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Employment

- 2025 - **Assistant Professor**, Dept. of Linguistics, Cornell University.
- 2022 - 2025 **Postdoctoral Associate and Lecturer**, Program in Linguistics, Princeton University.
- 2020 - 2022 **Postdoctoral Associate and Lecturer**, Dept. of Linguistics, Yale University.

Education

- 2020 **PhD in Linguistics**, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.
Dissertation: Voice and Case phenomena in Lithuanian Morphosyntax
Advisor: Julie Anne Legate
Committee: David Embick, Heidi Harley, Florian Schwarz
- 2013 **MA in English Linguistics and Language Acquisition**, Norwegian University Of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Norway.
Thesis: Lithuanian Passives and Passive-like Constructions
Advisor: Chris Wilder
- 2011 **BA in English Language Studies**, Anglia Ruskin University, Cambridge, UK.
with First Class Honors

Research

- AREAS Theoretical Syntax, Morphology, Semantics
- INTERESTS: Argument Structure, Voice, Theory of Passives and Impersonals, Impersonal Pronouns, Case, Compounds, Gender vs. Inflection Class, Nominalizations, Mobile Affixation
- FIELDWORK: Baltic: Lithuanian, Latvian, Latgalian; Bantu: Ndebele

Journal Publications *=*co-first authors*

- In prep. Reciprocals and Passives in Ndebele (with Asia Pietraszko)
- In prep. Deriving Morphological Gaps: the Neuter Puzzle in Lithuanian (with Luke Adamson)
- In prep. Passives and Impersonals in Ndebele.

- In prep. Gender vs. Inflectional Class features: a view from Lithuanian compounds (with Yuriy Kushnir). To be submitted to *NLLT*
- Submitted Referential and Impersonal *you*: a syntactic perspective (with Raffaella Zanuttini). *Language*.
- Revised and resubmitted **Šereikaitė, Milena**. Lithuanian *si* is not in second position. *Linguistic Inquiry*.
- Revised and resubmitted **Šereikaitė, Milena**. Voice and Case Properties of Complex Event Nominalizations: a Voice-bundling approach. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*.
- 2023 Sigurðsson, Einar Freyr* and **Šereikaitė, Milena***. The dual face of structural object case: on Lithuanian genitive of negation. *Journal of Linguistics*, 1-52. doi:10.1017/S0022226723000130
- 2022 **Šereikaitė, Milena**. Impersonals, Passives and Impersonal Pronouns: lessons from Lithuanian. *Syntax*, 25(2), 188-241
- 2021 **Šereikaitė, Milena**. Active Existential in Lithuanian: Remarks on Burzio's generalization. *Linguistic Inquiry*. 52 (4): 747–789.
- 2020 Legate, Julie Anne, Akkuş, Faruk, **Šereikaitė, Milena** and Don Ringe. *On Passives of Passives*. *Language* 96(4), 771-818. **Best paper in Language Award at the LSA 2021**.
- 2019 Adamson, Luke* and **Šereikaitė, Milena***. Representing Gender and Defaults: Evidence from Lithuanian. *Glossa: a journal of general linguistics* 4.1
- 2019 **Šereikaitė, Milena**. Strong vs. weak definites: Evidence from Lithuanian adjectives. In: Ana Aguilar-Guevara Julia Pozas Loyo & Violeta Vázquez-Rojas Maldonado (eds.), *Definiteness across languages*, 395–423. Berlin: Language Science Press

Conference Proceedings

- 2018 Sigurðsson, Einar Freyr*, **Šereikaitė, Milena*** and Marcel Pitteroff. (2018) The structural nature of non-structural case: On passivization and case in Lithuanian. *Proceedings of Linguistics Society of America*. 3.31:1-15
- **Šereikaitė, Milena**. Lexical vs. Nominal prefixes and Their Meaning Domains. *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics*: Vol. 24 : Iss. 1, Article 22.
- 2017 **Šereikaitė, Milena**. Lithuanian Passive-like Impersonals and Regular Passives, *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics*: Vol. 23 : Iss. 1 , Article 26.
- 2017 **Šereikaitė, Milena**. The Reanalysis of Lithuanian Reflexive *-si-*: a DM approach. *Proceedings of the 34th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, ed. Aaron Kaplan et al., 447-453.

Fellowships and Awards

- 2021 Best paper in *Language* Award for the article *On passives of passives* with Julie Anne Legate, Faruk Akkuş and Don Ringe
- 2020 2nd Best Student Abstract Award, The 94th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America
- 2019 Dean's Travel Subvention, School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania
- 2018-2019 Teece Fellowship (Research Grant), University of Pennsylvania
- 2018 2nd Best Student Abstract Award, The 92nd Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America
 - Dean's Travel Subvention, School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania
- 2016-2017 Research Travel Awards, Graduate and Professional Student Assembly, University of Pennsylvania
- 2014-2019 Benjamin Franklin Fellowship (PhD funding), University of Pennsylvania

Invited Talks

- 2025 **Šereikaitė, Milena.** On the nature of syntactic atoms: a view from Lithuanian Nominalizations. May 2nd. Stanford University.
- 2025 **Šereikaitė, Milena.** On the nature of syntactic atoms: a view from Lithuanian Nominalizations. February 20th. Cornell University.
- 2024 **Šereikaitė, Milena.** The typology of passives: a view from Baltic, Bantu, and Slavic. October 30th. The University of Montreal, Canada.
- 2024 **Šereikaitė, Milena.** Bundles of features in human language: a view from nominalizations. July 17th. Chulalongkorn University, Thailand.
- 2024 **Šereikaitė, Milena.** Don't scatter your features: a view from nominalizations. May 1st. The University of Edinburgh, UK.
- 2024 **Šereikaitė, Milena.** Don't scatter your features: a view from nominalizations. February 22th. USC.
- 2024 **Šereikaitė, Milena.** Don't scatter your features: a view from nominalizations. February 6th. UPenn.
- 2024 **Šereikaitė, Milena.** Don't scatter your features: a view from nominalizations. January 29th. Yale Syntax Reading Group
- 2023 **Šereikaitė, Milena.** Movement in Mobile Affixation: a view from Balto-Slavic. April 28th. Rutgers University
- 2023 **Šereikaitė, Milena and Zanuttini, Raffaella.** Referential *you* vs. Impersonal *you*. Princeton LingLunch. April 21st.
- 2022 **Šereikaitė, Milena.** The dual nature of Lithuanian reflexive -si-: remarks on Local Dislocation. Princeton Phonology Forum
- 2022 **Šereikaitė, Milena.** Nominalizations without passives. Penn State University

- 2022 **Kushnir, Yuriy & Šereikaitė, Milena**. Gender features vs. Inflectional class features: a view from compounding. UPenn
- 2022 **Šereikaitė, Milena**. Voice and Case: lessons from nominalizations without passives. Princeton Symposium on Syntactic Theory. April 1-2.
- 2022 **Šereikaitė, Milena**. Lessons about case and implicit arguments from Lithuanian Active Existential. Guest Lecturer. UMass. March 9th.
- 2022 **Šereikaitė, Milena**. Nominalizations vs. passives: are they the same? Georgetown Speaker Series. February 11th.
- 2021 Kushnir Yuriy and **Šereikaitė, Milena**. Attributive Compounds in Lithuanian. University of Leipzig, December 17th.
- 2021 Sigurðsson, Einar Freyr* and **Šereikaitė, Milena***. The dual face of structural object case: Evidence from Lithuanian Genitive of Negation. Talk. NYU Department of Linguistics, May 14th.
- 2020 **Šereikaitė, Milena**. Active Existential in Lithuanian: Remarks on Burzio's Generalization. ILST talk. University of Pennsylvania, December 4.
- 2017 Adamson, Luke* and **Šereikaitė, Milena***. The neuter 'gender' in Lithuanian, and the Neuter Case Agreement Constraint. LingLunch, University of Connecticut, October 31.

Presentations

- 2025 **Adamson, Luke and Šereikaitė, Milena**. Deriving Morphological Gaps: The Neuter Puzzle in Lithuanian. *Workshop on The Distributed Morphology (DM) meets Nanosyntax (Nano)*. The University of Vienna. Talk.
- 2025 **Pietraszko, Asia and Šereikaitė, Milena**. An argument for a high position of the Ndebele Reciprocal. ACAL 56. Talk. Minneapolis
- 2024 **Šereikaitė, Milena**. Passives of Unaccusatives? A view from Ndebele. *Workshop on Morphology at Princeton*. Poster.
- 2024 **Šereikaitė, Milena and Zanuttini, Raffaella**. Referential vs. Impersonal you. *LSA*. Talk.
- 2023 **Šereikaitė, Milena**. Passives of Unaccusatives? A view from Ndebele. *SynNYU*. Poster.
- 2022 **Šereikaitė, Milena**. Nominalizations without passives: evidence from Lithuanian. *BCGL 15*. CRISP. Talk
- **Kushnir, Yuriy & Šereikaitė, Milena**. Lithuanian distributive compounds: a DM approach. *WCCFL40*. Stanford. Talk
 - **Kushnir, Yuriy & Šereikaitė, Milena**. Lithuanian distributive compounds: a DM approach. *CLS*. Poster
- 2021 **Šereikaitė, Milena**. Datives and Ditransitives in Lithuanian. *Ditransitives across languages and frameworks 21*. Talk

- 2020 **Šereikaitė, Milena and Wood, Jim**. Nominalizations of ditransitive verbs in Icelandic and Lithuanian. *Ditransitives in Insular Scandinavian* meeting. Talk
- **Šereikaitė, Milena**. Datives and Ditransitives in Lithuanian. Presented at *Ditransitives in Insular Scandinavian* meeting. Talk
 - **Šereikaitė, Milena**. Case Properties of Lithuanian Complex Event Nominalizations. *The 94rd Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Society of America*. New Orleans. Talk.
- 2019 **Šereikaitė, Milena**. Voice and Case Properties of Lithuanian Complex Event Nominalizations. *The 50th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society*. MIT. Talk
- Legate, Julie Anne and **Šereikaitė, Milena**. Lithuanian Evidentials and Passives of Evidentials. *The 93rd Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Society of America*. New York. Talk.
- 2018 Legate, Julie Anne and **Šereikaitė, Milena**. Lithuanian Evidentials and Passives of Evidentials. *The 49th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society*. Cornell. Poster.
- Adamson, Luke* and **Šereikaitė, Milena***. On Default Gender and Non-Agreement in Lithuanian. *The 49th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society*. Cornell. Poster.
 - Adamson, Luke* and **Šereikaitė, Milena***. On Default Gender and Non-Agreement in Lithuanian. *Theoretical and Experimental Approaches to Gender*. Berlin. Poster.
 - Adamson, Luke* and **Šereikaitė, Milena***. The Neuter Agreement Constraint in Lithuanian. *Chicago Linguistic Society 54*. Chicago. Talk.
 - **Šereikaitė, Milena*** and Sigurðsson, Einar Freyr*. The dual face of dependent case: On Lithuanian genitive of negation. *Chicago Linguistic Society 54*. Chicago. Talk.
 - Sigurðsson, Einar Freyr* and **Šereikaitė, Milena***. The dual face of dependent case: On Lithuanian genitive of negation. *West Coast Conference of Formal Linguistics 36*. UCLA. Poster
 - Adamson, Luke* and **Šereikaitė, Milena***. (2018) The Neuter Agreement Constraint in Lithuanian. *Penn Linguistics Conference 42*. Philadelphia. Talk
 - Sigurðsson, Einar Freyr* and **Šereikaitė, Milena***. The dual face of dependent case: On Lithuanian genitive of negation. *Penn Linguistics Conference 42*. Philadelphia. Talk.
 - Sigurðsson, Einar Freyr*, **Šereikaitė, Milena*** and Pitteroff, Marcel. The structural nature of non-structural case: On passivization and case in Lithuanian. *The 92nd Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Society of America*. Salt Lake City. Talk

- **Šereikaitė, Milena.** Active Existential Voice In Lithuanian: Burzio's generalization revised. *The 92nd Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America*. Salt Lake City. Talk
- 2017 **Šereikaitė, Milena.** Lexical vs. Nominal Prefixes and their meaning domains. *Penn Linguistics Conference 41*. Philadelphia. Talk
- **Šereikaitė, Milena.** Kind reference within DPs. *Mid-Atlantic Colloquium of Studies in Meaning 7*. Georgetown University. Poster
- **Šereikaitė, Milena.** Flavors of Voice: passives vs. impersonals. *Cambridge Workshop on Voice*. University of Cambridge. Talk
- **Šereikaitė, Milena.** *Strong versus Weak Definites in Lithuanian*. MACSIM 6. CUNY. Poster
- 2016 **Šereikaitė, Milena.** The Dual Nature of Lithuanian reflexive -si-: a DM approach. *The Word and the Morpheme Workshop*. Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. Talk
- **Šereikaitė, Milena.** Strong vs. Weak Definites: evidence from Lithuanian adjectives. *Definiteness Across Languages Workshop*. El Colegio de México. Talk
- **Šereikaitė, Milena.** Reanalysis of Lithuanian reflexive -si-: The DM approach. *West Coast Conference of Formal Linguistics 40*. University of Utah. Poster
- **Šereikaite, Milena.** Lithuanian Passive-like Impersonals and Regular passives. *Penn Linguistics Conference 40*. Talk
- **Šereikaitė, Milena.** Towards a Typology of Baltic lexical prefixes and Germanic particles. *Germanic Linguistics Annual Conference 22*. The University of Iceland. Talk

Teaching

- Fall 2025 Instructor of Record *Syntax I*
- Spring 2025 Instructor of Record *Syntax II*
- Fall 2024 Instructor of Record *Syntax I*
- May 1st Teaching Demo, *Syntactic Dependencies*, University of Edinburgh
- Spring 2024 Instructor of Record, *Advanced Morphology*
- Fall 2023 Instructor of Record, *Mythbusting Language*
- Spring 2023 Instructor of Record, *Structure of Lithuanian*
- Fall 2022 Instructor of Record, *Mythbusting Language*
- Spring 2022 Teaching Fellow for *Grammatical Diversity in U.S. English*, Instructor: Raffaella Zanuttini
- Fall 2021 Teaching Fellow for *Language and Mind*, Instructor: Maria Piñango
- Fall 2021 Teaching Fellow for *Syntax I*, Instructor: Raffaella Zanuttini
- Spring 2021 Co-instructor with Raffaella Zanuttini. *Syntax of Impersonal Constructions. (Undergraduate and Graduate Level)*
- Fall 2020 Co-instructor with Jim Wood. *Morphology (Undergraduate and Graduate Level)*

- Spring 2020 Teaching Assistant for *Introduction to Linguistics*, Instructor: Katie Schuler
- Fall 2019 Teaching Assistant for *Introduction to Linguistics*, Instructor: Mark Liberman
- Spring 2016 Teaching Assistant for *The Sound Structure of Language*, Instructor: Rolf Noyer
- Fall 2016 Teaching Assistant for *Introduction to Syntax*, Instructor: Beatrice Santorini
- Fall 2015 Teaching Assistant for *Introduction to Linguistics*, Instructor: Mark Liberman
- 2011 UK-TEFL. Teaching English as a Foreign Language certificate

■ Academic Service

- 2020-2022 Organizer of the Syntax Reading Group at Yale
- 2017 Co-editor of Penn Working Papers in Linguistics Volume 24.1
- 2015-2017 Representative proxy for Graduate Student Government of the School of Arts & Sciences
- 2014-present Editorial member of Penn Working Papers in Linguistics
- 2014-2015 Member of Content Committee Penn linguistics Conference
- 2011-2012 Student Representative, Norwegian University of Science and Technology
- 2008-2011 Student Representative, Anglia Ruskin University

■ Dissertation Committee

- 2021 Member of the Dissertation Committee.
Ringailė Trakymaitė. Adjectival Definiteness Marking: Lithuanian in a Typological Context. PhD Thesis. Vilnius University.

■ Reviewer

Linguistic Inquiry, NLLT, Journal of Linguistics, Glossa, Journal of Baltic Studies, Nordic Journal of Linguistics, NELS, WCCFL, PLC

■ Skills

- Languages Lithuanian (Native), English (Fluent), Norwegian (Basic), Spanish (Basic), German (Basic), ASL (Basic), Ndebele (Basic).