
Education

- 2024 Ph.D., Linguistics, Harvard University
Dissertation: *Wide meanings across narrow contexts: Sakha particles and the grammar of alternatives*
Chairs: Gennaro Chierchia and Jonathan Bobaljik; Committee: Uli Sauerland
- 2021 A.M., Linguistics, Harvard University
- 2014 B.A., Linguistics (major), Philosophy (minor), Emory University
Highest honors in linguistics
- 2011 A.A., 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

- 2024 Kirby, Ian L. Extending the typology of quantifier particles: Sakha *da* (*dayani*) as a TOO-particle without a ‘too’ meaning. *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory*. DOI: [10.1007/s11049-023-09589-y](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11049-023-09589-y)

Proceedings (^f=refereed)

- 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)*. [penultimate draft](#)
- 2022^f 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

- Sakha Quantificational Particles in Comparative Perspective. [penultimate draft](#).
- Wrong-side Affixation: Univerbation of Agreement Morphemes. (email me for draft)
- Any as a Negative Polarity Item: From Old English to Early Modern English. (Honors thesis, 2014, [link](#))

Conferences

- 2023 Sakha Quantificational Particles in Comparative Perspective. All-Russian Scientific and Practical Conference with International Participation, the 18th Semenov Readings dedicated to the 120th Anniversary of Apolloniy Semenov. =[Всероссийской научно-практической конференции с международным участием «XVIII Семеновские чтения», посвященной 120-летию А.И. Семенова.] March 16, 2023.
- 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 Linguistic 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 Linguistic 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 Kuehlert, 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, <i>LING 83: Language, Structure, and Cognition</i> Instructor: Kathryn Davidson	Fall 2019, Spring 2024
Emory University	
TF, <i>LING 401: Language, Mind, and Society</i> Instructor: Marjorie Pak	Spring 2017
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

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 – 2024
<i>Spell Out</i> Blog Manager, Harvard Linguistics <i>Spell Out</i> Blog and Facebook Page	2018 – 2022
Workshop Coordinator, Harvard Linguistics Circle Colloquium	2018 – 2020
Professional Membership: Linguistic Society of America; American Association for the Advancement of Science	
Review: Tu+	
Research Positions	
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	
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	
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

Speaking/Reading: English (native), German (advanced), Mandarin (intermediate), Old, Middle, and Early Modern English (philology), Gothic (philology)

Fieldwork/Elicitations: Sakha, Tuvan, Turkish

Skills

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