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## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 2013-19 **UC San Diego**  
(Expected) Ph.D. in Experimental Psychology  
Advisor: *Victor S. Ferreira*
- 2018 **Statistical Methods for Linguistics and Psychology**  
University of Potsdam
- 2011-13 **UC Santa Cruz**  
M.A. in Linguistics  
Advisor: *Matthew Wagers*  
Thesis: *Bridging the gap between acceptability and production of English resumptive pronouns*
- 2010-11 **Harvard University**  
Manager of Language Processing Lab  
P.I.: *Maria Polinsky*
- 2009-10 **Emory University**  
Research Assistant  
P.I.: *Lynne Nygaard*
- 2004-08 **Middlebury College**  
B.A. in Physics and Music, *Magna Cum Laude*  
Advisor: *Jeff Dunham*  
Thesis: *Geometric Algebra in Relativistic and Non-Relativistic Physics*

## GRANTS

- 2012-17 **NSF Graduate Research Fellowship**  
Full graduate funding for 3 years from the National Science Foundation
- 2015-16 **UC San Diego Collaboratories Fellowship**  
\$10,000 for an ECoG project in Eric Halgren's Multimodal Imaging Lab
- 2013-14 **UC San Diego David Swinney Fellowship**  
\$2,500 supplemental graduate support

## EDITORIAL WORK AND CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

- Co-organizer & Co-chair Cross-linguistic Variation in Island Phenomena (Organized Session at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America). With Savi Namboodiripad and Dave Kush
- Ad Hoc Reviewer *National Science Foundataion* (2019)  
*Canadian Journal of Linguistics* (2018-19)

## PUBLICATIONS

Fadlon, J., **Morgan, A. M.**, Meltzer-Asscher, A., Ferreira, V. S. (In press). It depends: Optionality in the production of filler-gap dependencies. *Journal of Memory and Language*.

Kaestner, E., **Morgan, A. M.**, Snider, J., Zhan, M., Jiang, X., Levy, R., Ferreira, V. S., Thesen, T., & Halgren, E. (2018). Toward a database of intracranial electrophysiology during natural language presentation. *Language, Cognition and Neuroscience*: 1-10.

**Morgan A. M.** & Wagers M. (2018). English resumptive pronouns are more common where gaps are least acceptable. *Linguistic Inquiry* 49:4: 861-876.

Ferreira, V. S., **Morgan A. M.** & Slevc, L. R. (2018). Grammatical Encoding. In Gaskell (Ed.), *Oxford Handbook of Psycholinguistics 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Clemens, L. E., Coon J., Mateo Pedro, P., **Morgan, A. M.**, Polinsky, M., Tandet, G., & Wagers, M. (2015). Ergativity and the complexity of extraction: A view from Mayan. *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory* 33.2: 417-467.

Polinsky, M., Clemens, L. E., **Morgan, A. M.**, Xiang, M., & Heestand, D. (2013). Resumption in English. In Sprouse (Ed.), *Experimental Syntax and Island Effects*.

Polinsky, M., Gallo, C. G., Graff, P., Kravtchenko, E., **Morgan, A. M.**, Sturgeon, A. (2013). Subject islands are different. In Sprouse (Ed.), *Experimental Syntax and Island Effects*.

## TALKS

- 2019 Learning and Representing Syntactic Structure. Invited talk in the UCSF Chang Lab Lab Meeting, Department of Neurosurgery, UC San Francisco, USA.
- 2018 Subcategorization Preferences of Verbs Reveal Syntactic Processing in Evoked Intracranial Potentials. California Meeting on Psycholinguistics (CAMP), UCLA, USA. (Work with Erik Kaestner, Victor S. Ferreira, Meilin Zhan, and Eric Halgren)

This is the Structure that We Wonder Why Anyone Produces it: Resumptive Pronouns in English Hinder Sentence Comprehension. Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing (AMLaP Asia), University of Hyderabad, India. (Work with Titus von der Malsburg, Victor S. Ferreira, and Eva Wittenberg)

Morgan, AM, von der Malsburg T, Ferreira VS, Wittenberg E. English resumptive pronouns hinder sentence comprehension. Presented at the 2018 Pronouns in Competition workshop, UC Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz

This is the Structure that We Wonder Why Anyone Produces it: Resumptive Pronouns in English Hinder Sentence Comprehension. California Meeting on Psycholinguistics (CAMP), UCLA, USA. (Work with Titus von der Malsburg, Victor S. Ferreira, and Eva Wittenberg)

2017 Knowledge of a Syntactic Universal Guides Generalization to New Structures. The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, MIT. (Work with Victor S. Ferreira)

2016 Resumptive Pronouns: What can we learn from an “ungrammatical” construction about grammar, sentence planning, and language acquisition? UC San Diego Center for Research in Language.

2012 New approaches to linguistic work in Mesoamerican communities. David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies: Mexico and Central America Program Speaker Series, Harvard University. With Jessica Coon, Lauren Eby Clemens, Pedro Mateo Pedro, Maria Polinsky, and Gabrielle Tandet.

Experimental design for field linguistics. Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon. With Lauren Eby Clemens, Jessica Coon, Peter Graff, Pedro Mateo Pedro, Maria Polinsky, and Nicolás Arcos López.

2011 Ergatividad y ambigüedad: procesamiento de cláusulas relativas en chol. Universidad Intercultural de Tabasco, Tabasco, Mexico. With Jessica Coon and Pedro Mateo Pedro.

## **POSTERS**

2018 Morgan, AM, Ferreira VS. Learners generate unencountered novel structures by drawing on knowledge of a universal. Architectures and Mechanisms of Language Processing (AMLaP), Berlin, Germany.

Morgan, AM, von der Malsburg T, Ferreira VS, Wittenberg E. This is the structure that we wonder why anyone produces it: Resumptive Pronouns in English hinder sentence comprehension. Presented at the 2018 CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, MIT, Boston.

Morgan, AM, von der Malsburg T, Ferreira VS, Wittenberg E. This is the structure that we wonder why anyone produces it: Resumptive Pronouns in English hinder sentence comprehension. Presented at the 2018 CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, MIT, Boston.

2017 Morgan, AM, von der Malsburg T, Ferreira VS, Wittenberg E. This is the structure that we wonder why anyone produces it: Resumptive pronouns in English help production but hinder sentence comprehension. Presented at the 2017 CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, MIT, Boston.

- Fadlon, J, Morgan A, Meltzer-Asscher A, Ferreira VS. English and Hebrew Speakers use Language-Specific Strategies to Produce Communicatively Efficient Relative Clauses. Presented at the 2017 CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, MIT, Boston.
- 2016 Morgan, AM, von der Malsburg T, Ferreira VS, Wittenberg E. Resumptive Pronouns Hinder Sentence Comprehension in English. Presented at the 2016 Conference of Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing (AMLaP), Bilbao, Spain.
- 2015 Morgan, AM, Ferreira VS. Acceptability Monitoring's Role in Resumptive Pronoun Production. Presented at the Conference of Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing (AMLaP), Valletta, Malta.
- Morgan, AM, Ferreira VS. Individual Differences in the Production and Judgment of Islands and Domain General Cognitive Abilities. Presented at the 2015 Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute, University of Chicago, USA.
- 2014 Morgan, AM. English Resumptive Pronouns are Predicted by Bare-Bones Syntax. Presented at the Conference of Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing (AMLaP), Edinburgh, Scotland.
- 2013 Morgan, AM, Wagers M. Gap Acceptability Predicts Resumption Rates in English. Presented at the Conference of Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing (AMLaP), Marseille, France

## **TEACHING**

### As Instructor:

2018 PSYC 164: Cognitive Development

### As Teaching Assistant:

2018 PSYC 169: Criminology  
PSYC 153: Psychology of Emotion

2017 PSYC 4: Behavioral Psychology

2016 PSYC 134: Eating Disorders

2015 PSYC 101: Developmental Psychology  
PSYC 105: Cognitive Psychology

2013 PSYC 103: Mechanisms of Animal Behavior  
LING 101: Syntactic Structures

## LINGUISTIC FIELD WORK

- Tupari (Tupi), 2012 Rondônia, Brazil  
Preliminary documentation of Tupari in an indigenous reserve through Dr. Denny Moore of Museu Paraense Emílio Goeldi, with grant funding from the Museu Goeldi
- Ch'ol & Q'anjob'al (Mayan), 2011 Chiapas, Mexico & Santa Eulalia, Guatemala  
Ran a processing experiment on the processing of relative clauses in these two ergative languages

## OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

Human languages

*Native:* English

*Fluent:* Brazilian Portuguese

*Conversational (at one point, anyway):* Yiddish, Spanish

Computer languages

- R
- Matlab
- Javascript
- PHP/HTML
- Python
- Praat