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Education

- 2022 – Present **Rutgers University** – New Brunswick, NJ
PhD in Linguistics
- 2017 – 2022 **University of California, Los Angeles** – Los Angeles, CA
B.S. in Mathematics with a minor in Linguistics; Russian Flagship Program

Other Education

- Summer 2026 **South Asian Summer Language Institute** – Madison, WI
University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Summer 2022 **North American Summer School in Logic, Language, and Information** – Los Angeles, CA
University of Southern California
- 2021 – 2022 **American Councils for International Education Russian Overseas Flagship Program** – Almaty, Kazakhstan
Al-Farabi Kazakh National University
- Summer 2020 **American Councils for International Education Advanced Russian Language and Area Studies Program (RLASP)** – Almaty, Kazakhstan
Al-Farabi Kazakh National University

Journal Publications

- Accepted **Uyghur “Umlaut” as Vowel Reduction**
Phonology.

Conference Proceedings

- 2025 **Familiar Definite Marking in Magahi**
In D. Greeson, S. Haldar, A. Mishra, & A. Sharma (eds.), *Proceedings of FASAL 14*. 222-241.

Conference Presentations (reviewed as abstracts)

- 2026 (with Jiayuan Chen). Relating Anti-uniqueness and Non-honorificity to Definiteness Marking in Magahi. Talk at *SULA-TripleA 2026*. University of British Columbia. May 12-15.
- 2026 (with Jiayuan Chen). Bare Nouns in Magahi: Quasi-names or Anti-uniqueness?. Poster at *WCCFL44*. Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. May 6-7.
- 2026 (In)Definiteness Spreading and Multiple Classifier Constructions. Poster at *GLOW48*. University of Siena. April 21-23.
- 2026 (with Ariela Ye). A Binary Analysis of *i* in Kazakh: Category C or V. Poster at *Tu+11*. Massachusetts Institute of Technology. April 11-12.
- 2026 Magahi (In)Definiteness Spreading. Talk at *FASAL 16*. University of Southern Carolina. April 10-11.
- 2025 Magahi Determiner Spreading. Talk at *TripleA 12*. Tokyo University of Foreign Studies. September 10-12.
- 2025 (with Ariela Ye and Jiayuan Chen). Definiteness and Familiarity in Yemba Talk at *TripleA 12*. Tokyo University of Foreign Studies. September 10-12.
- 2025 (with Ariela Ye). Extra ‘cái’ Definites in Vietnamese Talk at *TEAL 14*. University of Southern California. March 18-20.
- 2025 (with Merlin Balkhash). Kazakh DP Reciprocals and Reciprocal Shift Talk at *Tu+10*. University of Southern California. March 1-2.
- 2024 Two Degree Vowel Reduction in Uyghur: “Umlaut” as Moderate Reduction Talk at *Annual Meeting on Phonology*. Rutgers University. November 1-3.
- 2024 Familiar Definite Marking in Magahi Talk at *FASAL 14*. Stony Brook University. April 4-6.
- 2024 Uyghur Umlaut as Vowel Reduction Talk at *Tu+9*. Cornell University. March 23-24.

Teaching Experience

- Spring 2026 Primary Instructor: Exploring Languages (Linguistics 101; Rutgers University)
- Spring 2025 – Fall 2025 Primary Instructor: Intro to Linguistic Theory (Linguistics 201; Rutgers University)

Fall 2024	Teaching Assistant: Intro to Linguistic Theory (Linguistics 201; Rutgers University)
Spring 2024 – Present	Grader: Phonology (Linguistics 315; Rutgers University)
Spring 2024	Tutor: Syntax, Phonology, Semantics (Linguistics 305, 315, 325; Rutgers University)
Spring 2021	Tutor: Logic, Second Course (Philosophy 132; UCLA)
Fall 2019 – Spring 2021	Tutor: Logic, First Course (Philosophy 31; UCLA)

Honors and scholarships

2026	UW-Madison Foreign Languages & Area Studies Fellowship (\$5,000 tuition + \$3,500 stipend)
2021 – 2022	UCLA Russian Flagship Scholarship for Capstone Year (\$15,000)
2020	UCLA Russian Flagship Scholarship for pre-capstone study abroad program (\$5,000)

Service

2025 – 2026	President: Rutgers Linguistics Graduate Student Association
2024 – 2025	Vice President: Rutgers Linguistics Graduate Student Association
2023 – 2025	Co-organizer: Rutgers Linguistics Colloquium Committee

Professional memberships

2023 – Present	Linguistics Society of America (LSA)
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Other

LANGUAGES	English (Native), Russian (Advanced), Serbo-Croatian (Intermediate), Hindi (basic), Mandarin (Basic)
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