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RESEARCH INTERESTS

BROAD INTERESTS	syntactic and morphological typology, formal and functional syntax, language description and documentation, language diversity, universals and parameters
SPECIFIC TOPICS & PHENOMENA	TAME typology, object-initial word orders (OVS, OSV), negation typology, parameter hierarchies, polysynthesis, differential object marking (DOM), agreement
APPROACHES & FRAMEWORKS	a formal-functional hybrid consisting of functional typology, Greenbergian typology, parametric typology, Chomskyan syntax, cartographic syntax, Distributed Morphology
AREAL/GENETIC INTERESTS	Amerindian: Amazonian (especially Cariban), Tupi-Guarani, Algonquian, Yupik; 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

PRESENTATIONS

Invited talks

2025	Clayton, D., (2025). Decoding the Stream of Speech: Teaching listening skills for understanding natural L2 speech. LingSoc, University of York, 25th March
2024	Clayton, D., (2024). Cross-linguistic Variation in Sentential Negation. LingSoc, University of York, 6th October

Conference presentations

- 2026 Clayton, D., (2026). Time without tense? Typology and parametric variation in temporal systems. Complutense (Under)Graduate Linguistics Conference (C(U)LC), Universidad Complutense Madrid, 23rd-24th March
- 2025 Clayton, D., (2025). Time without tense? Towards an updated typology of tenseless languages and the syntax of tense. StuTS 78, University of Stuttgart, Germany, 13-15th November
- Clayton, D., (2025). Time without tense: a typological investigation into tenseless languages, their mechanisms for time reference, and theoretical explanation (poster). LLS PG Summer Conference, University of York, 12th June

Workshops

- 2026 Clayton, D., (2026). Field Methods in Action: Discovering The Structure of an Unknown Language – *an introduction to language elicitation*. Undergraduate Linguistics Association of Britain (ULAB) 16th annual conference, University of York, 8-10th April. *Keynote speaker*

PUBLICATIONS

- 2025 *Time without tense: a typological investigation into tenseless languages, their mechanisms for time reference, and theoretical explanations*. MSc dissertation, University of York
- 2009 *Tense and aspect systems in the varieties of Arabic*. BA Hons dissertation, The University of Manchester

SUMMER SCHOOLS

- 2025 ACTL (Advanced Core Training in Linguistics), 21st edition, University of York
30th June–4th July 2025
- Fieldling (International School in Linguistic Fieldwork), 17th edition, INALCO, Paris
1st-5th September

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
- 2023-2024 Departmental Community Coordinator, Department of Language & Linguistic Science, University of York

FIELDWORK

Remote

- September 2025 (1 week), Paris, France Reo Tahiti (Tahitian) [tah] basic word order, TAM

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Societas Linguistica Europaea (student membership)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Classroom teaching: 10 years, English as a Foreign Language

Private tutoring: 5+ years, high school English, French; undergraduate Phonetics, Phonology, Middle English, Spanish

SKILLS

L^AT_EX (intermediate), ELAN (basic), Praat (basic)

LANGUAGES

NATIVE LANGUAGE English (British)

Language proficiency

ADVANCED (C1)	Russian [rus], French [fra]
INTERMEDIATE (B1)	Spanish [spa], German [deu]
ELEMENTARY (A2)	Modern Standard Arabic [arb]
BASIC (A1)	Portuguese (Brazilian) [por], Egyptian Arabic (Masri) [arz], Mandarin [cmn] Avañe'ẽ (Paraguayan Guaraní) [gug], Anishinaabemowin (SW Ojibwe) [ciw]

Fieldwork languages

Reo Tahiti (Tahitian) [tah]

Linguistic acquaintance

Japanese [jpn], Hixkaryana [hix], Yugtun (Central Alaskan Yup'ik) [esu], Turkish [tur], Michif [crg], Diné bizaad (Navajo) [nav], Lakota [lkt], Georgian [kat]

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