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## Education

- **New York University** New York, NY  
*Ph.D., Linguistics* 2022 (expected)
- **Michigan State University** East Lansing, Michigan  
*M.A., Linguistics* 2017
  - Thesis: *Incremental processing effects in nominal compounds*
- **Illinois State University** Normal, Illinois  
*B.A.* 2010
  - Major concentrations: Psychology, English studies
  - Minor concentrations: Cognitive Science, TESOL, French

## Research Experience & Professional Development

- **NYU Neuroscience of Language Lab** New York, NY  
*Lab member* Fall 2017 - present
- **NYU Child Language Lab** New York, NY  
*Lab member* Fall 2017 - present
- **Genetics and the Neurobiology of Language** Cold Spring Harbor, NY  
*Intensive summer course student* Summer 2018
- **MSU Neurolinguistics Lab** East Lansing, MI  
*Lab member* Fall 2014 - Spring 2017
- **MSU Semantics Group** East Lansing, MI  
*Lab member* Spring 2015
- **Illinois State University Psycholinguistics Lab** Normal, IL  
*Undergraduate Research Assistant* Spring 2009 - Fall 2009

## Publications

- Durvasula, K. & Parrish, A. (2019) Is there phonological feature priming? *Linguistics Vanguard*.
- Parrish, A. & Feldscher C. (2018) On the structure of splitting verbs in Yoruba. *Proceedings of the 47th Annual Conference on African Linguistics*.

## Manuscripts – unpublished & in progress

- [manuscript] Parrish, A., Kelley, P., Smith, K., Cong, Y. & Beretta, A. Perceptual asymmetry corresponds to an asymmetry in structural prediction: An ERP study of the effects of prosodic lengthening in English nominal compounds.
- [manuscript] Parrish, A., Jalbert, J. & Beretta, A. Plausibility effects in the comprehension of verbal arguments in globally plausible contexts.
- Parrish, A. (2017) Incremental Processing effects in nominal compounds. Unpublished MA thesis, Michigan State University.

## Presentations

- [upcoming] Parrish, A. & Pykkänen, L. (2019, June) *Early conceptual combination occurs in the absence of syntactic phrase closure*. Talk to be presented at the workshop Psycholinguistics in Iceland: Parsing & Prediction (PiPP), Reykjavík, Iceland.
- [upcoming] Smith, K., Parrish, A. & Beretta, A. (2019, June) *Predictions, commitments, and revisions in Icelandic split-head compound processing*. Talk to be presented at the workshop Psycholinguistics in Iceland: Parsing & Prediction (PiPP), Reykjavík, Iceland.
- [upcoming] Parrish, A. & Pykkänen, L. (2019, April) *Investigations of syntactic modulations of conceptual combination*. Talk to be presented at the Neuroscience of Language in Abu Dhabi Conference (NEUROLANG-AD), Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.
- Parrish, A. & Durvasula, K. (2018, January) *Does priming tap into phonological features?*. Poster presented at The 92nd Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Salt Lake City, UT, USA.
- Parrish, A. (2017, December) *An ERP study of working memory effects as they build across consecutive nominal constituents*. Talk presented at the SYNC 2017, Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA.
- Parrish, A., Smith, K., & Beretta, A. (2017, November). *Incremental working memory effects across consecutive nominal constituents: An ERP study*. Poster presented at The 9th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Neurobiology of Language, Baltimore, MD, USA.
- Parrish, A., Kelley, P., Smith, K., Cong, Y. & Beretta, A. (2017, November). *Prosodic lengthening and boundary prediction in nominal compounds: An ERP study*. Poster presented at The 9th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Neurobiology of Language, Baltimore, MD, USA.
- Smith, K., Parrish, A. & Beretta, A. (2017, November). *Incremental commitment and revision in Icelandic compound processing*. Poster presented at The 9th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Neurobiology of Language, Baltimore, MD, USA.
- Parrish, A. (2017, February). *Incremental effects of gender agreement in nominal compounds - An ERP study*. Talk presented at the Graduate Linguistics Expo At Michigan State, East Lansing, Michigan, USA.

- Parrish, A., Kelley, P., Smith, K., Gagné, C., & Beretta, A. (2016, October). *Nominal Compounds: Relational Frequency Effects in Sentential Contexts*. Poster presented at The Tenth International Conference on the Mental Lexicon, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.
- Parrish, A., Kelley, P., & Beretta, A. (2016, August). *Plausibility and Agreement Effects of Adjectives on Noun-Noun Compounds in Icelandic: An ERP Study*. Poster presented at The 8th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Neurobiology of Language, London, England.
- Parrish, A., Kelley, P., & Beretta, A. (2016, April). *Interactions of plausibility and gender agreement in nominal compounds: An ERP study of adjective-driven split-head interpretations of Icelandic noun-noun compounds*. Poster presented at the Cognitive Science Program Spring Poster Session, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, USA.
- Parrish, A. (2016, April). *Vikings who gulp beer mugs*. Talk presented at the Linguistics and Languages Alumni Reunion, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, USA.
- Parrish, A. & Feldscher C. (2016, March). *The adverb “tún” and insights into Yoruba splitting verbs*. Poster presented at the 47th Annual Conference of African Linguistics, University of California Berkeley, Berkeley, California, USA.
- Parrish, A. (2016, February). *Semantic plausibility and prediction in English noun-noun compounds*. Talk given at the Graduate Linguistics Expo At Michigan State, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, USA.
- Parrish, A., Durvasula, K. & Beretta, A. (2015, October). *The processing of compounds: Behavioral and ERP investigations*. Talk presented at the Cognitive Science Forum, Psychology Department, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, USA.
- Parrish, A., Jalbert, J. & Beretta, A. (2015, October). *Head commitment and plausibility in English noun-noun compounds*. Poster presented at The 7th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Neurobiology of Language, Chicago, IL, USA.

## Professional, Teaching, & Leadership Experience

- **Community Help in Park Slope** Brooklyn, NY  
*Volunteer with the Frances Residency Program* March 2018 - present
- **The Listening Ear Crisis Intervention Center** Lansing, MI  
*Volunteer* July, 2015 - July 2017
  - April 2016 - July 2017: Training staff
  - November 2015 - March 2017: Publicity coordinator
  - July 2015 - July 2017: Crisis counselor
- **MSU Cognitive Science Program** East Lansing, MI  
*Program Assistant* August 2014 - August 2017
- **Heartland Alliance** Chicago, IL  
*Volunteer ESL Teacher* January 2014 - July 2014
- **Private Tutoring** Chicago, IL suburbs  
*Standardized Test Preparation Tutor* September 2013 - February 2015

- **United States Peace Corps** Republic of Benin  
*Volunteer* *July 2010 - August 2013*
  - August 2012 - August 2013: Population Services International Technical Assistant
  - July 2010 - August 2012: English teacher
- **Illinois State University** Normal, IL  
*Undergraduate Teaching Assistant* *Fall 2008 & Spring 2009*
- **Metcalf Junior High** Normal, IL  
*Volunteer Circus Coach* *September 2007 - April 2010*

## Awards & Honors

- **Graduate School of Arts and Sciences** New York University  
*McCracken Fellowship* *2017-2022*
- **New York University** New York, NY  
*Dean's travel grant* *Fall 2017*
- **Presidential Volunteer Service Award** Washington, D.C.  
*Gold Level Award* *September 2017*
- **Cognitive Science Program** Michigan State University  
*Summer Research Fellowship Award* *Summer 2015*
- **Illinois State University** Normal, IL  
*Graduated Magna Cum Laude* *Spring 2010*
- **Illinois State University** Normal, IL  
*"Grammie Award" for outstanding work in Linguistics* *Spring 2009*

## Professional Service

- **Linguistics Association at NYU (LANYU)** New York University  
*Vice President* *Fall 2018 - present*
- **SYNC annual conference**  
*NYU liaison and organizer* *Fall 2018 - present*
- **Linguistics Society of America (LSA)**  
*Student Liaison, Program Committee* *Summer 2019 - Spring 2021*
- **New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV) 47** New York University  
*Hospitality committee co-chair* *Fall 2017 - Fall 2018*
- **SYNC annual conference**  
*Abstract reviewer* *Fall 2017, 2018*
- **Linguistics Student Organization** Michigan State University  
*Colloquium Committee Co-Chair* *Fall 2016 - Spring 2017*
- **Council of Graduate Students** Michigan State University  
*Graduate Judiciary Committee Member* *Fall 2016 - Spring 2017*
- **Council of Graduate Students** Michigan State University  
*Full Council Representative* *Fall 2016 - Spring 2017*

- **University Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum** Michigan State University  
*Mentor to Undergraduate Researcher* Spring 2016
- **GLEEFUL Undergraduate Linguistics Conference** Michigan State University  
*Abstract Reviewer* Spring 2016, Spring 2017
- **Graduate Linguistics Expo at Michigan State** Michigan State University  
*Organizing Committee Member* Fall 2015 - Spring 2017
- **21st Mid-Continental Phonetics and Phonology Conference** Michigan State University  
*Organizing Committee Member* Fall 2015 - Fall 2016
- **Linguistics Student Organization** Michigan State University  
*Treasurer* Fall 2015 - Spring 2016
- **Linguistics Student Organization** Michigan State University  
*Scribe* Fall 2015 - Spring 2017
- **University Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum** Michigan State University  
*Student Judge* Spring 2015, Spring 2017

## Technical Skills

- Language skills
  - English: Native
  - French: Advanced High
- Computer skills
  - Software: PsychoPy, Praat, Excel, ASA Lab
  - Scripting: R, Python, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X
- Experimental Methods
  - MEG
  - ERP (RSVP and auditory)
  - Self-paced reading
  - Priming (cross-modal and uni-modal)
  - Acceptability judgment survey (child and adult participants)
  - Lexical decision task
  - Sensicality judgment task