

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

Professional Record

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Director, Linguistics Program, 2007-2017

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Indiana University, 1990-91, Visiting Assistant Professor (one year)
Indiana University (part-time), Jan.-May 1989, Visiting Assistant Professor (one semester)
University of Southern California, 1986-88, Graduate Assistant (three years)
University of Novi Sad, 1982-85, Assistant Professor of English (three years)

EDUCATION:

High School: Novi Sad, Yugoslavia, 1977
Baccalaureate: BA, University of Novi Sad (Yugoslavia), 1981
Graduate: MA, University of Belgrade (Yugoslavia), 1984
PhD, University of Southern California, 1988 ("A Binding Approach to
Polarity Sensitivity," advisor: Joseph Aoun)

I PUBLICATIONS

A. Scholarly Books Authored

[\(2019\). *A Critical Introduction to Language Evolution: Current Controversies and Future Prospects*. Springer Briefs in Linguistics: Expert Briefs. Cham, Switzerland: Springer. Pages xiv + 86.](#)

[The book is being translated into Arabic, through a license agreement between Springer and Kalima Project for Translation; expected publication date: 2023].
[Reviewed multiple times]

[\(2015\) *Evolutionary Syntax*. Oxford Studies in the Evolution of Language. Oxford: Oxford University Press. Also: Oxford Scholarship Online: Oxford University Press. August 2015. DOI: 10.1093/acprof:oso/9780198736547.001.0001. Pages xvi + 261.](#)

[Reviewed multiple times, including in the Linguistic Society of America journal *Language*, 92.4, 2016]

[\(2005\) *A Syntax of Serbian: Clausal Architecture*, pp. 245. Slavica Publishers, Bloomington, Indiana.](#)

[\(1994\) *Negative and Positive Polarity: A Binding Approach*, pp. 168. Cambridge Studies in Linguistics 68. Cambridge University Press.](#)

[reviewed in the Linguistic Society of America journal *Language*]

(1986) *Sinonimija u kolokacijama (Synonymy in Collocations)*, ISJK, Novi Sad, Yugoslavia (appeared under my former name Ljiljana Gotštajn).

B. Co-Editorship of Special Journal Issues/Books/Proceedings

(2021) *Reconstructing Prehistoric Languages*. Co-edited theme volume with 17 contributions, co-edited with Antonio Benítez-Burraco, *Philosophical Transactions of Royal Society B* 376: 1824. Pages 174.

(2021) *The Biology of Language Under a Minimalist Lens: Promises, Achievements, and Limits*, with 14 contributions, co-edited with Antonio Benítez-Burraco, Koji Fujita, and Koji Hoshi. Lausanne: *Frontiers Media SA*. doi: 10.3389/978-2-88966-651-5. Pages 162.

(2006) *The Syntax of Nonsententials: Multidisciplinary Perspectives*, book co-edited by Ljiljana Progovac, Kate Paesani, Eugenia Casielles and Ellen Barton. Pages: ix + 372. *Linguistik Aktuell (LA)* 93. John Benjamins, Amsterdam.

(1994) *Proceedings of MIT Workshop on Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics*, co-edited by Sergey Avrutin, Steven Franks and Ljiljana Progovac. Michigan Slavic Publications, Ann Arbor.

C. Journal Articles

(2024) “Revisiting the hypothesis of ideophones as windows to language evolution.” Joint paper: G. Di Paola, L. Progovac and A. Benítez-Burraco. *Linguistics Vanguard*. <https://doi.org/10.1515/lingvan-2023-0127>

(2024) “Linguistic correlates of societal variation: A quantitative analysis.” Joint paper: Sihan Chen, David Gil (two first authors), Sergey Gaponov, Jana Reifegerste, Tatiana Tatarinova, Tessa Yuditha, Ljiljana Progovac, and Antonio Benítez-Burraco (two last authors). *PLOS ONE*, 1-15. doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0300838

(2023) “The gradual coevolution of syntactic combinatorics and categorization under the effects of human self-domestication: a proposal.” Joint paper: A. Benítez-Burraco, K. Hoshi and L. Progovac. *Cognitive Processing* 24: 425-439. doi.org/10.1007/s10339-023-01140-6

(2023) “The human fear paradox turns out to be less paradoxical when global changes in human aggression and language evolution are considered.” Joint commentary: A. Benítez-Burraco and L. Progovac. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences* 46, E55. doi:10.1017/S0140525X22001947

(2023) “*Se* middles in the evolution of predication: Is Serbian a split-accusative language?” *Journal of Slavic Linguistics* 30. Pages 1-16.

(2022) “An evolutionary account of impairment of self in cognitive disorders.” Joint paper with F. Ferretti, I. Adornetti, and A. Benítez-Burraco. *Cognitive Processing*. doi.org/10.1007/s10339-022-01110-4

(2021) “Human Self-Domestication and the Evolution of Pragmatics.” Joint paper: A. Benítez-Burraco, F. Ferretti, and L. Progovac. *Cognitive Science* 45. e12987. doi.org/10.1111/cogs.12987. Pages 1-39.

(2021) “Language evolution: examining the link between cross-modality and aggression through the lens of disorders.” Joint paper with A. Benítez-Burraco. *Philosophical Transactions of Royal Society B* 376:20200188. doi.10.1098/rstb.2020.0188. Pages 1-16.

(2021) [“Editorial: Reconstructing prehistoric languages.” Joint paper with A. Benítez-Burraco. *Philosophical Transactions of Royal Society B* 376:20200187. doi.10.1098/rstb.2020.0187. Pages 1-4.](#)

(2021) [“Editorial: The Biology of Language Under a Minimalist Lens: Promises, Achievements, and Limits.” Joint paper with A. Benítez-Burraco, K. Fujita, and K. Hoshi. *Frontiers in Psychology* 12:654768. doi: 10.3389/fpsyg.2021.654768. Pages 4-6.](#)

(2020) [“Hierarchical clause structure as a tool for cognitive advances in early childhood.” Joint paper with Natalia Rakhlin as first author. *Language Sciences*. 83: 101316. doi.org/10.1016/j.langsci.2020.101316. Pages 1-19.](#)

(2020) [“A four-stage model for language evolution under the effects of human self-domestication.” Joint paper with A. Benítez-Burraco. *Language and Communication* 73, 1-17. doi.org/10.1016/j.langcom.2020.03.002](#)

(2019) [“From physical aggression to verbal behavior: Language evolution and self-domestication feedback loop.” Joint paper with A. Benítez-Burraco. *Frontiers in Psychology* 10. 3389, 1-19. doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2019.02807](#)

(2019) [“Minimalism in the light of biology: What to retain and what to discard?” *Frontiers in Psychology* 10:1303, 1-4. doi: 10.3389/fpsyg.2019.01303](#)

(2018) [“Neural correlates of syntax and proto-syntax: Evolutionary dimension.” Co-authors: Progovac, Ljiljana; Rakhlin, Natalia; Angell, William; Liddane, Ryan; Tang, Lingfei; and Ofen, Noa. *Frontiers in Psychology* 9:2415, 1-16. doi: 10.3389/fpsyg.2018.02415](#)

(2018) [“Diversity of grammars and their diverging evolutionary and processing paths: Evidence from Functional MRI study of Serbian.” Co-authors: Progovac, Ljiljana; Rakhlin, Natalia; Angell, William; Liddane, Ryan; Tang, Lingfei; and Ofen, Noa. *Frontiers in Psychology* 9:278, 1-13. Special Issue, *Language as Adaptive Systems*, edited by Enoch Aboh and Umberto Ansaldo. doi: 10.3389/fpsyg.2018.00278](#)

(2016) [“A Gradualist scenario for language evolution: Precise linguistic reconstruction of early human \(and Neandertal\) grammars.” *Frontiers in Psychology* 7:1714, 1-14. DOI: 10.3389/fpsyg.2016.01714.](#)

(2016) L. Progovac, and M. Ratliff. [“Commentary: Beyond tone and climate: Broadening the framework.” *Journal of Language Evolution* 1.1, 77-79. Doi:10.1093/jole/izv006](#)

(2013) [“Nonsentential vs. Ellipsis Approaches: Review and Extensions.” *Language and Linguistics Compass* 7/11: 597-617. Review article.](#)

(2012) [“Compounds and commands in the evolution of human language.” *Theoria et Historia Scientiarum: An International Journal for Interdisciplinary Studies* IX: 49-70.](#)

(2012) [“Protosyntax: A thetic \(unaccusative\) stage.” Joint paper with Eugenia Casielles as first author. *Theoria et Historia Scientiarum: An International Journal for Interdisciplinary Studies* IX: 29-48.](#)

(2010) [“Syntax: Its Evolution and Its Representation in the Brain.” *Biolinguistics* 4.2-3, 233-254.](#)

(2009) [“Sex and Syntax: Subjacency Revisited.” *Biolinguistics* 3.2-3, 305-336.](#)

- (2009) "The Urge to Merge: Ritual Insult and the Evolution of Syntax." Joint paper with John L. Locke as second author. *Biolinguistics*, 3.2-3, 337-354.
- (2002) "Correlative Conjunctions and Events: A Reply to a Reply." *Syntax: A Journal of Theoretical, Experimental and Interdisciplinary Research*, 5.3, 277-283.
- (1999) "Events and Economy of Coordination." *Syntax: A Journal of Theoretical, Experimental and Interdisciplinary Research*, 2.2., 141-159.
- (1998) "Event Pronominal To." *Journal of Slavic Linguistics*, 6.1, 3-39 (actually appeared in April 1999, due to a delay in publication).
- (1998) "Determiner Phrase in a Language without Determiners." *Journal of Linguistics*, 34.1, 165-179.
- (1998) "Structure for Coordination, Part 1," State-of-the-Articles. *Glott International* 3.7, 3-6 (newspaper format).
- (1998) "Structure for Coordination, Part 2," State-of-the-Articles. *Glott International* 3.8, 3-9 (newspaper format).
- (1994) "Negation and Comp." *Rivista di Linguistica*, 5.2, 329-347.
- (1993) "Long-Distance Reflexives: Movement-to-Infl vs. Relativized SUBJECT." *Linguistic Inquiry*, 24.4, 755-772.
- (1993) "Negative Polarity: Downward Entailment and Binding." *Linguistics and Philosophy*, 16.2, 149-180.
- (1993) "Subjunctive: The (Mis)Behavior of Anaphora and Negative Polarity." *The Linguistic Review* 10, 37-59.
- (1993) "Locality and Subjunctive-like Complements in Serbo-Croatian." *Journal of Slavic Linguistics* 1.1, 116-144.
- (1992) "Relativized SUBJECT: Long Distance Reflexives Without Movement." *Linguistic Inquiry* 23.4, 671-680.
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- (1991) "Polarity in Serbo-Croatian: Anaphoric NPIs and Pronominal PPIs." *Linguistic Inquiry* 22.3, 567-572.
- (1990) "Free-Choice *Bilo* in Serbo-Croatian: Existential or Universal?" *Linguistic Inquiry* 21.1, 130-135.
- (1986) "Od redundance do inkompatibilnosti obeležja u kolokacijama engleskog jezika" (From Redundancy to Incompatibility of Features in English Collocations). *ISJK Papers*, 7, 123-129, ISJK, Novi Sad, Yugoslavia (appeared under my former name Ljiljana Gotštajn).

D. Chapters

[\(Accepted\) "Biology, genetics, and evolution." Chapter 54. Invited chapter for the *Cambridge Handbook on Minimalism*. Joint paper with A. Benítez-Burraco, Koji Hoshi, and Koji Fujita.](#)

[\(2017\) "Where is continuity likely to be found?" Commentary on 'The social origins of language' by Robert M. Seyfarth and Dorothy L. Cheney. Edited and introduced by Michael Platt, 46-61. Princeton and Oxford: Princeton University Press.](#)

(2016) "Ne-akuzativ u srpskom: Mini rečenice u evoluciji jezika." [Unaccusative in Serbian: Mini sentences in the evolution of language]. In *Srpski jezik u savremenoj lingvističkoj teoriji* [*Serbian Language in Modern Linguistic Theory*], 125-140, ed. by Boban Arsenijević and Sabina Halupka. Niš: Filozofski fakultet.

[\(2014\) "Degrees of Complexity in Syntax: A View from Evolution." In *Measuring Grammatical Complexity*, 83-102, ed. by Frederick J. Newmeyer and Laurel B. Preston. Oxford: Oxford University Press.](#)

(2010) "Imperative in Compounds: Implications for Historical and Evolutionary Studies." In *Development of Language through the Lens of Formal Linguistics*, 137-145, ed. by Petr Karlík. Munich: Lincom Europa.

[\(2010\) "When Clauses Refuse to be Recursive: An Evolutionary Perspective." In *Recursion and Human Language*, ed. by Harry van der Hulst, 193-211. The Hague: Mouton.](#)

[\(2009\) "Layering of Grammar: Vestiges of Proto-Syntax in Present-Day Languages." In *Language Complexity as an Evolving Variable*, ed. by Geoffrey Sampson, David Gil and Peter Trudgill, 203-212. Oxford: Oxford University Press.](#)

[\(2006\) "The Syntax of Nonsententials: Small Clauses and Phrases at the Root." In *The Syntax of Nonsententials: Multidisciplinary Perspectives*, 33-71, co-edited by Progovac, Paesani, Casielles and Barton. Benjamins, Amsterdam.](#)

(2006) "Introduction to *The Syntax of Nonsententials: Multidisciplinary Perspectives*," 1-9, co-authored by the editors of *The Syntax of Nonsententials: Multidisciplinary Perspectives*: Progovac, Paesani, Casielles and Barton. Benjamins, Amsterdam.

(2006) "Epilogue: Wherefrom and Whereto?" 323-353, co-authored by the editors of *The Syntax of Nonsententials: Multidisciplinary Perspectives*:" Progovac, Paesani, Casielles and Barton. Benjamins, Amsterdam.

[\(2005\) "Nonsententials in Minimalism." Co-authored with Ellen Barton as first author. *Ellipsis and Nonsentential Speech*, 71-93, edited by Ray Elugardo and Robert J. Stainton. New York: Springer.](#)

(2005) "Negative and Positive Feature Checking and the Distribution of Polarity Items." *Negation in Slavic*, edited by Sue Brown and Adam Przepiórkowski, 179-217. Slavica Publishers, Bloomington, Indiana.

[\(2003\) "Structure for Coordination." *The Second Glot International State-of-the-Article Book: The Latest in Linguistics*, 241-288, edited by Lisa Cheng and Rint Sybesma. Mouton de Gruyter. Reprint from *Glott International* 1988.](#)

[\(2000\) "Where do Clitics Cluster?" *Clitic Phenomena in European Languages*, 249-258, edited by Frits Beukema and Marcel den Dikken. John Benjamins, Amsterdam.](#)

[\(2000\) "Coordination, C-command, and Logophoric N-words." *Studies on Negation and Polarity*, 88-114, edited by Laurence Horn and Yasuhiko Kato. Oxford University Press.](#)

[\(1999\) "Eventive *To* and the Placement of Clitics in Serbo-Croatian." *Crossing Boundaries: Advances in the Theory of Central and Eastern European Languages*, 33-44, edited by Istvan Kenesei. John Benjamins, Amsterdam.](#)

[\(1999\) "Conjunction Doubling and 'Avoid Conjunction' Principle." *Topics in South Slavic Syntax and Semantics. Current Issues in Linguistic Theory Series 172*, 25-39, edited by Mila Dimitrova-Vulchanova and Lars Hellan. John Benjamins, Amsterdam.](#)

(1998) "Morphological Studies of Reflexives in Second Language Acquisition," co-authored with Susan Bennett as first author. *The Generative Study of Second Language Acquisition*, 187-215, edited by Suzanne Flynn, Gita Martohardjono and Wayne O'Neal. Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, Mahwah, N.J.

[\(1996\) "Clitics in Serbian/Croatian: Comp as the Second Position." *Approaching Second: Second Position Clitics and Related Phenomena*, 411-428, edited by Aaron L. Halpern and Arnold M. Zwicky. CSLI Publications, Stanford University.](#)

(1993) "Non-augmented NPs in KiNande." *Theoretical Aspects of Bantu Grammar*, 257-269, edited by Sam Mchombo. CSLI Publications, Stanford University.

E. Papers Published in Conference Proceedings (Refereed)

(2024) "Survival of the *Wittiest* (not *Friendliest*): The Art and Science of Human Evolution." *Proceedings of EvoLang XV*, International Conference on the Evolution of Language, Madison, WI.

(2022) "Continuity of Emotion and Aggression in Language Evolution," with Antonio Benítez-Burraco. *Proceedings of JCoLE (Joint Conference on Language Evolution)*, Kanazawa, Japan, 2022, pp. 81-83.

(2022) "Cognitive and genetic correlates of a single macro-parameter of crosslinguistic variation," with Antonio Benítez-Burraco, Candy Cahuana, Sihan Chen, David Gil, Jana Reifegerste, and Tatiana Tatarinova. *Proceedings of JCoLE (Joint Conference on Language Evolution)*, Kanazawa, Japan, 2022, pp. 78-80.

(2022) "From proto-conversation to modern conversation: the role of human self-domestication," with Antonio Benítez-Burraco, Ines Adornetti, and Francesco Ferretti. *Proceedings of JCoLE (Joint Conference on Language Evolution)*, Kanazawa, Japan, 2022, pp. 220-222.

(2020) "Natural/Sexual Selection: What's language (evolution) got to do with it?" *Yearbook of the Poznań Linguistic Meeting*, Volume 5.1., pp. 35-58. doi.org/10.2478/yplm-2020-0002

[\(2017\) "Acquisition of clausal structure: The 'Weakest Continuity' view." Joint paper with Natalia Rakhlin as first author. *Proceedings of the 19th Annual International Conference of the Japanese Society for Language Sciences \(JSLS\)*, 54-57. Kyoto Women's University, Kyoto, Japan.](#)

(2016) “What kind of grammar did early humans (and Neanderthals) command? A linguistic reconstruction.” Keynote presentation. *Proceedings of the 11th International Conference on the Evolution of Language* (New Orleans, March 21-24, 2016), pp. 279-286. Ed. By S. Robert, C. Cuskley, L. McCrohon, L. Barceló-Coblijn, O. Fehér, and T. Verhoef. Available online: Doi:10.17617/2.2248195

(2015) “The absolutive basis of ‘middles’ and the status of vP and UTAH.” *Proceedings of FASL 23 (Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics 23)*, University of California, Berkeley, Meeting, 2014, 242-261. Ann Arbor: Michigan Slavic Publications.

(2013) “Rigid Syntax, Rigid Sense: Absolutes/Unaccusatives as Evolutionary Precursors.” *Proceedings of FASL 21 (Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics)*, The Third Indiana Meeting, 2012, Bloomington, IN, 246-259. Ann Arbor: Michigan Slavic Publications.

(2010) “On protolinguistic ‘fossils’: Subject-verb vs. verb-subject structures.” Joint paper with Eugenia Casielles as first author. In Andrew D. M. Smith, Marieke Schouwstra, Bart de Boer, and Kenny Smith, eds., *The Evolution of Language: Proceedings of the 8th International Conference (EVOLANG8)*, 66-73. New Jersey: World Scientific.

(2009) “Syntax and Evolutionary Tinkering.” *Proceedings of Novi Sad Generative Syntax Workshop 2*, 49-73. Novi Sad, Serbia: University of Novi Sad.

(2009) “Evolving Syntax: Small Clauses, Subjacency, and Some Compounds.” *Proceedings of FASL (Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics) 17*, The Yale Meeting 2008, 163-185. Ann Arbor: Michigan Slavic Publications.

(2009) “What is There When Little Words are not There: Possible Implications for Evolutionary Studies.” In Ronald P. Leow, Héctor Campos & Donna Lardiere (eds.), *Little Words: Their History, Phonology, Syntax, Semantics, Pragmatics, and Acquisition*, 99-108. Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press.

(2008) “Root Small Clauses with Unaccusative verbs.” *Proceedings of FASL (Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics) 16*, 359-373. Editors: Andrei Antonenko, John F. Bailyn, and Christina Y. Bethin. Ann Arbor: Michigan Slavic Publications.

(2008) “What Use is Half a Clause?” *Evolution of Language: Proceedings of the 7th International Conference, Barcelona, Spain, March 12-15*, pp. 259-266. Editors: Andrew Smith, Kenneth Smith, and Ramon Ferrer i Cancho. New Jersey: World Scientific.

(2006) “Classifying Adjectives and Noun Movement in Lithuanian,” co-authored with Paweł Rutkowski as first author. *Proceedings of the 8th Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar (SICOGG 8)*, 265-277. Published by the Korean Generative Grammar Circle, Sookmyung Womens University, Seoul, Korea.

(2006) “Fossilized Imperative in Compounds and Other Expressions.” Online Proceedings of the First Inaugural Meeting of SLS (Slavic Linguistics Society). Bloomington, IN.

(2005) “Synthetic Agent Compounds in Serbian: An Incorporation Analysis.” *Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics 13: The Columbia Meeting 2004*, 253-264, edited by Mila Tasseva-Kurkchieva, Steven Franks, and Frank Gladney. Michigan Slavic Publications, Ann Arbor.

(2005) “Classification Projection in Polish and Serbian.” *Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics 13: The Columbia Meeting 2004*, co-authored with Paweł Rutkowski as first author, 289-299, edited by Mila Tasseva-Kurkchieva, Steven Franks, and Frank Gladney. Michigan

[Slavic Publications, Ann Arbor.](#)

- (2002) "Aspect Phrases, Perfective Prefixes and Congruent Prepositional Phrases in Serbian." *Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics 10: The Second Ann Arbor Meeting 2001*, 201-221, edited by Jindřich Toman. Michigan Slavic Publications, Ann Arbor.
- (2001) "Clausal Functional Projections in Serbian." *Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics 9: The Bloomington Meeting 2000*, 229-257, edited by Steven Franks, Tracy Holloway King and Michael Yadroff. Michigan Slavic Publications, Ann Arbor.
- (1998) "Events in Serbian." *Papers from Second Conference on Formal Approaches to South Slavic Linguistics, Sofia 1997*, 79-116. University of Trondheim Working Papers in Linguistics, Norway.
- (1998) "Clitic Clusters and Coordination." *Proceedings of the Fourteenth ESCOL 1997*, 161-169, edited by Jennifer Austin and Aaron Lawson. Cornell University, Ithaca.
- (1998) "Avoid Conjunction, Adjunction, and the Coordination of Likes Constraint." *Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics: The Connecticut Meeting 1997*, 252-266, edited by Željko Bošković, Steven Franks, and William Snyder. Michigan Slavic Publications, Ann Arbor.
- (1997) "Slavic and the Structure for Coordination." *Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics: The Indiana Meeting 1996*, 207-224, edited by Martina Lindseth and Steven Franks. Michigan Slavic Publications, Ann Arbor.
- (1994) "On the Placement of Serbo-Croatian Clitics." Co-authored with Steven Franks as first Author. *Indiana Slavic Studies* 7, 1-10, edited by George Fowler, Henry R. Cooper, Jr., and Jonathan Z. Ludwig. Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, Indiana University, Bloomington.
- (1994) "Interaction between Morphological Complexity of Reflexives and Agreement in Developing Grammars." Co-authored with Susan Bennett as first author. *Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics: The MIT Meeting 1993*, 68-118, edited by Sergey Avrutin, Steven Franks and Ljiljana Progovac. Michigan Slavic Publications, Ann Arbor.
- [\(1994\) "Binding Domains and Functional Categories: Negative Polarity in Serbo-Croatian and Russian." *Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics: The Ann Arbor Meeting 1992*, 109-128, edited by Toman Jindřich. Michigan Slavic Publications, Ann Arbor.](#)
- [\(1992\) "Relativized SUBJECTs for Reflexives." Co-authored with Steven Franks as second Author. *Proceedings of the 22nd North East Linguistics Society \(NELS\)*, 349-363. GLSA Publications, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.](#)
- (1992) "Subjunctive: Transparency of Functional Categories." *The Penn Review of Linguistics* 16, 122-134. University of Pennsylvania Linguistics Club.
- (1991) "Long-Distance Reflexives, Agr-SUBJECTs, and Acquisition." Co-authored with Phil Connell as second author. *Proceedings of the Formal Linguistics Society of MidAmerica (FLSM)*, 177-195. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
- [\(1991\) "Inversion as a Purely Structural Phenomenon." *1990 MALC Papers \(Mid-America Linguistics Conference\)*, 277-293, edited by Frances Ingemann. The University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas.](#)

Non-refereed Working Papers or Conference Proceedings

(1995) "Determiner Phrase in a Language without Determiners." *University of Venice Working Papers in Linguistics*, 5. 2, 81-102.

(1994) "Evidence of Transfer and Universal Grammar in Second Language Acquisition of Reflexive Binding." Co-authored with Susan Bennett as first author. *McGill Working Papers in Linguistics* 9, 77-101.

F. Book Reviews Published

a) Full Reviews

(2021) "Was syntax borrowed from toolmaking?" A review of Planer, Ronald J. & Kim Sterelny. 2021. *From Signal to Symbol: The Evolution of Language*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press. *Biolinguistics* 15: 23–33. www.biolinguistics.eu

(2020) "Review of Piper et al.'s book *The Syntax of the Complex Sentence in Contemporary Serbian*," written in Serbian. Novi Sad: Matica Srpska; Beograd: Institut za srpski jezik, SANU. *Journal of Slavic Linguistics*, 28.2, 193-198.

(2016). "Review of R. Berwick and N. Chomsky's 2016 book *Why Only Us: Language and Evolution*." Cambridge, MA: Cambridge University Press. *Language* 92.4, 992-6.

(2001) A review of: *A Handbook of Slavic Clitics*, by Steven Franks and Tracy Holloway King. Oxford Studies in Comparative Syntax, Oxford University Press, 2000. *Journal of Slavic Linguistics* 9.2, 317-324 (delayed publication - appeared only in 2004).

(1998) A review of *Negative Contexts: Collocation, Polarity and Multiple Negation*, by Ton van der Wouden, Routledge Studies in Germanic Linguistics, Routledge, London and New York 1997. *Journal of Linguistics* 34, 544-549.

b) Short Book Notices

(2004) *Second Language Acquisition and Universal Grammar*, by Lydia White, Cambridge Textbooks in Linguistics, Cambridge University Press, 2003; *Diachronica* 21.1, 247.

(2003) *The Syntax of Hungarian*, by Katalin É. Kiss, Cambridge University Press, 2002; *Diachronica* 20.1, 223.

(2003) *Diachronic Syntax: Models and Mechanisms*, edited by Susan Pintzuk, George Tsoulas, and Anthony Warner, Oxford University Press, 2000; *Diachronica* 20.2, 387-8.

(2002) *Common Slavic Nominal Morphology: A New Synthesis*, by Robert Orr, Slavica Publishers, Bloomington, 2000; *Diachronica* 19.2, 427.

G. Blogs

(2015) "Did human grammar(s) evolve?" [Oxford Scholarship Online: http://blog.oup.com/2015/10/evolution-human-grammar](http://blog.oup.com/2015/10/evolution-human-grammar)

H. Scholarly Presentations

I. Invited and/or Refereed Internationally or Nationally

2024. "Survival of the Wittiest (not Friendliest): The Art and Science of Human Evolution." *EvoLang XV*, International Conference on Language Evolution, Madison, WI. May 2024.

2024. "Survival of the Wittiest (not Friendliest): Causal role of early syntax. **Invited** colloquium talk. University of Arizona. February 2024.

2023. "Survival of the Wittiest." **Invited** plenary talk. Workshop on the Origins of Syntax, University of Warwick, England. December 2023.

2023. "Linking language variation to sociopolitical variation," with Antonio Benítez-Burraco, Sihana Chen, Sergey Gaponov, David Gil, Ljiljana Progovac, Jana Reifegerste, Tessa Yuditha and Tatiana Tatarinova. SLE (Societas Linguistica Europaea) annual conference in Athens, Greece, August 2023.

2022. "Continuity of Emotion and Aggression in Language Evolution," with Antonio Benítez-Burraco. JCoLE (Joint Conference on Language Evolution), Kanazawa, Japan & Online, September 5th-8th, 2022.

2022. "Cognitive and genetic correlates of a single macro-parameter of crosslinguistic variation," with Antonio Benítez-Burraco, Candy Cahuana, Sihana Chen, David Gil, Jana Reifegerste, and Tatiana Tatarinova. JCoLE (Joint Conference on Language Evolution), Kanazawa, Japan & Online, September 5th-8th, 2022.

2022. "From proto-conversation to modern conversation: the role of human self-domestication," with Antonio Benítez-Burraco, Ines Adornetti, and Francesco Ferretti. JCoLE (Joint Conference on Language Evolution), Kanazawa, Japan & Online, September 5th-8th, 2022.

2022. "Common evolutionary cause: What do grammar, metaphors and (verbal) aggression have in common?" ELM (Expression, Language and Music) Workshop, University of Connecticut, Storrs. **Plenary** talk. August 2022.

2022. "Cognitive and Genetic Correlates of a Single Macro-Parameter of Cross-Linguistic Variation," with Antonio Benítez-Burraco, Candy Cahuana, David Gil, Jana Reifegerste, and Tatiana Tatarinova. CCILE (Cognitive and Cultural Influences on Language Emergence) Workshop, online. May 26, 2022.

2022. "The role of early expressive uses of language in brain evolution and language complexification," with Antonio Benítez-Burraco. EPICS X (10th International Symposium on Intercultural, Cognitive and Social Pragmatics), Pablo De Olavide University, Seville, Spain. May 23, 2022.

2022. "The evolution of conversational and grammar skills under the effects of human self-domestication: from (verbal) aggression to persuasive reciprocity," with Antonio Benítez-Burraco, Ines Adornetti, and Francesco Ferretti. EPICS X (10th International Symposium on Intercultural, Cognitive and Social Pragmatics), Pablo De Olavide University, Seville, Spain. May 23, 2022.

2022. "Modern Languages Reveal Proxies (or "Fossils") of the Earliest Stages of Grammar in Human Evolution." American Corner, Belgrade, Serbia. April 12, 2022. **Invited** talk, **sponsored** by the US-Serbia Cultural and Scientific Exchange Program.

2022. "The Role of (verbal) aggression vs. cooperation in language evolution." University of Belgrade, Serbia. April 13, 2022. **Invited** talk, **sponsored** by the US-Serbia Cultural and Scientific Exchange Program.

2022. “The Role of (verbal) aggression vs. cooperation in language evolution.” American Corner, Novi Sad, Serbia. April 18, 2022. **Invited** talk, **sponsored** by the US-Serbia Cultural and Scientific Exchange Program.
2022. “The Role of (verbal) aggression vs. cooperation in language evolution.” University of Novi Sad, Serbia. April 20, 2022. **Invited** talk, **sponsored** by the US-Serbia Cultural and Scientific Exchange Program.
2021. “Language evolution and management of aggression: What were the first grammars like, and how did they make us human?” **Invited** lecture, virtual, University of Belgrade, Serbia, **sponsored** by the US-Serbia Cultural Exchange Program. November 1, 2021.
2021. “Self-domestication might have tied together (taming of) aggression with cross-modality, facilitating the evolution of languages. Annual Meeting of *ProtoLang 7* Conference. With Antonio Benítez-Burraco. Virtual. Düsseldorf, Germany.
2021. “Correlating declarative/procedural memory with language variation.” With Antonio Benítez-Burraco, David Gil, Candy Cahuana and Tatiana Tatarinova. Annual Meeting of *ProtoLang 7* Conference. Virtual. Düsseldorf, Germany.
2021. “Cognitive bases of semantic compositionality: the case of esoteric vs. exoteric languages.” Joint talk with Antonio Benítez-Burraco, Candy Cahuana, and David Gil. 12th Dubrovnik Conference on Cognitive Science (DUCOG). Virtual. May 2021.
2021. “The evolution of pragmatics under the effects of self-domestication forces.” Joint talk with Antonio Benítez-Burraco and Francesco Ferretti. Evolutionary Pragmatics Forum, featuring virtual monthly presentations. May 30, 2021.
2021. “A four-stage model for language evolution under self-domestication.” Joint talk with Antonio Benítez-Burraco. Virtual. EHBEA (European Human Behaviour and Evolution Association), Krakow, Poland. March 2021.
2021. “What use is half a sentence? Grammar caught in the act of natural/sexual selection.” **Invited** talk, virtual, Workshop on Language Evolution, Acquisition, and Processing (LEAP). University of Chicago, February 5, 2021.
2020. “Evolution of syntax: Genes and grammar caught in the act of sexual selection.” **Invited** Colloquium Talk, virtual, Dept. of Linguistics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. October 28, 2020.
2020. “The case of missing subjects in early grammars: Absolutive-like stage in language acquisition.” Slavic Linguistic Society (SLS) Meeting, virtual. Joint paper with Natalia Rakhlin as first author.
2020. “The First Argument: Deconstructing predication to its evolutionary size.” **Plenary** talk. FASL 29 (Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics), University of Washington, Seattle, May 8-10, 2020. Virtual conference.
2020. “Aggression and linguistic interactions: A human self-domestication approach.” Joint talk with Antonio Benítez-Burraco as first author. 9th International Symposium on Intercultural, Cognitive and Social Pragmatics, Seville, Spain. November 6, 2020. Virtual symposium.
2019. “From physical aggression to verbal behavior: Language evolution and self-domestication feedback loop.” Co-authored paper with Antonio Benítez-Burraco as second author. Workshop on Prehistoric Languages Beyond the Limits of Comparative Linguistics. Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea (SLE), Leipzig, Germany. August 2019.

2019. "Macro variation in typology attributable to micro tinkering in evolution." Poster session. Co-authored paper with Antonio Benítez-Burraco as second author. Annual ProtoLang Conference, Lisbon, Portugal, September 2019.
2019. "What use is half a sentence: Grammar caught in the act of natural/sexual selection." **Invited** presentation at the Workshop on Human Language in Evolution: Some Key Perspectives, at the 2019 Crete Summer School of Linguistics, Crete, Greece, July 2019.
2019. "What kind of (non)person is *se*, and how might it be related to *-je* and *-mbo*?" Person and Perspective Workshop in honor of Maria Luisa Zubizarreta. University of Southern California, Los Angeles. May 2019.
2019. "Gradual evolution of some key postulates of syntax: Making sense of small clauses, middles, islands, exocentrics, and other syntactic shortcomings." **Invited** lecture at the eve of the Spring School on EvoLinguistics, University of Tokyo, Japan, March 10, 2019.
2019. "What use is half a sentence: Grammar caught in the act of natural/sexual selection." **Keynote** presentation at the Spring School on EvoLinguistics, University of Tokyo, Japan, March 12, 2019.
2019. "Syntax in the light of evolution: Intermediate stepping stones toward hierarchy, Move, and recursion." **Invited** lecture. Kyoto University, Japan, March 2019.
2018. "Transitivity as a derived phenomenon: Reconstruction to an intransitive absolutive grammar." Workshop on STASL (The Shaping of Transitivity and Argument Structure). October 2018, Pavia, Italy.
2018. "Natural/Sexual Selection: What's language (evolution) got to do with it?" **Keynote** presentation at the 48th Poznań Linguistic Meeting, September 2018, Poznań, Poland.
2017. "Simple syntax in Slavic, evolution, neuroimaging: Middles and absolutives." **Keynote** presentation at the Slavic Linguistic Society (SLS). Ljubljana, Slovenia, September 21-23.
2017. "Acquisition of clausal structure: The 'Weakest Continuity' view." Joint paper with Natalia Rakhlin as first author. The 19th Annual International Conference of the Japanese Society for Language Sciences (JSLS). Kyoto Women's University, Kyoto, Japan. July 1-2.
2016. "Proto-syntactic foundation: Argument omission at the two-word stage." **Invited** joint paper with Natalia Rakhlin. University of Ghent Workshop on 'A Probe into the multilingual mind. How languages evolve.' Ghent, Belgium, October 19-20.
2016. "A reconstruction of early human (and Neandertal) grammars." CIEL (International Conference on Evolutionary Linguistics) 8. Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, August 8-10, 2016.
2016. "What kind of grammar did early humans (and Neanderthals) command? A linguistic reconstruction." **Keynote** presentation, 11th International Conference on the Evolution of Language (New Orleans, March 21-24, 2016).
2015. "Expressive language in the evolution of grammar: More than nature needs." **Invited** presentation. ECOM Workshop on Expressive Language, University of Connecticut, Storrs. November 2015.
2014. "The absolutive basis of 'middles' and the status of vP and UTAH." FASL 23 (Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics 23), University of California, Berkeley, May 2-4.
2014. "Topics from *A Program for Evolutionary Syntax*." Workshop on The Evolution of Syntax, University of Connecticut, Storrs. **Keynote** lecture, March 28.

2013. "Tinkering with Structure: Stages of Syntax and Language Representation in the Brain." **Invited** talk for the symposium *Transcending the Boundaries: Making Meaning: Origins of Communication*. Duke Institute for Brain Sciences, Duke University, April 2013.
2012. Topics in Serbian Syntax. **Four invited lectures** given at the Slavic Summer School organized in conjunction with FASL (Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics), Indiana University, Bloomington, May 2012.
2012. "Rigid Syntax, Rigid Sense." FASL (Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics), Indiana University, Bloomington, May 2012.
2012. "Syntactic curiosities from an evolutionary angle: Exocentrics, absolutes, unaccusatives." Invited Colloquium talk. Linguistics Program, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario. April 2012.
2012. "Stages of Proto-Syntax." Workshop on Proto-language, University of Virginia, Charlottesville. **Keynote speaker**. March 2012.
2012. "Degrees of Complexity in Syntax." Symposium on Formal Linguistics and the Measurement of Grammatical Complexity. University of Washington, Seattle. **Keynote** speaker. March 2012.
2010. "Formal Syntax and Darwinian Evolution." **Invited** paper presented at the SyntaxFest Workshop: New Horizons in the Minimalist Program, Bloomington, IN, June 19, 2010.
2010. "On Protolinguistic Fossils: Subject-Verb vs. Verb-Subject Structures." Joint paper with Eugenia Casielles as first author. Presented at the Eighth International Conference on Evolution of Language (EvoLang 8), Utrecht, Netherlands, April 2010.
2009. "Compounds and Commands in the Evolution of Language." Presented at *Ways to Protolanguage: The Initial Stages in the Evolution of Language*, Toruń, Poland.
2009. "Protosyntax: A Thetic (Unaccusative) Stage." Joint paper with Eugenia Casielles as first author. Presented at *Ways to Protolanguage: The Initial Stages in the Evolution of Language*, Toruń, Poland.
2008. "Syntax and Evolutionary Tinkering." **Keynote** lecture at the Novi Sad 2008 Generative Syntax Workshop, Novi Sad, Serbia, August 28, 2008.
2008. "Sex and Syntax: Subjacency Revisited." Paper presented at BALE (Biolinguistics: Acquisition and Language Evolution), University of York, England, July 2008.
2008. "Exocentric compounds, ritual insult, and the evolution of syntax." Paper co-authored with John L. Locke as second author, presented at BALE (Biolinguistics: Acquisition and Language Evolution), University of York, England, July 2008.
2008. "Evolving Syntax: Small Clauses, Subjacency, and Some Compounds." **Keynote** lecture at the 17th Annual FASL (Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics) Conference, Yale University, May 2008.
2008. "What Use is Half a Clause?" The Seventh International Conference on Evolution of Language (EvoLang 7), Barcelona, Spain, March 13, 2008.
2008. "The Core Universal and Language Evolution." The Bamberg Workshop on Foundations of Language Comparison: Universals as Constraints on Language Diversity, February 27-29, 2008, Bamberg, Germany. Submitted to *Biolinguistics*.
2007. "Imperative in Evolution, Acquisition, and Certain Compounds." The Annual Meeting of AATSEEL, Chicago, December 29, 2007.

2007. "Grammars Within without Recursion: Implications for Evolutionary Studies." Workshop on Recursion in Human Language. Illinois State University, Normal, IL, April 2007.

2007. "Root Small Clauses with Unaccusative Verbs." FASL (Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics) 16, Stony Brook, May 2007.

2007. "If syntax evolved, what might be some vestiges of its evolution in modern-day languages?" International Linguistic Association (ILA), Hunter College, New York.

2007. "Layering of Grammar: Vestiges of Evolutionary Development of Syntax in Present-Day Languages." Workshop on Language Complexity as an Evolving Variable, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, Germany.

2007. "What is there when little words are not there: Possible implications for evolutionary studies." GURT 2007: Workshop on Little Words, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

2006. "On the Syntactic and Semantic Status of NP Adjectives." With Paweł Rutkowski as first author. 34th Syntax Workshop in Klagenfurt, Austria.

2006 SLS "Fossilized Imperative in Compounds and Other Expressions." First Inaugural Meeting of SLS (Slavic Linguistics Society), September, Bloomington, IN.

2006 "Classifying Adjectives and Noun Movement in Lithuanian," co-authored with Paweł Rutkowski as first author. 8th Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar (SICOGG 8), Sookmyung Womens University, Seoul, Korea, August 9-12.

2004 FASL (Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics) 13, University of South Carolina, Columbia: "Synthetic Agent Compounds in Serbian: An Incorporation Analysis."

2004 FASL (Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics) 13, University of South Carolina, Columbia, co-authored with Paweł Rutkowski as first author: "Classification Projection in Polish and Serbian."

2001 FASL (Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics) 10, Ann Arbor, Michigan: "Perfective Prefixes and Congruent Prepositional Phrases in Serbian."

2000 FASL (Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics) 9, Bloomington, Indiana; **keynote** lecture: "Clausal Functional Projections in Serbian."

1999 LSA (Linguistic Society of America) Annual Meeting in Los Angeles, co-authored with Steven Franks as first author: "Clitic Second as Verb Second."

1998 Workshop on Comparative Slavic Morphosyntax, Spencer, Indiana. "Clitic Second and Verb Second."

1998 CLITE 1 (The First Conference on Linguistic Theory in East European Languages), University of Szeged, Hungary. **Keynote** lecture: "Eventive *to* and the placement of clitics in Serbian."

1997 ESCOL (Eastern States Conference on Linguistics), Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut: "Clitic Clusters and Coordination."

1997 FASSL (Formal Approaches to South Slavic Linguistics), New Bulgarian University, Sofia, Bulgaria. **Keynote** lecture: "Negation, Coordination, and Events in Serbian."

- 1997 Workshop on LD Reflexives, LSA (Linguistic Society of America) Summer Institute, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York: "Logophora with n-words."
- 1997 FASL (Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics) 6, University of Connecticut, Storrs: "Avoid Conjunction and Get Rid of Adjunction."
- 1997 LSA (Linguistic Society of America) Annual Meeting in Chicago: "'Negativization' and Negative Logophors."
- 1996 FASL (Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics) 5, Indiana University and Wabash College, Crawfordsville: "Slavic and the Structure for Coordination."
- 1996 LSA (Linguistic Society of America) Annual Meeting in San Diego: "(And) Coordination, and Coordination, ..."
- 1995 LSA Annual Meeting in New Orleans: "Choice of Complementizer in Serbian/Croatian."
- 1994 Annual Meeting of FLSM, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign; co-authored with David Gohre as first author: "Reflexives and Determiner Phrase."
- 1994 9th Biennial Conference on Balkan and South Slavic Linguistics, Literature, and Folklore, Indiana University, Bloomington; co-authored with Steven Franks as first author: "On the Placement of Serbo-Croatian Clitics."
- 1994 LSA Annual Meeting in Boston: "Clitics in Serbian/Croatian: Deriving the Second Position."
- 1994 LSA Annual Meeting in Boston: "The Acquisition of Long-Distance Linking in Serbo-Croatian;" co-authored with Danijela Kudra and Helen Goodluck, as first two authors.
- 1993 Workshop on Second-Position Clitics, LSA Summer Institute, The Ohio State University: "Serbian/Croatian Clitics: The Mystery of the Second Position."
- 1993 MIT Workshop on Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics, Cambridge: "LF Movement vs. Scrambling in Serbo-Croatian."
- 1993 MIT Workshop on Recent Advances on Second Language Acquisition; co-authored with Susan Bennett as first author: "Morphological Status of Reflexives in Second Language Acquisition."
- 1993 Annual Meeting of LSA (Linguistic Society of America), Los Angeles, co-authored with Steven Franks as second author: "Two Types of Sentential Complements in Serbo-Croatian."
- 1992 Workshop on Balkan and Slavic Syntax, University of Ottawa; co-authored with Helen Goodluck as second author: "On Movement Constraints in Serbo-Croatian."
- 1992 21st Annual University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Linguistics Symposium "The Reality of Linguistic Rules," co-authored with Phil Connell as second author: "L-2 Acquisition of Reflexives: Evidence for the Adult Access to UG?"
- 1992 Biannual Conference on Balkan and South Slavic Linguistics, Literature, and Folklore, University of Chicago: "Clausal Nature of NPI-Licensing: Evidence from Serbo-Croatian."

1992 Slavic Workshop on Functional Categories, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor: "Binding Domains and Functional Categories in Slavic."

1992 Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA), Philadelphia, PA, co-authored with Steven Franks as second author: "Binding Domains, Morphological Complexity and X-bar Compatibility."

1991 22nd Meeting of the North East Linguistics Society (NELS), University of Delaware, Newark, co-authored with Steven Franks as second author: "Relativized SUBJECTs for Reflexives."

1991 Second Annual Meeting of the Formal Linguistics Society of MidAmerica (FLSM), Ann Arbor, MI, co-authored with Phil Connell as second author: "Long Distance Reflexives, X⁰-SUBJECTS, and Acquisition".

1991 International Symposium on Germanic Languages and Literatures, Columbus, Ohio: "Filled Spec of Comp as the Trigger for Verb-Second".

1987 Annual Linguistic Society of America (LSA) Meeting, San Francisco: "Negative Polarity Items in Terms of Generalized Binding."

2. Invited and/or Refereed Locally/Regionally

2019. "Gradual evolution of some key postulates of syntax: Making sense of small clauses, middles, islands, exocentrics, and other syntactic shortcomings." Harvard Circle Talk. March 1, 2019, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.

2019. "Syntax in the shadow of evolution: Stepping stones into hierarchy, Move, recursion, coordination." MIT Syntax Square presentation, February 26, 2019, Cambridge, MA.

2018. "What use is half a clause? The Five Problems facing language evolution research." MIT Department of Linguistics Lunch presentation, October 2018, Cambridge, MA.

2018. "The absolutive vP-less basis of *se* "middles" in Serbian: A split-accusative language?" MIT Syntax Square presentation, September 2018, Cambridge, MA.

2016. "What kind of grammar did early humans and Neanderthals command? Invited colloquium talk, Michigan State University. April 2016."

2016. "How grammar evolved, and how it is represented in the brain." Invited talk by Wayne State School of Medicine Student Chapter of Alpha Omega Alpha, the Honor Medical Society. March 1, 2016.

2012. "Absolutives, Exocentrics and Unaccusatives from an Evolutionary Angle." Invited talk, University of Michigan Syntax Reading Group, Ann Arbor.

2010. "Formal Syntax from an Evolutionary Angle." Invited colloquium talk, Michigan State University, January 21, 2010.

2009. "Thetic vs. Categorical Statements and the Evolution of Language." Joint talk with Eugenia Casielles as first author, The Annual Meeting of Michigan Linguistic Society (MLS), University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, October 31, 2009.

2007. "Sex and Syntax: Another Angle on Subjacency." The Annual Meeting of Michigan Linguistic Society (MLS), Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, November 10, 2007.
- 2006, Michigan Linguistics Society (MLS) Annual Conference, Oakland University: "Syntax in Evolution: Can there be an Intermediate (Simpler) Stage?"
- 2006, Wayne State Linguistics Colloquium, "If syntax evolved, what might be the traces of its evolution in modern-day languages?"
- 2004, University of Michigan Syntax Group, "Suffixes on a Silent Verb: Serbian Second Position Clitics."
- 2004, Second Wayne State Workshop on Small Utterances, "Small Utterances: Formal Aspects."
- 2003, First Wayne State Workshop on Small Structures, "Case and Nonsententials."
- 2003, Michigan State University, "Aspect and (Universal) Quantification: the Case of Serbian Aspectual Prefixes."
- 2002, University of Chicago, "Negation, Polarity, Quantifier Raising."
- 2000, Michigan State University, "Coordination and Events."
- 2000 Michigan Linguistic Society, Oakland University, "Aspect Phrase(s)."
- 1995 Michigan Linguistic Society, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor: "Determiner Phrase in a Language without Determiners."
- 1994 Michigan Linguistic Society, Eastern Michigan, Ypsilanti: "Choice of Complementizer in Serbian/Croatian."
- 1992 Michigan Linguistic Society, Michigan State University, East Lansing: "Rhetorical wh-Questions or 'Who ever wanted to know?'"
- 1992 Penn Linguistics Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia: "Subjunctive: Functional Transparency."
- 1990 Mid-America Linguistics Conference, University of Kansas, Lawrence: "Inversion as a Purely Structural Phenomenon."

II SELECTED SERVICE

Linguistics Program, Wayne State University
 Linguistics Program Director, 2007-2017
 MA Graduate Director, 2019-current

Journal Editorial Board Membership

Journal of Language Evolution, Oxford Academic, 2021-current

Journal of Slavic Linguistics, Slavica Publications, 1993-current

Syntax: Journal of Theoretical, Experimental and Interdisciplinary Research. Blackwell Publishers, 1998-2008

III HONORS/AWARDS

- Became member of the Academy of Scholars, Wayne State University, March 2022
- Keal Faculty Fellowship, Department of English, Winter 2022, for the project: "Evolution of Grammar, Insult, and Self-Domestication in Humans"
- The Humanities Center Marilyn Williamson Endowed Distinguished Faculty Fellowship, 2020, \$20,000, for the project: "Language Evolution, Self-Domestication, and Verbal Aggression"
- Charles Gershenson Distinguished Faculty Fellowship, 2020, \$20,000
- Board of Governors Faculty Recognition Award, 2020, \$2,500, for the book "A Critical Introduction to Language Evolution: Current Controversies and Future Prospects." Springer Expert Briefs, 2019
- Board of Governors Faculty Recognition Award, 2016, \$2,500, for the book "Evolutionary Syntax," published by Oxford University Press
- Keal Faculty Fellowship, Department of English, Summer 2016, \$6,000, for the project: "Testing the proposal of *Evolutionary Syntax*: Genetics and neuroimaging"
- The Humanities Center Marilyn Williamson Endowed Distinguished Faculty Fellowship, 2014, \$20,000, for the experimental fMRI project "In Search of Protosyntax in the Brain"
The project involves testing some specific hypotheses stemming from my work on the evolution of syntax by performing neuroimaging (fMRI) experiments with English and Serbian native speakers.
- Keal Faculty Fellowship, Department of English, Summer 2013, \$6,000, for the book manuscript preparation, *A Program for Evolutionary Syntax*
- Gershenson Distinguished Faculty Award, 2007, \$13,000, for the project "Rudimentary Grammar in the Evolution of Human Language"
- Board of Governors Faculty Recognition Award, 2007, \$2,500, for the book "A Syntax of Serbian," published by Slavica
- Humanities Innovative Projects in the Arts and Humanities Grant for the project "Rudimentary Grammar in the Evolution of Human Language," 2006, \$4,000
- Wayne State University, English Department's Keal Fellowship, Summer 2006, \$7,000, for the project "Compounds: Headed and Headless"
- Wayne State University Summer Research Grant, Summer 2005, \$10,000, for the project "Fossils in Language: Compounds in Their Sentential Aspect"
- International Travel Grant, English Department, Summer 2005, \$250, for the project "Exocentric Compounds in Serbian"
- Humanities Working Group Grant, Humanities Center, Wayne State University, for the preparation of the co-edited book volume "The Syntax of Nonsententials," 2004-2005, \$1,500 total
- Humanities Working Group Grant, Humanities Center, Wayne State University, "The Syntax of Nonsententials," 2003-2004, \$1,500 total; funds applied toward organizing the Second Wayne State Workshop on Small Utterances/Nonsententials
- Humanities Working Group Grant, Humanities Center, Wayne State University, "The Syntax of Nonsententials," 2002-2003, \$1,500 total; funds applied toward organizing the First Wayne State Workshop on Small Utterances/Nonsententials
- President's Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2002, \$2,500
- NSF Grant, EMELD Project, with Anthony Aristar Principal Investigator, Summer 2002, \$3,400, for the project "Ontologies"
- Wayne State University Summer Research Grant, Summer 2001, \$3,390, for the book project "The Syntax of Serbian"
- Wayne State University Career Development Chair (CDC), 1999/2000, a year off teaching plus equipment allowance, for the project "Economy of Coordination"
- Full research and teaching grant at the University of Venice, Italy, Winter 1995, ~ \$5,000

- Wayne State University Board of Governors Faculty Recognition Award, 1995, \$2,000, for the book publication "Negative and Positive Polarity," published by Cambridge University Press
- Participant in the Project on the acquisition of relative clauses, University of Ottawa, Summer 1992, CAN \$2,000
- Fulbright grant for the 1985-86 academic year, graduate studies at the University of Southern California (USC), Los Angeles, ~ \$17,000