

# MATTHEW TYLER

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## EDUCATION

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2015– **Yale University**  
PhD in Linguistics  
Dissertation: *Argument structure and argument-marking in Choctaw*  
Committee: Jim Wood (chair), Aaron Broadwell, Bob Frank, Raffaella Zanuttini

2018 **CoLang Summer Institute for Collaborative Language Research** (University of Florida)

2013–2015 **Yale University**  
Special (non-degree) student in the Linguistics Department

2010–2013 **Cambridge University**  
BA in Linguistics (MA Cantab.)  
*1st Class Honours*

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Peer-reviewed

IN PRESS **Absolutive Promotion and the Condition on Clitic Hosts in Choctaw.** *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory*.

IN PRESS **Choctaw as a Window into the Clitic/Agreement Split.** *Studia Linguistica*.

TO APPEAR with Jim Wood. **Microvariation in the *Have Yet To* Construction.** *Linguistic Variation*.

2019 **Simplifying MATCH WORD: Evidence from English functional categories.** *Glossa: a journal of general linguistics* 4(1): 15. 1–32.

### Manuscripts

SUBMITTED Dyadic unaccusatives and dependent ergative case.

RESUBMITTED Two kinds of external possession in Mississippi Choctaw.

## Conference Papers

- IN PREP      **Differential Object Marking by A'-status.** In *Proceedings of the 49th Meeting of the North East Linguistics Society (NELS 49)*.
- TO APPEAR    **Two kinds of “possessor raising” in Choctaw.** In *Proceedings of the 23rd Workshop on the Structure and Constituency of the Languages of the Americas (WSCLA 23)*.
- TO APPEAR    with Michelle Yuan. **Nominal-clitic case mismatches.** In *Proceedings of the 36th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 36)*.
- TO APPEAR    **Simplifying MATCH WORD: Evidence from English function words.** In *Proceedings of the 48th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistics Society (NELS 48)*.
- 2018          **PCC repair in Basque and Choctaw transitive unaccusatives.** In *CLS 53: Proceedings of the Fifty-third Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society*, eds. Daniel Edmiston, Marina Ermolaeva, Emre Hakgüder, Jackie Lai, Kathryn Montemurro, Brandon Rhodes, Amara Sankhagowit & Michael Tabatowski, 397–412. Chicago, IL: The Chicago Linguistic Society.
- 2018          **A Locality Restriction on Indexical Shift: Evidence from Turkish.** In *Proceedings of the 1st workshop on Turkish, Turkic and the Languages of Turkey (Tu+1)*, eds. Faruk Akkuş, İsa Kerem Bayırlı & Deniz Özyıldız, 151–160. Amherst, MA: GSLA.
- 2017          **Swiping without Sluicing.** *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics (Proceedings of PLC 40)* 23.1, eds. Kajsa Djärv & Amy Goodwin Davies, 291–300.
- 2017          **In Choctaw, everyone’s a clitic.** In *Proceedings of the 43rd Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society (BLS 43)*, eds. Julia Nee, Margaret Cychosz, Dmetri Hayes, Tyler Lau & Emily Ramirez, 497–521. Berkeley, CA: Berkeley Linguistics Society.
- 2017          with Jim Wood. **The have yet to Construction: A Microcomparative Account.** In *Proceedings of the 34th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 34)*, eds. Aaron Kaplan, Abby Kaplan, Miranda K. McCarvel & Edward J. Rubin, 562–571. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project.

## Phenomenon pages for the Yale Grammatical Diversity Project website

- 2018          *Try and.* <https://ygdproject.yale.edu/phenomena/try-and>.
- 2016          *Bare got.* <https://ygdproject.yale.edu/phenomena/bare-got>.
- 2015          *Have yet to.* <https://ygdproject.yale.edu/phenomena/have-yet-to>.

## PRESENTATIONS

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### Invited Presentations

- 2018          **Characterizing the causative alternation in Choctaw.** NYU Syntax Brown Bag, November 16.
- 2018          with Michelle Yuan. **Nominal-clitic case mismatches.** MIT Ling Lunch, April 12.

## Invited Presentations – continued

- 2018            **Dative subjects and nominative objects in Choctaw.** Invited presentation at the University of Florida Syntax Reading Group, March 19.

## Refereed Conference Presentations

- [2019]            **Some evidence for structural ergative case.** Paper to be presented at the 55th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistics Society (CLS 55), University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. May 16–18.
- [2019]            **The structural ergative of Choctaw.** Paper to be presented at the 24th Workshop on the Structure and Constituency of the Languages of the Americas (WSCLA 24), University of Maryland, College Park, MD. May 9–11.
- [2019]            **Towards a uniformly structural account of ergative case.** Paper to be presented at Cambridge Comparative Syntax 8 (CamCoS 8), Cambridge, UK. May 2–4.
- 2019            **A non-uniform analysis of external possession in Western Muskogean.** Paper presented at the Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA 2019), New York, NY. January 5.
- 2018            **Differential Object Marking by A'-status.** Poster presented at the 49th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistics Society (NELS 49), Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. October 7.
- 2018            with Michelle Yuan. **Nominal-clitic case mismatches.** Paper presented at the 36th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 36), UCLA, Los Angeles, CA. April 21.
- 2018            **Thematic and athematic external possession in Choctaw.** Poster presented at the 36th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 36), UCLA, Los Angeles, CA. April 21.
- 2018            **Two kinds of “possessor raising” in Choctaw.** Paper presented at the 23rd Workshop on the Structure and Constituency of the Languages of the Americas (WSCLA 23), University of Ottawa, Ottawa, ON. April 13.
- 2018            **MATCH WORD does not discriminate between functional and lexical categories.** Paper presented at the 42nd Penn Linguistic Conference (PLC 42), UPenn, Philadelphia, PA. March 24.
- 2018            with Michelle Yuan. **Nominal case and clitic case: Evidence from Choctaw and Yimas.** Paper presented at the 42nd Penn Linguistic Conference (PLC 42), UPenn, Philadelphia, PA. March 24.
- 2018            with Michelle Yuan. **Case-assignment before and after clitic doubling: Evidence from Choctaw and Yimas.** Poster presented at the 92nd Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 2018), Salt Lake City, UT, January 6.
- 2018            **Prosodic subcategorization interacts with MATCH WORD: evidence from English functional categories.** Poster presented at the 92nd Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 2018), Salt Lake City, UT, January 5.

## Refereed Conference Presentations – continued

- 2017      **Simplifying MATCH WORD: Evidence from English function words.** Paper presented at the 48th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistics Society (NELS 48), University of Iceland, Reykjavík, Iceland, October 29.
- 2017      **Choctaw PCC Repair: Basque-style PCC Repair in a language with no dative.** Paper presented at the 53rd Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistics Society (CLS 53), University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, May 25.
- 2017      **In Choctaw, everyone’s a clitic.** Paper presented at the 43rd Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society (BLS 43), UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, February 4.
- 2017      **Variation in Case-assignment by Appl heads: evidence from Basque and Choctaw.** Paper presented at the 91st Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 2017), Austin, TX, January 8.
- 2017      **Clitic Doubling in Choctaw.** Paper presented at the Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA 2017), Austin, TX, January 6.
- 2016      with Jim Wood. **Micro-Variation in the *Have Yet To* construction.** Paper Presented at the 3rd Formal Ways of Analyzing Variation Conference (FWAV 3), The Graduate Center at CUNY, New York, NY, May 19.
- 2016      with Jim Wood. **The *Have Yet To* construction: a micro-comparative account.** Paper presented at the 34th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 34), University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT, April 30.
- 2016      **Swiping without sluicing.** Paper presented at the 40th Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC 40), UPenn, Philadelphia, PA, March 20.
- 2016      with Jim Wood. **Micro-Variation in the *Have Yet To* construction.** Paper presented at the 40th Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC 40), UPenn, Philadelphia, PA, March 20.
- 2016      **Two types of locality in indexical shift.** Poster presented at the 90th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 2016), Washington, D.C., January 8.
- 2015      **Locality restrictions on indexical shift: Evidence from Turkish.** Poster presented at the 1st Annual Workshop on Turkish, Turkic and the languages of Turkey (Tu+ 1), UMass, Amherst, MA, November 21.
- 2015      **English embedded imperatives have a context-shifting operator.** Paper presented at the 25th Annual Colloquium on Generative Grammar 25 (CCG 25), IKER, Bayonne, France, May 22.

## Other Presentations

- 2017      **Argument structure and argument-marking in Choctaw.** Dissertation prospectus defense at Yale University, December 8.
- 2016      **Person-Case Constraint repairs: the view from Choctaw.** QP defense at Yale University, April 22.

## Other Presentations – continued

2015      **Reflexes of locality and A'-movement in indexical shift.** QP defense at Yale University, April 24.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Teaching at Yale

SPRING      **Teaching Fellow**  
2017      *Cognitive Science of Language*  
Instructor: Bob Frank

FALL 2016    **Part Time Acting Instructor** (8 lectures in addition to regular TF duties)  
*Syntax I*  
Instructor: Raffaella Zanuttini

SPRING      **Teaching Fellow**  
2016      *Grammatical Diversity in US English*  
Instructor: Jim Wood

FALL 2015    **Teaching Fellow**  
*Syntax I*  
Instructor: Raffaella Zanuttini

### Other teaching experience

SUMMER      **Guest Instructor at CoLang 2018**  
2018      *Mini-Practicum: Mississippi Choctaw lexicon project*  
Instructors: Jack Martin (William & Mary), Dee Saunders, Jason Lewis, Abrianna Tubby (Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians)

## GRANTS & AWARDS

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2018      Yale MacMillan Center Dissertation Research Grant (\$10,600)

2018      Award from Yale University to attend CoLang 2018 (\$1040)

2018      Award from the University of Florida to fund registration at CoLang 2018 (\$1000)  
*made possible by the Elling Eide Endowed Chair in Miccosukee Language and Culture*

2016      Yale MacMillan Center Pre-Dissertation Research Grant (\$3300)

2013–2015    Clare College Mellon Fellowship

## Conference Travel Awards

- 2018        \$750 from the Yale Graduate Student Assembly to attend the West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 36).
- 2018        \$364 from the Yale MacMillan Center to attend the Workshop on the Structure and Constituency of the Languages of the Americas (WSCLA 23).
- 2017        \$400 from the Yale Graduate Student Assembly to attend Berkeley Linguistics Society (BLS 43).

## SERVICE & ACTIVITIES

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### Reviewing

- 2018        NELS 49
- 2017        NELS 48
- 2016        Journal of Comparative Germanic Syntax

### Fieldwork

- 2016–        **Choctaw, @ Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians**  
June-July 2016  
June 2017  
August 2017  
January-February 2018  
October 2018  
April 2019 (upcoming)

### Departmental Service

- 2017        **Organizing committee member**  
SYNC 2017 (Stony Brook, Yale, NYU & CUNY graduate student conference)
- 2016–2017    **Co-organizer**  
Syntax Reading Group
- 2014-2015    **Co-organizer**  
Yale Linguistics Colloquium series

### Outreach

- 2018        Co-delivered talk ‘Linguistic Prejudice: Revealing our Implicit Biases about Language’ at a local high school

## Other Activities

- 2018–        **Contributor**  
Mississippi Choctaw lexicon project, directed by the Language Program at the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians
- 2014–        **Contributor**  
Yale Grammatical Diversity Project
- 2013         **Researcher**  
Tjupan grammar-writing project, led by Claire Bowern. [A video about the project](#) (190MB) was presented at the 2016 WANALA Conference in Kalgoorlie, WA, Australia.

## LANGUAGES & SKILLS

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### Languages

- NATIVE        English
- RESEARCH    Choctaw (*primary research language*)  
Southern Quechua (*field methods class*)
- CLASSROOM   Russian (*intermediate*)  
French (*elementary*)  
Dutch (*elementary*)  
Ancient Greek  
Latin

### Computer skills

ELAN, Praat, SayMore, FLEx, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Python, Skyrim