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Personal

Born on August 24, 1993.

United States Citizen.

Employment

Yale University. Lecturer and Postdoctoral Fellow (PI: Claire Bower). 2022–present.

Brandeis University. Lecturer 2022.

Education

2015–2022. Ph.D. Linguistics, Rutgers University.

June–July 2019. African Linguistics School (Rhodes University, South Africa).

2012–2015. B.A. Italian (honors) and Linguistics. University of Kansas. Summa Cum Laude.

Grants/Fellowships/Awards

Rutgers University Conference Travel Award	2015
University of Kansas Distinguished Linguistics Major	2015
University of Kansas Distinguished Italian Major	2015
University of Kansas Conference Travel Award	2015

Publications

Dissertation

Newkirk, Lydia. (2022). **Be flexible, but not too flexible: Limited variable-force modals in Kinande and the typology of modal force** Doctoral dissertation, Rutgers The State University of New Jersey, School of Graduate Studies. Advisor: Simon Charlow

Articles

Newkirk, Lydia (2022). **Limited variable-force modals and the typology of scal{ar,eless} implicatures**. *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung* 26.

McKenzie, Andrew, and **Lydia Newkirk** (2021). *'Almost at-a-distance.'* *Linguistics and Philosophy*.

Newkirk, Lydia (2019). **'Logophoricity in Ibibio'**. *Proceedings of ACAL* 48.

Newkirk, Lydia (2014). **'Logophors in Ibibio.'** in Duncan, P. (ed.). *Studies in Ibibio Grammar. Field Methods in Linguistic Description, Vol. 2*. Lawrence, KS: University of Kansas.
<https://kuscholarworks.ku.edu/handle/1808/18889>

Newkirk, Lydia (2014). **'Description of Logophors in Ibibio.'** *Kansas Working Papers in Linguistics* 35.
<https://kuscholarworks.ku.edu/handle/1808/15956>

Presentations

Lydia Newkirk, Claire Bowern, & Tomás Fuchs-Lynch. Degreeless intensification and scale structure: Evidence from Bardi. Presentation at Semantics and Linguistic Theory 35 (May 2025).

Augustina Owusu & **Lydia Newkirk**. Habitualities and Abilites in Akan. Presentation at Annual Conference in African Linguistics 56 (May 2025).

Lydia Newkirk. 2021. **'Limited variable-force modals and the typology of scal{ar,eless} implicatures'**. *Sinn und Bedeutung* 26.

Lydia Newkirk. 2018. **'Unifying Prolepsis and Cross-clausal Cliticization in Lubukusu'**. Annual Conference on African Linguistics 49.

Lydia Newkirk. 2017. **'Logophoricity in Ibibio'**. Annual Conference on African Linguistics 48.

Andrew McKenzie and **Lydia Newkirk**. 2015. **'Modal restrictions from complement type of almost'**. Workshop on Modality Across Categories.

Andrew McKenzie and **Lydia Newkirk**. 2015. **'Almost as a variable-force modal'**. West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL) 33.

Teaching

How to Create a Language. Fall 2022, Spring 2024, Spring 2025 at Yale University.

Semantics I, Fall 2024 at Yale University.

Semantics II. Spring 2023, 2024 at Yale University.

Introduction to Formal Semantics. Spring 2022 at Brandeis University.

Linguistic Perspectives on Language (Invented Languages). Fall 2020 at Rutgers University.

Semantics. Fall 2018-Spring 2019 at Rutgers University.

Introduction to Linguistic Theory. Spring 2018 at Rutgers University.

Service

Consultant on teaching proof-writing for mathematics with Patrick Devlin (Yale), 2020.

Annual Conference on African Linguistics 51 (ACAL, 2020) Organizing committee.

North American Summer School of Logic, Language, and Information (NASSLLI) 2016 Organizing Committee.