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Education

2022–2027 Ph.D. Linguistics, Rutgers University (expected: May 2027)
Dissertation: *Definiteness, Honorificity, and their Interactions in Magahi*
Committee: Mark Baker & Dorothy Ahn (co-chairs), Maria Kouneli, Florian Schwarz

2017–2022 B.S. Mathematics, University of California, Los Angeles
Linguistics minor, Russian Flagship Program

Non-Degree Education

Summer 2026 South Asian Summer Language Institute, *Intermediate Hindi*
University of Wisconsin-Madison

Summer 2022 North American Summer School in Logic, Language, and Information
University of Southern California

2021–2022 American Councils Russian Overseas Flagship Program
Al-Farabi Kazakh National University

Summer 2020 American Councils Advanced Russian Language and Area Studies Program
Al-Farabi Kazakh National University

Journal Publications

Sharma, Aidan. Accepted. Uyghur “Umlaut" as Vowel Reduction. *Phonology*.

Conference Proceedings

Sharma, Aidan. In Prep. A split scope semantics for determiner spreading. In *Proceedings of NELS 57*.

Sharma, Aidan & Jiayuan Chen. In Prep. Deriving anti-uniqueness and non-honorificity in the Magahi definite marker *-wā*. In *Proceedings of SALT 36*.

Sharma, Aidan. To Appear. (In)definiteness spreading and multiple classifier constructions. In *Proceedings of GLOW 48*.

Ariela Ye & **Aidan Sharma**. 2026. From converb to complementizer: On the syntactic flexibility of *dep* in Kazakh. In *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America 11(1)*. 6083. [link]

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

Conference Presentations

Sharma, Aidan. 2026. A split scope semantics for determiner spreading. Talk at *NELS 57*. City University of New York. October 16-18.

Sharma, Aidan & Jiayuan Chen. 2026. Deriving anti-uniqueness and non-honorificity in the Magahi definite marker *-wā*. Talk at *SALT 36*. University of Buenos Aires. July 29-31.

Sharma, Aidan & Jiayuan Chen. 2026. Relating anti-uniqueness and non-honorificity to definiteness marking in Magahi. Talk at *SULA-TripleA 2026*. University of British Columbia. May 12-15.

Sharma, Aidan & Jiayuan Chen. 2026. Bare nouns in Magahi: Quasi-names or anti-uniqueness?. Poster at *WCCFL 44*. Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. May 6-7.

Sharma, Aidan. 2026. (In)definiteness spreading and multiple classifier constructions. Poster at *GLOW 48*. Università di Siena. April 21-23.

Ye, Ariela & **Aidan Sharma**. 2026. A binary analysis of *dep* in Kazakh: Category V or C. Poster at *Tu+ 11*. Massachusets Institute of Technology. April 11-12.

Sharma, Aidan. 2026. Magahi (in)definiteness spreading. Talk at *FASAL 16*. University of Southern Carolina. April 10-11.

Sharma, Aidan. 2025. Magahi determiner spreading. Talk at *TripleA 12*. Tokyo University of Foreign Studies. September 10-12.

Sharma, Aidan, Ariela Ye, & Jiayuan Chen. 2025. Definiteness and familiarity in Yemba. Talk at *TripleA 12*. Tokyo University of Foreign Studies. September 10-12.

Sharma, Aidan. & Ariela Ye. 2026. Extra 'cái' definites in Vietnamese. Talk at *TEAL 14*. University of Southern California. March 18-20.

Sharma, Aidan. & Merlin Balkhash. Kazakh DP reciprocals and reciprocal shift. Talk at *Tu+ 10*. University of Southern California. March 1-2.

Sharma, Aidan. 2024. Two degree vowel reduction in Uyghur: "Umlaut" as moderate reduction. Talk at *Annual Meeting on Phonology*. Rutgers University. November 1-3.

Sharma, Aidan. 2024. Familiar definite marking in Magahi. Talk at *FASAL 14*. Stony Brook University. April 4-6.

Sharma, Aidan. 2024. Uyghur umlaut as vowel reduction. Talk at *Tu+ 9*. Cornell University. March 23-24.

Other Presentations

Sharma, Aidan. 2026. Maximal readings of numerals with additive morphemes. Poster at *MACSIM 12*. Rutgers University. October 3.

Sharma, Aidan. 2026. Uniform (in)definiteness spreading in Magahi. Talk at *SynRG*. Yale University. September 19.

Teaching

Primary Instructor, Rutgers

- Ling 101: Exploring Languages — Spring 2026
- Ling 201: Intro to Linguistic Theory — Spring, Fall 2025

Teaching Assistant, Rutgers

- Ling 201: Intro to Linguistic Theory — Fall 2024

Tutor, Rutgers

- Ling 305: Syntax — Spring 2024
- Ling 315: Phonology — Spring 2024
- Ling 325: Semantics — Spring 2024

Grader, Rutgers

- Ling 315: Phonology — Spring 2024, '25, '26, Fall 2024, '25, '26

Tutor, UCLA

- Phil 132: Logic, Second Course — Spring 2021
- Phil 31: Logic, First Course — Fall 2019, '20, Winter 2019, Spring 2020, '21

Honors & Scholarships

- UW-Madison Foreign Languages & Area Studies Fellowship ($8500) — 2026
- Rutgers School of Graduate Studies Research & Travel Award ($1000) — 2026
- Rutgers School of Graduate Studies Research & Travel Award ($1000) — 2025
- UCLA Russian Flagship Scholarship for Capstone Year ($15,000) — 2021–2022
- UCLA Russian Flagship Scholarship for pre-capstone study abroad program ($5000) — 2020

Service & Experience

Conference Organization

- MACSIM 12 conference committee member (led by Dorothy Ahn), Rutgers University — 2026

Service to Rutgers Linguistics

- President: Rutgers Linguistics Graduate Student Association — Fall 2025 – Spring 2026
- Vice President: Rutgers Linguistics Graduate Student Association — Fall 2024 – Spring 2025
- Lead organizer: Rutgers Linguistics Colloquium Committee — Fall 2024 – Spring 2025
- Co-organizer: Rutgers Linguistics Colloquium Committee — Fall 2023 – Spring 2024
- Organizer: Rutgers Morphology Reading Group (MRG) — Fall 2023 - Spring 2024

Professional Memberships

- Linguistics Society of America (LSA) — 2023 – Present

Languages

- English — Native
- Russian — Advanced
- Hindi, Serbian, Mandarin — Intermediate
- Magahi, Kazakh, Banjara, Uyghur, Marathi, Gujarati — Elicitation