

# Adam Roth Singerman

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## Employment

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- Summer 2021 – present Lecturer in Linguistics  
Harvard University
- September 2020 – August 2021 Research fellow supported by the Documenting Endangered Languages Program of the National Science Foundation & the National Endowment for the Humanities
- September 2018 – August 2020 Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow in the Humanities  
University of Chicago

## Education

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### Degree programs

- 2018 PhD in Linguistics  
University of Chicago  
Thesis: ‘The morphosyntax of Tuparí, a Tupían language of the Brazilian Amazon’  
Committee: Lenore Grenoble (co-chair), Jason Merchant (co-chair), & Karlos Arregi  
<https://ling.auf.net/lingbuzz/004253>
- 2014 M.A., Linguistics  
University of Chicago  
Thesis: ‘Nasal Harmony in Tupari’  
Committee: Alan C.L. Yu and Jason Riggle
- 2009 B.A. *summa cum laude*, Special Concentration in Linguistics and Latin America  
Harvard College  
Thesis: ‘The Influence of Spanish on the Numeral System of Tz’utujil Maya’  
Advisers: Marc Zender and Gary Urton

### Non-degree programs

- 2015 Linguistic Summer Institute  
University of Chicago
- 2013 Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute  
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- 2011 Summer Course on Hungarian Language and Culture  
Debrecen Summer University, Hungary

## Publications

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### Peer-reviewed publications

- 2021 Adam Roth Singerman. ‘On finite embedded clauses in Tuparí: their synchrony, diachrony, and typology.’ *Glossa: A Journal of General Linguistics* 6(1): 77. 1–46.  
<http://doi.org/10.5334/gjgl.1394>
- 2020 Adam Roth Singerman. ‘The clausal organization of Tuparí, an indigenous Brazilian language.’ *Acta Linguistica Academica* 67(4):429–479.  
<https://doi.org/10.1556/2062.2020.00025>
- 2019 Adam Roth Singerman. ‘Non-witnessed evidentiality in Tuparí and its connection to resultative constructions in the perfect aspect.’ *International Journal of American Linguistics* 85(3):401–445.  
<http://doi.org/10.1086/703241>
- 2019 Antonia Fernanda de Souza Nogueira, Nicole Soares-Pinto, Ana Vilacy Galucio, and Adam Roth Singerman. 2019. ‘Termos de parentesco na família Tupari (Tupi) / Kin Terms in Tupari Family (Tupi).’ *Boletim do Museu Paraense Emílio Goeldi, Ciências Humanas* 14(1):33–64.  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1590/1981.81222019000100004>
- 2018 Adam Roth Singerman. ‘Negation as an exclusively nominal category.’ *Language* 94(2): 432–467.  
<https://doi.org/10.1353/lan.2018.0022>
- 2016 Adam Roth Singerman. ‘Nasal harmony and phonotactic well-formedness in Tupari.’ *International Journal of American Linguistics* 82(4):453–485.  
<https://doi.org/10.1086/688603>
- 2014 Lenore Grenoble and Adam Roth Singerman. ‘Minority Languages.’ In *Oxford Bibliographies in Linguistics*. Ed. Mark Aronoff. New York: Oxford University Press.  
<https://doi.org/10.1093/OBO/9780199772810-0176>

### Conference proceedings

- To appear Adam Roth Singerman. ‘Finite embedding and mixed headedness in Tuparí.’ To appear in *Proceedings of the 22nd Workshop on Structure and Constituency in Languages of the Americas*, to be published electronically by the University of British Columbia Working Papers in Linguistics (UBCWPL).
- 2016 Adam Roth Singerman. ‘Concerning the morphosyntactic and semantic properties of Tuparí -’om.’ In Thuy Bui and Rodica Ivan, eds., *SULA 9: Proceedings of the Ninth Conference on the Semantics of Under-Represented Languages in the Americas*.

### Documentary corpora

- 2019 Adam Roth Singerman. Corpus of Tuparí materials deposited at the Archive of Indigenous Languages of Latin America (AILLA), at the University of Texas, Austin.  
<https://ailla.utexas.org/islandora/object/ailla:269477>

## Reviews & book notes

- 2019 Adam Roth Singerman. Book note on William D. Davies and Stanley Dubinsky, *Language conflict and language rights: Ethnolinguistic perspectives on human conflict*, Cambridge University Press, 2018. *Language in Society* 48(5):800–801.  
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0047404519000629>
- 2016 Adam Roth Singerman. Book note on Loretta O'Connor and Pieter Muysken, eds., *The native languages of South America: Origins, development, typology*, Cambridge University Press, 2014. *Language in Society* 45(3):466-67.  
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0047404516000294>
- 2014 Adam Roth Singerman. Review of Hugo Cardoso, Alan Baxter, and Mário Pinharanda Nunes, eds., *Ibero-Asian Creoles: Comparative Perspectives*, John Benjamins, 2012. *Journal of South Asian Linguistics* 6:51-56.  
<https://ojs.ub.uni-konstanz.de/jsal/complete-issues/6/volume6.pdf>
- 2011 Andrew Nevins and Adam Roth Singerman. Review of K. David Harrison, *When languages die: The extinction of the world's languages and the erosion of human knowledge*, Oxford University Press, 2007. *Language* 87(2): 398-402.  
<http://www.jstor.org/stable/23011633>

## Edited volumes

- 2016 Ross Burkholder, Carlos Cisneros, Emily R. Coppess, Julian Grove, Emily A. Hanink, Hilary McMahan, Cherry Meyer, Natalia Pavlou, Özge Sarıgül, Adam Roth Singerman, and Anqi Zhang, eds. *Proceedings of the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society*.
- 2014 Rebekah Baglini, Timothy Grinsell, Jonathan Keane, Adam Roth Singerman, and Julia Thomas, eds. *Proceedings of the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society*.

## Literacy materials

- 2016 Adam Roth Singerman, Geovane Kamarom Tupari, Isaias Tarimã Tupari, and Raul Pat'awre Tupari, editors. *Wan Tupari Ema'en Nika! Nova cartilha de alfabetização e leitura na língua Tupari. [Let's Go Write in Tupari! A new literacy and reading workbook in the Tupari language.]* Financed by a Language Legacies grant from the Endangered Language Fund.

## Grants and honors

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- September 2020 – August 2021 Research Fellowship  
Documenting Endangered Languages Program, National Science Foundation (grant administered by the National Endowment for the Humanities)
- 2020 Mary R. Haas Book Award from the Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas, awarded for my dissertation
- 2017–2018 Mellon Foundation-University of Chicago Dissertation Completion Fellowship  
Division of the Humanities, University of Chicago

2017–2018	Ignacio Martín-Baró Prize Lectureship Center for Latin American Studies, University of Chicago (declined in order to accept Mellon Dissertation Completion Fellowship)
2016–2018	Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (DDRIG) Documenting Endangered Languages Program, National Science Foundation
2015	Kinkade Grant Jacobs Research Funds at the Whatcom Museum
2014	Language Legacies Grant Endangered Language Fund
2014	Individual Research Grant Jacobs Research Funds at the Whatcom Museum
2013	Tinker Field Research Grant Center for Latin American Studies, University of Chicago
2013	Scholarship to the Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute Linguistic Society of America
2011	Merit scholarship to the Summer Course on Hungarian Language and Culture DEHÖK (Student Union of Debrecen University), Debrecen Summer University
2010–2011	English Teaching Assistantship (ETA) Grant Fulbright Commission of Portugal
2009	Thomas Temple Hoopes Prize for undergraduate thesis, entitled ‘The Influence of Spanish on the Numeral System of Tz’utujil Maya’ Harvard University
Fall 2008	Elected to Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Iota Chapter Harvard University

## Presentations & talks

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### Peer-reviewed conferences

2021	‘A morphophonological account of the Tuparí ‘relational prefix.’ Amazonicas VIII. June 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2021.
2021	‘There are no “relational prefixes” in Tuparí: enriched synchronic description forces a diachronic reassessment.’ WSCLA 25. May 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2021.
2021	‘Evidence against a “relational prefix” analysis for Tuparí, of the Tuparían branch of the Tupían family.’ SSILA 2021. January 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2021.
2019	‘On “pronouns” in the grammar of Tuparí.’ 24th Workshop on Structure and Constituency in Languages of the Americas, University of Maryland. May 9 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> , 2019.
2019	‘Finding reader-friendly ways to incorporate syntax into a grammar of Tuparí.’ Descriptive Grammars and Typology: The challenges of writing grammars of underdescribed and endangered languages, University of Helsinki. March 27 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup> , 2019.
2018	‘The scattered distribution of tense morphology in the Tuparí clause.’ Amazonicas VII (Baños, Ecuador). May 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2018.

- 2018 ‘How evidentiality interacts with clause type in Tuparí, an Amazonian language of Brazil.’ Workshop on Clause Typing and the Syntax-to-Discourse Relation in Head-Final Languages, Universität Konstanz. Konstanz, Germany. May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
- 2018 ‘When and how to mark evidentiality in Tuparí, a Tupían language of the Brazilian Amazon.’ Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas, Salt Lake City. January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
- 2017 ‘Syntactic disharmony and finite embedded clauses in Tuparí, a Tupían language of the Brazilian Amazon.’ CamCoS 6 (Cambridge Comparative Syntax), Cambridge University. May 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- 2017 ‘Syntactic disharmony and finite embedded clauses in Tuparí.’ 22nd Workshop on Structure and Constituency in Languages of the Americas, University of British Columbia. April 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017.
- 2016 ‘Negation as an exclusively nominal category in Tupari.’ Amazonicas VI, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, sede Amazonia. Leticia, Colombia. May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- 2016 ‘Negation as an exclusively nominal category in Tupari.’ (Poster presentation.) SULA 9, University of California, Santa Cruz. May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- 2015 ‘Negation as nominal derivation in Tupari.’ Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas. Portland, Oregon. January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- 2014 ‘Nasal spreading & morphological complexity in Tupari.’ Amazonicas V, Museu Paraense Emílio Goeldi / Universidade Federal do Pará. Belém, Brazil. May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

### **Invited talks**

- 2021 ‘There are no “relational prefixes” in the Tuparí language: synchronic and diachronic consequences.’ Talk given at the Harvard GSAS Indo-European and Historical Linguistics Workshop. September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- 2021 ‘Number and the Tuparí verb: suppletion? agreement? both?’ Talk given at the Stanford SMircle (Syntax and Morphology Circle). May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021.
- 2021 ‘Some constituency diagnostics in Tuparí, a Tupían language of Brazil.’ International Workshop: Constituency, Wordhood, and the Morphology-Syntax Distinction. Laboratoire Dynamique du Langage – CNRS. April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- 2020 ‘Reflexões sobre a documentação da língua Tuparí: a questão da variação geracional’ [Reflections on the documentation of the Tuparí language: the question of intergenerational variation]. 1o SELIM, Federal University of Rondônia. December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
- 2019 ‘Some unexpected surprises in the morphosyntax of Tuparí.’ Symposium on Amazonian Languages III, University of California, Berkeley. March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- 2019 ‘Exploring crosslinguistic variation in the expression of grammatical categories: an Amazonian case study.’ Department of Linguistics at the University of Rochester. February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019.
- 2019 ‘On crosslinguistic variation in the expression of grammatical categories: an Amazonian case study.’ Department of Linguistics at the University of Pennsylvania. February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

- 2018 ‘The synchrony and diachrony of Tuparí evidentiality.’ Department of Linguistics at the University of Toronto. November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
- 2018 ‘Using fieldwork to advance documentation and theory: on negation in Tuparí.’ Department of Linguistics at the University of California, Los Angeles. March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
- 2017 ‘Syntactic disharmony and finite embedded clauses in Tuparí, a Tupían language of the Brazilian Amazon.’ Hungarian Academy of Sciences. May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- 2017 ‘Syntactic disharmony in subordinate clauses in Tuparí.’ Symposium on Amazonian Languages II, University of California, Berkeley. April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- 2016 ‘A negação como categoria nominal em Tupari’ [Negation as a nominal category in Tupari]. Departamento de Linguística, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- 2016 ‘O que fazer com a variação linguística? O exemplo da língua Tupari’ [What do we do with linguistic variation? The example of Tupari]. Universidade Federal do Mato Grosso. Cuiabá, Brazil. February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016.
- 2015 ‘Resumptive Pronouns and Raising Constructions in Tupari.’ Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015.
- 2015 ‘A negação como categoria nominal em Tupari’ [Negation as a nominal category in Tupari]. Departamento de Linguística, Universidade de São Paulo. São Paulo, Brazil. November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- 2015 ‘An introduction to Tupari clause structure.’ Área de Linguística, Museu Paraense Emílio Goeldi. Belém, Brazil. September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- 2014 ‘Documentação das línguas de Rondônia: Colaboração entre povos e pesquisadores’ [Documentation of the languages of Rondônia: collaboration between peoples and researchers]. Universidade Federal do Mato Grosso. Cuiabá, Brazil. August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

### **Workshops at the University of Chicago**

- 2020 ‘Finite embedded clauses and direct quotation in a Native language of Brazil.’ Morphology and Syntax Workshop. January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.
- 2018 ‘The structure of the Tuparí clause, with special attention to the placement of pronouns/clitics.’ Morphology and Syntax Workshop. April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
- 2017 ‘Evidentiality, physical position and grammatical number in Tuparí.’ Joint meeting of the Language Variation and Change Workshop and the Morphology and Syntax Workshop. November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017.
- 2017 ‘Finite embedding and quotation in Tuparí.’ Joint meeting of the Language Variation and Change Workshop and the Morphology and Syntax Workshop. February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- 2016 ‘Negation in Tupari.’ Joint meeting of the Language Variation and Change Workshop and the Morphology and Syntax Workshop. April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- 2015 ‘Split Accusativity in Tupari.’ Language Variation and Change Workshop. June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

## Teaching

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At Harvard University:

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| Autumn 2021 | Lecturer & course head<br>LING 108: Introduction to Historical Linguistics                |
| Autumn 2021 | Lecturer & course head<br>LING 204r: Topics in Syntax<br>topic of the seminar: Headedness |

At the University of Chicago:

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| Winter 2020 | Lecturer & course head<br>LING 21300 / LING 31300 / ANTH 47300: Historical Linguistics   |
| Winter 2020 | Lecturer & section leader<br>HUMA 17100: Language and the Human  |
| Autumn 2019 | Lecturer & course head<br>LING 20201: Introduction to Syntax   |
| Autumn 2019 | Lecturer & section leader<br>HUMA 17000: Language and the Human  |
| Spring 2019 | Lecturer & course head<br>LING 27480 / LACS 27480 / HMRT 27480: Linguistic Minorities and Language Rights in the Americas (cross-listed between Linguistics, Latin American Studies, and Human Rights) |
| Winter 2019 | Lecturer & section leader<br>HUMA 17100: Language and the Human  |
| Autumn 2018 | Lecturer & course head<br>LING 28310 / 38310: Structure of Hungarian   |
| Autumn 2018 | Lecturer & section leader<br>HUMA 17000: Language and the Human  |
| Winter 2017 | Lecturer & course head<br>LING 21000: Morphology   |
| Spring 2016 | Teaching Assistant<br>LING 20301: Introduction to Semantics and Pragmatics   |
| Spring 2015 | Teaching/Research Assistant<br>LACS 25104: Aspects of Brazilian Portuguese Grammar   |
| Winter 2015 | Teaching Assistant<br>LING 36310: Contact Linguistics  |
| Autumn 2014 | Teaching Assistant<br>LACS 16100: Introduction to Latin American Civilizations   |

Guest lectures given at Chicago: Undergraduate Field Methods (spring 2021), Contact Linguistics (spring 2021), Multiverb Predicates (fall 2020), Undergraduate Field Methods (spring 2018), Introduction to Semantics & Pragmatics (spring 2016), Contact Linguistics (winter 2015), Linguistic Typology (fall 2014), Introduction to Linguistics (spring 2014), Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology (winter 2013).

## Elsewhere:

- Jan. 2012 Portuguese Instructor & Program Coordinator  
Mentoring and Language Acquisition in Brazil (MLAB)  
Harvard University Brazil Office, São Paulo
- Autumn 2011 Teaching Assistant, Beginning and Intermediate Portuguese  
Harvard University
- 2010–2011 English Instructor  
School of Letters, University of Lisbon / Fulbright Commission of Portugal

## Service

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- January 2021 Event organizer & host  
Grammar Writing Workshop, University of Chicago
- July 2020 – Associate Editor for Linguistics  
*Boletim do Museu Paraense Emílio Goeldi: Ciências Humanas*  
<http://editora.museu-goeldi.br/humanas/>
- 2020 – Co-organizer under supervision of Professor Lenore Grenoble  
Fieldworkers Lab (Linguistics Department)
- 2020 Member of the Mary Haas Award Committee (chaired by Keren Rice of Toronto)  
Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas  
<https://www.ssila.org/>
- 2020 Committee member  
Committee to redesign the syllabus for HUMA 17100: Language and the Human
- 2019-2020 Co-organizer for the General Session  
Amazonicas VIII Conference
- 2019 Co-organizer and guest speaker  
Native and Non-Native Indigenous Languages in Chicago  
<http://voices.uchicago.edu/iyl/>
- 2017-2018 Dean's Student Advisory Board  
Humanities Division
- 2014-2015 Coordinator, Language Variation and Change Workshop
- 2013-2014 Officer, Chicago Linguistic Society
- 2015 - present Reviewer for *International Journal of American Linguistics*, *WSCLA*, *CLS*, *Linguística*, *SULA*, *Sinn und Bedeutung*, *DELTA: Documentação e Estudos em Linguística Teórica e Aplicada*, *Languages*

## Non-profit experience

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- 2012– Executive Committee Member  
Instituto de Liderança do Rio (Rio Leadership Institute)
- 2012 Institutional Development Coordinator  
Instituto de Liderança do Rio (Rio de Janeiro & São Paulo)



2009–2010      Prep Program Coordinator  
                         Instituto de Liderança do Rio (Rio de Janeiro & São Paulo)

**Professional Affiliations** \_\_\_\_\_

2014–              Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA)  
2013–              Linguistic Society of America

**Languages** \_\_\_\_\_

Native	English
Fluent	Portuguese, Spanish
Advanced	Hungarian, Tuparí