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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

2017-pres. PhD, Linguistics, Harvard University
2021 AM, Linguistics, Harvard University
2014 BA with highest honors in Linguistics (major), minor in Philosophy, Emory University
2011 AA, Arts and Sciences, Oxford College of Emory University

Research

Main Interests: Semantics, morphology, syntax-semantics interface, morphosemantics, typology;
Multifunctional morphemes, polarity sensitivity (negative polarity items, free choice items),
allosemy and polysemy, alternative semantics;
Turkic languages, languages spoken in Siberia, Germanic languages

Other interests: Corpus linguistics, web scraping for linguistic data, formal logic, philosophy of language, historical linguistics

Publications

(^f=forthcoming)

Journal Articles

Kirby, Ian L. (accepted pending revisions) Extending the typology of quantifier particles: Sakha *da* (*dayani*) as a TOO-particle that does not mean ‘too’. *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory*.

Proceedings (^r=reviewed)

2022^f Kirby, Ian L. Pre-exhaustification Creates Multifunctionality: Evidence from Tuvan *-daa*. *40th Meeting of the West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 40)*.

2022^r Kirby, Ian L. and Hande Sevgi. Plural Possession in Turkish and Sakha. *Proceedings of the Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic* (7). DOI: [10.3765/ptu.v7i1.5320](https://doi.org/10.3765/ptu.v7i1.5320)

2022 Kirby, Ian L. Tuvan *-daa* in Quantificational Noun Phrases: Existential or Universal? *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America* (7). DOI: [10.3765/plsa.v7i1.5289](https://doi.org/10.3765/plsa.v7i1.5289)

2021 Kirby, Ian. Exhaustification, free-choice, and additivity: Evidence from Sakha *da*(*yani*). *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America* (6: 663-675). DOI: [10.3765/plsa.v6i1.5005](https://doi.org/10.3765/plsa.v6i1.5005)

2020^f Kirby, Ian L. The Sakha focus particle *da(qany)*: Negative Polarity, Conjunction, and Focus. *Proceedings of the Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic* (5: 71-85). DOI: [10.3765/ptu.v5i1.4769](https://doi.org/10.3765/ptu.v5i1.4769)

Manuscripts

Wrong-side Affixation: Univerbation of Agreement Morphemes.

Any as a Negative Polarity Item: From Old English to Early Modern English. (Honors thesis, 2014)

Conferences

- 2022 Pre-exhaustification Creates Multifunctionality: Evidence from Tuvan *-daa*. 40th Meeting of the West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 40). May 2022.
- 2022 Plural Possession in Turkish and Sakha. 7th Annual Workshop on Turkic and Language in Contact with Turkic (Tu+7). February 2022. (with Hande Sevgi)
- 2022^π A semantic sketch of Tuvan *-daa*. 7th Annual Workshop on Turkic and Language in Contact with Turkic (Tu+7). February 2022.
- 2022 Tuvan *-daa* in Quantificational Noun Phrases: Existential or Universal? 96th Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Society of America (LSA 96). January 2022.
- 2021 Emphasis and (anti-)additivity in polarity particles: Sakha *da(ghany)* and *emie*. The Semantics of African, Asian, and Austronesian Languages 8 (TripleA 8). June 2021.
- 2021 The Sakha focus particle *da(qani)*. 4th Conference of Central Asian Languages and Linguistics (ConCALL-4). April 2021
- 2021 Exhaustification, free-choice, and additivity: Evidence from Sakha *da(yani)*. 95th Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Society of America (LSA 95). January 2021.
- 2020 Sakha *da(qani)*: Negative Polarity, Conjunction, and Focus. 5th Annual Workshop on Turkic and languages in contact with Turkic (Tu+5). February 2020.
- 2019 From (*nawther*) *ne...ne* to *neither...nor*. 21st Diachronic Generative Syntax Conference (DiGS 21). June 2019.
- 2016 *Any* as a Negative Polarity Item: From Old English to Early Modern English. Linguistics Society at the University of Georgia (LSUGA) 3rd Annual linguistics conference. October 2016

Invited and Workshop Talks

- 2021 Wrong side affixation: Pronouns to inflection in head-final languages. Harvard GSAS Workshop in Indo-European and Historical Linguistics. April 2021
- 2021 Where is additivity? Harvard GSAS Workshop Linguistics Circle Colloquium Series. March 2021
- 2018 A Sketch of the Historical Uses of *whether*, *either*, and *neither*. Southern New England Workshop in Semantics (SNEWS). December 2018
- 2018 The diachronic syntax of English *either...or* and *neither...nor*. Harvard GSAS Workshop in Indo-European and Historical Linguistics. October 2018.

Teaching

('TF'=Teaching Fellow)

Harvard University

- TF, *LING 101: The Science of Language: An Introduction* Summer 2022
Instructor: Kevin Ryan
- TF, *LING 99A, 98B: Senior Tutorial* Fall 2021,
Instructor: Niels Torben Köhlert, Gennaro Chierchia Spring 2022
- TF, *LING 148: Language Universals* Spring 2021
Instructor: Jonathan Bobaljik
- TF, *LING 104: Word Structure* Fall 2020
Instructor: Jonathan Bobaljik
- TF, *LING 101: The Science of Language: An Introduction* Spring 2020
Instructor: Susi Wurmbrand
- TF, *LING 83: Language, Structure, and Cognition* Fall 2019
Instructor: Kathryn Davidson

Emory University

- TF, *LING 401: Language, Mind, and Society* Spring 2017
Instructor: Marjorie Pak

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| TF, <i>LING 201: Foundations of Linguistics</i> Instructor: Marjorie Pak (2017, 2014); Jack Hardy (2015) | Spring 2017, Spring 2015, Fall 2014 |
| TF, <i>LING 214: Meaning in Human Language (Semantics and Pragmatics)</i> Instructor: Marjorie Pak (2016, 2015) | Spring 2016 Spring 2015 |
| Guest Lectures | |
| The History of English <i>Any</i> <i>LING 340: Topics in Sociolinguistics (Language Variation and Change)</i> , Emory University Instructor: Marjorie Pak | Oct. 2016 |

Service, Positions, and Memberships

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| Assistant Head Tutor, Harvard University Department of Linguistics | 2021 – 2022 |
| Department Writing Fellow (Linguistics) | 2021 – 2022 |
| Graduate Student Associate, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies (Harvard) | 2019 – pres |
| <i>Spell Out</i> Blog Manager, Harvard Linguistics Spell Out Blog and Facebook Page | 2018 – 2022 |
| Workshop Coordinator, Harvard Linguistics Circle Colloquium | 2018 – 2020 |
| Professional Membership: Linguistics Society of America; American Association for the Advancement of Science | |
| Review: Tu+ | |
| Research | |
| Laboratory Assistant, Emory University Department of Psychology <i>Mind and Language Lab</i> Director: Phillip Wolff | 2016 – 2017 |
| Research Assistant, Emory University Program in Linguistics Director: Marjorie Pak | 2015 |

Grants and Awards

Fellowships and Grants

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| Sosland Family Graduate Fellowship (Harvard) | 2017 – 2018 |
| SIRE (Scholarly Inquiry and Research Partners Program) Summer Fellowship (Emory) Stipend and housing grant, Research mentor: Mark Risjord | 2013 |
| SIRE Fellowship (Emory) Research mentor: Mark Risjord | 2012 – 2013 |

Honors and Awards

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| Nominated, Star Family Prize for Excellence in Advising (Harvard) | 2022 |
| Award for Excellence in the Study of Linguistics (Emory University) | 2014 |
| Phi Beta Kappa (Gamma Chapter) | 2014 |
| Phi Sigma Iota | 2012 |
| Alpha Epsilon Upsilon | 2011 |

Languages

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| Speaking/Reading: | English (native), German (advanced), Mandarin (intermediate) |
| Fieldwork/Elicitations: | Sakha, Tuvan, Turkish |

Skills

Perl, Python, R, Bash, regex, Tregex, Penn Treebank, CorpusSearch, L^AT_EX, HTML, wikitext, markdown, Excel/LibreOffice Calc.