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## Academic Positions

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Fall 2019 - : Assistant Professor

University of Michigan Linguistics Department

2017 - 2019: Collegiate Fellow in the Department of Linguistics

University of Michigan College of Literature, Arts, and Sciences

2017 - : Faculty Affiliate in the Center for South Asian Studies at the University of Michigan

## Education

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- PHD IN LINGUISTICS: UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO (2017)  
Thesis title: “An Experimental Approach to Variation and Variability in Constituent Order”  
Thesis committee:  
Grant Goodall (Chair)  
Farrell Ackerman  
Vic Ferreira  
Robert Kluender  
John Moore
- MA IN LINGUISTICS: UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO (2010)  
Thesis title: “A Comparison of Path and Manner in American and Turkish Homesign”  
Advisors: Anastasia Giannakidou and Susan Goldin-Meadow
- BA IN LINGUISTICS: UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO (2010)

## Articles

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- Abner, N., **Namboodiripad, S.**, Spaepen, E., Goldin-Meadow, S. (submitted). Emergent Morphology in Child Homesign: Evidence from Number Language.
- Namboodiripad, S.**, Kim, D., Kim, G. (in press). English-dominant Korean-speakers show reduced flexibility in constituent order. In *Proceedings of the 53rd Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistics Society*.
- Namboodiripad, S.**, Lenzen, D., Lepic, R., & Verhoef, T. (2016). Measuring Conventionalization in the Manual Modality. *Journal of Language Evolution*.
- Namboodiripad, S.** & Garellek, M. (2016). Illustrations of the IPA: Malayalam (Namboodiri Dialect). *Journal of the International Phonetic Association*.
- Goldin-Meadow, S., **Namboodiripad, S.**, Mylander, C., Özyürek, A., & Sancar, B. (2014). The resilience of structure built around the predicate: Homesign gesture systems in Turkish and American deaf children. *Journal of Cognition and Development*.

## Manuscripts in Progress

(drafts available upon request)

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**Namboodiripad, S.** A gradient approach to flexible constituent order.

**Namboodiripad, S.**, Baković, E., & Garellek, M. Moraic Geminates in Malayalam: Evidence from minimal word effects and loanword adaptation.

**Namboodiripad, S.** Moving from periphery to core: Non-Dravidian phonology in Malayalam. Chapter in *Constructional approaches to language contact and multilingualism*. Höder, S. & Boas, H., eds.

**Namboodiripad, S.**, Occhino, C., Hou, L., & Charity Hudley, A. Survey of Linguists and Language Researchers.

## Invited Presentations

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**Namboodiripad, S.** (2019). An experimental approach to flexible constituent order in Malayalam. Plenary talk at Formal Approaches to South Asian Linguistics 9. Portland, Oregon.

**Namboodiripad, S.**, Hou, L., & Occhino, C. (2019). A Survey of Linguists and Language Researchers: Harassment, Bias, and What We Can Do About It. Plenary panel at the Linguistic Society of America's Annual Meeting. New York, New York.

**Namboodiripad, S.** (2018). Contact, variation, and change in constituent order: integrating social and cognitive approaches. Invited talk at the University of Chicago's Language Variation and Change Workshop. Chicago, Illinois.

**Namboodiripad, S.** (2017). Language contact and language evolution: Integrating approaches. Invited talk at the Center for Language Evolution, University of Edinburgh. Edinburgh, Scotland.

**Namboodiripad, S.** (2017). Towards a motivated model of contact-induced syntactic change: flexible constituent order and beyond. Invited talk at the Language Acquisition, Variation, & Attrition Group, The Arctic University of Norway. Tromsø, Norway.

## Refereed Presentations

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**Namboodiripad, S.** (2019). A gradient approach to flexible constituent order. Poster at the 15th International Cognitive Linguistics Conference. Nishinomiya, Japan.

Zaslansky, M., & **Namboodiripad, S.** (2019). Syntactic Flexibility in the Djar Dialect of Avar: Experimental Evidence from Basic Constituent Order. Talk at the Linguistic Forum 2019: Indigenous languages of Russia and beyond. Moscow, Russia.

**Namboodiripad, S.** (2019). Contact-induced change in constituent order; Opportunities for integrating socio-, psycho-, and historical linguistics. Talk at the North American Research Network for Historical Sociolinguistics workshop at KFLC: The Languages, Literatures, and Cultures Conference. Lexington, Kentucky.

- Namboodiripad, S.** (2019). Language contact, language evolution, and flexible constituent order. Poster at the Center for the Interdisciplinary Study of Language Evolution’s inaugural workshop. Zurich, Switzerland.
- Heaton, H., Herbert, M., **Namboodiripad, S.**, Occhino, C., Hou, L., & Canning, D., (2019). Harassment and bias in linguistics: Uplifting voices and working toward solutions. Talk at the Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting. New York, New York.
- Namboodiripad, S.**, Kush, D., Morgan, A. (2019). Experimental approaches to cross-linguistic variation in island phenomena. Organized Session at the Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting. New York, New York.
- Hou, L., Charity Hudley, A., **Namboodiripad, S.**, Occhino, C. (2018). Have you ever been told you’re not a linguist? A national survey of disciplinary harassment and bias. Talk at the American Anthropological Association’s Annual Meeting. San Jose, California.
- Namboodiripad, S.**, Lepic, R. (2018). Constructions in contact: Two studies of English-influenced language change. Talk at the 10th International Conference on Construction Grammar. Paris, France.
- Namboodiripad, S.** (2018). The IT-boom as a facilitator of language maintenance: Malayalees in Minnesota. Talk at The International Congress of Linguists 20. Cape Town, South Africa.
- Bouavichith, D., **Namboodiripad, S.**, Garellek, M., (2018). A contrastive place of articulation between palatals and velars: an ultrasound study of Malayalam palatal-velar nasals. Talk at Acoustical Society of America 175. Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- Namboodiripad, S.** (2018). Language contact as partial contributor to linguistic universals. Talk at the Workshop on the Emergence of Universals. Columbus, Ohio.
- Namboodiripad, S.** (2017). Formal acceptability experiments as a novel measure of variation in flexible constituent order. Poster at New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV) 46. Madison, Wisconsin.
- Namboodiripad, S.** (2017). Acceptability judgment tasks as a measure of variation within and across languages with “flexible” constituent order. Talk at the 50th Societas Linguistica Europaea Conference. Zurich, Switzerland.
- Kim, D., Kim, G., & **Namboodiripad, S.** (2017). Bilingual Processing of Flexible Constituent Order in Korean. Poster at Architectures and Mechanisms of Language Processing (AMLaP) 23. Lancaster, United Kingdom.
- Namboodiripad, S.** (2017). Language contact as a source of reduced flexibility in Malayalam constituent order. Talk at the 23rd International Conference on Historical Linguistics. San Antonio, Texas.
- Namboodiripad, S.** (2017). Language contact as a source of reduced flexibility in Malayalam constituent order. Talk at the ‘Bridging formal and sociolinguistic approaches to language contact and code-mixing’ workshop hosted by the Linguistic Complexity in the Individual and Society Group. Trondheim, Norway.
- Namboodiripad, S.**, Kim, D., & Kim, G. (2017). English-dominant Korean speakers show reduced flexibility in constituent order. Talk at the 53rd Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society. Chicago, Illinois.
- Namboodiripad, S.** (2017). Using acceptability judgments to study language change: Age differences reflect differences in speakers’ linguistic systems. Poster at the 30th Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing. Boston, Massachusetts.

- Namboodiripad, S.**, Goodall, G. (2017). Formal acceptability experiments as a tool for exploring variation in constituent order. Talk at the Linguistic Society of America's Annual Meeting. Austin, Texas.
- Namboodiripad, S.**, Lepic, R., Lenzen, D., & Verhoef, T. (2016). Measuring articulatory reduction in silent gesture. Poster at the International Workshop on Language Production. San Diego, California.
- Lepic, R., **Namboodiripad, S.**, Lenzen, D., & Verhoef, T. (2016). Repetition and reduction in silent gesture: Evidence from body tracking. Talk at the 7th Conference of the International Society for Gesture Studies. Paris, France.
- Namboodiripad, S.**, Lenzen, D., Lepic, R., & Verhoef, T. (2016). Measuring Conventionalization in the Manual Modality. Talk at the 11th International Conference on the Evolution of Language. New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Namboodiripad, S.**, & Goodall, G. (2016). Verb position predicts acceptability in a flexible SOV language. Poster at the 29th Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing. Gainesville, Florida.
- Abner, N., **Namboodiripad, S.**, Spaepen, E., & Goldin-Meadow, S. (2016). Child Homesigners Innovate Morphology: Evidence from Number Marking. Talk at The Sign Language and Linguistics Society's Theoretical Issues in Sign Language Research Meeting. Melbourne, Australia.
- Namboodiripad, S.**, & Goodall, G. (2015). On the Universality of Adjunct Islands: Evidence from Malayalam. Poster presented at 28th Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing. Los Angeles, California.
- Namboodiripad, S.**, Baković, E., & Garellek, M. (2015). Moraic Geminates in Malayalam: Evidence from minimal word effects and loanword adaptation. Talk at the Old World Conference in Phonology. Barcelona, Spain.
- Namboodiripad, S.**, Baković, E., & Garellek, M. (2015). Moraic Geminates in Malayalam: Evidence from minimal word effects and loanword adaptation. Talk at the Linguistic Society of America's Annual Meeting. Portland, Oregon.
- Abner, N., **Namboodiripad, S.**, Spaepen, E., & Goldin-Meadow, S. (2015). What Counts: Morphological Encoding of Number Information in Child Homesigners. Talk at the Linguistic Society of America's Annual Meeting. Portland, Oregon.
- Abner, N., **Namboodiripad, S.**, Spaepen, E., & Goldin-Meadow, S. (2014). What Counts: Morphological Encoding of Number Information in Child Homesigners. Poster presented at Formal and Experimental Advances in Sign Language Theory. Università Ca'Foscari, Venice, Italy.

## Workshop Presentations

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- Namboodiripad, S.** (2019). Superadditivity in acceptable island extraction: Malayalam adjuncts. Talk in Experimental approaches to cross-linguistic variation in island phenomena. Organized session at the 2019 Linguistics Society of America Annual Meeting. New York, New York.
- Namboodiripad, S.** (2018). Survey of Linguists and Language Researchers: Harassment, Bias, and What We Can Do About It. Talk as part of the National Center for Institutional Diversity Research & Scholarship Seminar Series. Ann Arbor, Michigan.

**Namboodiripad, S.** (2018). “Speak English or go home”: On English and being “American”. A Lightning Talk Workshop hosted by the Language Matters Initiative at the University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, Michigan.

**Namboodiripad, S.** (2016). Measuring shifts in attitudes towards language use and language policy. Teaching As Research Project via The Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching and Learning (CIRTL) Network at UC San Diego. San Diego, California.

**Namboodiripad, S.,** Lenzen, D., Lepic, R., & Verhoef, T. (2015). Measuring Conventionalization in the Manual Modality. The Center for Research in Language. San Diego, California.

## Research Affiliations

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- **University of Michigan, 2017 - :**

- Psycholinguistics Group
- Hist(orical)Ling(uistics) Group
- So(ciolinguistics)Con(tact)Di(scourseAnalysis) Group
- Center for South Asian Studies

- **UC San Diego:**

- *2012-2017*: Experimental Syntax Lab, UC San Diego
- *2012-2017*: Morphology/Typology Reading Group, UC San Diego
- *Summer 2015*: Summer Graduate Research: A Typology of Constructed Languages (supervised by Grant Goodall)

- **University of Chicago:**

- *2010 - 2012*: Full-time Research Assistant, Goldin-Meadow Lab
- *2008 - 2010*: Volunteer Research Assistant, Goldin-Meadow Lab

## Teaching

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### **Pedagogical training**

- University of Michigan College of Literature, Sciences, and Arts Teaching Academy (2017-2018)
- Workshop: Teaching about Race and Ethnicity in Racially Homogeneous Classrooms (2018)
- 10-week course: Associate with the Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching and Learning (CIRTL) Network at UC San Diego (2015)

### **Linguistics Society of America Summer Institute**

- *Summer 2019*: Acceptability judgments in syntax: theoretical interpretation and experimentation outside the lab, with Elaine Francis

## University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

- *Winter 2019*: Language & Discrimination (LING 370/ANTHCUL 370)
- *Fall 2017*: Living with Animals (HON230), with Robin Queen

## University of California, San Diego

### • Instructor

- *Summer 2016*: Languages and Cultures of America (LIGN 8)

### • Teaching Assistant

- *Spring 2017*: Language Acquisition (HDP 120)
- *Winter 2017*: Introduction to Linguistics (LIGN 1)
- *Fall 2016*: Introduction to Human Development (HDP 1), Lead Teaching Assistant
- *Spring 2016*: Research Methods (PSYC 70)
- *Winter 2016*: Multilingualism (LIGN 177)  
Guest Lecture: “Is it a creole? The Case of Nicaraguan Sign Language”  
Guest Lecture: “Deconstructing The Bilingual Advantage”
- *Fall 2015*: Introduction to Human Development (HDP 1), Lead Teaching Assistant
- *Spring 2015*: Languages and Cultures of America (LIGN 8)
- *Winter 2015*: Syntax (LIGN 121)
- *Fall 2014*: Introduction to Human Development (HDP 1)
- *Spring 2014*: Child Language Acquisition (LIGN 171)  
Guest Lecture: “Morphology and Early Syntax”
- *Winter 2014*: Language Acquisition (HDP 120)
- *Winter-Fall 2013*: Directed Study of a Language (LIDS 19/LIFR 11/LIGM 11)
- *Fall 2012*: Second Language Acquisition Research (LIGN 179)

## Mentorship

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### Mentorship training

- One-day workshop: Distress Signals: Supporting students facing mental health challenges (2018)
- One-day workshop: Culturally Aware Mentorship Training (2018)
- Online course: Mentoring Undergraduate and Graduate Student Research (2018)

### Advisees

Carly Marten (undergraduate honors student)  
Alex Kramer (graduate student, starting Fall 2019)

## Grants and Awards

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- *2019*: University of Michigan MCubed grant (\$60,000)  
Project: Flexibility and bilingualism: How does flexible word order affect bilinguals' abilities to process their second language?  
with Lorenzo Garcia-Amaya and Brady West
- *Summer 2018*: Center for Research on Teaching and Learning Instructional Development Fund (\$500)  
Project: Social Justice Linguistics 101
- *Winter 2018*: NCID Grants for Change (\$4,800)  
Project: Survey of Linguists and Language Researchers
- *Fall 2017*: UMich Center for South Asian Studies International Top-Up Grant (\$1,500)
- *Fall 2017*: UMich Center for South Asian Studies Domestic Top-Up Grant (\$500)
- *Spring 2016*: UC San Diego Linguistics Department TA Excellence Award
- *Spring 2016*: UC San Diego Linguistics Department Travel Grant (\$500)
- *Spring 2016*: UC San Diego Dean of Social Sciences Research Travel Grant (\$800)  
Project: Contact Effects in Constituent Order
- *2015-2016*: UC San Diego Interdisciplinary Collaboratories Grant, Office of the Chancellor (\$15,000)  
Project: American Sign Language with Depth Data: Representation and Recognition  
PIs: Dr. Carol Padden and Dr. Jim Hollan
- *Spring 2015*: UC San Diego Linguistics Department Service Award
- *Winter 2015*: UC San Diego Dean of Social Sciences Research Travel Grant (\$800)
- *Fall 2014*: UC San Diego Graduate Student Association Travel Grant (\$500)
- *Fall 2014*: UC San Diego Graduate Student Association Grant for the Linguistics Department Brown-Bag (\$400)

## Service

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- Reviewer:

*Applied Linguistics Review*

*Language Ecology*

*Psychonomic Review*

*Journal of the International Phonetic Association*

International Conference on the Evolution of Language

Formal Approaches to South Asian Linguistics

Center for the Education of Women at UMich Graduate Student Grants

Linguistics Society of America Annual Meeting

- *2017-2018*: Michigan Linguistics Department Undergraduate Committee
- *2017-2018*: Michigan Linguistics Department Graduate Committee
- *2015-2016*: UC San Diego Linguistics Department Curriculum Committee, Graduate Student Member
- *2013-2017*: UC San Diego Linguistics Department Brown Bag, Organizer
- *2013*: American International Morphology Meeting, Volunteer
- *2012-2015*: UC San Diego Linguistics Colloquium Committee, Member

## Professional Affiliations

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- North American Research Network in Historical Sociolinguistics
- University of Michigan Women of Color in the Academy Project
- Diversity Scholar Network: National Center for Institutional Diversity
- Societas Linguistica Europaea
- International Congress of Historical Linguists
- Linguistic Society of America
- Linguistic Society of America Committee for Ethnic Diversity in Linguistics
- Sign Language and Linguistics Society

## Other skills

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- Programming experience in R, HTML
- Proficient with L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Final Cut Pro, Quicktime editing, Praat, ELAN, FileMaker Pro, Audacity, Processing, Qualtrics
- Fluent speaker of Malayalam and English, limited proficiency in French, college Latin