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Education

	University of Kansas
2024-	Ph.D., Linguistics
	MS, Computer Science
	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow
2024-2026	MA, Linguistics
	College of William & Mary
2016-2020	BS, Linguistics and Computer Science
	Honors in Linguistics: *Underspecification in language processing*
	Summa Cum Laude

Employment

2025-2026	**Graduate Teaching Assistant**
	Linguistics Department, University of Kansas
2024	**Graduate Research Assistant**
	'A linguistic microvariation approach to complementizers and complementation.' National Science Foundation Grant #2140837; PI: John Gluckman
2020-2024	**Software Engineer**
	Capital One

Publications

2020	**An, A.** Underspecification in language processing. Undergraduate honors thesis. College of William & Mary. https://scholarworks.wm.edu/honorstheses/1459

2019 Parker, D. & **An, A**. Interference in language processing reflects direct-access memory retrieval: Evidence from Drift-Diffusion Modeling. In A.K. Goel, C. M. Seifert, & C. Freska (Eds.). *Proceedings of the 41st Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society* (pp. 2523-2529)

2018 Parker, D. & **An, A**. Not all phrases are equally attractive: New evidence for selective agreement attraction effects in comprehension. *Frontiers in Psychology, 9,* 1-16 https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2018.01566

Invited Talks

2027 **An, A.** What grammatical control of focus is and isn't: the case of Kinyarwanda. Workshop at *LSA Linguistic Institute 2027.*

2025 **An, A.** Polysemy, Distribution, and Variation in Kinyarwanda Verbal ra-. Presentation at *Child Language Proseminar,* University of Kansas.

Self-developed Teaching

2027 **Programming for Researchers** Instructor of record for 1-credit class teaching Python and algorithmic thinking for academics with non-technical backgrounds.
Syllabus: https://theycallmezeal.me/class

2026 **"Build-Your-Own Website"** Two-hour workshop teaching HTML, CSS, and web hosting for academics with non-technical backgrounds.

Presentations

2027 **An, A.** What grammatical control of focus is and isn't: the case of Kinyarwanda. Poster at *LSA Annual Meeting 2027.*

2026 **An, A.** Phrase-finality is (anti)focal: reexamining the Kinyarwanda conjoint-disjoint alternation. Presentation at *57th Annual Conference on African Linguistics.*

2026 **An, A** & Ndayiragije, D. Homophony avoidance in Kinyarwanda verbal morphophonology. Presentation at *57th Annual Conference on African Linguistics.*

2026 **An, A** & Ngoboka, J. Stable variation evidences language-internal facilitatory effects for morphosyntactic change in Kinyarwanda. Presentation at *57th Annual Conference on African Linguistics.*

2026 **An, A** & Ngoboka, J. What can Rwandans tell us about how language changes? Presentation at *5 Minute Linguist* at *LSA Annual Meeting 2026.* Judges' Choice; second place in popular vote.

2026 **An, A** & Ngoboka, J. Grammaticalization in Kinyarwanda mediated by age and gender despite ideologies about region. Presentation at *LSA Annual Meeting 2026.*

2025 **An, A** & Ngoboka, J. Northwestern or just nonstandard? Social Meaning of Kinyarwanda Morphosyntactic Variation. Presentation at *New Ways of Analyzing Variation 53.*

2025 **An, A** & Ngoboka, J. How do we evaluate what we don't know? Social evaluation of ambiguous variables in Kinyarwanda. Poster at *New Ways of Analyzing Variation 53.*

2025 **An, A** & Ngoboka, J. Social Meaning of Kinyarwanda Morphosyntactic Variation. Presentation at *54th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Association of the Southwest.*

2025 **An, A** & Ngoboka, J. Variation and Awareness in Kinyarwanda Morphosyntax. Poster at *56th Annual Conference on African Linguistics.*

2025 **An, A.** What can teenagers tell us about language change? Talk at *3 Minute Thesis competition*, University of Kansas. Finalist.

2023 **An, A.** What can teenagers tell us about language change? Talk at *3 Minute Thesis competition*, 2023 LSA Linguistic Institute. Winner.

2023 **An, A.** & Umuhoza, S. Grammaticalization in progress in Kinyarwanda. Poster at *LSA Annual Meeting 2023*.

2022 **An, A.** & Parker, D. How do we remember what we don't know? Underspecification in language processing. Poster at *7th Annual Omega Psi Conference*. Johns Hopkins University Undergraduate Cognitive Science Society.

Service

2026 **46th Siouan and Caddoan Languages Conference,** Lead Organizer
2025-2026 **President,** Linguistics Graduate Student Association
2024- **Colloquy Committee**, University of Kansas
2023 **2nd Yesa:sahį Language Program Summit**, Organizer
2022 **1st Yesa:sahį Language Program Summit**, Organizer
2022 **42nd Siouan and Caddoan Languages Conference**, Organizer

Teaching

2025	**Teaching Assistant and Grader** for *Language and Mind* Instructor: Hironori Katsuda
2025	**Teaching Assistant and Grader** for *Syntax* Instructor: John Gluckman
2022-2023	**Squad Lead** for Capital One Developer Academy (introductory programming and web development) Capital One
2020	**Teaching Assistant and Grader** for *Computer Animation* Instructor: Timothy Davis
2020	**Teaching Assistant** for *Computing for the Humanities* Instructor: Jim Deverick
2018-2020	**Grader** for *Elementary German I* and *II* Instructors: Veronika Burney, Jennifer Gülly, Anna Horakova
2017-2018	**Teaching Assistant** for *Elementary German I* Instructor: Veronika Burney

Grants and Awards

2025	LSA Sponsored Student Registration ($185)
2025	NWAV Travel Award ($800)
2024-2029	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
2023	Fellowship, LSA Summer Institute
2020	Summa Cum Laude, William & Mary
2020	Phi Beta Kappa, William & Mary
2019	Charles Center Honors research grant, William & Mary
2018	Monroe Scholar, William & Mary

Languages

native	English		
intermediate	German	Japanese	Mandarin Chinese
beginning	French	Kiswahili	Spanish
research	Kinyarwanda	isiZulu	Yesa:sahį (Tutelo-Saponi)

Technical Skills

Computer science	Able to teach undergraduate and graduate courses in data structures, algorithms, programming languages, formal methods, theory of computation, computational linguistics, and web design and development. JavaScript, TypeScript, Angular, Vue Python, C, C++
Media	Maya, After Effects, Premiere, Photoshop, DaVinci Resolve