



# Dustin Alfonso Chacón

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## Curriculum Vitae

### Employment

- 2016–present **Contract Assistant Professor**, *University of Minnesota*, Minneapolis, MN, Linguistics.  
2015–2016 **Faculty Fellow**, *New York University*, New York, NY, Linguistics.

### Education

- 2010–2015 **PhD**, *University of Maryland*, College Park, MD, Linguistics.  
2006–2010 **BA**, *University of Minnesota*, Minneapolis, MN, Linguistics.

### Grants and Honors

#### University of Maryland

- 2015 **Goldhaber Travel Award**, *University of Maryland*.  
2011–2015 **IGERT Fellow**, *National Science Foundation*.  
2011–2015 **Graduate Research Fellowship Program**, *National Science Foundation*.  
2010–2015 **Faculty Fellow**, *University of Maryland*.

#### University of Minnesota

- 2009–2015 **Beinecke Fellowship**, *Sperry Foundation*.  
2009 **Critical Language Scholarship – Bangla**, *U.S. State Department*.  
2008–2009 **Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program**, *University of Minnesota*.  
2006–2010 **Bentson Family Scholar**, *University of Minnesota*.  
2006–2010 **Brundage Family Scholarship**, *University of Minnesota*.  
2006–2010 **National Merit Scholarship**, *University of Minnesota*.  
2006–2007 **Honors Research Scholarship Program**, *University of Minnesota*.

### Publications

#### Books

- 2015 David, Anne Boyle. *Descriptive Grammar of Bangla*, eds. Thomas J. Connors and **Dustin A. Chacón**. Berlin: De Gruyter Mouton. [\[link\]](#)

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## Papers

- 2017, in preparation **Chacón, Dustin A.** Acceptability (and other) experiments for studying comparative syntax. In Grant Goodall (ed.), *Cambridge Handbook of Experimental Syntax*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- 2016 **Chacón, Dustin A.**, Shota Momma, and Colin Phillips. Linguistic Representations and Memory Architectures: The Devil is in the Details. *Brain and Behavioral Sciences*. [[link](#)]
- 2016 **Chacón, Dustin A.**, Mashrur Imtiaz, Shirsho Dasgupta, Sikder Monoare Murshed, Mina Dan, and Colin Phillips. Locality and Active Dependency Formation in Bangla. *Frontiers in Psychology* [[link](#)]
- 2015 Connors, Thomas J., **Dustin A. Chacón**. 2015. Syntax. In David (2015).
- 2015 LaTerza, Chris, **Dustin Chacón**, Jen Johnson, Ruth Kramer, and Morgan Rood. Plural shifted indexicals are plural: Evidence from Amharic. *Proceedings of NELS*, 44(2), 259–270. [[link](#)]
- 2015 **Chacón, Dustin A.**, Jen Johnson, Ruth Kramer, Chris LaTerza, Morgan Rood. New Puzzles for Shifting Indexical: An Amharic Case Study. *Proceedings of ACAL* 44, 158–164. [[link](#)]
- 2011 **Chacón, Dustin A.**, Head Movement in the Bangla DP. *Journal of South Asian Linguistics* 4, 3–25. [[link](#)]
- 2010 Pakhomov, Serguei V.S., Jeanette Gundel, **Dustin Chacón**, and Mark Wicklund. Computerized Assessment of Syntactic Complexity in Alzheimer's Disease: A Case Study of Irish Murdoch's Writings. *Behavior Research Methods* 43(1), 136–144. [[link](#)]
- 2010 Pakhomov, Serguei V.S., Glenn Smith, **Dustin Chacón**, Yara Feliciano, Neill Graff-Radford, Richard Caselli, and David S. Knopman. Computerized analysis of speech and language to identify psycholinguistic correlates of frontotemporal lobar degeneration. *Cognitive and Behavioral Neurology* 23(3), 165–177. [[link](#)]

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## Presentations

### Invited Presentations

- 2013 **Chacón, Dustin A.** Subtle Syntactic Variation and the Language Learner. *Minnesota Undergraduate Linguistics Symposium*, St. Olaf College.
- 2011 **Chacón, Dustin A.** Word Formation in the Syntax, or, Deriving Simpson's Generalization. *CUNY Syntax Supper*, CUNY.

### Oral Presentations

- 2017 Zhang, Borui, & **Dustin A. Chacón**. Embedding, Covert Movement, and Intervention Effects in Kathmandu Newari. *Linguistic Society of America* 92, Salt Lake City.
- 2015 **Chacón, Dustin A.** Different grammars = Different parsers? *Experimental Approaches to Arabic and Other Understudied Languages (EXAL+)*, NYU: Abu Dhabi.

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- 2014 **Chacón, Dustin A.**, Mashrur Imtiaz, Shirsho Dasgupta, Sikder Monoare Murshed, Mina Dan, and Colin Phillips. Word order effects on long-distance dependency resolution, within and between languages. *Formal Approaches to South Asian Languages* 4, Rutgers University
- 2014 LaTerza, Chris, **Dustin Chacón**, Jen Johnson, Ruth Kramer, and Morgan Rood. Plural shifted indexicals are plural. *Linguistic Society of America* 88, University of Minnesota
- 2014 LaTerza, Chris, **Dustin Chacón**, Jen Johnson, Ruth Kramer, and Morgan Rood. Plural shifted indexicals are plural: Evidence from Amharic. *NELS* 44, University of Connecticut.
- 2013 **Chacón, Dustin A.** and Colin Phillips. Biases in resolving *wh*-dependencies in Bangla. *Formal Approaches to South Asian Languages* 3, University of Southern California.
- 2013 **Chacón, Dustin A.** and Dave Kush. Movement and Differential Object Marking. *Formal Approaches to South Asian Languages* 3, University of Southern California.
- 2013 **Chacón, Dustin A.**, Ruth Kramer, Chris LaTerza, and K. Morgan Rood. Distinguishing theories of shifted indexical. *ACAL 44/GURT* 2013, Georgetown University.
- 2013 **Chacón, Dustin A.** and Alexis Wellwood. A Superlative Puzzle for Bošković's NP/DP Parameter. *Workshop on Languages With and Without Articles*, CNRS.
- 2011 **Chacón, Dustin A.** Cross-linguistic constraints on associative plurals. *ECO* 5, MIT.
- 2011 **Chacón, Dustin A.** Bangla and company – the distribution of associative plurals in Bangla, Japanese, and Mandarin Chinese. *Formal Approaches to South Asian Languages* 1, University of Massachusetts.
- 2010 **Chacón, Dustin A.** An exoskeletal approach to argument structure-sensitive number agreement in Marka. *Minnesota Student Workshop on Linguistics*, University of Minnesota.
- 2010 Borne, Andrew, Vincent Carveth, **Dustin A. Chacón**, Evan Jones, Jamie Robertson, Whitney Royce, and Sarah VanZant. Marka Jecelne!, *Minnesota Student Workshop on Linguistics*, University of Minnesota
- 2009 **Chacón, Dustin A.** "Classifying" DPs as Southeast Asian. *Minnesota Student Workshop on Linguistics*, University of Minnesota.
- 2008 **Chacón, Dustin A.** Bengali referring expressions. *Annual Cornell Undergraduates Colloquium* 2, Cornell University.

#### Poster Presentations

- 2017 Fortier, Anthoni, and **Dustin A. Chacón**. Split-Ergativity in Newari, A Verb Movement Approach, *FASAL* 7, MIT.
- 2016 Lakhani, Nikhil and **Dustin A. Chacón**. Resumptive pronouns affect later filler-gap dependency processing. *NELS* 47, University of Massachusetts.
- 2015 **Chacón, Dustin A.** and Colin Phillips. Resumptive pronouns complete filler-gap dependencies, but inadvertently. *CUNY Sentence Processing Conference* 28, University of Southern California.

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- 2014 **Chacón, Dustin A.**, Mashrur Imtiaz, Shirsho Dasgupta, Sikder Monoare Murshed, Mina Dan, and Colin Phillips. Structural and non-structural locality effects in Bangla filler-gap dependencies. *CUNY Sentence Processing Conference 26*, University of South Carolina.
- 2013 **Chacón, Dustin A.** and Colin Phillips. What counts as “local”? Evidence from a hybrid language. *CUNY Sentence Processing Conference 26*, University of South Carolina.
- 2010 **Chacón, Dustin A.** Boundedness is not telicity: Evidence from Cushitic. *Verb Meaning, Event Semantics, and Argument Structure*, Centre de Lingüística Teòrica, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona.
- 2009 Carveth, Vincent H., **Dustin A. Chacón**, Judith W. Fuller, Hiroki Nomoto, Andrew Simpson, and Hooi Ling Soh. Form, interpretation, and distribution of nominal expressions in two classifier languages: A comparative study of Hmong and Vietnamese. *SEALS 19*, Vietnam National University, Ho Chi Minh City.
- 2009 **Chacón, Dustin A.** Towards aligning Bengali DP-Structure with other Southeast Asian Languages, *UCLA- UC Berkeley Joint Conference on Languages of Southeast Asia*, UCLA

## — Languages

Fluent/Native English, Spanish

Conversational Bangla, Hindi

Intermediate French

Basic American Sign Language

Interests Assamese, Basque, Catalan, Inuktitut, Japanese, Lakhota, Marka, Mandarin Chinese, Newari, Oriya, Oromo, Portuguese, Somali, Zazaki

## — Technical Proficiency

Advanced Python, R,  $\LaTeX$

Basic Java, C

Methodologies Eye-tracking, self-paced reading, EEG, Mechanical Turk, behavioral tasks

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## Teaching

### Interests

- General Syntax, psycholinguistics, language acquisition, field methods  
Specific Prediction, long-distance dependencies, comparative syntax, parameter setting, language input

### University of Minnesota

- Spring 2018 **Language & Society** (Undergrad-level)  
Spring 2018 **Syntactic Processing** (Grad-level)  
Spring 2018 **Constraints on Movement** (Undergrad/Grad-level)  
Fall 2017 **Syntax 2** (Undergrad-level)  
Fall 2017 **Introduction to Linguistics** (Grad-level)  
Spring 2017 **Syntactic Theory 2** (Grad-level)  
Spring 2017 **Field Methods 2**, Newari  
Fall 2016 **Introduction to Linguistics** (Grad-level)  
Fall 2016 **Field Methods 1**, Newari  
Fall 2016 **Topics in Syntax**, Alternatives to Universal Grammar

### New York University

- Spring 2016 **Psycholinguistics**  
Spring 2016 **Topics in Syntax**, Parameters  
Fall 2015 **Patterns in Language** (Intro. to Comp. Ling.)

### University of Maryland

- Spring 2014 **Topics in Syntax**, Comparative Syntax and Language Acquisition  
Fall 2013 **Historical Linguistics**, TA  
Spring 2013 **Syntax I**, TA  
Winter 2013 **Field Methods**, Zazaki  
Spring 2012 **Intro. to Linguistics**, TA  
Fall 2012 **Historical Linguistics**, TA

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## Mentoring

### University of Minnesota

- 2017–present Austin Kraft. UROP Project  
2017–present Brandee Ermatinger. MA thesis  
2017–present Mary Christensen. MA thesis  
2017–present Russell Simonsen. Qualifying Paper, Department of Spanish & Portuguese  
2016–present Bradley Harmon. UROP Project  
2016–present Anthoni Fortier. MA thesis  
2016–2017 Jo Shoemaker. BA thesis

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## New York University

2015–2016 Nikhil Lakhani. High school project. BA student at University of Pennsylvania.

## University of Maryland

2014–2015 Margaret Kandel. Undergrad research. Fulbright Scholar.

2014–2015 Rebecca Kraut. Undergrad research. Clinical Manager in Psychology at Columbia University.

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## Service

### Administrative Experience

2016–present **University of Minnesota Institute of Linguistics Social Media “Czar”**

2013–2014 **UMD Language Science Social Committee**, Member

2012–2013 **UMD Colloquium Committee, Administrator**

2012 **UMD Language Science Social Committee**, Chair

2011 **UMD Mayfest Conference**, Organizer

### Service and Memberships

2017 **PLOS One**, Manuscript Reviewer

2017 **Language, Cognition, and Neuroscience**, Manuscript Reviewer

2016 **Perspectives on Arabic Linguistics**, Manuscript Reviewer

2016 **Glossa**, Manuscript Reviewer

2014 **Lingua**, Manuscript Reviewer

2013–2015 **Syntax-Semantics Interface Journal**, Editorial Board

2012 **Journal of South Asian Linguistics**, Manuscript Reviewer

2012 **Language and Cognitive Processes**, Manuscript Reviewer

2011–2012 **Annual Conference on African Linguistics**, Abstract Reviewer

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