

Masashi Harada

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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UNIVERSITY EMPLOYMENT

2023 - Present Assistant Professor (tenure-track), Department of Asian Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, Williams College
2022 - 2023 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Chinese and Japanese, Grinnell College

EDUCATION

Degree Programs

October 2022 Ph.D. in Linguistics, McGill University
May 2017 M.A. in Linguistics, University of Kansas
March 2014 B.A. in International Liberal Studies, Waseda University

Non-degree Programs

August 2023 Japanese Teacher Training Program, Alliance for Language Learning Educational Exchange (ALLEX), Cornell University
July 2023 International *Kikisakeshi* certificate or 国際唎酒師 (sommelier for Japanese traditional alcohol *sake*), Sake Service Institute
August 2018 Linguistic summer school, University of Crete
August 2012 Chinese language summer school, Beijing Language and Culture University

RESEARCH

Research Interests

Broad interests: theoretical/experimental linguistics: semantics, syntax
Specific interests: semantics and syntax of ellipsis and copular constructions, semantics of plurals
Languages of study: Japanese, English, Korean

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

- Under review Harada, M. Context-dependent case connectivity effect in Japanese copular constructions.
- Under revision Harada, M. Locality effects in composition with plurals and conjunctions.
- 2015 Harada, M. 日本語における名詞句消去について (Deletion of Nominal Expressions in Japanese). *The Japan Association of Teaching Language and Culture*, 9, 4-21

Conference Proceedings

- 2026 Harada, M. Phonological and familiarity effects on truncation of Japanese adjectives. In *Proceedings of 32nd Japanese/Korean Linguistics*. (pp.204–218)
- 2023 Harada, M. Cumulativity without plural projection. In *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB) 26* (pp.377–395).
- 2022 Harada, M. Locality in the derivation of cumulativity. In *Proceedings of the Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 32* (pp. 852–871).
- 2019 Harada, M. Contextual effects on case in Japanese copular constructions. In *Proceedings of the General Linguistics in the Old World in Asia 12* (pp. 447–456).
- 2018 Harada, M. The existence of pseudoclefts in Japanese. In *Proceedings of Buckeye East Asian Linguistics Forum 2* (pp.43–52).

Peer-reviewed Working Papers

- 2016 Harada, M. Japanese pseudoclefts. *Kansas Working Papers in Linguistics*, 37, 59–75.
- 2015 Harada, M. Reanalysis of the anti-superiority effect and Japanese sluicing. *Kansas Working Papers in Linguistics*, 36, 59–69.
- Harada, M. Another aspect of the pair-list reading in Japanese. *Kansas Working Papers in Linguistics*, 36, 70–83.

Theses

- 2022 Harada, M. Locality effects in composition with plurals and conjunctions (Doctoral dissertation). McGill University.
Dissertation Committee: Bernhard Schwarz, Michael Wagner, Alan Bale
Defense committee: Alan Bale, Jessica Coon, Timothy O'Donnell, Viola Schmitt, Bernhard Schwarz

- 2020 Harada, M. Cumulativity in right node raising construction (Evaluation 2 Paper). McGill University.¹
Committee: Bernhard Schwarz, Michael Wagner
- 2019 Harada, M. Context-dependent case connectivity effect in Japanese copular sentences (Evaluation 1 paper). McGill University.
Committee: Junko Shimoyama, Aron Hirsch
- 2017 Harada, M. Pseudoclefts in Japanese (Master's thesis). University of Kansas.
Committee: Andrew McKenzie, Utako Minai, Clifton Pye
- 2014 Harada, M. Japanese sluicing and the existence of C in Japanese. *Excellent Senior Thesis Papers*. Waseda University.
Advisor: Ken'ichi Namai

Methodological Reports (Publicly Available Online)

- 2025 Harada, M. Statistical analysis of contextual effects on case in Japanese copular constructions. Available at:
<https://masashiharada1223.github.io/context-dependency-copular-sentences/Japanese/experiment1/experiment-result/statistical-analysis-04022025.html>
- 2024 Harada, M. Addressing sample size in a linguistic acceptability judgment experiment: simulation and power analysis for Japanese sentences. Available at:
<https://rpubs.com/masashiharada/contextualeffectscase-powercalculation>
<https://masashiharada1223.github.io/context-dependency-copular-sentences/Japanese/experiment1/experiment-design/power-calculation-08192024.html>
- 2020 Harada, M. Experimental design with a focus on power calculation. Available at:
<https://masashiharada.netlify.app/resources/pdf/powerAnalysis.pdf>

FELLOWSHIPS

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| 2026 - 2027 | Class of 1945 World Fellowship, Williams College | (US\$15,000) |
| 2026 | Oakley Center Fellowship, Williams College | (US\$4,000) |
| 2023 | Teaching Development Funds, Williams College | (US\$6000) |
| | Scholarship, ALLEX | (US\$2250) |
| | <i>(Alliance for Language Learning and Educational Exchange)</i> | |
| 2017 - 2022 | PhD stipend, McGill University | (CA\$20000-23000/year + fees) |
| 2021 - 2022 | Graduate Excellence Fellowship, McGill University | (CA\$12,000) |
| 2020 - 2021 | Graduate Excellence Fellowship, McGill University | (CA\$12,200) |
| 2020 | Graduate Scholar Stipend, CRBLM | (CA\$3000) |
| | <i>(Center for Research on Brain, Language, and Music)</i> | |

¹ Evaluation 1 and evaluation 2 papers are two research papers Ph.D. students must write and defend before proceeding to their dissertation research. Evaluation1 papers for Ph.D. students correspond to theses for M.A. students at McGill.

AWARDS AND HONORS

2024	Teaching Roundtable Award, Williams College	(US\$500)
	Lecture Committee Funds, Williams College	(US\$500)
2022	Conference Travel Award, CRBLM.	(CA\$700)
2019	Conference Travel Award, CRBLM.	(CA\$700)
2018	Graduate International Mobility Award, McGill University	(CA\$1445)
2016	KU Graduate Conference Travel Grant, University of Kansas.	(US\$500)
2014	Excellent Senior Thesis, Waseda University	

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

2026	Harada, M. Context-dependent interpretations and case in copular sentences. <i>The Syntax of Nominal Copular Clauses</i> . Universität Bielefeld, Bielefeld, Germany, September 23-24.
	Harada, M. <i>Unagi</i> -sentences revisited: Context-dependent copular sentences in Korean. <i>33rd Japanese/Korean Linguistics</i> . University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, USA, August 6-9.
	Harada, M. Context-dependent case in Japanese copular sentences. <i>48th General Linguistics in the Old World</i> , University of Siena, Siena, Italy, April 20-23.
	Harada, M. <i>Unagi</i> -sentences revisited: Context-dependent meanings in Japanese copular sentences. <i>62nd Chicago Linguistic Society</i> , University of Chicago, Chicago, USA, April 17-19
2025	Harada, M. Phonological and familiarity effects on truncation of Japanese adjectives. <i>32nd Japanese/Korean Linguistics</i> , Cornell University, Ithaca, USA, June 13-15.
2022	Harada, M. Locality in the derivation of cumulativity. <i>Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 32</i> , National Autonomous University of Mexico, Mexico City, Mexico, June 8-10.
2021	Harada, M. On the plural projection analysis of cumulativity. <i>Sinn und Bedeutung 26</i> , University of Cologne, Cologne, Germany, September 8-10.
	Harada, M. On the plural projection analysis of cumulativity. <i>The 13th Annual Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal Semantics Workshop</i> , University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, May 21.
2020	Harada, M. Cumulativity favors the movement analysis of the right node raising. <i>The 13th Annual Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal Semantics Workshop</i> , University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, Canceled due to the COVID-19.
2019	Harada, M. Contextual effects on case in Japanese copular constructions. <i>General Linguistics in the Old World in Asia 12</i> . Dongguk University, Seoul, South Korea, August 6-9.

Harada, M. Contextual effects on case in Japanese copular constructions. *CRBLM (Center for Research on Brain, Language, and Music) Scientific Day*. McGill University, Quebec, Canada, May 13.

Harada, M. Contextual effects on case in Japanese copular constructions. *The 12th Annual Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal Semantics Workshop*, Concordia University, Quebec, Canada, March 30.

2018 Harada, M. Japanese sluicing with an AP remnant as a copular sentence-based sluicing. *The 6th Annual Montreal-Ottawa-Toronto-Hamilton Workshop on Syntax*, McGill University, Quebec, Canada, April 28.

2016 Harada, M. The existence of pseudoclefts in Japanese. *Buckeye East Asian Linguistics Forum 2*. The Ohio State University, Ohio, USA October 21.

Harada, M. The preference of the pair-list reading in Japanese multiple sluicing. *The 12th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics*, Central Connecticut State University, Connecticut, USA, May 12-15.

Harada, M. Sluicing of non-finite clauses in Japanese. *Linguistic Society of America 2016 Annual Meetings*, Washington D.C., USA, January 7-10

TEACHING
Williams College
Spring 2026

Instructor, JAPN 202 *Intermediate Japanese*

Fall 2025

Instructor, ANTH/ASIA/COGS/JAPN 223 *The Sounds of Language: An Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology*

Instructor, JAPN 201 *Intermediate Japanese*

Spring 2025

Instructor, JAPN 102 (S) *CON Elementary Japanese*

Instructor, JAPN 302 (S) *LEC Upper-Intermediate Japanese*

Winter 2025

Instructor, JAPN 11 (W) *SEM Introduction to Sake: The Art and Science of Japanese Wine*

Fall 2024

Instructor, JAPN 101 (F) *SEM Elementary Japanese*

Instructor, ASIA/JAPN 131 (F) *SEM Introduction to Japanese Formal Linguistics*

Spring 2024

Instructor, JAPN 102 (S) *CON Elementary Japanese*

Instructor, JAPN 302 (S) *LEC Upper-Intermediate Japanese*

Fall 2023

Instructor, JAPN 101 (F) *SEM Elementary Japanese*

Instructor, JAPN/ASIA 131 (F) *SEM Introduction to Japanese Formal Linguistics*

Grinnell College

Spring 2023	Instructor, JPN332 <i>Advanced Japanese II</i>
	Instructor, JPN295/LING295 <i>Introduction to Japanese Linguistics</i>
Fall 2022	Instructor, JPN331 <i>Advanced Japanese I</i>
	Instructor (co-teaching with Chen Chen), JPN101 <i>Beginning Japanese I</i>

McGill University

Winter 2020 - Fall 2020	Teaching Assistant, LING201 <i>Introduction to Linguistics</i>
Fall 2019	Teaching Assistant, LING360 <i>Introduction to Semantics</i>
Fall 2018 - Winter 2019	Teaching Assistant, LING201 <i>Introduction to Linguistics</i>

University of Kansas

Spring 2017	Instructor, JPN310 <i>Advanced Japanese Conversation II</i>
Fall 2016	Instructor, JPN306 <i>Advanced Japanese Conversation I</i>
	Teaching Assistant, JPN 204 <i>Intermediate Japanese I</i>
Spring 2016	Teaching Assistant, JPN 108 <i>Elementary Japanese II</i>
Fall 2015	Teaching Assistant, JPN 104 <i>Elementary Japanese I</i>

Waseda University

Spring 2014	Teaching Assistant (volunteer), <i>Syntax</i>
Spring 2011	Teaching Assistant (volunteer), LANJ201L <i>Comprehensive Japanese</i>
Fall 2010	Teaching Assistant (volunteer), LANJ301L <i>Learning Japanese through "Divecussion": Discussion and Debate 7-8</i>

ADDITIONAL TEACHING CONTRIBUTIONS

Spring 2025	Guest lecture on <i>The Essence of Sake – What Makes it Unique & How to Savor it</i> , in Prof. Shinko Kagaya's course <i>Japanese Food Culture in a Global Context</i> , Williams College.
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SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTION

2025 –	Williams representative to the Associate Kyoto Program (AKP) Board
2024 – 2026	Athletics Committee, Williams College
2025	Search committee, Tenure-line Assistant Professor position in Chinese, Williams College
2025	Search committee, Visiting Assistant Professor position in Japanese, Williams College
	Search committee, Visiting Lecturer position in Japanese, Williams College

2024	Search committee, Visiting Assistant Professor position in Japanese, Williams College
2023	Search committee, Visiting Assistant Professor position in Japanese, Williams College
2020 – 2022	Chief committee, McGill Working Papers in Linguistics, McGill University
2018 – 2021	Committee, McGill Linguistics Colloquium, McGill University
2019	Organizer, <i>Workshop: Parameters Workshop in honour of Lisa Travis</i> , McGill University
2018	Student search committee, Tenure-Track Position in Syntax, McGill University
2017	Graduate Student Representative, Olympiade Linguistique Canadienne-Canadian Linguistics Olympiad, McGill University
2014 – 2015	Graduate Student Representative in the Department of Linguistics, University of Kansas
2015	Japanese language placement test creator, University of Kansas

PEER REVIEW SERVICE

2025 –	<i>Reading in a Foreign Language</i> – Manuscript reviewer
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TECHNICAL SKILLS

R:	good skills for conducting statistical analyses in linguistics.
Praat:	good skills for conducting simple acoustic analysis of languages
HTML:	fair coding skills
CSS:	fair coding skills
JavaScript:	basic coding skills
Python	basic coding skills ²
LaTeX:	good skills
R markdown:	good skills
Microsoft Office	good skills in Word, Excel, PowerPoint

LANGUAGE

Japanese:	native
English:	advanced
Mandarin Chinese:	beginner

² I learned python in “[Programming for Everybody \(Getting Started with Python\)](#)” offered in Coursera.

MEMBERSHIP

2025 – present	Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW)
2014 – present	日本言語文化教育学会 (Japan Association of Teaching on Language and Culture)
2023 – 2024	Linguistic Society of America
	Linguistic Society of Japan
	American Association of Teachers of Japanese
	American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages
2015 – 2018	Linguistic Society of America