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Education

- 2022 – present  **Ph.D., Institute for Linguistics, Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt.**
Thesis title: *Focus Sensitivity in Mabia and Kwa.*
Thesis supervisor: *Prof. Katharina Hartmann*
- 2019 – 2021  **M.A. Linguistics, Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt.**
Thesis title: *Focus realization in Ìkálẹ̀ and Àkúrẹ̀: A microvariation approach.*
Thesis supervisors: *Prof. Katharina Hartmann & Dr. Johannes Mursel*
- 2013 – 2017  **B.A. Linguistics, University of Ilorin, Nigeria.**
Thesis title: *Aspects of Eggon Morphosyntax.*
Thesis supervisor: *Dr. Charles Ikechukwu Nnaji*

Research Interests

- Broad  Formal syntax, syntax-semantics interface, morphosyntax, information Structure, West African languages.
- Narrow  Focus realization, association with focus, islandhood, resumption, locality and movement.

Research Publications




Journal Articles & Book Chapters

- 1 D. Aremu and P. Weisser, “Prosodically determined coordinator placement in Yorùbá,” *Accepted in Glossa: A journal of general linguistic*, to appear.
- 2 D. Aremu, “Topic and focus asymmetries in yorùbá,” *To the left, to the right, and much in between: A Festschrift for Katharina Hartmann*, A. Himmelreich, D. Hole, and J. Mursell, Eds., pp. 185–204, 2024.

Conference Proceedings

- 1 D. Aremu, “Focus and the association with focus sensitive particle *yerane* in Kasem,” in *Proceedings of the Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL54)*, Language Science Press, to appear.
- 2 D. Aremu, “The syntax of focus in Ìkálẹ̀,” in *Proceedings of the Cross-disciplinary Workshop on Information Structure in African Languages, African Linguistic School (ALS6)*, Language Science Press, to appear.
- 3 D. Aremu and H. Enoke, “On the absence of Superiority and Crossover in Eton,” in *Proceedings of the 27th Western Conference on Linguistics (WECOL27)*, California State University, Fresno, 2021.

Conference Presentations

- 18/06/2024  “Focus marking and interpretation in Mabia languages”. One day colloquium on *Syntactic Cartography and African Languages*, Collège de France, Paris (invited talk)
- 13/04/2024  “Towards a propositional concord approach for exclusives in Kasem”. *The 42nd West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 42)*, University of California, Berkeley. (talk)
- 16/03/2024  “A tale of two ‘onlys’ in Kasem”. *The 48th Annual Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC48)*, University of Pennsylvania. (talk)




Conference Presentations (continued)

- 01/03/2024 ■ "Focus marking in Ìkálè and the Final-over-Final Condition". *Constraining Linearization (ConLin) workshop as part of the Annual meeting of the German Linguistics Society (Deutschen Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft-DGfS-AG8 2024)*, Ruhr-Universität, Bochum. (talk)
- 19/01/2024 ■ "Exclusive (non-)scalar 'only's' and agreement in Kasem". *32nd Conference of the Student Organisation of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE32)*, Queen Mary University of London. (talk)
- [with Samuel Acheampong] "On the sluicing-COMP generalization in Mabia and Kwa". *32nd Conference of the Student Organisation of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE32)*, Queen Mary University of London. (talk)
- 22/09/2023 ■ [with Samuel Acheampong] "Aboutness and Contrastive Topics in Likpakpaanl". *Topic, Focus and Subject (TFS) Conference*, University of Osnabrück. (talk)
- 20/09/2023 ■ "Topic and Focus asymmetry in Yoruba". *Topic, Focus and Subject (TFS) Conference*, University of Osnabrück. (talk)
- 16/07/2023 ■ "Focus sensitivity and the (Anti)symmetry theory of syntax in Mabia (Kusaal)". *Poster session at the 5th Crete Summer School of Linguistics*, University of Crete. (poster)
- 29-30/06/2023 ■ "29-30/06/2023: Focus sensitivity and the (Anti)symmetry theory of syntax in Kusaal". *Syntax and Semantics of African Languages (SASAL 3): The syntax at the vP edge in African languages*, Goethe University Frankfurt. (talk)
- 12-14/06/2023 ■ "The syntax of focus sensitive particle only in Kasem". *The 54th Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL54)*, University of Connecticut. (talk)
- 12-13/11/2022 ■ [with Chinedu Anyanwu] "More is going on upstairs than downstairs: There is a Penthouse in Kuce". *Western Conference on Linguistics (WECOL28)*, California State University, Fresno. (talk)
- 20-21/10/2022 ■ [with Samuel Acheampong] "Aboutness and Contrastive Topics in Likpakpaanl". *18th Workshop on Syntax, Semantics and Phonology (WoSSP18)*, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain. (poster)
- 22-24/09/2022 ■ [with Samuel Acheampong] "Mono-clausal and Bi-clausal Topics in Likpakpaanl". *Conference on Syntax, Phonology and Language Analysis (SinFonJA 15)*, University of Udine, Italy. (poster)
- 28-30/07/2022 ■ "Focus in Ikale and Akure". *Cross-disciplinary Workshop on Information Structure in African Languages, African Linguistic School (ALS6)*, Porto Novo, Benin. (talk)
- 23-25/02/2022 ■ "Subject and Non-subject wh-questions asymmetry in Akure". *Syntax and Semantics of African Languages (SASAL 1)* as part of the Annual meeting of the German Linguistics Society (Deutschen Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft-DGfS 2022), Universität Tübingen. (talk)
- 13-14/11/2021 ■ [with Haniel Enoka] "On the absence of Superiority and Crossover in Eton". *Western Conference on Linguistics (WECOL27)*, California State University, Fresno. (talk)
- 7-12/06/2021 ■ [with Frank Kügler] "On the suspension of downstep: the case of Yoruba polar question intonation". *World Congress of African Linguistics (WOCAL10)*, Leiden University. (talk)



Work Experience

- 07/2020 - 09/2020 and 01-31/12/2020: ■ *Student Assistant* at the Nominal Modification Research Program, Institut für Linguistik, Goethe University.
Project: PhD Thesis on "The syntax and morphology of nominal modification in Oge". By Priscilla Lola Adenuga.

Work Experience (continued)

- 01/2019 - 11/2019:  *English Lecturer*, Best Legacy College of Education, Ogbomoso, Oyo state, Nigeria.
(Taught courses such as: Applied English Linguistics, English Phonetics and Phonology, Young Adult Literature, Oral Literature).
- 11/2017 - 10/2018:  *English Teacher* (National Youth Service Corps), Salamatu Hus-sain Girls Secondary School, Birnin-Kebbi, Nigeria. (Taught different topics in English language across several levels).
- 2017:  *Research Assistant*, SOAS University of London's Funded Research on Cifungwa language (Niger state, Nigeria). Principal Researcher: Samuel Akinbo (UBC), now at the University of Toronto.

Skills



- Languages  Yorùbá (native); Hausa (fluent); Kusaal and Kasem (fieldwork & research); German (very basic)
- Coding  L^AT_EX, PRAAT, Microsoft, ...

Miscellaneous Experience

Awards and Achievements

- 2019-2022  **Goethe Goes Global Scholarship (GGG)**: Scholarship for Master Students at Goethe University, Frankfurt.

Summer Schools

- 15-28/07/2023  The 5th Crete Summer School of Linguistics (CreteLing5), Crete, Greece.
- 18-30/07/2022  African Linguistics School 6 (ALS6), Porto Novo, Benin Republic.
- 26/07-06/08/2021  27th Central European Summer School in Generative Grammar (EGG27).

References

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