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EDUCATION

University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Amherst, MA 2014 – 2020
Ph.D., Linguistics
Ph.D. Thesis: *Talking about her(self): Ambiguity Avoidance and Principle B*
Committee: Brian Dillon (co-chair), Kyle Johnson (co-chair)
Lyn Frazier, Adrian Staub, Marcel den Dikken

The 2nd Crete Summer School of Linguistics, University of Crete July 2018

The 1st Crete Summer School of Linguistics, University of Crete July 2017

University of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania 2013
M.A., English Linguistics, Foreign Languages and Letters
M.A. Thesis: *On The Syntax of Complementation Types*.
Supervisor: Alexandra Cornilescu

Ca'Foscari University of Venice, Venice, Italy Fall 2012
Erasmus Scholarship, Language Sciences

University of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania 2011
B.A., English & German Philology, Foreign Languages and Letters
B.A. Thesis: *Multiple Questions and Wh-Movement in English and German*.
Supervisor: Alexandra Cornilescu

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTING

Winterlight Labs, Linguistics Consultant March 2021 – present

University of Toronto Mississauga, Sessional Instructional Assistant Spring 2021

RESEARCH POSITIONS

Research Assistant, University of Massachusetts Amherst Fall & Spring 2018
NSF Grant: **EAGER: Collaborative Research: Variation and the Grammar of Child African American English**. Principal Investigator: Distinguished Professor Lisa Green

GRANTS AND HONORS

National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant 2018 – 2020
Reinterpreting Condition B: An Investigation of Pronominal Reference in Romanian

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| Distinguished Teaching Award Finalist | 2019 |
| <i>University of Massachusetts Amherst, for LINGUIST 401: Introduction to Syntax</i> | |
| Research Fellowship | Spring 2019 |
| <i>University of Massachusetts Amherst</i> | |
| Predissertation Research Grant | 2017 |
| <i>University of Massachusetts Amherst</i> | |
| Distinguished Teaching Award Nomination | 2017 |
| <i>University of Massachusetts Amherst, for LINGUIST 401: Introduction to Syntax</i> | |
| Graduate School Fellowship | 2014 – 2015 |
| <i>University of Massachusetts Amherst</i> | |

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

Ivan, Rodica. In Preparation. **Binding in Romanian**. *A Reference Grammar of Romanian: Volume 2*, eds. Carmen-Dobrovie Sorin & Ion Giurgea. Language Science Press.

Journal Articles

Ivan, Rodica & Brian Dillon. Under Review. **Ambiguity Avoidance in Reflexive Dependencies: Evidence from Romanian**. *Journal of Memory & Language*

Conference Proceedings

Ivan, Rudmila-Rodica and Thuy Bui. 2019. **Vietnamese Anaphora: Binding Principles and the Lack Thereof**. In Ryan Bochnak, Erlinde Meertens, and Mark- Matthias Zymla (eds.), *Proceedings of TripleA 5: Fieldwork Perspectives on the Semantics of African, Asian, and Austronesian Languages*. University of Tübingen.

Ivan, Rudmila-Rodica. 2019. **Wh-phrases and context restriction in Yalalag Zapotec**. In Alex Goebel & Kimberly Johnson (eds.), *Proceedings of the 10th Meeting of the Semantics of Under-Represented Languages in the Americas*. Amherst: GLSA.

Ivan, Rudmila-Rodica & Deniz Özyıldız. 2018. **The temporal presuppositions of Somali definite determiners**. In R. Truswell, C. Cummins, C. Heycock, B. Rabern, and H. Rohde (eds.), *SuB 21: Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 21*. University of Edinburgh.

Özyıldız, Deniz & Rudmila-Rodica Ivan. 2017. **Pronouns under the Somali microscope**. In Vera Hohaus and Wanda Rothe (eds.), *Proceedings of TripleA 3: Fieldwork Perspectives on the Semantics of African, Asian and Austronesian Languages*. Universitätsbibliothek Tübingen, Publikationssystem.

Ivan, Rudmila-Rodica. 2016. **Wonder if embedded, know whether semi-question**. In

Kate Bellamy, Elena Karvovskaya and George Saad, (eds.), *ConSOLE XXIV: Proceedings of the 24th Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe*. Leiden.

Ivan, Rudmila-Rodica. 2013. **Wondering about Oare: is it a Q-particle for Romanian?**. In Balázs Surányi (ed.), *Proceedings of the Second Central European Conference in Linguistics for Postgraduate Students*. Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Budapest.

Edited Volumes

Ivan, Rodica, ed. 2018. *UMOP 40: The Leader of the Pack: A Festschrift in Honor of Peggy Speas*. Amherst: GLSA

Bui, Thuy and Rudmila-Rodica Ivan, eds. 2016. *SULA 9: Proceedings of the 9th Meeting of the Semantics of Under-Represented Languages in the Americas*. Amherst: GLSA.

Theses

Ivan, Rudmila-Rodica. 2020. **Talking about her(self): Ambiguity Avoidance and Principle B. A Theoretical and Psycholinguistic Investigation of Romanian Pronouns**. PhD thesis, University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Committee: Brian Dillon (co-chair), Kyle Johnson (co-chair), Lyn Frazier, Adrian Staub, Marcel den Dikken

Ivan, Rudmila-Rodica. 2013. **On The Syntax of Complementation Types**. MA thesis, University of Bucharest. Advisor: Alexandra Cornilescu

Ivan, Rudmila-Rodica. 2011. **Multiple Questions and Wh-Movement in English and German**. BA Thesis, University of Bucharest. Advisor: Alexandra Cornilescu

Manuscripts

Ivan, Rodica & Zahra Mirrazi. In preparation. **Farsi Fake Indexicals & embedded T Agreement: Predication Matters!**. UMass, Amherst.

Ivan, Rudmila-Rodica. In preparation. **Romanian loves Me: Clitic Clusters, Ethics & Cyclic AGREE**. UMass, Amherst.

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Presentations

Ambiguity Avoidance and Principle B: Evidence from Romanian Production. University of Delaware, USA. November 2020.

Talking about her(self): Ambiguity Avoidance in Romanian Anaphora Production. Oakland University, USA. January 2020.

Talking about her(self): Ambiguity Avoidance in Romanian Anaphora Production. University of Utrecht, the Netherlands. January 2020.

Mirrazi, Zahra & Rodica Ivan. **Farsi Fake Indexicals: Reconciling Kratzer (2009) and Wurmbrand (2017)**. University of Tehran. June 2018.

Peer-Reviewed Presentations

Ivan, Rodica, Brian Dillon, & Kyle Johnson. **(Bound) Pronouns in Competition: Evidence from Romanian Comprehension**. WCCFL 39. University of Arizona, USA, April 2021. [poster]

Ivan, Rodica, Brian Dillon, & Kyle Johnson. **Choosing a Referring Expression: Intra-sentential Ambiguity Avoidance in Romanian**. CUNY 34. University of Pennsylvania, USA, March 2021. [short talk]

Ivan, Rodica & Brian Dillon. **(Bound) Pronouns in Competition: Evidence from Romanian Production**. WCCFL 38. UBC, Vancouver, Canada. March 2020.

Ivan, Rodica & Zahra Mirrazi. **Farsi Fake Indexicals & embedded T Agreement: Predication Matters!** GLOW 42. Oslo, Norway. May 2019.

Ivan, Rodica & Zahra Mirrazi. **Farsi Fake Indexicals & embedded T Agreement: Predication Matters!** LSA 2019. New York, NY. January 2019.

Bui, Thuy and Rudmila-Rodica Ivan. **Vietnamese Anaphora: An Argument for Binding Theory Competition-Based Accounts**. LSA 2019. New York. January 2019. [poster]

Ivan, Rudmila-Rodica. **Romanian loves Me: Clitic Clusters, Ethics & Cyclic AGREE**. NELS 49. Cornell, NY. October 2018. [poster/alternate]

Ivan, Rudmila-Rodica and Thuy Bui. **Vietnamese Anaphora: Binding Principles and the Lack Thereof**. *The 5th Meeting of the Semantics of African, Asian, and Austronesian Languages (TripleA 5)*. Konstanz, Germany. June 2018.

Mirrazi, Zahra & Rudmila-Rodica Ivan. **Farsi Fake Indexicals: Reconciling Kratzer (2009) and Wurmbrand (2017)**. *The 5th Meeting of the Semantics of African, Asian, and Austronesian Languages (TripleA 5)*. University of Konstanz, Germany. June 2018. [poster]

Ivan, Rudmila-Rodica. **Wh-phrases and context restriction in Yalalag Zapotec**. *Semantics of Under-Represented Languages in the Americas 10 (SULA 10)*. University of Toronto, Canada. May 2018.

Ivan, Rodica. **No condition B? Context-dependent surface-form preference!** *Pronouns in Competition Workshop*. UC Santa Cruz, CA. April 2018

Ivan, Rudmila-Rodica. **No interpreted features? No Principle B!**. *West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics 36 (WCCFL 36)*. UCLA, CA. April 2018. [poster]

Ivan, Rodica & Brian Dillon. **When NPI illusions fail: the case of strict NPIs and neg-words in Romanian**. WCCFL 36. UCLA, CA. April 2018. [poster]

Ivan, Rodica & Brian Dillon. **When NPI illusions fail: the case of strict NPIs and neg-words in Romanian.** *CUNY 31*. UC Davis, CA. March 2018. [poster]

Ivan, Rudmila-Rodica. **Absent Condition B effects: the case of Romanian PPs.** *The 19th Annual Conference of the English Department of the University of Bucharest (AICED 19)*. University of Bucharest, Romania. June 2017.

Ivan, Rudmila-Rodica & Deniz Özyıldız. **The temporal presuppositions of Somali definite determiners.** *Sinn und Bedeutung 21 (SuB 21)*. University of Edinburgh, Scotland. September 2016.

Ivan, Rudmila-Rodica & Deniz Özyıldız. **The temporal presuppositions of Somali definite determiners.** *The 3rd Meeting of the Semantics of African, Asian, and Austronesian Languages (TripleA 3)*. University of Tübingen, Germany. July 2016.

Özyıldız, Deniz & Rudmila-Rodica Ivan. **Pronouns under the Somali microscope.** *The 3rd Meeting of the Semantics of African, Asian, and Austronesian Languages (TripleA 3)*. University of Tübingen, Germany. July 2016.

Ivan, Rudmila-Rodica & Deniz Özyıldız. **The temporal presuppositions of Somali definite determiners.** *Definiteness Across Languages Workshop (DAL)*. Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México & El Colegio de México, Mexico. June 2016.

Özyıldız, Deniz & Rodica Ivan. **The Somali microscope: Personal pronouns, determiners, possession.** *Definiteness Across Languages Workshop (DAL)*. Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México & El Colegio de México, Mexico. June 2016. [poster]

Özyıldız, Deniz & Rudmila-Rodica Ivan. **The Somali microscope: Personal pronouns, determiners, possession.** *Annual Conference on African Linguistics 47 (ACAL 47)*. UC Berkeley, CA. March 2016.

Ivan, Rudmila-Rodica. **Wonder if embedded, know whether semi-question.** *The 24th Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE XXIV)*. York, UK. January 2016. [Best Poster Award]

Ivan, Rudmila-Rodica. **Grammaticalization in the Making: Romanian wh-words and their complementizer counterparts.** *CECILS 3*, Peter Pazmany Catholic University. Budapest, Hungary. August 2013. [poster]

Ivan, Rudmila-Rodica. **Wondering about Oare: is it a Q-particle for Romanian?.** *CECILS 2*, Peter Pazmany Catholic University, Budapest, Hungary. August 2012. [poster]

Non-Refereed Presentations

Ivan, Rudmila-Rodica. **Wonder if embedded, know whether semi-question.** *ECO-5: Graduate Student Workshop*. Harvard, MA. April 2015.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO MISSISSAUGA

Sessional Instructional Assistant

LIN 418: **Research Methods in Linguistics** Spring 2021
Instructor: Photini Coutsougera

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS, AMHERST

Teaching Associate: Main Instructor

LINGUIST 401: **Introduction to Syntax**. *Advanced class for Majors.* Fall 2017
Developed own teaching materials used in 2 subsequent LING 401 instantiations.
Distinguished Teaching Award nomination.

LINGUIST 201: **Introduction to Linguistic Theory** Spring 2017
Developed own teaching materials used in subsequent LING 201 instantiations.

Teaching Assistant

LINGUIST 305: **Writing for Linguists** Spring 2020
Instructor: Brian Dillon

LINGUIST 401: **Introduction to Syntax** Fall 2019
Instructor: Magda Oiry
Based on handouts & course materials developed by Rodica Ivan
Distinguished Teaching Award finalist.

LINGUIST 510: **Introduction to Semantics** Sept – Oct 2018
Filling in for Zahra Mirrazi, Instructor: Vincent Homer

LINGUIST 401: **Introduction to Syntax** Fall 2016
Instructor: Nicholas LaCara

LINGUIST 101: **People and Their Language** Spring 2016
Instructor: Lisa Green

LINGUIST 201: **Introduction to Linguistic Theory** Fall 2015
Instructor: Kyle Johnson

LINGUISTIC SOCIETY OF AMERICA

Co-Instructor, LSA Minicourse

Doing Experiments for Linguistics: January 4, 2018
Internet-based experimentation using the Ibex Farm
Co-instructor: Brian Dillon, LSA 2018, Salt Lake City

SERVICE

Department of Linguistics, University of Massachusetts Amherst

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| Summer FLing Presenter: <i>Syntax</i> | 2018 |
| Workshop for 1st year graduate students, Area Presentation | |
| Graduate Linguistics Students' Association Manager | 2016 – 2017 |
| Summer FLing co-organizer | 2015, 2016 |
| Workshop for 1st year graduate students, Main Organizer in 2016 | |
| Prospective Student Open House Main Organizer | 2016 |
| Prospective Student Open House Coordinator | 2015 |

Conference Organizing Committee

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| (online, UMass) <i>The 33rd Annual CUNY Human Sentence Processing Conference</i> | 2020 |
| (UMass) <i>The 47th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 47)</i> | 2016 |

Ad-hoc Reviewer

SULA 11, Sensus2020, NELS 51, Triple A 6, NELS 50, ConSOLE XXV, NELS 47, Tu+1

Affiliations

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| Cognitive Science of Language Lab, UMass Amherst | 2017 – 2020 |
| Linguistic Society of America | 2017 – 2020 |

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Technical

R, Python, PsychoPy, SQL, L^AT_EX, Praat

Languages

Romanian (*native*), English (*near-native*), French (*intermediate*), German (*intermediate*), Italian (*oral and written comprehension*), Spanish (*oral and written comprehension*), Fieldwork: Somali, Yalalag Zapotec, Farsi, Vietnamese

REFERENCES

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| Brian Dillon , Associate Professor, UMass Amherst | brian@umass.edu |
| Lyn Frazier , Professor Emerita, UMass Amherst | lyn@umass.edu |
| Marcel den Dikken , Research Professor, Eötvös Loránd University and Researcher, Research Institute for Linguistics in Budapest | dmarcel@nytud.hu |