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EMPLOYMENT

2009-	Assistant Professor, Department of Linguistics, Georgetown University
2012-	Associate Director for Afroasiatic Languages, The Afranaph Project (PI: Ken Safir), Rutgers University.
2011-	Adjunct Researcher, Center for the Advanced Study of Language, University of Maryland, College Park.

EDUCATION

2003-2009	University of California, Santa Cruz Ph.D. in Linguistics, 2009 Dissertation: *Definite Markers, Phi Features and Agreement: A Morphosyntactic Investigation of the Amharic DP* Committee: Sandra Chung, Jorge Hankamer (co-chairs), James McCloskey
2007	Summer Cooperative African Language Institute (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign). Intensive course in Elementary Amharic.
1999-2003	Brown University, B.A. in Linguistics (Honors) and Egyptology Magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa Thesis: *(Virtual) Relative Clauses in Middle Egyptian* Advisors: Pauline Jacobson and Leo Depuydt

PUBLICATIONS

MONOGRAPH AND EDITED VOLUMES

Zsiga, Elizabeth, One Boyer and Ruth Kramer, eds. In press. *Languages in Africa: Multilingualism, Language Policy, and Education.* Georgetown University Press.

Kramer, Ruth. Under contract. *The Morphosyntax of Gender: Evidence from Amharic.* Oxford University Press.

Kramer, Ruth, Elizabeth Zsiga and One Boyer, eds. Under contract. *Selected Proceedings of the 44th Annual Conference of African Linguistics.* Cascadilla Press.

REFEREED ARTICLES, BOOK CHAPTERS AND PROCEEDINGS PAPERS

Kramer, Ruth. In press. The position of numerals in Middle Egyptian: Evidence from universals of word order. *Lingua Aegyptia.*

Chacón, Dustin, Jen Johnson, Ruth Kramer, Chris LaTerza, Morgan Rood. To appear. New puzzles for shifting indexicals: an Amharic case study. In *Selected Proceedings of the 44th Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL 44)*, eds. Ruth Kramer, Elizabeth Zsiga and One Boyer. Cascadilla Press.

Baker, Mark and Ruth Kramer. 2014. Rethinking Amharic prepositions as case markers inserted at PF. *Lingua* 145. 141-172.

Kramer, Ruth. 2014. Clitic doubling or object agreement: the view from Amharic. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 32. 593-634.

Kramer, Ruth. 2014. Gender in Amharic: A morphosyntactic approach to natural and grammatical gender. *Language Sciences* 43. 102-115.

Kramer, Ruth and Aviad Eilam. 2012. Verb-medial word orders in Amharic. *Journal of Afroasiatic Languages* 5. 75-104.

Kramer, Ruth. 2012. Differentiating agreement and doubled clitics: object markers in Amharic. In *Selected Proceedings of the 41st Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL 41)*, eds. Bruce Connell and Nicholas Rolle. 60-70. Cascadilla Press.

Kramer, Ruth. 2011. Object markers are doubled clitics in Amharic. In *Morphology at Santa Cruz: Papers in Honor of Jorge Hankamer,* eds. Nicholas LaCara, Anie Thompson and Matthew A. Tucker. 41-54. Santa Cruz: Linguistics Research Center.

Kramer, Ruth. 2010. The Amharic definite marker and the syntax-morphology interface. *Syntax* 13. 196-240.

Kramer, Ruth. 2009. VSO and SVO word order in Middle Egyptian. In *Afroasiatic Studies in Memory of Robert Hetzron: Proceedings of the 35th Annual North American Conference on Afroasiatic Linguistics*, ed. Charles G. Häberl. 92-147. Cambridge: Cambridge Scholars Press.

Kramer, Ruth. 2007. Nonconcatenative morphology in Coptic. In *Phonology at Santa Cruz* 7, eds. David Teeple and Aaron Kaplan. http://repositories.cdlib.org/lrc/pasc/2007

OTHER PROCEEDINGS PAPERS AND BOOK CHAPTERS

Zsiga, Elizabeth, One Boyer and Ruth Kramer. In press. Layers of language: some bad news and some good news about multilingualism in Africa. In *Multilingualism, Language Policy, and Education in Africa*, eds. Elizabeth Zsiga, One Boyer and Ruth Kramer. Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press.

Kramer, Ruth, David Lightfoot and Ralph Fasold. In press. The structure of sentences. In *An Introduction to Language and Linguistics,* eds. Ralph W. Fasold and Jeff Connor-Linton. 2nd edition. Cambridge: CUP.

Kramer, Ruth. 2012. A split analysis of plurality: evidence from Amharic. In *The Proceedings of the West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics 30*, eds. Nathan Arnett and Ryan Bennett. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Press. 226-236.

Kramer, Ruth. 2012. Egyptian. In *Semitic and Afroasiatic: Challenges and Opportunities,* ed. Lutz Edzard. Porta Linguarum Orientalium. 59-130.Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz.

Kramer, Ruth and Kyle Rawlins. 2011. Polarity particles: an ellipsis account. In *The Proceedings of the 39th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 39)*. Amherst: GLSA.

Kramer, Ruth. 2008. Virtual relative clauses in Middle Egyptian. In *The Proceedings of the 40th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS 40).* Volume 2. eds. Nikki Adams et al. 135-149. Chicago: CLS.

Kramer, Ruth. 2006. Root and pattern morphology in Coptic: Evidence for the root. In *The Proceedings of the 36th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society* (*NELS 36)*, eds. C. Davis, A.R. Deal and Y. Zabbal. 399-412. Amherst: GLSA.

IN PROGRESS

Baker, Mark and Ruth Kramer. The morphosyntax of applicative markers in Amharic. Ms., Rutgers University and Georgetown University.

LaTerza, Chris, Morgan Rood, Ruth Kramer, Dustin Chacón, Jen Johnson. Plural shifted indexicals are plural: evidence from Amharic. In *The Proceedings of the 44th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society* (*NELS 39).* Amherst: GLSA.

PRESENTATIONS

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2014   The morphology and syntax of gender: a little *n* approach.
                   Plenary, *45th Annual Conference on African Linguistics*, Lawrence, KS.
2014   A new approach to the morphosyntax of gender.
                   Distinguished Alumna Lecture, *Linguistics at Santa Cruz*, Santa Cruz, CA.
                   Colloquium, University of Rochester.
2013   Gender as nominalizer: evidence from Amharic and Somali.
                   Colloquium, University of Delaware.
2013   Clitic doubling vs. object agreement: the view from Amharic and beyond.
                   Colloquium, Pomona College.
2012   The morphosyntax of gender.
                   Syntax/semantics reading group, New York University.
2012   What is the difference between clitic doubling and object agreement? An Amharic case study.
                   Colloquium, University of Maryland.
2012   An ellipsis approach to answer particles in positive and negative contexts (authors: **Ruth Kramer,** Kyle Rawlins).
                   Workshop on Answers to Polar Questions, Newcastle University, UK.
2011-12   The morphosyntax of gender in Amharic.
                   Colloquium, Yale University and ST@R reading group, Rutgers University.
2011   Clitic doubling or object agreement: an Amharic investigation.
                   Colloquium, Harvard University.
2010   Polarity particles and ellipsis: a cross-linguistic account (authors: **Ruth Kramer,** Kyle Rawlins).
                   Polarity Particles Workshop, University of California, Santa Cruz.
2010   The morphosyntax of number in Amharic: evidence for a split analysis.
                   Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania.
2009   Definite markers in Amharic and the syntax-morphology connection.
                   Colloquium, Johns Hopkins University.

INVITED DISCUSSANT/DISCUSSION LEADER

2013   Discussant at the Forum on Distributed Morphology at the Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America 2013. Boston, MA.

2011   Discussion leader at the Workshop on the Languages and Cultures of Africa for the Intelligence Community. Center for the Advanced Study of Language, College Park, MD.

REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2014   A new approach to clitic doubling in Basque. (authors: Laura Siebecker, **Ruth Kramer**)
Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. Minneapolis, MN.

2013   The morphosyntax of applicative markers in Amharic. (authors: Mark Baker, **Ruth Kramer**)
Afranaph Project Development Workshop II. New Brunswick, NJ.

2013-14   Plural shifted indexicals are plural: evidence from Amharic. (authors: Chris LaTerza, Morgan Rood, **Ruth Kramer**, Dustin Chacón, JJ Johnson)
44ᵗʰ Annual Meeting of the North Eastern Linguistic Society. Storrs, CT.
Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. Minneapolis, MN.

2013   Distinguishing theories of shifted indexicals. (authors: Dustin Chacón, JJ Johnson, **Ruth Kramer,** Chris LaTerza, and Morgan Rood)
Georgetown University Round Table on Languages and Linguistics 2013 / 44ᵗʰ Annual Conference on African Linguistics, Washington, DC.

2013   Applicative verbs in Amharic. (authors: **Ruth Kramer,** Mark Baker)
North American Conference on Afroasiatic Linguistics 41. New Haven, CT

2012   A split analysis of plurality: evidence from Amharic.
30ᵗʰ West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics, Santa Cruz, CA.

2012   No competition: the morphosyntax of plurality in Amharic.
43ʳᵈ Annual Conference on African Linguistics. New Orleans, LA.

2012   The morphosyntax of natural gender: evidence from Amharic.
15ᵗʰ International Morphology Meeting. Vienna, Austria.

2012   Verb-medial word orders in Amharic. (authors: **Ruth Kramer**, Aviad Eilam)
Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. Portland, OR.

2011   Prepositions or case markers? An Amharic case study. (authors: **Ruth Kramer,** Mark Baker)
42ⁿᵈ Annual Conference on African Linguistics. College Park, MD.

2010   "Prepositions" as case markers inserted at PF in Amharic. (authors: **Ruth Kramer,** Mark Baker)
Brussels Conference on Generative Linguistics 5: Case at the Interface. Brussels, Belgium.

2010   Object markers in Amharic.
41ˢᵗ Annual Conference on African Linguistics. Toronto, Canada.

2009   Numeral syntax and word order universals in Middle Egyptian.
Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. San Francisco, CA.
North American Conference on Afroasiatic Linguistics 36. Albuquerque, NM.

2008   Polarity particles: an ellipsis account. (authors: **Ruth Kramer**, Kyle Rawlins)
North Eastern Linguistic Society 39. Ithaca, NY.

2007-08   The Amharic definite marker and the syntax-PF interface.
Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. Chicago, IL.
Workshop on Theoretical Morphology 3. Leipzig, Germany.

2007   VSO and SVO Word Order in Middle Egyptian.
North American Conference on Afroasiatic Linguistics 35. San Antonio, TX.

2006   Pronominal clitics and pronominal affixes in Middle Egyptian.
North American Conference on Afroasiatic Linguistics 34. Seattle, WA.

2005	Root and pattern morphology in Coptic.
	North Eastern Linguistic Society 36. Amherst, MA.
2005	A typology of wh-questions in Middle Egyptian.
	North American Conference on Afroasiatic Linguistics 33. Philadelphia, PA.
2004	Middle Egyptian virtual relative clauses.
	Chicago Linguistic Society 40. Chicago, Illinois.
	North American Conference on Afroasiatic Linguistics 32. San Diego, CA.

CONFERENCE, SYMPOSIUM ,OR COLLOQUIUM ORGANIZER

2013	Co-organizer of the joint meeting of the Georgetown University Round Table on Languages and Linguistics 2013 and the 44th Annual Conference on African Linguistics. Washington, DC. (with Elizabeth Zsiga and One Boyer)
2012	Co-organizer of a symposium at the Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting, Portland, OR. (with Aviad Eilam) Title: *An Introduction to the Ethiosemitic Languages: Data and Theory.*
2010	Organized panel at Georgetown Linguistic Society Annual Meeting 2010 on causatives and the syntax-morphology interface.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

REVIEWING

Journals: *Linguistic Inquiry, Natural Language and Linguistic Theory, Lingua, Linguistic Variation, Morphology, The Linguistic Review, Language Sciences, Canadian Journal of Linguistics* and *Journal of Afroasiatic Languages*

Edited volumes: *Selected Proceedings of the 44th Annual Conference on African Linguistics, Festschrift for Jean Lowenstamm, Selected Proceedings of the 42nd Annual Conference on African Linguistics, Morphology at Santa Cruz, Phonology at Santa Cruz*

Conferences: GURT 2013/ACAL 44, WCCFL 30, ACAL 42, GURT 2010, FAMLi 2010 and AFLA 2009

Other: Israel Science Foundation, Cambridge University Press, University of California Press

MISCELLANEOUS

2009-	**Co-founder,** Special Interest Group (SIG) in Ethiosemitic Linguistics associated with the Linguistic Society of America.
2009, 2010	**National Science Foundation Panelist.** Reviewed applications for an NSF-administered fellowship.

HONORS AND AWARDS

2014	Summer Academic Grant, Georgetown University. Project Title: 'Opening a Door for Someone in Amharic: Investigating an Unusual Verbal Construction'
2014	Nominated by undergraduate students for Georgetown College Honors teaching award

2013   Nominated by graduate students for a Graduate Faculty Mentorship Award.
2013, 2011   Noncompetitive Grant-in-Aid. Reimbursed for costs of Amharic consultants
2012   Summer Academic Grant. Continuing support for project begun under Junior Faculty
                    Research Fellowship.
2012   Junior Faculty Research Fellowship. Project Title: 'Number and Gender in Amharic: A
                    Linguistic Analysis.'
2010   Summer Academic Grant. Project Title: 'Working with a Dead Language: The
                    Grammar of Numerals in Ancient Egyptian.'
2004-2009   Travel and Research Grants (ten total). From the Graduate Student Association, the
                    Linguistics Department, and the Institute for Humanities Research at the
                    University of California, Santa Cruz
2003-2008   Humanities Predoctoral Fellowship. First-year and fifth-year merit-based graduate
                    student support from the University of California, Santa Cruz
2007   Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship. Funding from the US Department of
                    Education for summer study of Amharic
2007   Humanities Qualifying Exam Fellowship. Merit-based graduate student support from
                    University of California, Santa Cruz
2006   Award for Outstanding Presentation, 2nd Annual Graduate Research Symposium,
                    2006. University of California, Santa Cruz

SERVICE WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY
2013-   Member, Georgetown College Executive Committee
2013-2014   Chair, Faculty of Languages and Linguistics Summer Grant Committee
2012-2013   Member, Faculty of Languages and Linguistics Summer Grant Committee.
2011-2013   Linguistics Department Representative, Main Campus Executive Faculty.
2011, 2012   Mentor, Marino Family International Writers' Academic Workshop. Led discussion
                    of assigned summer reading with first-year students.
2010-2012   Member, Fulbright Interview Committee. Interviewed candidates who wish to go to
                    sub-Saharan Africa.

DEPARTMENT
2014-   Head, Theoretical Linguistics Concentration.
2013-   Director of Undergraduate Studies.
2012-   Advisor, Agreement Reading Group / Summer Abstract Club.
2013-2014   Advisor, Georgetown University Working Papers on Theoretical Linguistics, Volume
                    VIII.
2012-2014   Member, Linguistics Department Merit Review Committee.
2013   Consultant, Linguistics 001 teaching development grant.
2013   Member, Search Committee for Visiting Assistant Professor in Phonology.
2011-2013   Member, Linguistics Department Art Committee.
2010-2011   Member, Linguistics Department Relocation Committee.

TEACHING AND ADVISING

<u>COURSES TAUGHT AT GEORGETOWN</u>
Spring 2014   **Grammatical Analysis** (undergraduate)
                     Seminar on Distributed Morphology (graduate)
                     Tutorial on Syntax (graduate)
                     Guest lecture at George Mason University, "A new approach to gender,"
                               Linguistics 882: Seminar in Language Acquisition: Noun
                               Classification Systems (graduate, Prof. Jennifer Culbertson)
Fall 2013   **Syntax III** (graduate)
Spring 2013   **Grammatical Analysis** (undergraduate)
                     Undergraduate/Master's Thesis Seminar
                     Tutorial on Syntax (undergraduate)
Fall 2012   **The Structure of Semitic Languages** (graduate/undergraduate, co-taught
                     with Aynat Rubinstein)
                     Syntax I (graduate)
Fall 2011   **Syntax III** (graduate)
                     Grammatical Analysis (undergraduate, co-taught with Donna Lardiere)
Spring 2011   **Syntax** (undergraduate)
                     Seminar on Topics in Morphosyntax. (focusing on Case/case, graduate)
Fall 2010   **Syntax III** (graduate)
                     Morphology (graduate, co-taught with Donna Lardiere)
                     Tutorial on Phi-Syntax (graduate)
Spring 2010   **Syntax** (undergraduate)
                     Seminar on Nominal Phrase Syntax (graduate)
Fall 2009   **Syntax III** (graduate)

<u>COURSES TA'ED At UC SANTA CRUZ:</u> Introduction to Linguistics; Syntax I; Syntax II; Language, Society and Culture; Structure of French; Chomsky's Program: Language and the Mind; Reading Egyptian Hieroglyphs; also served as **coordinator for TA Training**

<u>PH.D. DISSERTATIONS AND MASTER'S THESES ADVISING</u>
in progress   Laura Siebecker. *L2 Acquisition of the Basque Finite Auxiliary* (**Co-Chair**)
in progress   Eunji Lee. *L2 Acquisition of Number Marking: A Bidirectional study of Adult Learners of*
                     Korean and Indonesian.
2014   Ava Irani. *Focusing in Hindi Syntax* (Master's Thesis, **Chair)**
2013   Corinne Hutchinson. *Morphosyntactic Echoes: Language Contact Phenomena in Navajo Child*
                     English.
2013   Keffyalew Gebregziabher. *Projecting Possessors: A Morphosyntactic Investigation of Tigrinya*
                     Nominal Possession. (University of Calgary)
2013   Justin Kelly. *The Syntax-Semantics Interface in Distributed Morphology*
2012   Sun Hee Hwang. *The Acquisition of Korean Plural Marking in Native English Speakers.*
2010   Michael Diercks. *Agreement with Subjects in Lubukusu.*

<u>ORAL EXAMINATION COMMITTEE MEMBER</u>
in progress   Brett Sutton
2013   Laura Siebecker (co-chair of committee)

2012	Eunji Lee
2011	Sun Hee Hwang
2010	Corinne Hutchinson

LANGUAGES

English (native)
Amharic (intermediate speaking and writing, basic reading)
Ancient Egyptian (Old Egyptian, Middle Egyptian, Late Egyptian, Demotic, Coptic)
French (reading, basic conversational)
German (reading)
Classical Greek

REFERENCES (AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)