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- EMPLOYMENT *University of California, San Diego*
2025–. Associate Professor of Linguistics.
2019–2025. Assistant Professor of Linguistics.
- EDUCATION *University of California, Berkeley*
2019. PhD, Linguistics.
Dissertation: Agreement, case, and switch-reference in Amahuaca
Committee: Amy Rose Deal (chair), Line Mikkelsen, Peter Jenks,
Darya Kavitskaya
2016. MA, Linguistics.
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
2018, Spring. Visiting Scholar, Department of Linguistics & Philosophy.
The Ohio State University
2014. BA *summa cum laude*, Linguistics (major), Spanish (minor).
Honors Research Distinction.
Thesis: The interaction of lexical and grammatical tone in the
Bulu verb system. (Advisor: Rebecca Morley)
- JOURNAL ARTICLES
to appear. Dependent case by Agree: Ergative in Shawi. *Linguistic Inquiry*. [Emily Clem and Amy Rose Deal]
2024. The emergence of case matching in discontinuous DPs. *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory* 42(3):955-1002. [Emily Clem and Virginia Dawson]
2023. The expression of time in Amahuaca switch-reference clauses. *Languages* 8(2), 134, special issue “Current Studies on Morpho-Syntax, Semantics, and Pragmatics: A View from the South American Lowlands and Beyond”, eds. Maria Luisa Zubizarreta & Guillaume Thomas.
2023. Cyclic expansion in Agree: Maximal projections as probes. *Linguistic Inquiry* 54(1):39-78.
2022. Disharmony and the Final-over-Final Condition in Amahuaca. *Linguistic Inquiry* 53(4):809-822.
2019. Amahuaca ergative as agreement with multiple heads. *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory* 37(3):785-823.
- PROCEEDINGS PAPERS
2023. An inclusive course on the history of phonetics. *Proceedings of the 20th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences*, eds. Radek Skarnitzl and Jan Volín, 4234-4238. Prague: GUARANT International. [Marc Garellek, Shai Nielson, Tamara L. Rhodes, and Emily Clem]

2022. Attitude reports without complementation: The case of Amahuaca. *Proceedings of SALT32*, eds. John R. Starr, Juhayae Kim, & Burak Öney, 165-184.
2022. Accounting for parallels between inverse marking and the PCC. *NELS 52: Proceedings of the Fifty-Second Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society*, vol. 1, eds. Özge Bakay, Breanna Pratley, Eva Neu, & Peyton Deal, 163-176. Amherst, MA: Graduate Linguistics Student Association.
2019. Object-sensitive switch-reference and insatiable probes. In *NELS 49: Proceedings of the Forty-Ninth Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society*, vol. 1, eds. Maggie Baird & Jonathan Pesetsky, 173-186. Amherst, MA: Graduate Linguistics Student Association.
2019. Attributive adjectives in Tswefap: Vague predicates in a language with degrees. In *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 23*, vol. 1, eds. M. Teresa Espinal, Elena Castroviejo, Manuel Leonetti, Louise McNally, & Cristina Real-Puigdollers, 285-300. Bellaterra: Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona.
2018. Against non-reference-tracking theories of switch-reference. *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America* 3(29):1-9.
2017. Two types of binding: Evidence from Tswefap pronominals. In *NELS 47: Proceedings of the Forty-Seventh Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society*, vol. 1, eds. Andrew Lamont & Katerina Tetzloff, 173-184. Amherst, MA: Graduate Linguistics Student Association.
- BOOK CHAPTERS to appear. Agreement and concord. *The Cambridge Handbook of Comparative Syntax*, eds. Sjef Barbiers, Norbert Corver, & Maria Polinsky. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. [Emily Clem and Mark Norris]
2020. Sub-Saharan Africa. In *The Oxford Handbook of Language Prosody*, eds. Carlos Gussenhoven & Aoju Chen. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 183-194. [Larry M. Hyman, Hannah Sande, Florian Lionnet, Nicholas Rolle, and Emily Clem]
2019. Niger-Congo linguistic features and typology. In *The Cambridge Handbook of African Linguistics*, ed. H. Ekkehard Wolff, 191-245. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. [Larry M. Hyman, Nicholas Rolle, Hannah Sande, Emily Clem, Peter S. E. Jenks, Florian Lionnet, John Merrill, and Nicholas Baier]
- WORKING PAPERS 2017. Social network structure, accommodation, and language change. In *UC Berkeley Phonetics and Phonology Lab Annual Report (2016)*, ed. Keith Johnson, 83-102. University of California, Berkeley.
- EDITED VOLUMES 2019. Theory and Description in African Linguistics: Selected Papers from the 47th Annual Conference on African Linguistics. (Contemporary African Linguistics 4). Berlin: Language Science Press. [Emily Clem, Peter Jenks, and Hannah Sande (eds.)]

2016. Proceedings of the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society. Berkeley: University of California. [Emily Clem, Virginia Dawson, Alice Shen, Amalia Horan Skilton, Geoff Bacon, Andrew Cheng, and Erik Hans Maier (eds.)]
- ARCHIVAL
COLLECTIONS
- 2021+. UCSD Field Methods: Todos Santos Cuchumatán Mam, 2020-21. California Language Archive, Survey of California and Other Indian Languages. Berkeley: University of California. <http://dx.doi.org/doi:10.7297/X2NP23GM> [Angela Ramirez, Emily Clem, Sihun Jung, Jun Jie Lim, and Milad Mayel]
- 2016+. Tswefap Independent Elicitation Materials, 2016-14. California Language Archive, Survey of California and Other Indian Languages. Berkeley: University of California. <http://dx.doi.org/doi:10.7297/X2XP743G> [Guy Tchatchouang, Emily Clem, Erik Hans Maier, and Evelyn Najarian]
- 2015+. Amahuaca Field Materials, 2015-07. California Language Archive, Survey of California and Other Indian Languages. Berkeley: University of California. <http://dx.doi.org/doi:10.7297/X22F7MMT> [José Piño Bonangué, Celia Sampi Ríos, Celia Soria Pérez, Rolando Soria Pérez, MPR, Zoila Piño Ríos, Juan Piño Miqueas, Emily Clem].
- 2015+. Berkeley Field Methods: Tswefap, 2020-11. California Language Archive, Survey of California and Other Indian Languages. Berkeley: University of California. <http://dx.doi.org/doi:10.7297/X2N0152S> [Guy Tchatchouang, Geoff Bacon, Steven Bird, Andrew Cheng, Emily Clem, Virginia Dawson, Larry M. Hyman, Anna Jurgensen, Erik Hans Maier, and Alice Shen]
- DIGITAL
RESOURCES
2022. Anti-racist and Inclusive Linguistics Pedagogy. <https://knit.ucsd.edu/linguisticspedagogy/> [Emily Clem, Shai Nielson, and Marc Garellek]
2015. South American Phonological Inventory Database v1.1.4. Survey of California and Other Indian Languages Digital Resource. Berkeley: University of California. <http://linguistics.berkeley.edu/~saphon/en/> [Lev Michael, Tammy Stark, Emily Clem, and Will Chang (compilers)]
- INVITED TALKS
2024. Global case splits via local Agree. Workshop: Myopia in Grammar, University of Leipzig, Germany. June.
2023. Dependent case by Agree: Ergative in Shawi. Syntax & Semantics Circle, University of California, Berkeley, CA. September. [Emily Clem and Amy Rose Deal]
2023. Infusing social justice in the development and instruction of a course on the history of phonetics. The 184th meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, special session, “Speech Communication and Education in Acoustics: Infusing social justice in speech and hearing acoustics pedagogy: Principles and case studies”. Chicago, IL. May. [Marc Garellek, Shai Nielson, Tamara L. Rhodes, Emily Clem]

2021. Switch-reference in Amahuaca: Syntactic and semantic implications. Department of Linguistics Colloquium, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, MA. October.
2019. Unifying inverse marking and the strictly descending PCC. Syntax & Semantics Circle, University of California, Berkeley, CA. November.
- 2018–2019. Cyclicity in Agree: Maximal projections as probes. Department of Linguistics Colloquium, University of Southern California, CA. November, 2019.
University of Delaware, DE. March, 2019.
University of California, Los Angeles, CA. February, 2019.
University of Pennsylvania, PA. February, 2019.
McGill University, Canada. February, 2019.
University of California, Santa Cruz, CA. February, 2019.
University of Connecticut, CT. January, 2019.
Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel. December, 2018.
Interaction of Grammatical Building Blocks Colloquium, University of Leipzig, Germany. December, 2018.
2019. Switch-reference and syntactic locality. University of California, San Diego, CA. January.
2018. The emergence of case matching in discontinuous DPs. Morphology Reading Group. Georgetown University, DC. February. [Emily Clem and Virginia Dawson]
- 2017–2018. Ergative case as agreement with multiple heads. Syntax Square. Massachusetts Institute of Technology, MA. February, 2018.
Syntax & Semantics Circle. University of California, Santa Cruz, CA. May, 2017.
The Stanford Syntax and Morphology Circle. Stanford University, CA. April, 2017.
2017. Amahuaca nominative marking: Case, focus, or both?. Symposium on Amazonian Languages II. University of California, Berkeley, CA. April.
2016. Exploring typological diversity and its areal and genealogical basis in South America. Arealphonologie. Hanse-Wissenschaftskolleg, Germany. July. [Emily Clem and Lev Michael]

REFEREED
PRESENTATIONS

2024. Apparent cross-clausal agreement with obliques in Kalaallisut is prolepsis. The 27th Workshop on Structure and Constituency in Languages of the Americas. University of Toronto. April. [Line Mikkelsen, Emily Clem, Michelle Yuan, and Ellen Thrane]
2023. An inclusive course on the history of phonetics. The 20th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences. Prague, Czech Republic. August. [Marc Garellek, Shai Nielson, Tamara L. Rhodes, Emily Clem; poster]

2022. Attitude reports without complementation: The case of Amahuaca. 32nd Semantics and Linguistic Theory. El Colegio de México and Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. June. [poster]
2021. Accounting for parallels between inverse marking and the PCC. The 52nd Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society. Rutgers University. October.
2020. Altruistic inversion and doubling in Tiwa morphology. The 94th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. New Orleans, LA. January. [Emily Clem, Nicholas Rolle, and Virginia Dawson]
2020. Distinguishing switch-reference and relativization in Amahuaca. The Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA. January.
2019. Post-syntactic altruism. The 50th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society. MIT, Cambridge, MA. October. [Emily Clem, Nicholas Rolle, and Virginia Dawson]
2019. The cyclic nature of Agree: Maximal projections as probes. The 93rd Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. New York, NY. January.
2019. Feature sharing and functional heads in concord. The 93rd Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. New York, NY. January. [Emily Clem and Virginia Dawson]
2018. Switch-reference as multiple agreement with cyclic expansion. The Multiple Agreement across Domains 2018 Workshop. Leibniz-Zentrum Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, Germany. November.
2018. Cyclic expansion in Agree: Maximal projections as probes. The 49th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society. Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. October.
2018. Attributive adjectives in Tswefap: Vague predicates in a language with degrees. *Sinn und Bedeutung* 23. Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain. September. [poster]
2018. Exceed-comparative languages and the Degree Abstraction Parameter. The 54th Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society. University of Chicago, IL. April. [poster]
2018. The emergence of case matching in discontinuous DPs. The 36th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics. University of California, Los Angeles, CA. April. [Emily Clem and Virginia Dawson; poster]
2018. Disharmony and the Final-Over-Final Condition in Amahuaca. *Generative Linguistics in the Old World* 41. Budapest, Hungary. April. [poster]
2018. Comparison in Tswefap: Evidence for degree abstraction in an exceed-comparative language. The 49th Annual Conference on African Linguistics. Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI. March. [Emily Clem and Erik Hans Maier]

2018. When same subject is not the same: Multiple overt subjects in Amahuaca switch-reference. The 92nd Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. Salt Lake City, UT. January. [poster]
2017. Exploring phonological diversity through principal component analysis. The 91st Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. Austin, TX. January. [Emily Clem and Lev Michael]
2017. \bar{A} positions and case: Amahuaca nominative marking as case + focus. The 91st Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. Austin, TX. January. [poster]
2016. Two types of binding: Evidence from Tswefap pronominals. The 47th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society. University of Massachusetts Amherst, MA. October.
2015. Two Bantu augment morphemes or one: Evidence from Bulu. The 8th World Congress of African Linguistics. Kyoto University, Japan. August. [Emily Clem and Jefferson Barlew]
2015. Areal features and linguistic reconstruction in Africa. The 8th World Congress of African Linguistics, Workshop on Areal Phenomena in Northern Sub-Saharan Africa. Kyoto University, Japan. August. [Larry M. Hyman, Peter S. E. Jenks, Geoffrey Bacon, Nicolas Baier, Emily Clem, Matthew Faytak, Spencer Lamoureux, Florian Lionnet, John Merrill, Nicholas Rolle, and Hannah Sande]
2015. A Bayesian phylogenetic internal classification of the Tupí-Guaraní family. The 89th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. Portland, OR. January. [Lev Michael, Natalia Chousou-Polydouri, Zachary O'Hagan, Keith Bartolomei, Diamantis Sellis, Emily Clem, and Erin Donnelly]
2014. The interaction of verb and direct object tone in Bulu. The 45th Annual Conference on African Linguistics. University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS. April.
2014. The augment morpheme in Bulu. The 88th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. Minneapolis, MN. January. [Jefferson Barlew and Emily Clem]
2014. Exploring nominal reference in the field: Diagnostics plus results from Bulu. The 88th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. Minneapolis, MN. January. [Jefferson Barlew, Murat Yasavul, and Emily Clem]

GRANTS
& HONORS

- 2024-2026. Assessment for Advancing Equity fellowship. University of California, San Diego. [Emily Clem and Will Styler]
2024. Faculty Career Development Program grant. University of California, San Diego.
2024. Recognition of Faculty Excellence Award. University of California, San Diego, Linguistics Graduate Student Body.
- 2021-2022. Changemaker Fellowship in Anti-Racist Pedagogy. University of California, San Diego Changemaker Institute.

2020. National Center for Faculty Diversity and Development Faculty Success Program fellowship. University of California, San Diego, Center for Faculty Diversity and Inclusion.
2019. Student Abstract Award, 3rd Place. The cyclic nature of Agree: Maximal projections as probes. The Linguistic Society of America.
2018. Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award. University of California, Berkeley.
- 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017. Oswald Endangered Language Grant. University of California, Berkeley.
- 2014–2016. The Berkeley Fellowship for Graduate Study. University of California, Berkeley.
- 2014, 2015. NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Honorable Mention.
2013. Arts and Humanities Undergraduate Research Small Grant. Project Title: The interaction of lexical and grammatical tone in the Bulu verb system. The Ohio State University.
2013. Undergraduate Student Government Academic Enrichment Grant. Project Title: The interaction of lexical and grammatical tone in the Bulu verb system. The Ohio State University.
2013. Undergraduate Student Government Academic Enrichment Grant. Project Title: Tonal assimilation in Bulu. The Ohio State University.
- 2010–2014. National Merit Scholarship. The Ohio State University.

TEACHING

- University of California, San Diego*
- 2025, Fall. LIGN 221: Syntax – graduate.
- 2025, Fall. LIGN 236: Linguistic Typology – graduate.
- 2025, Fall. LIGN 188R: Introduction to Research Methods in Linguistics – undergraduate.
- 2025, Spring. LIGN 188R: Introduction to Research Methods in Linguistics – undergraduate.
- 2022, Winter. LIGN 225: Topics in Syntax – graduate.
- 2025, Winter. LIGN 188R: Introduction to Research Methods in Linguistics – undergraduate.
- 2024, Fall. LIGN 221: Syntax – graduate.
- 2024, Fall. LIGN 188R: Introduction to Research Methods in Linguistics – undergraduate.
- 2023, Fall. LIGN 221: Syntax – graduate.
- 2023, Winter. LIGN 142: Language Typology – undergraduate.
- 2022, Fall. LIGN 221: Syntax – graduate.
- 2022, Fall. LIGN 121: Syntax I – undergraduate.
- 2022, Spring. LIGN 236: Linguistic Typology – graduate.
- 2022, Winter. LIGN 225: Topics in Syntax – graduate. Co-taught with Michelle Yuan.
- 2022, Winter. LIGN 121: Syntax I – undergraduate.
- 2021, Fall. LIGN 142: Language Typology – undergraduate.
- 2021, Spring. LIGN 125: Syntax II – undergraduate.

2021, Spring. LIGN 241: Fieldwork – graduate.
2021, Winter. LIGN 240: Field Methods – graduate.
2020, Fall. LIGN 139: Field Methods – undergraduate.
2020, Winter. LIGN 221: Syntax – graduate.
2020, Winter. LIGN 121: Syntax I – undergraduate.
2019, Fall. LIGN 236: Linguistic Typology – graduate.

University of California, Berkeley

2017, Fall. LING 121: Logical Semantics – undergraduate. (Graduate Student Instructor. Professor: Amy Rose Deal.)
2017, Spring. LING 120: Introduction to Syntax and Semantics – undergraduate. (Graduate Student Instructor. Professor: Peter Jenks.)
2016, Fall. LING 100: Introduction to Linguistic Science – undergraduate. (Head Graduate Student Instructor. Professors: Line Mikkelsen and Susan Lin.)
2015, Fall. LING 100: Introduction to Linguistic Science – undergraduate. (Graduate Student Instructor. Professor: Andrew Garrett.)

ADVISING

As dissertation committee chair

Jun Jie Lim (co-chair with Michelle Yuan (UCLA); filed summer 2025)

As dissertation committee member

Alejandro Rodriguez (in progress)
Olivia Griffin (filed summer 2025)
Anthony Struthers-Young (filed summer 2025)
Seoyeon Jang (filed summer 2024)

As pre-dissertation advisor

Michael Gallaspy (co-advised with Gabriela Caballero)
Devon Denny

As comprehensive paper committee member

Devon Denny (chair; approved spring 2025)
Hugo Pau (approved spring 2025)
Emilio Gonzalez (approved fall 2024)
Jun Jie Lim (co-chair with Michelle Yuan; approved spring 2022)
Rachel Miles (approved summer 2021)
José Armando Fernández Guerrero (co-chair with Gabriela Caballero; approved fall 2020)
Seoyeon Jang (approved fall 2020)

PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE

Conference Organization

2022. The 53rd Annual Conference on African Linguistics. University of California, San Diego [virtual]. April 7-9.
2019. Berkeley Linguistics Society Workshop: Countability distinctions. University of California, Berkeley. February 8-9.
2016. The 47th Annual Conference on African Linguistics. University of California, Berkeley. March 23-26.
2016. The 42nd Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society. University of California, Berkeley. February 5-7.

Journal Reviewing

Glossa
International Journal of American Linguistics
Languages
Linguistic Inquiry
The Linguistic Review
Natural Language & Linguistic Theory
Snippets
Syntax

Abstract Reviewing

Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL). 2015, 2022.
Berkeley Linguistics Society (BLS). 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018.
Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW). 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024.
Linguistic Society of America (LSA). 2020, 2021.
North East Linguistic Society (NELS). 2019, 2020, 2021, 2023, 2024, 2025.
West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL). 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025.

Outreach

2024. Invited presentation to Mountain View High School Linguistics Club. (Title: Who did what when? Exploring the role of switch-reference in Amahuaca.) Mountain View, CA [virtual]. November.
2019. Co-organizer. Beginning Conversational Mam workshop series. (Mam Instructor: Henry Sales.) Oakland, CA. June–July.

Other Service

2024–. Member. Curriculum Committee. Department of Linguistics. University of California, San Diego.
2022–. Co-facilitator. Anti-Racist and Inclusive Linguistics Pedagogy Learning Community. University of California, San Diego.
2021–. Director. Program for Undergraduate Research in Linguistics (PURL). University of California, San Diego.
2021–. Co-organizer. Syntax and Semantics Babble (S-Babble). University of California, San Diego.
2019–. Co-organizer. Linguistic Fieldwork Working Group. University of California, San Diego.
2022–2023. Member. Job Search Committee (Sociolinguistics). Department of Linguistics. University of California, San Diego.
2021–2023. Chair. Curriculum Committee. Department of Linguistics. University of California, San Diego.
2021. Member. Selection Committee for Temporary Lecturer in Linguistics. University of California, San Diego.
2020–2021. Director. Linguistics Field Research Lab Research Mentorship Program. University of California, San Diego.
2020–2021. Co-organizer. SemanticsBabble. University of California, San Diego.

- 2019–2021. Member. Curriculum Committee. Department of Linguistics. University of California, San Diego.
- 2018–2019. Co-organizer. Syntax & Semantics Circle. University of California, Berkeley.
- 2017–2018. Member. Placement Committee. Department of Linguistics. University of California, Berkeley.
- 2015–2016. Co-organizer. Berkeley Phonetics and Phonology Forum (Phorum). University of California, Berkeley.

SKILLS

Languages

Spanish (fluent)
Portuguese (reading)
Amahuaca (fieldwork)
Tswefap (fieldwork)
Mam (fieldwork)
Bulu (fieldwork)

Language Analysis and Documentation

ELAN, FLE_x, Praat

Computational Skills

Python, R