses in Kazakh</i>	Apr 2, 2016
Poster at “NonFinite Subjects,” University of Nantes <i>On the complex sentences in the Old Turkic Huastuanift</i>	Sep 10, 2015
Talk at “The Role of Religion in Turkic Culture,” Budapest <i>Syntactic similarities between Udmurt and Tatar non-finite clauses?</i>	Aug 17, 2015
co-author Ekaterina Georgieva	
Poster at the XII International Congress for Finno-Ugric Studies (CIFU) <i>Kazakh -(I)p-clauses: A case of underspecification</i>	Jun 6, 2015
Talk at the 11th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics (WAFL11) <i>Are the Kazakh -GAN-headed non-finite clauses nominalised?</i>	Sep 5, 2014
Talk at the 17th International Conference on Turkish Linguistics (ICTL17) <i>On the Use of Accusative Case in Passive Clauses</i>	Sep 19, 2012
co-author Éva Kincses-Nagy	
Talk at the 16th International Conference on Turkish Linguistics (ICTL16) <i>Syntactic Passive Structures in Old Turkic</i>	Sep 18, 2012
Talk at the 16th International Conference on Turkish Linguistics (ICTL16)	

## INVITED TALKS

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<i>Turkic languages and Turkic Writing Systems</i>	May 19, 2021
Talk at the Languages of the World course, McGill University <i>Subject Agreement Microvariation in Turkic languages</i>	Apr 2, 2021
Talk at the Introduction to Linguistics course, Cornell University <i>Genitive-Nominative Case Alternation in the Nominal Domain in Kazakh</i>	Apr 1, 2021
Invited talk at McGill Fieldwork Lab <i>Turkic languages and Turkic Writing Systems</i>	March 18, 2021
Talk at the Languages of the World course, McGill University <i>Subject Agreement Microvariation in Turkic languages</i>	March 9, 2020
Talk at the Introduction to Linguistics course, Cornell University	

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Teaching Assistant at Cornell University

Pragmatics (grader)	2022 Spring
Instructor: Sarah Murray	
Introduction to Cognitive Science	2022 Spring
Instructor: Shaun Nichols	
Introduction to Linguistics	2021 Spring
Instructor: Sam Tilsen	
Introduction to Linguistics	2020 Spring
Instructor: Sam Tilsen	
Introduction to Linguistics	2019 Fall

Instructor: Sarah Murray	
Native American Languages	2019 Spring
Instructor: Sarah Murray	
Introduction to Linguistics	2018 Fall
Instructor: Miloje Despić	
Introduction to Linguistics	2018 Spring
Instructor: Wayne Harbert	
Language and Society	2017 Fall
Instructor: Sally McConnell-Ginet	

### **Assistant Lecturer at the University of Szeged**

Turkish language (Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced Reading)	2011-2016
Course instructor	
Introduction to Turkology	2011-2016
Course instructor	
Introduction to Turkic Historical Sources	2011-2016
Course instructor	
Turkic Loanwords in Hungarian	2011-2016
Course instructor	
Introduction to Turkish Syntax	2015
Course instructor	

### **SERVICE**

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Cornell GPSAFC (Finance Committee) Chair	2019-2020
Member of Cornell Graduate Professional Student Assembly Finance Commission	2017-2020
Cornell Linguistics Circle Treasurer	2018-2019
Cornell Linguistics Circle Speaker Series coordinator	2017-2018
Cornell Linguistics Circle Junior Speaker Series coordinator	2016-2017
Cornell Linguistics Circle Junior Treasurer	2017

### **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

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<b>Native</b>	Hungarian
<b>Fluent</b>	English, Turkish
<b>Advanced</b>	Kazakh, Kyrgyz
<b>Intermediate</b>	Russian, Turkmen
<b>Reading</b>	German, Old Turkic (Runic, Uyghur, Manichean), Middle-Turkic (Chagatai, East Anatolian Turkish)