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Education

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| 2021-2026 | PhD in Linguistics, University of California, Santa Cruz
Advisor: Matt Wagers |
| 2021-2023 | MA in Linguistics, University of California, Santa Cruz
Advisor: Matt Wagers
Thesis: Maintaining Syntactic Positions and Thematic Roles in Memory |
| 2018-2021 | BA with Honors in Linguistics, University of California, Santa Cruz
Minor in Literature |

Papers

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| under review | Kogan, M., & Wagers, M., Decomposing subject retrieval: Diverging interference profiles for agreement and thematic dependencies in English.
https://doi.org/10.31234/osf.io/83nha_v1 . |
| 2026 | Cartner, M.*, Kogan, M.*, Webster, N.*, Wagers, M., & Sichel, I. Subject islands do not reduce to construction-specific discourse function. <i>Cognition</i> , 271, 106467.
https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cognition.2026.106467 . |
| 2023 | Kogan, M. Maintaining Syntactic Positions and Thematic Roles in Memory [Master's Thesis]. University of California, Santa Cruz. https://escholarship.org/uc/item/6f07v6xp . |

Presentations

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| 2026 | Kogan, M., Borra, A., Yao, R., & Wagers, M. Syntactic positional similarity modulates interference for agreement and thematic dependencies in English. Long Talk at the Conference on Human Sentence Processing (HSP) 39, MIT. |
| 2025 | Kogan, M.*, Yao, R.*, & Wagers, M. Sources of distortion and confusion in distributed representations of morphosyntactic structure. Poster at the California Meeting on Psycholinguistics (CAMP) 8, UC Davis.

Webster, N.*, Cartner, M.*, Kogan, M.*, Wagers, M., & Sichel, I. Subject islands do not reduce to construction-specific discourse function. Poster at the North East Linguistics Society (NELS) 56, NYU.

Kogan, M.*, Cartner, M.*, Webster, N.*, Wagers, M., & Sichel, I. Subject islands are not caused by information structures clashes: Cross-constructive evidence. Poster at the Conference on Human Sentence Processing (HSP) 38, University of Maryland.

Webster, N.*, Cartner, M.*, Kogan, M.*, Wagers, M., & Sichel, I. Information structure alone cannot account for subject islandhood: An experimental study. Talk at Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW) 47, Goethe University. |
| 2024 | Kogan, M.*, Webster, N.*, Cartner, M.*, Sichel, I., & Wagers, M. Subject Islands are not Caused by Information Structure Clashes: Evidence from Topicalization. Poster at Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing (AMLaP) 30, University of Edinburgh. |

Kogan, M., & Wagers, M. Probing Facilitatory and Inhibitory Interference with English Ditransitives. Poster at the Conference on Human Sentence Processing (HSP) 37, University of Michigan.

Kogan, M., Cartner, M., Sichel, I., Toosarvandani, M., & Wagers, M. Canonical Argument Alignment Modulates Gap, but not RP, Acceptability in English. Poster at the Conference on Human Sentence Processing (HSP) 37, University of Michigan.

Kogan, M., & Wagers, M. Investigating Syntactic Gating during Subject Retrieval with English Ditransitives. Talk at California Meeting on Psycholinguistics (CAMP) 6, Stanford.

2023 Kogan, M., & Wagers, M. Maintaining Syntactic Positions and Thematic Roles in Memory: Evidence from Ditransitive Alternations in English. Poster at Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing (AMLaP) 29, BCBL.

Kogan, M., & Wagers, M. The Subject-Object Asymmetry in Embedded Questions: Evidence from the Maze. Talk at California Meeting on Psycholinguistics (CAMP) 5, UCLA.

Troiani, G., Salazar, J., Belmar, G., Hedding, A., Duff, J., Kogan, M., Gracida Cruz, N., & Silva Robles, F. Developing computer games in field methods classes: a tool for language teaching and revitalization. Talk in special session *Engaging the Community: Using field methods classes for community outreach* at the Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA) Annual Meeting.

Hedding, A., Duff, J., Kogan, M., & Brinkerhoff, M. Implementing “Game of Tones”. Tutorial in special session *Engaging the Community: Using field methods classes for community outreach* at the Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA) Annual Meeting.

2022 Rich, S., Balachandran, L., Duff, J., Kogan, M., Van Handel, N., Wax Cavallaro, M., & Wagers, M. “It’s alive!”: Animacy-based structural expectations rapidly update with context. Poster at the Conference on Human Sentence Processing (HSP) 35, UCSC.

Local presentations

2025 Kogan, M.* & Yao, R.* Modeling interference with distributed representations of lexical, morphological, and positional information. Talk at Bay Area Language Processing Interest Group (BAyLI), UCSC.

Vasser, M., Webster, N., Kogan, M., Sichel, I., & Wagers, M. Does presuppositionality affect DP sub-extraction? Lightning Talk and Poster at Linguistics Undergraduate Research Conference (LURC), UCSC.

Kogan, M.*, Webster, N.*, Cartner, M., Wagers, M., & Sichel, I. Subject islands are not reducible to discourse function. Talk at Linguistics at Santa Cruz (LASC). UCSC.

2024 Kogan, M. *Or What?* Questions as Complex Exclamative Speech Acts. Talk at the Linguistics Spring Research Symposium, UCSC.

2023 Kogan, M. The Role of Specifiers in a Content-Addressable Retrieval Mechanism. Talk at the Linguistics Spring Research Symposium, UCSC.

Teaching

Lead Instructor, UCSC

Fall 2024 LING 240: Pedagogy of Linguistics, Faculty Mentor: Rachel Walker

Teaching Assistant, UCSC

- Spring 2025 LING 171: Psycholinguistics 1, Instructor: Amanda Rysling
- Winter 2024 LING 112: Syntax 1, Instructor: Mia Gong
- Spring 2024 LING 171: Psycholinguistics 1, Instructor: Matt Wagers
- Winter 2024 LING 50: Introduction to Linguistics, Instructor: Andrew Angeles
- Fall 2023 LING 102: Phonology 2, Instructor: Ryan Bennett
- Sum. 2023 LING 171: Psycholinguistics 1, Instructor: Jack Duff
- Spring 2023 LING 50: Introduction to Linguistics, Instructor: Ivy Sichel
- Fall 2022 LING 53: Semantics 1, Instructor: Maziar Toosarvandani

Grader, UCSC

- Spring 2024 LING 50: Introduction to Linguistics, Instructor: Andrew Angeles

Small Group Tutor, UCSC Learning Support Services

- Spring 2022 LING 112: Syntax 1, Instructor: Jorge Hankamer
- Winter 2022 LING 116: Semantics 2, Instructor: Jess H.K. Law
- Fall 2021 LING 171: Psycholinguistics 1, Instructor: Matt Wagers

Certificates

- 2024 Pedagogical Leadership Certificate, Graduate Pedagogy Fellowship Program
Teaching and Learning Center, UCSC

Guest Lectures

- 2026 Research Methods in (Psycho)linguistics
LING 149: Research Skills in Linguistics
- 2025 Agreement Attraction in Production and Comprehension
LING 171: Psycholinguistics 1

Mentorship

- 2026 Oaxacan Languages Public Fellowship, *The Humanities Institute & Senderos*
Undergraduate Fellows: Grace Hernandez, Valeria Hernandez-Melchor, Lena Szerwo
- 2025 s/lab Summer Program, *UCSC Linguistics Department*
Research Assistants: Aditi Borra, Noel Thomas
- 2025 Undergraduate Research Fellows in Linguistics and Language Studies, *UCSC*
Research Assistants: Ulysses Noë, Matthew Vasser
- 2024 Undergraduate Research Fellows in Linguistics and Language Studies, *UCSC*
Research Assistants: Lisa Pham, Alison Sun, Matthew Vasser
- 2023 Undergraduate Research Fellowship, *UCSC Linguistics Department*
Research Assistant: Alison Sun

Research Experience

- 2025 Graduate Student Researcher, *UCSC Linguistics Department*
Project: Pied-piping vs p-stranding in subject sub-extraction
PIs: Ivy Sichel & Matt Wagers

- 2024 Graduate Student Researcher, *Assessment for Learning Excellence and Equity Center*
Project: Institutional analyses of equity gaps in student performance
PI: Anna Sher
- 2023 Graduate Student Researcher, *UCSC Linguistics Department*
Project: Probing facilitatory and inhibitory interference with English ditransitives
PI: Matt Wagers
- 2023 Graduate Student Researcher, *UCSC, NSF Grant BCS-201984*
Project: Animacy and resumption at the border of cognition and grammar
PIs: Maziar Toosarvandani, Ivy Sichel, & Matt Wagers
- 2021-2022 Undergraduate Research Assistant, *UCSC, NSF Grant BCS-201984*
Project: Animacy-based expectations update rapidly with context
PIs: Maziar Toosarvandani, Ivy Sichel, & Matt Wagers
- 2020-2021 Undergraduate Research Assistant, *UCSC Linguistics Department*
Project: Studying implicit prosody with delexicalized melodies
PIs: Nicholas van Handel & Matt Wagers

Honors, Awards, & Fellowships

- 2025-2027 Oaxacan Languages Public Fellowship, *The Humanities Institute*
- 2025 Resource Development Fellowship, *Teaching and Learning Center*
- 2024 Graduate Summer Public Fellowship, *The Humanities Institute*
- 2024 Graduate Pedagogy Fellowship, *Teaching and Learning Center*
- 2023 Humanities Division Summer Fellowship, *UCSC*
- 2021-2022 Undergraduate Research Fellowship, *The Humanities Institute*
- 2020 Aerojet Rocketdyne Student Scholarship
- 2019-2020 College Scholar's Program, *UCSC*
- 2018-2021 Dean's Honor Roll (9 quarters)

Service

- 2023-2025 Reviewer, *California Meeting on Psycholinguistics (CAMP)*
- 2024-2025, 2022-2023 Co-Coordinator, *Semantics, Pragmatics, & Language Philosophy (SPLAP) Reading Group*
- 2023-2024 Chair, *Colloquia Events Committee*
- 2023 Organizing Committee Volunteer, *West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL)*
- 2022-2023 Hospitality Subcommittee Chair, *Colloquia Events Committee*
- 2022-2023 Lead Student Co-Organizer, *Nido de Lenguas*
- 2018-2019 Voting Delegate, *Porter College Senate*

Languages & Skills

- Languages: English (native), Russian (fluent), Spanish (beginner)
- Programming: R, JavaScript, Python; *Other*: HTML, CSS
- Software: PC Ibex, Git, SPSS
- Reporting: LaTeX, R Markdown, Quarto
- Workflow: Google Workspace, Microsoft 365, Asana, Notion
- Design: Adobe InDesign, Adobe Photoshop