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Work

- 23-present Postdoctoral researcher at MIT
- 2021-23 Postdoctoral researcher on the [LASER](#) project, University of Edinburgh
PI: Robert Truswell

Education

- 2016-2021 PhD in Linguistics, MIT
Dissertation: [The \(in\)distinction between wh-movement and c-selection](#)
Committee: Sabine Iatridou, David Pesetsky, Norvin Richards
- 2012-2016 S.B. in Linguistics, MIT
Thesis: *Shanghainese: the Case of the Lonely DP*
Advisor: David Pesetsky
- 2012-2016 S.B. in Physics, MIT
Thesis: *Neutron Backgrounds in the Ricochet Experiment*
Advisor: Joseph Formaggio

SUMMER SCHOOLS

- 2018 Crete Ling, University of Crete, Rethymno
- 2017 Linguistic Institute Fellowship, Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute,
University of Kentucky.

Areas of specialisation

Syntax, Semantics/Pragmatics, Language Acquisition

Monographs

Newman, E. (under contract/in press). When arguments merge. To appear in the LI Monograph Series, MIT Press.

Papers

Newman, E. (accepted). The order of operations and A/ \bar{A} interactions. To appear in NLLT. [Link to accepted manuscript](#)

Newman, E. (accepted). Probing for the closest DP: a reply to Branen et al. 2022. To appear in Linguistic Inquiry. [Link to accepted manuscript](#)

Newman, E. (2023). Voice and VP-ellipsis revisited. *Constellations: Journal of NYI*, 1. <https://www.nyiconstellations.org>

Newman, E. (2021). On the interpretation of tense in temporal adverbial clauses. *Glossa: A Journal of General Linguistics*, 6(1): 12. 1-30. DOI: <http://doi.org/10.5334/gjgl.1429>

Gowda Y., Newman E., Rosenstein L. and Hackl M. (2020). Scalar inferences in the acquisition of *even*. *Frontiers in Communication, section Language Sciences*. 5, 117. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3389/fcomm.2020.593634>

Newman, E. (2020). vP infinitives in Wolof: on \bar{A} -movement to Spec vP. *ACAL 2019 Proceedings*. [Link](#)

Newman, E. (2020) Facilitator effects in middles and more. *Glossa: A Journal of General Linguistics*, 5(1), 62. DOI: <http://doi.org/10.5334/gjgl.990>

UNPUBLISHED/IN PREP

Newman, E. (re-submitted). The verb phrase and its ingredients. [Link](#)

Newman, E. and Branen, K. (re-submitted). Paths: the ghost of features past. [Link](#)

Newman, E. (unpublished). On the movement/(anti)agreement correlation in Romance and Mayan. [Link](#)

Newman, E. (unpublished) In (*do*-)support of phrasal auxiliary movement. [Link](#)

Presentations

- Aug, 2022 (with Kenyon Branen) Adjunct islands aren't real, you're just projecting. Talk presented at GLOW in Asia XIII, The Chinese University of Hong Kong.
- June, 2022 (with Kenyon Branen) Adjunct islands aren't real, you're just projecting. Poster presented at the 31st Colloquium on Generative Grammar, University de les Illes Balears, Palma, Spain.
- Dec, 2021 The order of operations and A/A-bar interactions. Talk presented at the LASER Kickoff Workshop, online.
- Jan, 2020 The future since Stump. Poster presented at the LSA annual meeting, New Orleans, LA.

- May, 2019 vP-infinitives in Wolof: on \bar{A} -movement to Spec vP. Talk presented at ACAL, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC.
- Sep, 2018 (with Yadav Gowda, Leo Rosenstein and Martin Hackl) Polarity sensitivity of ‘even’ in early child grammar. Poster presented at GALANA, University of Indiana, Bloomington, IN.
- Aug, 2018 (with Yadav Gowda, Leo Rosenstein and Martin Hackl) Polarity sensitivity of ‘even’ in early child grammar. Talk presented at Learnability in a Parametric World, Bucharest, Romania.
- Jun, 2018 In do-support of phrasal auxiliary movement. Talk presented at OLINCO, University of Olo-mouc, Czech Republic.
- Jan, 2018 (with Danfeng Wu) The Lubukusu agreeing complementizer. Talk presented at the LSA work-shop on the syntax of clausal arguments in Bantu, Salt Lake City, UT.

INVITED TALKS

- Dec, 2023 When wh-phrases are their own interveners. Invited talk at the Leiden University Comparative Syntax Discussion Group.
- Nov, 2023 TBC. Invited talk at the Tel-Aviv University Colloquium Series. *Postponed*
- Nov, 2023 When wh-phrases are their own interveners. Invited talk at the UMass Amherst Syntax Workshop.
- Apr, 2023 Locality and the distribution of features. Invited talk at the Stony Brook University Brown Bag syntax speaker series.
- Mar, 2023 Structure-building in the verbal domain. Invited talk at the University of Maryland.
- Feb, 2023 Structure-building in the verbal domain. Invited talk at UCLA.
- Feb, 2023 Structure-building in the verbal domain. Invited talk at the NYU Syntax Brown Bag syntax speaker series.
- Jan, 2023 Structure-building in the verbal domain. Invited talk at the NYI Distinguished Linguist lecture series.
- Oct, 2022 Pied-piping phi. Invited talk at the Seminar Speaker Series, Queen Mary University of London.
- May, 2022 C-selection and the verb phrase. Invited talk at the Oberseminar English Linguistics, University of Goettingen.
- Oct, 2021 The order of operations and A/A-bar/agreement interactions. Invited talk at the Yale Syntax Reading Group.

Teaching experience

TEACHING ASSISTANT-SHIPS

- Spring 2020 24.900 Intro to Linguistics, MIT
Instructor: David Pesetsky
Responsibilities: Attend lectures, lead recitation sections, grade problem sets, hold office hours
- Fall 2018 24.902 Intro to Syntax, MIT
Instructor: Danny Fox
Responsibilities: Give a special lecture on the long passive and *v*, attend lectures, lead recitation sections, grade problem sets, hold office hours
- Fall 2017 24.900 Intro to Linguistics, MIT
Instructor: Adam Albright
Responsibilities: Attend lectures, lead recitation sections, grade problem sets, hold office hours
- Fall 2015 8.13 Experimental Physics I, MIT
Instructor: Janet Conrad
Responsibilities: Advise students on experimental techniques in lab
- Fall 2014 8.01 Physics I, MIT
Instructor: Ibrahim Cisse
Responsibilities: Attend lectures, advise students in problem solving groups, grade problem sets
- Spring 2014 8.02 Physics II, MIT
Instructor: Krishna Rajagopal
Responsibilities: Attend lectures, advise students in problem solving groups, grade problem sets

SUMMER SCHOOLS

- Summer 2023 LSA Summer Institute at UMass Amherst. Course title: Feeding and Bleeding in Syntax.

WINTER SCHOOLS

- January 2024 NYI Winter School. Course title: Feeding and Bleeding in Syntax.

MENTORSHIP

- 2022 Co-advised Masters student Zhifan Sun on his thesis *An applicative analysis of GEI in Mandarin Chinese*, University of Edinburgh.
- 2019 Mentor for undergraduate researchers Ella Apostoiaie and Audrey Powers in the MIT Language Acquisition lab.
Responsibilities: Training in experimental design, theoretical reasoning, data collection

- 2018-2019 Mentor for undergraduate researcher Jana Freedman in the MIT Language Acquisition lab.
Responsibilities: Training in the design of experimental materials, data collection, data management and analysis, introduction to relevant linguistic concepts
- 2018 Mentor for undergraduate researcher Monique Montoute in the MIT Language Acquisition lab.
Responsibilities: Training in the design of experimental materials and data collection, introduction to relevant linguistic concepts

Research experience

LAB EXPERIENCE

- 2017-present MIT Language Acquisition Lab
Responsibilities: Experimental design, data collection at the Boston Museum of Science and Boston area preschools, undergraduate researcher mentoring
- 2013-2016 Undergraduate researcher, Laboratory for Nuclear Sciences, MIT
Responsibilities: Data collection, analysis

FIELDWORK

- 2019-2023 Passamaquoddy, Sipayik, ME
2018-2019 Wolof, Boston, MA
2015-2016 Shanghainese, Boston, MA

Service

- 2023 Reviewer for NELS 54
2023 Reviewer for Linguistic Variation
2022 Reviewer for GLOW 46
2022 Reviewer for BCGL 15
2021 Reviewer for Linguistic Inquiry
2020 Reviewer for Linguistic Inquiry
2019 Co-organizer of NELS 50, MIT

Skills

Languages (natural): English (native), German (advanced speaking/reading/writing), Spanish (advanced reading/writing, intermediate speaking)

Languages (computer): Python, MATLAB, Mathematica, R, html