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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2022 – Visiting Teaching Assistant Professor, Department of Linguistics, University of Pittsburgh

## EDUCATION

2022 PhD in Linguistics, University of California Santa Barbara. Dissertation: *Syntactic distributional information in the lexicon: Systematicity, functional pressures, and grammatical implications*.

2015 MA in Linguistics (with distinction), University of New Mexico. Thesis: *Illustrating the prototype structures of parts of speech: A multidimensional scaling analysis*.

2009 BA in History, Ohio Dominican University

## PUBLICATIONS (\*advisee)

In revision Rogers, Phillip. Birth of a noun class: Gender actualization in Bitur, a language of Southern New Guinea. [\[draft\]](#)

2024 Olguín Martínez, Jesús & Phillip Rogers. A cross-linguistic analysis of cross-clausal associations: Counterfactual conditionals. *STUF – Language Typology and Universals* 77(4), pp 467-514.

2024 Zingler, Tim & Phillip Rogers. The interaction of affix size, type, and shape: A cross-linguistic investigation. *Linguistic Typology*. [\[link\]](#)

2022 Rogers, Phillip & Stefan Th. Gries. Grammatical gender disambiguates syntactically similar nouns. *Entropy* 24(4), p 520. [\[link\]](#)

2021 Kapur, Rhea\* & Phillip Rogers. Modeling language evolution and feature dynamics in a realistic geographic environment. *Proceedings of the 28th International Conference on Computational Linguistics*. [\[link\]](#)

2021 Rogers, Phillip. The Phonetics of Bitur. In Kate L. Lindsey & Dineke Schokkin (eds.), *Language Documentation & Conservation Special Publication No. 24: Phonetic fieldwork in Southern New Guinea*, pp 108-119. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press. [\[link\]](#)

2018 Lester, Nicholas A., Sandra Auderset, & Phillip Rogers. Case inflection and the functional indeterminacy of nouns: A cross-linguistic analysis. *Proceedings of the 40th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society*. [\[link\]](#)

2015 Rogers, Phillip. *Illustrating the prototype structures of parts of speech: A multidimensional scaling analysis*. MA Thesis, University of New Mexico

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

In prep Rogers, Phillip. Words are syntactically distributed for efficient use: The role of syntax in the architecture of the lexicon.

## ARCHIVAL COLLECTIONS

2018 Rogers, Phillip. *Documentation and description of Bitur, a Lower Fly language of Papua New Guinea, and preliminary investigation of the moribund Abom language*. Endangered Languages Archive. [\[link\]](#)

## INVITED TALKS

2023 Rogers, Phillip. Computational linguistics: from linguistic theory to the classroom. English Department, Metropolitan State University of Denver, Denver, Apr. 3.

2022 Rogers, Phillip. Reimagining syntax from the perspective of words. Department of Modern Languages & Linguistics, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Jan. 10.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 Rogers, Phillip. Missing the forest for the trees: The role of syntactic distributional information in the architecture of the lexicon. 15<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Association for Linguistic Typology (ALT XV), Dec 6.
- 2024 Olguín Martínez, Jesús & Phillip Rogers. If we hadn't done this, we wouldn't know: A cross-linguistic analysis of competing strategies for expressing counterfactual conditionals. 15<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Association for Linguistic Typology (ALT XV), Dec. 4.
- 2024 Zingler, Tim & Phillip Rogers. The phonological length of affixes: A cross-linguistic investigation. 21<sup>st</sup> International Morphology Meeting, Vienna, Aug. 28.
- 2024 Rogers, Phillip. Words are syntactically distributed for efficient use: Evidence from syntactic neighborhood density. 15<sup>th</sup> International Corpus Linguistics Conference (CILC), Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, May 23.
- 2019 Olsson, Bruno & Phillip Rogers. Noun classification in a Trans-New Guinean outlier: The Anim gender systems in historical perspective. 24<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Historical Linguistics (ICHL), Canberra, July 5.
- 2019 Rogers, Phillip & Rhea Kapur. Exploring the dynamics of linguistic typological features in time and space using computer simulations. 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS), University of Chicago, Chicago, May 17.
- 2017 Rogers, Phillip. The gender system of Bitur in regional and typological perspective. 12<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Association for Linguistic Typology (ALT), Australian National University, Canberra, Dec. 14.
- 2017 Rogers, Phillip, Sandra Auderset, & Fermín Moscoso del Prado Martín. The influence of geography and genealogy on typological similarity: New perspectives on an old question. 12<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Association for Linguistic Typology (ALT), Australian National University, Canberra, Dec. 13.
- 2017 Rogers, Phillip. Building a foundation for Papuan historical linguistics: Documentation and description of the Bitur and Abom languages of Southern New Guinea. 23<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Historical Linguistics (ICHL), San Antonio, Aug. 2.
- 2016 Rogers, Phillip. Valency in the Bitur language: A preliminary analysis of argument-indexing frames and alternations. 12<sup>th</sup> High Desert Linguistics Society Conference (HDLS), University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, Nov. 12.
- 2016 Rogers, Phillip. A preliminary look at the Bitur language: Phonology and morphosyntax. 8<sup>th</sup> Austronesian and Papuan Languages and Linguistics Conference (APLL), SOAS, University of London, May 14.
- 2015 Rogers, Phillip. Defining substance in crosslinguistic studies of parts of speech. Workshop on Substance and Structure in Linguistics, University of Copenhagen, Feb. 27.
- 2014 Rogers, Phillip. Polysemy of K'ichee'an *wach*: Mechanisms of semantic extension and subjectification. 11<sup>th</sup> High Desert Linguistics Society Conference (HDLS), University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, Nov. 14.
- 2014 Rogers, Phillip. Illustrating the prototype structures of parts of speech. Georgetown University Round Table on Languages and Linguistics (GURT), Georgetown University, March 15.
- 2014 Rogers, Phillip. Parts of speech and multidimensional scaling. Department of Linguistics Silver Anniversary Reunion, University of California Santa Barbara, Oct. 11.

## COLLOQUIA

- 2024 Rogers, Phillip. Seeing the forest for the trees: How lexicon and grammar are shaped by the syntactic habits of words. Departmental colloquium, Department of Linguistics, University of Pittsburgh, Oct. 4.
- 2021 Rogers, Phillip. Substance and subtlety: Grammatical gender from three perspectives. Doctoral colloquium, Department of Linguistics, University of California Santa Barbara, April 29.
- 2021 Rogers, Phillip. The role of syntactic distributions in grammatical gender assignment. Graduate student recruitment colloquium, Department of Linguistics, University of California Santa Barbara, Jan. 14.
- 2014 Rogers, Phillip. Parts of speech and multidimensional scaling. Department of Linguistics Silver Anniversary Reunion, University of California Santa Barbara, Oct. 11.

## FELLOWSHIPS

- 2014 – 18 Regent's Special Fellowship, Graduate Division, University of California Santa Barbara
- 2013 – 14 Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowship, Latin American & Iberian Institute, University of New Mexico

## GRANTS

- 2015 – 19 Department Mini Grant (5 times, \$400 – 1,276), Department of Linguistics, UC Santa Barbara

- 2016 Small Grant (£9,999), Endangered Languages Documentation Programme, SOAS, University of London
- 2014, 2016 Travel Grant (2 times, \$200), Graduate Students Association, UC Santa Barbara
- 2014 Research, Project & Travel Grant (\$700), Office of Graduate Studies, University of New Mexico

## **AWARDS**

- 2019 Nominated, Academic Senate Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, UC Santa Barbara
- 2016 Runner-up (\$2,500), Grad Slam, UC Santa Barbara
- 2015 – 16 Nominated (3 times), Excellence in Teaching Award, Graduate Students Association, UC Santa Barbara

## **TEACHING**

- 2022 – Instructor, Department of Linguistics, University of Pittsburgh  
*Accelerated/Graduate Morphology (Fall 2024)*  
*Introduction to Linguistics (Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023(x2), Spring 2024, Fall 2024)*  
*Field Methods (Spring 2023, Spring 2025)*  
*Morphology (Fall 2022, Fall 2023, Fall 2024)*  
*Phonetics & Phonemics (Fall 2022)*  
*Syntactic Theory (Spring 2023, Spring 2024, Spring 2025)*
- 2016 – 19 Instructor, Department of Linguistics, University of California Santa Barbara  
*Introduction to Language & Linguistics (Summer 2016)*  
*Linguistic Analysis (Fall 2017)*  
*Phonetics (Fall 2019)*  
*Teaching Assistant Seminar (Fall 2016)*
- 2015 – 21 Teaching Assistant, Department of Linguistics, University of California Santa Barbara  
*Advanced Computational Linguistics (Winter 2019, Spring 2021)*  
*Computational Linguistics (Winter 2021)*  
*Historical-Comparative Linguistics (Spring 2016)*  
*Introduction to Language & Linguistics (Winter 2015, Fall 2018)*  
*Introduction to the Research University (Summer 2020)*  
*Language & Life (Spring 2018, Spring 2020)*  
*Language & Power (Fall 2020)*  
*Language & Society (Winter 2020)*  
*Memes (Winter 2017)*  
*Phonetics (Fall 2015, Summer 2018, Summer 2019)*  
*Psycholinguistics (Spring 2019)*  
*Syntax (Winter 2016, Winter 2018)*
- 2014 Reader, Department of Linguistics, University of California Santa Barbara  
*Second Language Acquisition (Fall 2014)*

## **PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES**

R, Python, Praat

## **SOFTWARE PROFICIENCY**

ELAN, Fieldworks, Praat, Audacity

## **LINGUISTIC FIELDWORK**

- 2016 Abom (Trans-New Guinea), Western Province, Papua New Guinea (1 week)
- 2015 – 16 Bitur (Lower Fly, Trans-New Guinea), Western Province, Papua New Guinea (2 months)
- 2015 – 16 Mixtec of Tlahuapa (Oto-Manguean), Santa Barbara, California (9-month field methods course)

### **INVITED REVIEWS**

Endangered Languages Documentation Programme, SOAS, University of London

NSF, Dynamic Language Infrastructure - Documenting Endangered Languages

*Journal of the International Phonetic Alphabet*

*Language Documentation & Conservation*

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

- 2020 – 21 Member, Inclusive Curriculum Initiative for LING 110 & 111, University of California Santa Barbara
- 2018 – 20 Mentor (3 summers, 7 students), Research Mentorship Program, University of California Santa Barbara
- 2016 – 17 Undergraduate Liaison, Department of Linguistics, University of California Santa Barbara
- 2013 – 14 Liaison to the Faculty, High Desert Linguistics Society, University of New Mexico

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

- 2013 – Association of Linguistic Typology
- 2013 – Linguistic Society of America
- 2012 – 15 High Desert Linguistics Society

### **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT**

- 2022 Contract Linguist, Linguistic Quality Assurance, Artificial Intelligence, TELUS International
- 2011 – 14 Academic Advisor, College of Arts & Sciences Advisement Center, University of New Mexico
- 2010 – 11 Campus Visit Coordinator, Admissions & Recruitment Services, University of New Mexico
- 2010 Student Enrollment Associate, Enrollment Management Division, University of New Mexico