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Research Interests: syntax, architecture of grammar, variation.

Specific research interests: long-distance dependencies, successive-cyclicity; minimality; quantifier float; raising and control; speaker variation; acceptability vs grammaticality; grammaticality illusions.

EDUCATION

- 2016–present PhD student, [Department of Linguistics](#), University of Maryland, College Park
Advisors: [Norbert Hornstein](#) and [Howard Lasnik](#)
Expected completion: Summer 2021
- 2013–2016 M.A. Linguistics, University of Leipzig
Thesis in syntax: *Expressive Agreement in Italian*
Supervisors: [Gereon Müller](#) and [Doreen Georgi](#)
- 2010–2013 B.A. Linguistics, University of Leipzig
Thesis in syntax: *On the Person-Case Constraint: From the Giga to the Zero Version with Copy, Impoverishment and Check*
Supervisors: [Gereon Müller](#) and [Andreas Opitz](#)

SUMMER SCHOOLS

- 2014 Eastern Generative Grammar (EGG) Summer School in Debrecen, Hungary
2013 Eastern Generative Grammar (EGG) Summer School in Wrocław, Poland

AWARDS

- 2016–2021 Graduate Assistantship, University of Maryland at College Park
2016–2021 [Flagship Fellowship](#), University of Maryland at College Park
2016–2019 Outstanding Scholars Program fellowship, University of Connecticut (declined)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

- 2016 Max-Planck-Institute for Human Cognitive and Brain Sciences in Leipzig, [Department of Neuropsychology](#)
Project: Continuation of an internship project – writing scripts (Bash) for pre-processing of resting state fMRI data as part of a project looking at the functional connectivity in resting state data of 5 and 8 y.o. children with dyslexia
Supervisor: [Michael Skeide](#)
- 2014–2016 IGRA graduate school of the Department of Linguistics, University of Leipzig
Projects: independent research regarding issues of Minimality related to a particular DP-internal agreement pattern with expressive nouns in Italian; independent research on the challenges of verb clefting in the Italian dialect of Tiezer for a unified theory of verb clefting
Supervisor: [Gereon Müller](#)

2012–2014 DFG (German national science foundation) Project ‘Argument encoding in Morphology and Syntax’, University of Leipzig
Projects: independent research regarding the challenges of the agreement patterns of the language Kambera for a unified theory of the Person-Case Constraint; independent research on Person-Case effects in German
Supervisor: Gereon Müller

INTERNSHIPS

2015 Max-Planck-Institute for Human Cognitive and Brain Sciences in Leipzig, Department of Neuropsychology
Supervisor: Michael Skeide

PUBLICATIONS

JOURNAL ARTICLES

u. review ‘Wh-Quantifier Float in German’. *Syntax*.
u. review (with Sandhya Sundaresan) ‘Proxy Control: Extending Control Typology in Grammar’. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

2020 ‘Wh-Quantifier Float in German’. In: M. Asatryan, Y. Song, A. Whitmal, eds., *Proceedings of NELS50*.
2017 (with Sandhya Sundaresan) ‘Proxy Control: A New Form of Control in Grammar’. In: N. Brandel, ed., *Proceedings of IATL 2016. MIT Working Papers in Linguistics 86*.
2017 (with Sandhya Sundaresan) ‘Proxy Control: Extending the Typology of Control in Grammar’. In: M. Y. Erlewine and Y. Sato, eds., *Proceedings of GLOW Asia XI, Volume 1. MIT Working Papers in Linguistics 84*.
2016 ‘Agree and Minimality in the DP: The challenge from the Cazzo-of-N construction in Italian’. In: K. Barnickel et al., eds., *Proceedings of ConSOLE XXIV in York*, pp. 88–111.
2014 ‘The Super-Strong Person-Case Constraint: Scarcity of Resources by Scale-Driven Impoverishment’. In: M. Kohlberger et al., eds., *Proceedings of ConSOLE XXII in Lisbon*, pp. 58–80.

WORKING PAPERS

2016 ‘Noun Formation by Verb Reduplication in Italian’. In: K. Barnickel et al., eds., *Linguistische Arbeitsberichte 93*. University of Leipzig, pp. 215–227.
2016 (with Sandhya Sundaresan) ‘Proxy Control: A New Species of Obligatory Control Under Modality’. In: K. Barnickel et al., eds., *Linguistische Arbeitsberichte 93*. University of Leipzig, pp. 447–482.
2013 ‘The Super-Strong Person-Case Constraint: Scarcity of Resources through Scale-Driven Impoverishment’. In: F. Heck and A. Assmann, eds., *Linguistische Arbeitsberichte 90*. University of Leipzig, pp. 177–201.

PRESENTATIONS

TALKS

2019 ‘Wh-Quantifier Float in German Diagnoses \bar{A} -traces and Successive Cyclicity in vP’. NELS 50, MIT.
2019 ‘Wh-Quantifier Float in German’. ECO-5, University of Maryland.
2017 (with Sandhya Sundaresan) ‘Proxy Control: Extending the Typology of Control in Grammar’. GLOW in Asia XI, Singapore.

- 2016 (with [Sandhya Sundaesan](#)) ‘Proxy Control: A New Form of Control in Grammar’. IATL 32, Hebrew University, Jerusalem.
- 2016 (with [Sandhya Sundaesan](#)) ‘Covert Pronouns in Modal Infinitives License Deep Subject Control in Passives and Proxy Control’. Pronouns: Morphosyntax, Semantics and Processing (PMSSP) in Salvador, Brazil.
- 2014 ‘Hard and Soft Person-Case Constraints’. Comparative Germanic Syntax Workshop (CGSW) 29 in York, UK.
- 2013 ‘The Super-Strong Person-Case Constraint: Scarcity of Resources by Scale-Driven Impoverishment’. Annual Meeting of the DGfS (German Linguistics Association) in Potsdam, Germany. Workshop ‘Interaction of Syntactic Primitives’.

POSTERS

- 2016 (with [Sandhya Sundaesan](#)) ‘Proxy Control’. CGSW 31, Stellenbosch University, South Africa.
- 2016 ‘The *Cazzo*-of-N Construction and its Non-Minimal Agreement Pattern in Italian’. ConSOLE XXIV in York, UK.
- 2014 ‘The Super-Strong Person-Case Constraint: Scarcity of Resources by Scale-Driven Impoverishment’ (Poster). ConSOLE XXII in Lisbon, Portugal.

INVITED TALKS

- 2017 ‘Wh-quantifier floating in German’. Institut für Linguistik, University of Leipzig.
- 2016 (with [Sandhya Sundaesan](#)) ‘Proxy Control’. Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaften (ZAS) in Berlin.

TEACHING

INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

- 2019, Fall *Wh-questions around the world* (LING419W): An overview of the syntax of various constructions for constituent questions (wh-movement, wh-in-situ, multiple-wh questions, echo wh-questions) and issues surrounding these phenomena (scope and covert movement, successive cyclicity, superiority, partial movement, cross-linguistic variation viewed through the Wh-Criterion and Wh-Parameter).

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

Department of Linguistics, University of Maryland

- 2020, Spring *Syntax II* (LING312): grading and office hours – for Omer Preminger
- 2019, Spring *Phonology I* (LING321): grading and office hours – for Margaret J. Antonisse
- 2018, Fall *Syntax I* (LING311): grading and office hours; guest lecture on V2 and remnant movement in German – for Tonia Bleam
- 2018, Spring *Intro to Linguistics* (LING200): weekly discussion section, grading and office hours – for Tonia Bleam – Gen. Ed. non-majors
- 2017, Fall *Intro to Linguistics* (LING200): weekly discussion section, grading and office hours – for Margaret J. Antonisse – Gen. Ed. non-majors

Institut für Linguistik, University of Leipzig

- 2015, Fall *Intro to Linguistics*: weekly discussion section – for Fabian Heck
- 2015, Spring *Syntax I*: discussion sections – for Fabian Heck
- 2014, Fall *Intro to Linguistics*: weekly discussion section, designed mock exam – for Gereon Müller
- 2014, Spring *Formal Semantics*: weekly discussion section and grading – for Sandhya Sundaesan
- 2013, Fall *Intro to Language Typology*: weekly discussion section – for Barbara Stiebels

2012, Fall *Intro to Linguistics*: weekly discussion section – for Gereon Müller
2011, Fall *Phonology*: weekly discussion section, grading, designed mock exam questions – for Anke Assmann-Himmelreich

SERVICE

REVIEWING

2016 Reviewer for *Glossa*
2016 Abstract reviewer for *ConSOLE 25*

CONFERENCES

2020 Organizing committee for Mayfest 2020 (canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic)
2017 Organizing committee for *Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT 27)* at the University of Maryland, College Park
2016 Organizing committee for *Studentische Tagung für Sprachwissenschaften (STuTS) 59* in Leipzig (linguistics student conference)
2011 Organizing committee for *Studentische Tagung für Sprachwissenschaften (STuTS) 49* in Leipzig (linguistics student conference)

COMMITTEE WORK

2019– Member of the Colloquium Committee, Linguistics Department, University of Maryland
2019–2020 Co-chair of the Outreach Committee, [Language Science Center](#), University of Maryland
2017– Member of the Outreach Committee, [Language Science Center](#), University of Maryland
Activities: co-organizer for local test site for [NACLO](#), the North American Computational Linguistics Olympiad; volunteer running demos at various on- and off-campus outreach events.
2017 Member of the planning committee for [Language Science Day](#)
2016–2017 Member of the Professional Development Committee, Language Science Center, University of Maryland

REPRESENTATION

2017–2019 Graduate Student Representative for the Graduate Student Government ([GSG](#)), University of Maryland
2017–2018 Co-Chair of the Linguistics Graduate Student Assembly (LGSA), University of Maryland
2015–2016 Member of *Fachschaftsrat Linguistik (FaRaLing)*, the students' council for the Department of Linguistics, University of Leipzig
2014 Search committee member for W2 Heisenberg Professorship for theoretical phonology in Leipzig

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

2018– Member of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA)

LANGUAGES

Native: Italian, German; **Fluent:** English; **Moderate:** French, Spanish; **Basic/Research:** Hausa, Japanese, Russian, Latin, Mandarin Chinese, Sanskrit.

SOFTWARE/PLATFORM SKILLS

Advanced: Latex; **Intermediate:** ITeX; **Basic:** Unix, Bash, Matlab, Freesurfer, ITK-Snap, ePrime.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full name: Aaron Gianmaria Gabriel Doliana
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US Visa: F1 Student visa

REFEREES

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Howard Lasnik Advisor; University of Maryland, College Park; lasnik@umd.edu
Tonia Bleam Director of undergraduate studies, University of Maryland, College Park;
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