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Education

Boston University

PHD IN LINGUISTICS

• Advisor: Dr. Neil Myler

Boston, MA

Fall 2018 - present

Boston University

MA IN LINGUISTICS

Boston, MA

2018 - 2021

Indiana University

MA IN SLAVIC LINGUISTICS

Bloomington, IN

2016 - 2018

Bryn Mawr College

AB IN RUSSIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

Bryn Mawr, PA

2008 - 2013

Russian Overseas Flagship Program

St. Petersburg, Russia

2012 - 2013

Grants & Fellowships

2023	Conference Travel Grant , Boston University Linguistics Dept.	\$800
2023	Travel Grant , Slavic Linguistic Society	\$600
2021	Graduate Research Grant , Boston University Linguistics Dept.	\$ 525
2017	Summer Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship , US Dept. of Ed.	\$ 2,679
2017	Summer Language Institute Scholarship , University of Pittsburgh	\$ 2,500
2016-2017	AY Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship , US Dept. of Ed.	
2014	The Social Expertise Exchange Fellowship , The Eurasia Foundation	

Teaching Experience

Fall 2023	Language, Cognition, & the Power of Categories , Instructor of Record	<i>Boston U.</i>
Spring 2021	Interrupted Acquisition & Language Attrition , Grader (Instructor of Record: Dr. Chang)	<i>Boston U.</i>
Fall 2020	Introduction to Syntax , Teaching Fellow (Instructor of Record: Dr. Hagstrom)	<i>Boston U.</i>
2019 - 2020	Introduction to Linguistics , Teaching Fellow (Instructor of Record: Dr. Barnes, Dr. Neidle)	<i>Boston U.</i>
2017-2018	Intermediate Russian , Instructor of Record	<i>Indiana U.</i>
2012	Russian Language Institute , Tutor	<i>Bryn Mawr</i>

Publications

PEER REVIEWED BOOK CHAPTERS

Kpogo, F., **A. Kohut** & C. Chang. 2023. Expressing diminutive meaning in heritage Twi: The role of complexity and language-specific preferences. In M. Polinsky & M. Putnam (Eds). *Formal Approaches to Complexity in Heritage Language Grammars*. Berlin: Language Science Press.

EDITED VOLUMES

Presentations

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

- Kohut, A.** & C. McMahon. 2023. Disambiguating double and single negation readings in Russian. 18th Annual Meeting of the Slavic Linguistics Society (SLS-18): Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava, Slovakia.
- Kohut, A.** 2023. Choice of predicational copula in Ende is determined by aspect and argument structure. 15th International Austronesian and Papuan Languages and Linguistics Conference (APLL-15): Palacký University, Olomouc, Czech Republic.
- Kpogo, F., **A. Kohut** & C. Chang. 2022. Minimizing complexity while maintaining the grammar: The case of diminutives in heritage Twi. Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD): Boston University, Boston, MA.
- Kohut, A.** 2021. Ende Vowel Harmony at the Intersection of Phonetics and Phonology: Phonological Height as Phonetic Backness. Language Documentation & Linguistic Theory: SOAS University of London, London, UK.
- Kohut, A.** 2021. Vowel Harmony in Ende Nominal Clitics. Phonology in the North East (PhoNE), virtual.
- Kohut, A.** 2020. On the role of discourse factors in Russian MWF questions: A syntactic/semantic approach. Annual Meeting of the Slavic Linguistics Society (SLS 15), virtual.

INVITED TALKS

- Kohut, A.** 2021. Ende Copular Constructions: An Update. Structures of Under-researched Languages (SULa) Lab, Boston University, May 3, 2022.
- Kohut, A.** 2021. Ende Copular Constructions. Structures of Under-researched Languages (SULa) Lab, Boston University, November 3, 2021.
- Kpogo, F., **A. Kohut**. 2020. Diminutive Marking in Heritage Akan: Preferences as a Point of Divergence in Heritage Language. Bilingualism, Mind, and Brain Lab Meeting (University of California at Irvine), virtual.

Research Experience

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| Boston University - Linguistics Dept
SUPERVISOR: DR. NEIL MYLER
• Research Fellowship Project: Aspect | <i>Boston, MA</i>
<i>Fall 2021</i> |
| Boston University - Linguistics Dept
SUPERVISOR: DR. KATE LINDSEY
• Research Fellowship Project: Copulas in Ende | <i>Boston, MA</i>
<i>Fall 2021</i> |
| Boston University - Linguistics Dept
ADVISOR: DR. KATE LINDSEY
• Second Qualifying Paper: "Vowel Harmony in Ende Nominal Clitics" | <i>Boston, MA</i>
<i>2020 - 2021</i> |
| Boston University - Linguistics Dept
ADVISOR: DR. NEIL MYLER
• First Qualifying Paper: "On the Role of Discourse Factors in Superiority Violations in Russian Multiple Wh-Fronting Structures" | <i>Boston, MA</i>
<i>2019 - 2020</i> |

Service

2022	Boston U. Conf. on Lang. Development (BUCLD) 47, Registration Volunteer	<i>Boston U.</i>
2021 - 2022	Colloquia Organizing Committee , Committee Member	<i>Boston U.</i>
2020 - 2021	Linguistics Graduate Research Forum, Organizer	<i>Boston U.</i>
2020	Boston U. Conf. on Lang. Development (BUCLD) 45, Volunteer Chair	<i>Boston U.</i>
2020	Annual Meeting of the Ling. Soc. of America, Volunteer Room Monitor	<i>Virtual</i>
2019	Boston U. Conf. on Lang. Development (BUCLD) 44, Co-Organizer, Exhibit Chair	<i>Boston U.</i>
2018	Boston U. Conf. on Lang. Development (BUCLD) 43, Hospitality Chair	<i>Boston U.</i>
2017 - 2018	Russian Table, Coordinator	<i>Indiana U.</i>
2017 - 2018	Russian Language Culture Association, President	<i>Indiana U.</i>
2016 - 2017	Bridges, Volunteer Russian Instructor	<i>Indiana U.</i>

Professional Experience

2019	Resident Director for Russian in Nizhny Novgorod, RU , Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program
2018	Asst. Resident Director for Russian in Tbilisi, GE , Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program
2015 - 2016	Program Associate , Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program
2014 - 2015	Program Assistant , Future Leaders Exchange (FLEX) Program

Honors & Awards

2023	Charles E. Townsend Memorial Award Honorable Mention , Slavic Linguistic Society
2018	Jerzy Kolodziej Excellence in Teaching Award , Indiana University
2012	Elinor Nahm Prize in Russian Language and Linguistics , Bryn Mawr College