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Experience

Southern Connecticut State University August 2017 – current

Department of World Languages and Literatures, New Haven, Connecticut

Adjunct Faculty

- teach Introduction to Linguistics (WLL-211-01W), a designated writing-intensive course and overview of linguistic theory, for the fall semester
- build the syllabus, curriculum, 14 weekly lectures, and all assignments in a student-centric, outcomes-oriented design
- assess students' mastery of core linguistic theory through class discussions, weekly graded homeworks, two exams, and a final paper project

JTG, Inc.

July 2016 – current

Language Research Center, Hyattsville, Maryland

Senior Language Researcher

- conduct research and analysis on Less Commonly Taught Languages (LCTLs)
- oversee the development of language instructional and resource materials (e.g. dictionaries and grammars) for use by English L1 learners in government agencies, working with native author-researchers in Amharic, Dari, Iraqi Arabic, and Syrian Arabic
- manage workflow of language (LCTL) projects

McNeil Technologies/AECOM

June 2008 – Nov. 2015

Language Research Center, Hyattsville, Maryland

Senior Linguist, Bengali (Bangla) language

- produced a 150-page reader of Bengali, complete with translations, vocabulary, and grammatical and cultural notes
- produced a Bangladeshi Slang Dictionary of 1,000 headwords, including 500 novel words collected through field research
- established working relationships with scholars in Bangladesh through on-site visits
- aided in the production of a Hassaniya Arabic Dictionary and Dari Reader

Yale University

Department of Linguistics, New Haven, Connecticut

Teaching Fellow, Linguistics 110b “Introduction to Linguistics”

spring 2008

led two discussion sections per week, designed worksheets, graded assignments; instructor, Prof. Darya Kavitskaya

Directed Individualized Language Studies Program

spring 2007

Language Partner (Tutor) for Bengali language

Teaching Fellow, Linguistics 108b “Structure and History of English Words”

fall 2006

graded weekly assignments; instructor, Prof. Laurence Horn
 Teaching Fellow, Linguistics 110b “Introduction to Linguistics” spring 2006
 led two discussion sections per week, designed worksheets, graded
 assignments; instructor, Prof. Ioana Chitoran
 Teaching Fellow, Linguistics 110b “Introduction to Linguistics” spring 2005
 led two discussion sections per week, designed worksheets, graded
 assignments; instructor, Prof. Darya Kavitskaya
 Teaching Fellow, Linguistics 108b “Structure and History of English Words” fall 2004
 led one discussion section per week, designed worksheets, graded
 assignments; instructor, Prof. Laurence Horn

Kaplan Test Prep, Inc.

New Haven, Connecticut 2002 - 2005
 Classroom Teacher
 instructed students of diverse backgrounds and age-groups on topics
 related to math, verbal, and analytical skills in preparation for the GRE
 Private Tutor
 instructed and tutored a student on math, verbal, and analytical skills in
 preparation for the GMAT

Boston University

Harold Goodglass Aphasia Research Center, Boston, Massachusetts 2001 - 2002
 Research Assistant to Prof. Edgar Zurif, cross-appointed at Brandeis University
 designed and conducted psycholinguistic research on syntactic and semantic
 processing in neuro-intact and aphasic populations using reaction-time paradigms

Education

Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut
 Ph.D. in Linguistics expected, spring 2018
 Dissertation: *Bangla K-words: Inquiries into Polarity, Indefiniteness, and Free Choice*
 M. Phil. in Linguistics May 2007
 M. A. in Linguistics December 2004
Bard College at Simon’s Rock, Great Barrington, Massachusetts
 B.A., *magna cum laude*, in Music and Linguistics May 2000

Research Specializations

Semantics/pragmatics, negation, indefiniteness, language cognition, Bangla and Indo-Aryan linguistics; South Asia Studies, second language acquisition, language pedagogy, lexicography.

Presentations

- Bangla K-words: Inquiries into Negative Polarity, Epistemic Indefiniteness, and Free Choice.* Talk at the Friday Lunch Talks series, Linguistics Department, Yale University. September 15, 2017.
- On Bengali Indefinites and the Semantics/Pragmatics Interface.* Presentation at the 3rd International Conference of the American Pragmatics Association (AMPRA). November 5, 2016.
- Polarity, free choice, and referential vagueness: evidence from Bangla.* Conference presentation at Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS) 52. April 21, 2016.
- Polarity, free choice, and referential vagueness: evidence from Bengali.* Invited talk at the Department of Linguistics at University of Chicago, April 20, 2016.
- Epistemic indefinites, negative polarity, and free choice in Bangla.* Conference poster at Formal Approaches to South Asian Languages (FASAL), UMass Amherst, March 12, 2016.
- A Quick Introduction to Formal Semantics.* Guest lecture for Linguistics 110b: Introduction to Linguistics, Instructor, Prof. Darya Kavitskaya. Yale University. March 27, 2008.
- Truth, Entailments and Implicature.* Guest lecture for Linguistics 110b: Introduction to Linguistics, Instructor, Prof. Ioana Chitoran. Yale University. February 24, 2006.
- Not Perfect: A diachronic and semantic account of a defective paradigm in Bengali.* Invited talk at 43rd Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society, University of Chicago, May 3-5, 2007.
- On the Bengali *ni* negative, the perfect, and grammaticalization.* Invited talk at Yale University, December 14, 2006.
- A comparative approach to polarity sensitivity: evidence from Bengali and Greek.* Talk at Southern New England Workshop in Semantics (SNEWS), Yale University, Sep. 30, 2006.
- Linguistics and Language Learning.* Invited talk at 2nd International TESOL Conference, TEFL International, Kolkata, India. August 19, 2006.
- Introduction to Formal Semantics.* Guest lecture for Linguistics 110b: Introduction to Linguistics, Instructor, Prof. Darya Kavitskaya. Yale University. March 25-27, 2005.
- What is a Word?* Guest lecture for Linguistics 108a: Structure and History of English Words, Instructor, Prof. Laurence Horn. Yale University. September 6, 2004.

Publications

- Ullah, R. (in press) *Bengali Intermediate Reader*. Dunwoody Press, Hyattsville, MD.
- Ullah, R. (in preparation) *Bangladeshi Slang Dictionary*. Dunwoody Press, Hyattsville, MD.
- Piñango, M.M., Zurif, E., Winnick, A., and Ullah, R. (2006) The time-course of semantic compositionality: the case of Aspectual Coercion. *Journal of Psycholinguistic Research*, 35, 3, 233–244.

Fellowships & Awards

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| Yale University Dissertation Fellowship | Jan.–Dec. 2007 |
| U.S. Dept. of State Critical Languages Fellowship, for study of advanced Bengali at the American Institute of Indian Studies, Kolkata, India. | June–Aug. 2006 |
| Livingston Hall Award (a full-tuition merit-based scholarship awarded to twenty students nationwide), Bard College at Simon’s Rock. | 1997–1999 |

Academic Service

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| The <i>Langue</i> View: A Symposium in honor of Stephen Anderson. Yale University, student volunteer. | May 18, 2017 |
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Hornucopia: a workshop honoring Laurence Horn. Yale University, student volunteer.	Nov. 7-8, 2015
Yale University Graduate Student Assembly, representative from Linguistics, member of Steering Committee, met bimonthly with Graduate School Dean	2006–2008
Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics (FASL 17), Yale University student organizer.	May 2008
Diachronic Generative Syntax Conference (DIGS VIII), Yale University, student organizer.	June 2004
Academic Policy and Program Committee, Bard College at Simon's Rock, one of two elected undergraduate members serving with faculty.	1999–2000

Additional Training

American Institute of Indian Studies Bangla Language Program, Kolkata, India.	summer 2006
Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute, MIT, Cambridge, MA.	summer 2005
7 th Central European Summer School in Generative Grammar, American University of Blagoevgrad, Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria.	summer 2000
5 th Central European Summer School in Generative Linguistics, Lajos Kossuth Science University, Debrecen, Hungary.	summer 1998

Professional Memberships

Linguistic Society of America (LSA)
 American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL)
 Modern Language Association (MLA)

Languages

Bengali, English	native (bilingual) fluency
French	high reading proficiency, good oral proficiency (ILR 3)
Hindi, Persian, German	some oral and reading proficiency (ILR 1-2)

References

Available upon request.