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Education

Ph.D in Linguistics (in progress), McGill University, 2017-present

B.A. (Honours), Linguistics, Concordia University, 2017

Publications

Journal articles

Alonso-Ovalle, Luis and **Justin Royer**. To appear. Random choice from Likelihood: The case of Chuj (Mayan). *Journal of Semantics*.

Royer, Justin, Pedro Mateo Pedro, Elizabeth Carolan, Jessica Coon and Matal Torres. To appear. *Atz'am k'ik' atz'am*: The story of Xuwan and a grammatical sketch of Chuj. *Tlalocan*.

Royer, Justin. Accepted with minor revisions. Decomposing definiteness: The case of noun classifiers in Chuj. *Canadian Journal of Linguistics*.

Royer, Justin. 2021. Prosody as syntactic evidence: The view from Mayan. *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory*.

In peer-reviewed volumes

Royer, Justin. To appear. Configuraciones referenciales en chuj. In Cristina Buenrostro (ed.), *Estudios de Lengua y Cultura Chuj*. Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México.

Robert Henderson, Paulina Elias, **Justin Royer** and Jessica Coon. To appear. La composición de la estatividad en chuj. In Cristina Buenrostro (ed.), *Estudios de Lengua y Cultura Chuj*. Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México.

Royer, Justin. 2020. Headless relative clauses in Chuj. In Ivano Caponigro, Harold Torrence, and Robert Zavala, *Headless relative clauses in Mesoamerican languages*. 327-361. Oxford University Press.

Coon, Jessica and **Justin Royer**. 2020. Nominalization and Selection in two Mayan languages. In Artemis Alexiadou and Hagit Borer, *50 Years from Chomsky's Remarks*. 139-169. Oxford University Press.

Isac, Daniela and **Justin Royer**. 2020. Clause-typing and Québec French TU. In Irene Vogel (ed.), *Romance Languages and Linguistic Theory 16*, 156-169. John Benjamins Publishing Company.

In proceedings or special volumes

- Royer, Justin.** 2020. An apparent syntax-prosody mismatch as right extraposition: Evidence from Mayan. In Ayana Whitmal, Yixiao Song, Mariam Asatryan (eds.), *NELS 50: Proceedings of the fiftieth Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society*. 3, 113-126.
- Royer, Justin.** 2020. Weak and strong definites in Kabyle. In Nico Baier, Jessica Coon and Morgan Sonderegger (eds.), *McGill Working Papers in Linguistics*, 26(1).
- Alonso-Ovalle, Luis and **Justin Royer.** 2020. Random choice modality: The view from Chuj. In Michael Franke, Nikola Kompa, Mingya Liu, Jutta L. Mueller, and Juliane Schwab (eds.), *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 24*. 1, 48-65. Osnabrück University.
- Royer, Justin.** 2019. Domain restriction and noun classifiers in Chuj (Mayan). In Maggie Baird and Jonathan Pesetsky (eds.), *NELS 49: Proceedings of the Forty-Ninth Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society*, 3, 87-97.
- Royer, Justin** and Luis Alonso-Ovalle. 2019. Random-choice modality in Chuj: the case of *komon*. In *Proceedings of Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi)* 5.
- Robert Henderson, Paulina Elias, **Justin Royer** and Jessica Coon. 2018. The composition of stativity in Chuj. In Laura Kalin, Ileana Paul, Jozina Vander Klok, *Heading in the right direction: Linguistic treats for Lisa Travis*. 100-109.
- Royer, Justin.** 2017. Noun and numeral classifiers in Chuj (Mayan). In Julia Nee, Margaret Cychosz, Dmetri Hayes, Taylor Lau, and Emily Ramirez (eds.), *Proceedings of the 43rd annual meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society*, Berkeley Linguistics Society, 2(1), 29-38.

Manuscripts

- Royer, Justin.** 2019. The composition of DP in Chuj: The core of unique definites, anaphoric definites, and specific indefinites. First Evaluation Paper, McGill University.

Presentations

Invited talks

- 2020, *Binding and coreference in Mayan: Evidence for object raising*. Presented at UC Berkeley Syntax-Semantics Circle. University of California, Berkeley. November 2020.
- 2020, *Modal effects in the nominal domain: Lessons from Chuj*, Presented at Semantics of Under-represented Languages in the Americas 11, Colegio de México and Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, August 2020.
- 2019, *Pronominal classifiers and definiteness in Chuj*. Presented at the Calgary Workshop on Pronouns. University of Calgary.
- 2017, *Artículos en kaqchikel y en chuj: Lo que nos pueden decir las lenguas mayas*. Presented at the Universidad del Valle de Guatemala. June 2017.

Peer-reviewed conference presentations

[2021] (with Luis Alonso-Ovalle), *Modality in the nominal domain: The Chuj “yalnhej + wh” series*. To be presented at *Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 31*. May 2021. Brown University.

[2021], *Aligner prosodie et syntaxe pour mieux comprendre la syntaxe: Phénomène prosodique en maya*. To be presented at *50 ans de linguistique à l’UQAM: Regards croisés sur les enjeux de la linguistique*. April 2021. Université du Québec à Montréal.

[2021] (with Aurore Gonzalez), *Expletive negation and negative polarity: The view from Québec French*. To be presented at the 43rd Annual Meeting of the German Linguistic Society (DGfS 43). February 2021. Freiburg, Germany.

2020 (with Aurore Gonzalez), *“Expletive negation” as a decomposed NPI in Québec French*. Presented at *Going Romance 34*. Paris.

2020, *Binding and the “low/high-abs” parameter in Mayan*. Paper presented at *The 51st annual meeting of the North East Linguistics Society*. Université du Québec à Montréal. Montréal, Québec.

2020 (with Carol-Rose Little and Mary Moroney), *Two types of numeral classifiers: Evidence from Ch’ol, Shan, and Chuj*. Paper presented at *Semantics of Under-represented Languages in the Americas 11*, Colegio de México and Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, August 2020.

2020, *Against syntax-prosody mismatches in Chuj and K’iche’: An alternative to Henderson 2012*. Paper presented at the 94th annual meeting of the Linguistics Society of America. New Orleans.

2020 (with Carol-Rose Little and Mary Moroney), *Classifying classifiers: Two kinds of numeral classifiers across languages*. Paper presented at the 94th annual meeting of the Linguistics Society of America. New Orleans.

2019, *An apparent syntax-prosody mismatch as right extraposition*. Paper presented at *The 50th annual meeting of the North East Linguistics Society*. MIT. Boston, Massachusetts.

2019, *Los sufijos de categoría en chuj y la interfaz entre sintaxis y prosodia*. Presented at the 9th Conference on Indigenous Languages of Latin America. University of Texas, Austin.

2019 (with Luis Alonso-Ovalle), *Random choice modality: The view from Chuj*. Presented at *Sinn und Bedeutung 24*. University of Osnabrück. Osnabrück, Germany.

2019, *Noun classifiers and the composition of DP in Chuj*. Presented at the 12th annual Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal semantics workshop. McGill-Concordia. Montréal, Québec.

2018, *Las configuraciones referenciales en chuj*. Presented at the fifth edition of *Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics*, Antigua, Guatemala.

2018, *(In)definitud en chuj y su relación con los clasificadores nominales*. Presented at the *Primer encuentro de estudios sobre el Chuj*, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, May 2018.

2018 (with Robert Henderson, Paulina Elias, and Jessica Coon), *La composición de la estatividad en Chuj*, Presented at the *Primer encuentro de estudios sobre el chuj*, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, May 2018.

2018, *Specificity, (in)definiteness, and noun classifiers in Chuj (Mayan)*. Presented at the 40th Annual Conference of the German Linguistics Society (DGfS 2018), March 2018.

2017, *Noun classifiers, (in)definiteness, and pronouns in Chuj*. Presented at the Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal Indigenous Languages of Latin America Workshop. University of Toronto. November 2017.

2017, *Sistemas de clasificación nominal en Chuj: hacia un análisis unificado*. Presented at the 8th conference on Indigenous languages of Latin America, University of Texas at Austin. October 2017.

2017 (with Daniela Isac), *Scalarity across clause-types: the Québec French TU*. Presented at the 27th Colloquium on Generative Grammar, Universidad de Alcalá. May 2017.

2017, *Expletive negation and scalar implicatures in Québec French*. Presented at the 47th Symposium on Romance Languages, University of Delaware. April 2017.

Peer-reviewed poster presentations

2018, *Domain restriction and noun classifiers in Chuj (Mayan)*. Presented at the 49th annual meeting of the North East Linguistics Society (NELS 49), Cornell University. October 2018.

2018 (with Luis Alonso-Ovalle), *La modalidad de decisión arbitraria en chuj: komon*. Presented at the fifth edition of *Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics*, Antigua, Guatemala.

2017 (with Daniela Isac), *Clause-typing in Québec French TU*. Presented at the 47th Symposium on Romance Languages, University of Delaware. April 2017.

2017, *Noun and numeral classifiers in Chuj*. Presented at the 42nd annual meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society, UC Berkeley. February 2017.

Awards & Distinctions

Awards

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council - Joseph-Armand Bombardier Doctoral Scholarship, \$105,000.00, 2017-2020

Graduate Research Enhancement and Travel Award, McGill, \$526.00, October 2019.

Centre for Research on Brain, Language, and Music Travel Grant, \$700.00, October 2019.

Graduate Mobility Award, McGill, \$2,500.00, April-May 2019.

Graduate Research Enhancement and Travel Award, McGill, \$400.00, October 2018.

Graduate Mobility Award, McGill, \$1,400.00, August 2018

Mitacs Globalink Research Award — Mexico Secretariat of Public Education, \$6,000.00, April-July 2018.

Graduate Mobility Award, McGill, \$2,000.00, 2018 (declined for Mitacs award)

Indigenous Studies Award, McGill, \$1,300.00, 2018

Crevier-Bronstetter Scholarship, Concordia University, \$4,820.00, 2016-2017

Concordia Undergraduate Student Research Award, Concordia University, \$5,625.00, summer 2016

Birks Family Foundation Bursary, Concordia University, \$1,000.00, 2016

Distinctions

Modern Languages & Linguistics Plaque, Concordia University, 2017 convocation.

Scholar of Faculty of Arts and Science, Concordia University, 2016

Work & teaching experience

Classes taught

2020

Introduction à ELAN, UQÀM, Summer 2020

Guest Lecture, Introduction to Semantics (MA class), CIESAS, Summer 2020

2019

Introduction to ELAN, McGill Fieldwork Lab, Winter 2019

2018

Introducción a ELAN, ELAN Workshop, CIESAS, Summer 2018

Teaching assistantships

2020

Syntax (ling 371), McGill University, Fall 2020

Syntax (ling 371), McGill University, Winter 2020

2019

Introduction to Linguistics (ling 201), McGill University, Fall 2019

Introduction to Linguistics (ling 201), McGill University, Winter 2019

2018

Introduction to Linguistics (ling 201), McGill University, Fall 2018

2017

Syntax (ling 315), Concordia University, Winter 2017

Phonetics (ling 372), Concordia University, Winter 2017

2016

Phonetics (ling 372), Concordia University, Fall 2016

Syntax (ling 315), Concordia University, Winter 2016

Introduction to Linguistics (ling 200), Concordia University, Winter 2016

Introduction to Linguistics (ling 200), Concordia University, Fall 2016

Research assistantships

Research assistant of Professor Jessica Coon, McGill University, 2016-2017.

Research assistant of Professor Daniela Isac, Concordia University, 2016-2017

Primary investigator, *Expletive negation in Québec French*, Concordia University, summer of 2016

Language teaching

French teacher, Hans Carossa Gymnasium, Berlin, Germany, 2013-2014

Academic Service

Reviewing

Ad hoc reviewing for *Canadian Journal of Linguistics*, 2021

- Ad hoc abstract reviewing for *Semantics of Under-Represented Languages in the Americas*, 2020
- Ad hoc reviewing for the *Journal of the Linguistics Society of Germany (Zeitschrift für Sprachwissenschaft)*, 2020

Service to McGill University

- Organizing committee of *Workshop on Parameters in Honour of Lisa Travis*, McGill, May 2019.
- McGill syntax-semantics reading group organizer, 2019-present.
- McGill semantics reading group organizer, 2018-2019.
- McGill syntax job search student representative, 2019.

Service to Concordia University

- Colloquium series organizer
- VP Academic Affairs, Concordia Linguistics Student Association

Other academic activities

2019 (1 month), Fieldwork in Guatemala.

2018 (3 months), Fieldwork in Guatemala and México and visiting student supervised by Dr. Roberto Zavala at the *Centro de investigaciones y estudios superiores en antropología social (CIESAS) - Sureste* in San Cristóbal de las Casas, Chiapas, Mexico.

2017, AILLA (Archive of Indigenous Languages of Latin America) documentation archivathon, University of Texas in Austin.

2017 (1 month), Guatemala Field Station, University of Maryland.

2016 (2 weeks) North American Summer School on Logic, Language, and Information (NASSLLI), Rutgers University.

Languages

Native: French (Québec)

Fluent: English, Spanish

Intermediate: German

Research: Chuj (Mayan), Kaqchikel (Mayan), K'iche' (Mayan), Ch'ol (Mayan), Kabyle (Berber)

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