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EDUCATION

- in progress (2022-) PhD (Linguistics) at Massachusetts Institute of Technology
2021 MA (Linguistics) at University of British Columbia
Thesis: Relative pronominal tense: Evidence from Gitksan, Japanese, and English [[download](#)]
2019 BA Honours (Linguistics) at University of British Columbia
Thesis: Adjective intensification in American Sign Language [[download](#)]

PUBLICATIONS

Journal articles

- Bertrand, Anne, Yurika Aonuki, Sihwei Chen, Henry Davis, Joash Gambarage, Laura Griffin, Marianne Huijsmans, Lisa Matthewson, Daniel Reisinger, Hotze Rullmann, Raiane Salles, Michael David Schwan, Neda Todorović, Bailey Trotter, and Jozina Vander Klok (2022). “Nobody’s perfect”. In: *Languages* 7.2, pp. 1–28. [<https://www.mdpi.com/1674678>].
- Tkachman, Oksana, Kathleen Currie Hall, Robert Fuhrman, and Yurika Aonuki (2019). “Visible amplitude: Towards quantifying prominence in sign language”. In: *Journal of Phonetics* 77, pp. 1–23. [Editor’s choice]. [<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0095447018300214>].

Conference proceedings (reviewed by abstract)

- Aonuki, Yurika (to appear). “Covert relative non-future tense in Gitksan”. In: *Proceedings of West Coast Conference in Formal Linguistics (WCCFL) 39*. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Press.
- Aonuki, Yurika (to appear). “Inherently context-sensitive gradable adjectives”. In: *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung* 28. Ruhr-Universität Bochum. [<https://ling.auf.net/lingbuzz/007861>].
- Hall, Kathleen Currie, Oksana Tkachman, and Yurika Aonuki (to appear). “Perceived Magnitudes of Movement in American Sign Language”. In: *Proceedings of Chicago Linguistics Society (CLS) 57*. IL: University of Chicago.
- Aonuki, Yurika (2022a). “Free relatives in Gitksan”. In: *Proceedings of Semantics of Under-Represented Languages in the Americas (SULA) 11*. University of Massachusetts Amherst GLSA.
- Aonuki, Yurika (2022b). “Morphological tenselessness and SOT: Evidence for a covert relative pronominal tense in Gitksan”. In: *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung* 26. Ed. by Daniel Gutzmann and Sophie Repp. University of Cologne, pp. 55–73. [<https://doi.org/10.18148/sub/2022.v26i0.988>].
- Aonuki, Yurika (2020). “Unifying the ‘still’ and ‘just’ readings of *k’ay* in Gitksan”. In: *Proceedings of West Coast Conference in Formal Linguistics (WCCFL) 37*. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Press. [<http://www.lingref.com/cpp/wccfl/37/abstract3516.html>].
- Aonuki, Yurika (2019). “Adjective Intensification in American Sign Language”. In: *Proceedings of Canadian Linguistics Association (CLA) 2019*. Vancouver: University of British Columbia. [<https://cla-acl.ca/pdfs/actes-2019/Aonuki-CLA-2019.pdf>].

Conference presentations (reviewed by abstract, without corresponding proceedings papers)

- Aonuki, Yurika (2021). Covert relative pronominal tense in Gitksan. Paper presented at *Workshop on Structure and Constituency in Languages of the Americas (WSCLA) 25*, Sogang University, 28-30 May.

Aonuki, Yurika (2021). Revisiting pronominal vs. existential past tense denotations in English and Japanese. Paper presented at *Canadian Linguistics Association (CLA) 2021*, virtual, 4-7 June.

Hall, Kathleen Currie, Oksana Tkachman, and Yurika Aonuki (2019). Lexical competition and articulatory enhancement in American Sign Language. Paper presented at *Canadian Linguistics Association (CLA) 2019*, University of British Columbia, 1-3 June.

Hall, Kathleen Currie, Oksana Tkachman, and Yurika Aonuki (2019). Lexical competition correlates with articulatory enhancement in ASL. Paper presented at *Theoretical Issues in Sign Language Research (TISLR) 13*, Universität Hamburg, 26-28 September.

Aonuki, Yurika (2019). Phonology of adjective intensification in American Sign Language. Paper presented at *Language Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference (LSURC) 2019*, UBC, 8-9 February. [Best presentation award].

Tkachman, Oksana, Robert Fuhrman, Kathleen Currie Hall, Yurika Aonuki, and Bryan Gick (2018). Visible Energy in signed languages: Explaining a trade-off between sign location and sign handedness. Paper presented at *Laboratory Phonology (LabPhon) 16*, Universidade de Lisboa, 19-22 June.

Invited talks

Aonuki, Yurika (2023). Degree semantics in Gitksan and Japanese. Invited talk at University of British Columbia Linguistics Outside the Classroom, 11 August.

Aonuki, Yurika (2022). Relative pronominal tense in Gitksan and Japanese. Invited talk at UC Berkeley Syntax and Semantics Circle, 18 February.

Aonuki, Yurika (2019). Adjective intensification in American Sign Language. Invited talk at The 50th Anniversary of the UBC Linguistics Department, 15-18 May.

Hall, Kathleen Currie, Yurika Aonuki, Oksana Tkachman, Li Ze Choo, Terrance Gatchalian, Cristina Lee, Elizabeth Tiamzon, and Mai Tran (2019). Integrating sign languages into the linguistics classroom. Invited talk at UBC Teaching and Learning Enhancement Fund Showcase, 2 May.

Aonuki, Yurika (2017). A place for Japanese as a heritage language in Canada. Invited talk at Arts Studies in Research and Writing Annual Student Conference 6, 8 April.

FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

Fieldwork on Gitksan 2018 - present

– Semantic investigation of tense and aspect, free relatives, and degree constructions.

Fieldwork on American Sign Language 2019

– Phonological investigation of adjective intensification with a fluent Deaf signer.

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Copy editor for the journal *Semantics Fieldwork Methods* 2021 – 2022

– Copy-edited 12 articles for two special issues.

Research assistant to Dr. Kathleen Currie Hall

2017 – 2019, 2021 – 2022

- Designed and tested parts of a novel transcription software *Sign Language Phonetic Annotator-Analyzer*.
- Coordinator of a sign language linguistics project.
 - Developed a training module for sign language transcription.
 - Trained four undergraduate students.
- Created problem sets on sign languages for the undergraduate phonology curriculum.

Research Assistant for the Tense and Aspect in the Pacific Lab

2019 – 2021

- Organized bi-weekly meetings and created long-term agendas.

Research Assistant to Dr. Lisa Matthewson

2019 – 2021

- Glossed and archived Gitksan data from semantic fieldwork.
- Created a website for the conference *Semantics of Under-Represented Languages in the Americas (SULA)*.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching assistant

MIT 24.900 ‘Introduction to Linguistics’	2023 Fall
UBC Ling 333 ‘Research Methods for Linguistics’	2021 Summer 1
UBC Ling 201 ‘Linguistic Theory and Analysis II’ (syntax, semantics)	2020 Winter 2
UBC Ling 200 ‘Linguistic Theory and Analysis I’ (phonology, phonetics)	2020 Winter 1
UBC Ling 100 ‘Introduction to Language and Linguistics’	2020 Summer 1, Winter 1

Tutor

UBC Speech and Linguistics Student Association (SALSA) phonology tutor (volunteer)	2017 – 2018
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HONOURS AND AWARDS

MIT Experimental Fund	2023	\$780(USD)
MIT Ken Hale Fund	2023	\$1500(USD)
MIT Kenan Sahin (1963) Presidential Graduate Fellow	2022	\$47,850(USD)
UBC Arts Graduate Research Award	2020	\$980(CAD)
UBC Fellowship Competition	2020	\$16,000(CAD)
UBC LSURC Best Presentation Award	2019	N/A
UBC Faculty of Arts International Student Scholarship	2017	\$5,000(CAD)
UBC Trek Excellence Scholarship	2017	\$4,000(CAD)
UBC Work Learn International Undergraduate Research Award	2017	\$4,000(CAD)
UBC Outstanding International Student Award	2016	\$6,000(CAD)

SERVICE

MIT Linguistics colloquia organizer	2023 – present
UBC Linguistics undergraduate curriculum committee member	2021
UBC Linguistics research seminar and colloquia organizer	2019 – 2021
UBC Linguistics Assistant Professor search committee, undergraduate representative	2019
UBC Language Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference (LSURC) organizer	2018

LANGUAGES AND SKILLS

Japanese	native
English	proficient
American Sign Language	intermediate; one year of phonological fieldwork
Gitksan	five years of semantic fieldwork
\LaTeX	proficient
R	basic