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Education

2026 (exp.)	PhD, University of Massachusetts Amherst Linguistics Dissertation: *From roots to trees: Thematic roles and the lexicon-syntax interface* Advisors: Rajesh Bhatt, Kyle Johnson
2020	MA, University College London Linguistics Thesis: *Binding vs. co-reference: On logophoricity in German* Advisor: Klaus Abels Distinction
2019	BA, Free University of Berlin Comparative Literature, with minors in Philosophy and Latin 1.0 ($\sim$ GPA: 4.0)

Research interests

Broad	Syntax, morphology, lexicon-syntax interface, computational modeling
Narrow	Argument structure, subword coordination, allomorphy, affix order, stative passives

Publications

Journal papers

2026	Neu, Eva. Direct causatives of unergatives: A view from variable unaccusativity. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 44. [link]
2025	Neu, Eva. Hybridity and change in Turkish inflectional morphology. *Linguistic Variation*. [link]

Manuscripts in progress

In prep.	Neu, Eva, Maayan Keshev and Brian Dillon. Similarity in agreement attraction.
Submitted	Neu, Eva and Faruk Akkuş. On some putative unaccusativity diagnostics. [link]

Proceedings papers

In prep.	Neu, Eva, and Lulu Guo. Unifying phrasal and subword RNR: A multidominance account. *Proceedings of NELS 56*.
2025	Neu, Eva. Variation and gradience in non-standard Turkish affix ordering. *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America (PLSA) 10(1)*. 5922. [link]
2025	Neu, Eva, Rajesh Bhatt and Shaunak Phadnis. Degrees of animacy and telicity in Hindi intransitives: A corpus study. *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America (PLSA) 10(1)*. 5923. [link]

2025	Neu, Eva, and Faruk Akkuş. Causatives without causation: Involvee causatives in Turkish. *Proceedings of WCCFL 42*. 284–293. [link]
2024	Neu, Eva. The realization of agreement in the Turkish verbal domain. *Proceedings of the 9th workshop on Turkic and languages in contact with Turkic (Tu+ 9)*. 16–30. [link]
2024	Neu, Eva, and Faruk Akkuş. Involvee causatives in Turkish. *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America (PLSA) 9(1)*. 5703. [link]
2023	Neu, Eva. Causatives of unergatives in Hindi-Urdu. *Coyote Papers 25: Proceedings of the Arizona Linguistics Circle 16*. 71-80. [link]
2023	Neu, Eva. Against a low subject analysis of causatives of unergatives. *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America (PLSA) 8(1)*. 5527. [link]

Presentations

Invited talks and guest lectures

2024	Neu, Eva. Theta-roles, individual roles and the nature of roots. *NYU Syntax Brown Bag*, November 7. [link]
2025	Neu, Eva. Variable linking in argument structure. *Yale Syntax Reading Group*, December 6.
2024	Neu, Eva. Hybridity and change in Turkish inflectional morphology. Guest lecture for *Advanced Syntax Seminar: Turkic Syntax* (by Travis Major), University of Southern California, September 25.
2023	Neu, Eva. Causatives of unergatives: A view from variable unaccusativity. *Penn Syntax Lab*, University of Pennsylvania, October 27.

Refereed conference presentations and posters

2026	Neu, Eva, Utku Türk, Özge Bakay, Brian Dillon and Gaja Jarosz. The syntax-morphology divide is gradient and sensitive to frequency: Evidence from suspended affixation. *Tu+ 11*. MIT, April 11–12.
2026	Neu, Eva, Utku Türk, Özge Bakay, Brian Dillon and Gaja Jarosz. Frequency modulates structural choices in Turkish non-local derivational morphemes. *HSP 39*. MIT, March 26–28.
2026	Neu, Eva, Brian Dillon and Katrin Erk. Eight shades of animacy: Property axes and split intransitivity. *PLC 50*. University of Pennsylvania, Feburary 28–March 1.
2025	Neu, Eva, and Lulu Guo. Unifying phrasal and subword RNR: A multidominance account. *NELS 56*. NYU, October 17–19. [link]
2025	Neu, Eva, Maayan Keshev and Brian Dillon. Modeling agreement attraction effects in vector space. *HSP 38*. University of Maryland, March 27–29. [link]
2025	Neu, Eva. Variation and gradience in non-standard Turkish affix ordering. Poster at *LSA 2025 Annual Meeting*. Philadelphia, PA, January 9–12.
2025	Neu, Eva, Maayan Keshev and Brian Dillon. Encoding syntactic positions in working memory: A computational approach. *LSA 2025 Annual Meeting*. Philadelphia, PA, January 9–12.
2025	Neu, Eva, Rajesh Bhatt and Shaunak Phadnis. Degrees of animacy and telicity in Hindi intransitives: A corpus study. Poster at *LSA 2025 Annual Meeting*. Philadelphia, PA, January 9–12.
2024	Neu, Eva, Maayan Keshev and Brian Dillon. Modeling agreement attraction effects in vector space. *Puzzles of Agreement*. University of Bucharest, University of Toronto, UMass Amherst and ZAS Berlin (virtual), October 24–25.
2024	Neu, Eva. Inflectional morphology in the Turkish verbal domain: Allomorphy, hybridity and change. *NELS 55*. Yale University, October 17–18.

2024	Neu, Eva, and Faruk Akkuş. Causatives without causation: Involvee causatives in Turkish. *WCCFL 42*. UC Berkeley, April 12–14.
2024	Neu, Eva. The realization of agreement in the Turkish verbal domain. Poster at *Tu+ 9*. Cornell University, March 23–24.
2024	Neu, Eva, and Faruk Akkuş. Causatives without causation: Involvee causatives in Turkish. *Tu+ 9*. Cornell University, March 23–24.
2024	Neu, Eva, and Faruk Akkuş. Involvee causatives in Turkish. *LSA 2024 Annual Meeting*. New York City, NY, January 4–7.
2023	Neu, Eva, and Brian Dillon. Agreement with conjoined subjects involving mismatching person features. Poster at *AMLaP 29*. San Sebastián, Spain, August 31–September 2.
2023	Neu, Eva. Making others move against their will: On causatives of motion verbs and other unergatives. *Agency and Intentions in Language 3*. University of Göttingen and Harvey Mudd College (virtual), March 8–10.
2023	Neu, Eva. Direct causatives of unergatives are ordinary transitives. Poster at *LSA 2023 Annual Meeting*. Denver, CO, January 5–8.
2022	Neu, Eva. Causatives of unergatives in Hindi-Urdu. *Arizona Linguistics Circle 16*. University of Arizona/virtual, October 21–22.
2020	Neu, Eva. Anaphor Backward Binding in German. *68. Studentische Tagung Sprachwissenschaft*. Free University of Berlin, Humboldt University of Berlin, University of Potsdam (virtual), November 19–22.

Grants, honours and awards

2022	Travel grant to NASSLLI 2022, NSF/Brandeis University
2020	Deirdre Wilson Prize, Department of Linguistics UCL
2020	Dean's List, Faculty of Brain Sciences UCL

Professional experience

As Teaching Assistant at UMass Amherst

2025F	*Morphology* (instructor: Faruk Akkuş)
2025S	*Advanced Computational Linguistics* (instructor: Gaja Jarosz)
2024F	*Introduction to Syntax* (instructor: Beccy Lewis)
2023F	*Introduction to Linguistic Theory* (instructor: Kyle Johnson)
2023S	*Writing for Linguistics* (instructor: Brian Dillon)
2022F	*People and Their Language* (instructor: Rajesh Bhatt)

As Research Assistant at UMass Amherst

| 2024S | NSF Grant #2146798: *Bridging encoding and retrieval perspectives on sentence processing errors: Comparing Hebrew and English*, PI: Brian Dillon |

Non-degree education

2025	V-NYI Summer School, St. Petersburg State University
2023	LSA Summer Institute, UMass Amherst
2022	V-NYI Summer School, St. Petersburg State University
2022	NASSLLI, University of Southern California
2021	ESSLLI, Utrecht University

2020	V-NYI Summer School, St. Petersburg State University

Service

Conference organizing

2023	ALS-LSA Workshop, UMass Amherst, June 28
2023	The 36th Annual Symposium on Arabic Linguistics (ASAL), UMass Amherst, March 24–26

Reviewing

2025	*Syntactic Theory and Research*
2024	*Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory, and Cognition*

Editing

2024	(With Mariana Calderón-Corona and Polina Kasyanova.) *Proceedings of SULA 12.* Amherst, MA: GLSA.
2022	(With Özge Bakay, Breanna Pratley and Peyton Deal.) *Proceedings of NELS 52.* Amherst, MA: GLSA.

Departmental service

2025	Co-organizer, colloquium series, UMass Amherst
2023–2024	Graduate Student Senator, UMass Amherst
2022–2023	Co-organizer, Syntax-Semantics Reading Group, UMass Amherst
2021–2022	Student Representative, Graduate Employee Organization, UMass Amherst
2020	Member of the Student Sustainability Council, UCL

Outreach

2022–pres.	Round 2 Manager, UK Linguistics Olympiad
2020–pres.	Marker, UK Linguistics Olympiad

Languages

Native	German
Fluent	English
Advanced	French, Spanish
Intermediate	Italian
Elementary	Hebrew
Reading	Latin, Ancient Greek
Research	Turkish

Tech skills

Python (numpy, jax, pytorch), R, LaTeX, PCIbex, Praat, Bash

Professional Affiliations

Linguistic Society of America
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft

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