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Research Interests

Syntax-Semantics Interface, Language Documentation, Information Structure

Education

2023 – Present	University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada Doctoral student in Linguistics
2018 - 2020	The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR Master of Philosophy in Linguistics Thesis Supervisor: Prof. Stephen Matthews
2014 – 2017	Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Nigeria Master of Arts in Linguistics Thesis Supervisor: Prof. Chinedu Uchechukwu
2008 – 2012	Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Nigeria Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics

Conference and Workshop Presentations

Onyinyechukwu Ezeamuzie (2019) Ex-situ verb focus and its interpretation in Igbo Stress-free Focus Workshop II (SFW 2) (Vienna, University of Vienna, Austria October 18-19 2019).

Onyinyechukwu Ezeamuzie (2021) Verbal Fronting and Focus in Igbo. Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Society of Hong Kong (Hong Kong, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR December 4, 2021).

Onyinyechukwu Ezeamuzie (2024) Focusing Strategies in Anaang (Poster- University of Crete Summer School in Linguistics, Greece July 14, 2024).

Publications

Ezeamuzie, Onyinyechukwu Rhoda (2020) *Verbal Fronting and Focus in Igbo* MPhil Thesis Hong Kong: The University of Hong Kong.

Ezeamuzie, Onyinyechukwu Rhoda (2020) *Data set for the thesis titled “Verbal Fronting and Focus in Igbo”*. *HKU Data Repository. Dataset*.

<https://doi.org/10.25442/hku.12814619.v1>.

Grants and Awards

2018-2020	Postgraduate Scholarship Award, The University of Hong Kong
2019	School of Graduate Studies Conference Grant, The University of Hong Kong
2021	Outstanding MPhil Thesis Award, Linguistics Society of Hong Kong
2023	Recognition of Excellence Award for Black and Indigenous Students, University of Toronto
2023-	Connaught International Scholarship, University of Toronto

Teaching

Teaching Assistant, University of Toronto

LIN 101	Introduction to Linguistics: Sound Structure	(Fall 2023)
LIN 102	Introduction to Linguistics: Sentence Structure and Meaning	(Winter 2023)

Assistant Lecturer, Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education

English and Communication	(Spring, 2022)
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Teaching Assistant, University of Hong Kong

LING 1000	Introduction to Linguistics	(Fall, 2019)
LING 1000	Introduction to Linguistics	(Fall, 2020)
LING 2050	Grammatical Description	(Fall, 2020)
LING 1000	Introduction to Linguistics	(Fall, 2022)

Other Employment

Mar. 2013 – Feb. 2014

English Teacher, National Youth Service Corps, Nigeria

- Taught English language to non-English speaking secondary school students.

- Designed lesson plans, issued assessments and examinations.
- Oversaw other administrative duties on behalf of the school authority.

Jun. 2014 – Mar 2015

Transcriber, APPEN Australia

- Provided phonetic transcription of Igbo language data using SAMPA software.
- Edited transcribed language data.

Feb. 2021 - Jul. 2022

Freelance Legal Interpreter

- Provided simultaneous interpretation during legal proceedings in Hong Kong courts.
- Translated legal documents from English to Igbo, and from Igbo to English.
- Certified translated and transcribed legal documents including video-recorded interviews and audio interviews.

Conference Organization

TOM 16 Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal Semantics 16TH Workshop. Volunteer, Organizing Committee (2024)

Service

2023 **Volunteer of the Linguistics Graduate School Application Support Program for Racial Justice**

- Mentored two African students with their graduate school application by providing feedback and guidelines for writing their application documents.

Language Skills

Igbo (native), Nigerian Pidgin (fluent), English (native), Cantonese (basic), French (basic),

Professional Memberships

Linguistic Society of Hong Kong, 2021

Canadian Linguistic Association, 2024

Graduate Linguistics Courses Taken

LIN1121H	Phonological theory
LIN1131H	Syntactic theory
LIN11451H	Formal semantics
JAL 1145H	Field methods
LIN1232H	Advanced syntax (Nominal linkers)
LIN1232H	Advanced semantics (Semantics of questions)