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RESEARCH INTERESTS

BROAD INTERESTS	linguistic typology, morphosyntax, language description and documentation, linguistic diversity and endangered language preservation, typological universals and parameters
SPECIFIC TOPICS & PHENOMENA	TAME typology, object-initial word orders (OVS, OSV), negation typology, polysynthesis, datives, agreement, parameter hierarchies
METHODOLOGICAL APPROACHES	a formal-functional hybrid consisting of functional typology (Greenbergian), formal generative typology, comparative morphosyntax
AREAL/GENETIC INTERESTS	Amerindian: Amazonian (especially Cariban), Tupi-Guarani, Algonquian Caucasian: Northwest, Kartvelian; Basque

EDUCATION

2025-2026	MA (by Research) Linguistics, University of York	
	CONCENTRATIONS	Formal & functional syntax, typology, Amazonian linguistics
	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

<i>Invited talks</i>	
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). Deriving object-initial constituent order. LLS PG Summer Conference, University of York, 10th June
- 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 & PAPERS

- 2026 When Languages Meet: What Happens When We Start Talking to Each Other? U-Lingua Magazine, Issue 12, Jun 18, 2026
- 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

- 2026 Basque Summer Tutorial in Language Documentation II, 26th August - 4th September, Baigorri, France
- CauLaGE (CAUcasian LAnguages in GEorgia), Batumi / Peria, Georgia, 3rd–17th July 2026
- 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

In-situ

Aug/Sep 2026 (2 weeks)
Baigorri, Basque Country

Euskara (Basque) [abk]

DDM (dative distribution and agreement)

Jul 2026 (3 weeks)
Peria, Georgia

Apsš^wa (Abkhaz) [abk]

argument structure, applicatives, causatives

Remote

Sep 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 (France [1 year]; Russia [9 years incl. 4 years as Director of Studies]), English as a Foreign Language, French.

Private tutoring: 6+ years (online and in-person in UK), secondary English, French; undergraduate syntax, phonetics, phonology, Middle English, Spanish

SKILLS

ℒ_{TEX} (intermediate), ELAN (basic), Praat (basic)

LANGUAGES

NATIVE LANGUAGE English (British)

Language proficiency

ADVANCED (C1) Russian [rus], French [fra]

INTERMEDIATE (B1) Spanish [spa], German [deu]

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], Apsš^wa (Abkhaz) [abk], Basque [eus]

Linguistic acquaintance

Modern Standard Arabic [arb], Japanese [jpn], Hixkaryana [hix], Yugtun (Central Alaskan Yup'ik) [esu], Turkish [tur], Diné bizaad (Navajo) [nav], Lakota [lkt], Georgian [kat], Warao [wba], Apsš^wa (Abkhaz) [abk], Basque [eus], Michif [crg]

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