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RESEARCH INTERESTS

BROAD INTERESTS	syntactic, morphological and semantic typology, formal and functional syntax, language description and documentation, language diversity, typological universals and parameters
SPECIFIC TOPICS & PHENOMENA	TAME typology, O-initial word orders (OVS, OSV), negation typology, parameter hierarchies, polysynthesis, nanosyntax, Chomskyan syntax, cartographic syntax
AREAL/GENETIC INTERESTS	Amerindian: Amazonian (especially Cariban), Tupi-Guarani, Algonquian, Yupik; Polynesian; Caucasian: Northwest, Kartvelian

EDUCATION

2025-2026	MA (by Research) Linguistics , University of York	
	CONCENTRATIONS	Formal & functional syntax, typology
	DISSERTATION	Objects to the front: <i>a descriptive, formal and functional account of default O-initial (OVS/OSV) constituent orders</i>
	SUPERVISOR	Dr Imke Driemel
2023-2025	MSc Linguistics , University of York	<u>Grade: distinction (80)</u>
	CONCENTRATIONS	Formal & functional syntax, typology, language contact, dialectology
	DISSERTATION	Time without tense: <i>a typological investigation into tenseless languages, their mechanisms for time reference, and theoretical explanations.</i> <u>Grade: 85</u>
	SUPERVISOR	Prof George Tsoulas
2019-2022	PGDip Applied Linguistics , University of Birmingham	
2005-2009	BA (Hons) Arabic , University of Manchester	
	DISSERTATION	Tense and aspect systems in the varieties of Arabic. <u>Grade: 71</u>
	SUPERVISOR	Prof Yaron Matras

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

2026	Undergraduate Linguistics Association of Britain (ULAB) Conference [UPCOMING] 8-10th April, University of York
	<u>Workshop:</u> Field Methods in Action: <i>Discovering The Structure of an Unknown Language</i> – an introduction to language elicitation
	Complutense (Under)Graduate Linguistics Conference (C(U)LC) 23rd-24th March, Universidad Complutense Madrid
	<u>Talk:</u> Time without tense? Typology and parametric variation in temporal systems

2025 **StuTS 78**
13-15th November, University of Stuttgart, Germany
Talk: Time without tense? *Towards an updated typology of tenseless languages and the syntax of tense*

LLS PG Summer Conference

12th June, University of York
Poster presentation: Time without tense: *a typological investigation into tenseless languages, their mechanisms for time reference, and theoretical explanations*

INVITED TALKS

2025 **Decoding the Stream of Speech: Teaching listening skills for understanding natural L2 speech**
25th March, LingSoc, University of York

2024 **Cross-linguistic Variation in Sentential Negation**, 6th October, LingSoc, University of York

SUMMER SCHOOLS

2025 **ACTL (Advanced Core Training in Linguistics)**, 21st edition, 30th June – 4th July 2025, University of York

Fieldling (International School in Linguistic Fieldwork), 17th edition, 1st-5th September, INALCO, Paris
Language elicitation practice: Tahitian

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

2025-2026 **Academic Officer**, Linguistics Society (LingSoc), University of York
Student Community Coordinator, Department of Language & Linguistic Science, University of York

2024-2025 **Departmental Liaison Officer**, Linguistics Society (LingSoc), University of York
Student Community Coordinator, Department of Language & Linguistic Science, University of York

2024-2025 **Departmental Community Coordinator**, Department of Language & Linguistic Science, University of York

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Societas Linguistica Europaea (student membership)

LANGUAGES

NATIVE	English
ADVANCED	Russian, French
INTERMEDIATE	Spanish, German
BASIC	Brazilian Portuguese, Egyptian Arabic, Italian, Japanese, Mandarin
STRUCTURAL KNOWLEDGE	Modern Standard Arabic, Turkish, Persian, Central Alaskan Yup'ik, Lakota, Anishinaabemowin, Michif, Navajo, Guaraní, Hixkaryana, Makushi, Apalaí, Georgian, Abkhaz, Tahitian