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CURRENT POSITIONS

2023 – present Senior College Lecturer in Linguistics, Department of World Languages, Literatures & Cultures; Department of English, Cleveland State University
2015 – present Director, Program in Linguistics, College of Arts and Sciences, Cleveland State University

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

2013 – 2023 Associate College Lecturer in Linguistics, Department of Anthropology, Cleveland State University
2006 – 2013 Assistant Professor of Linguistics, Department of English, Baylor University

EDUCATION

2002-2006 *Ph.D.*, University of Maryland – College Park (Linguistics)
2001-2002 *Ph.D.* student, University of Connecticut (Linguistics)
1999-2001 *M.A.*, Eastern Michigan University (Linguistics)
1994-1999 *B.A.*, honors, Voronezh Pedagogical University, Russia (English & German)

RESEARCH AREAS

Theoretical Syntax; Language Acquisition; Slavic Linguistics

TEACHING

Courses taught at Cleveland State University:

ENG 100 Intensive College Writing (Fall 2024)
ENG 102 College Writing II (Fall 2024)
ANT 100 Human Diversity (Fall 2024)
ANT 102 Study of Culture (Fall 2023)
ANT/LIN 120 Introduction to Language and Linguistics (Fall 2013 – 2018, Fall 2021-22)
ANT/LIN 340 Phonetics and Phonology (Fall 2013 – 2023)
ANT/LIN 341 Morphology and Syntax (Spring 2014 – 2024)
ANT 304 Linguistic Anthropology (Spring 2014 – 2024; Summer 2016, 2018-2019)
ANT 345 Language and Meaning (Spring 2014)
ANT 436 Cultural and Linguistic Field School (Summer 2015, 2017, 2020)

ENG 310 Traditional Grammar (Fall 2013 – 2023; Spring 2014 – 2024)
ENG 315 Introduction to the English Language (Fall 2013 – 2024)
LIN 490 Internship in Linguistics (Fall 2017, Spring 2018)
LIN 494 Linguistics Capstone (Fall & Spring 2013 – 2024)
LIN 496 Independent Study in Linguistics (Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Fall 2021)

Courses taught at Baylor University:

ENG 4303 Contemporary Syntax (Fall 2006 – 2012)
ENG 4317 Special Topics in Linguistics: Comparative Syntax (Spring 2007)
ENG 4317 Language Acquisition (Spring 2009-2011)
ENG 3302 Modern English Grammar (Fall 2006 – 2012)
ENG 5308 Studies in Linguistics, Graduate Seminar (Spring 2007, Spring 2011)
ENG 3310 Introduction to Language and Linguistics (Spring 2007-2013)
ENG 4V17 Independent Study in Linguistics (Fall 2010)
CHA 1088-F17: 'BU 1000' – Introduction to University Life (Fall 2008-2009)
HON 3100 Independent Thesis Readings (Fall 2008)

Courses taught at the University of Maryland:

LIN 420 Topics in Syntax: Syntax of Questions; Advanced undergraduate seminar (Spring 2005)
LIN 200 Introduction to Linguistics (Winter 2005, Summer 2004)

Teaching-related Training and Development at CSU:

Provost's Teaching Summit (Spring 2019 – 2024)
Workshop on Using AI Center for Faculty Excellence (Fall 2023)
Grades Journey: Moving Grades from Blackboard to CampusNet, Center for Faculty Excellence (Fall 2022)
Workshop on Academic Integrity & Misconduct, Center for Faculty Excellence (Fall 2021)
Responsible Employee Course by OIE (Spring 2021)
Keep Teaching Series – Engaging Students in the Online Classroom (Spring 2021)
How to use Zoom, Webinar (Spring 2020)
Blackboard Collaborate for Synchronous Sessions (Spring 2020)
Panopto Workshop (Spring 2020)
Creating & Editing in Panopto (Spring 2020)
Best Online Teaching Practices Seminar, Zoom (Spring 2020)
Ally for Blackboard (Spring 2019)
Feedback in WAC Courses, CSU Writing Center (Spring 2018)
eLearn Faculty Online Teaching and Design Course (January 2017)
How Do You Do It? Building Information Literacy into Your Course (Fall 2016)
Writing Information Literacy Learning Outcomes that Enhance Your Course (Fall 2016)
Moving a Face-to-Face Course Online (Fall 2015)
Basics of Good Faculty Advising Practices (Fall 2015)
Using New Teaching Evaluations for Promotion and Tenure (Fall 2015)

Preparing a Dossier (Lecturer Session) (Spring 2015)
More Content than Time: How to Create an Engaging 50 Minute Class (Fall 2014)
Engaged Scholarship (Fall 2014)
Illustrating Concepts with a Lightboard (Fall 2014)
Eliminate Campus Sexual Violence Course (Fall 2014)
Creating Successful Group Experiences in a College Class (Spring 2014)

SERVICE

Service at Cleveland State University

Departmental Service:

WLC:

- Chair, Task Force for the New WLC major Proposal (Fall 2024 - present)
- Ad hoc committee for developing the new WLC major (Fall 2023 – Spring 2024)
- Program Director, Linguistics Program (2015-present)
- Assessment Report creator, Linguistics Program (2017-present)
- Faculty advisor for a student organization, *CSU Student Linguistic Association*, Fall 2013-present
- Anthropology Program Open House (Fall 2023)
- Designed a new course: Languages of the World (2022-2023)

English:

- Committee on Language and Composition, Department of English, Fall 2014 - present
- Faculty Affairs Committee, Department of English, 2017-present
- Recruitment Task Force, Department of English, Fall 2015

Other Curriculum Development:

- Redesigned ANT 221 Introduction to Linguistics II as a WAC course and put related proposals through Curriculog, Spring 2019
- Developed and put through Curriculog a Cross-listed course ANT/LIN 490 Internship in Anthropology/Linguistics for ANT and LIN majors, Fall 2018
- Curriculum Change to the English Licensure Track: detailed proposal to merge ENG 310 and ENG 315, with a syllabus for the new course, Fall 2016
- Redesigned ANT 304 Linguistic Anthropology as a WAC course, Fall Spring 2015
- Redesigned ANT/LIN 120 Introduction to Language and Linguistics (WEB) as an in-person course with a follow-up course ANT/LIN 121 Introduction to Language and Linguistics II, Fall 2014

Other Departmental Service:

- Minutes-taker, Anthropology Division Meetings and Department of Criminology, Anthropology & Sociology Meetings, Fall 2015 – Spring 2022
- Contributing to program assessment, Anthropology Division, Department of Criminology, Anthropology & Sociology

- Open House, representing Anthropology and Linguistics (Department of Criminology,
- Anthropology & Sociology / Department of Anthropology), Spring 2014 - 2022
- Major Fair, Representing Anthropology and Linguistics, Spring 2015 - 2022
- CLASS Scholar Awards, representing Anthropology/CAS and Linguistics, Fall – Spring 2022

College Service:

Committee on Academic Standards, 2016 – 2019, 2023-present
 Summer work on Academic Standards Committee, 2016 – 2019, 2023-present
 E-learning Committee, Fall 2021 - present
 Dean’s Advisory Group, representing interdisciplinary programs, 2016-2017, 2021-2022
 Interim Director, Linguistics Program, 2014 – 2015

University Service:

Steering Committee, Fall 2024 - present
 Staffing the Linguistics Program table at the CSU Convocation, Fall 2022
 Summer advising for Linguistics majors (off contract), Summer 2016 – present
 Committee on Undergraduate Student Success, Fall 2016 – Spring 2021
 Continuing Scholar Program: Honors College summer seminar for transfer students entering the Honors College, Summer 2017, 2018
 Chair, Panel, *Crossing Over Symposium*, Cleveland State University, Fall 2013, Fall 2015

Service to the Discipline: Reviewing, Refereeing, and Editing

Reviewing:

Reviewer, Book Chapter in M. Brešlin, K. Howitt, A. Krauska, L. Seguin, J. Uriagereka (eds.) *Structured Sentences and Computational Theory of Mind*, Cambridge University Press, 2024
 Reviewer, *Biolinguistics Journal*, 2016, 2023
 Reviewer, *Journal of Slavic Linguistics*, 2004, 2021
 Reviewer, *Syntax*, 2021
 Reviewer, *Lexington Press, Morphosyntactic Feature Economy and the Evolution of the Slavic Dual*, Book Ms. 2018.
 Reviewer, *Language Acquisition: A Journal of Developmental Linguistics*, 2016, 2015, 2011
 Reviewer, *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*, 2016, 2015
 Reviewer, *Oxford University Press, Handbook on Ellipsis*, 2015
 Reviewer, *Lingua*, 2011
 Reviewer, *Language Learning*, 2006-2009
 Reviewer, *Language*, 2008
 Reviewer, *University of Maryland Working Papers in Linguistics*, 2004-2005

Refereeing (Reviewing Conference Abstracts):

- Referee, The Annual Conference of the American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages (AATSEEL), 2005
- Referee, *North East Linguistic Society* (NELS), 2014 - present (A prestigious conference in theoretical linguistics.)
- Referee, *Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics*, 2006-present (A primary conference in the field of formal Slavic linguistics.)
- Referee, *Brussels Conference on Generative Grammar (BCGL9)*, 2018. (A prestigious linguistics conference in theoretical linguistics.)
- Referee, *Generative Linguistics in the Old World in Asia (GLOW in Asia)*, 2016. (A prestigious linguistics conference in theoretical linguistics.)
- Referee, *Ellipsis Across Borders*, 2016. (A specialty topic workshop in theoretical linguistics.)

Editing:

- Associate Editor, *The LINGUIST List*, 1999-2001 (A primary online resource, mailing list, and language documentation center).

Chairing and Organizing:

- Organizer, *Reflections: Foundations & Development of Generative Grammar*, Online Talk Series for the discipline of linguistics, 2023-present
- Chair, Panel, *Crossing Over Symposium*, Cleveland State University, 2013, 2015, 2021
- Chair, Panel, *Spanish in the USA Conference*, Cleveland State University, Spring 2019
- Chair, *Panel on Lithuanian Syntax*, The Annual Conference of the American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages, Washington DC, 2005
- Organizing Committee, *Mayfest 2005*, an annual international conference, University of Maryland, 2005
- Linguistics Department Chair Review Committee, University of Maryland, 2005
- Chair, Organizing Committee, *ECO5 Syntax Workshop*, College Park, 2004
- Chair, Linguistics Colloquium Committee, University of Maryland, 2004-2005
- Linguistics Colloquium Committee, University of Connecticut, 2001-2002
- Organizer, *The LINGUIST List Fund Drive*, Eastern Michigan University, 2001

Community Engagement Service:

- Presenting on Language vs. AI at the Hawken Middle School, Lindhurst, OH, 2024
- High-school Student Shadowing, an aspiring linguist from the community spends a day with me at CSU, Fall 2023
- Teaching English as a Second Language to Ukrainian Refugees, Parma, OH, Summer 2022
- Capstone Mentor, Laurel High School, Shaker Heights, OH, 2019-2020
- Linguistics Workshop, St. Edward's High School, Lakewood, OH, March 2018
- Linguistics Workshop, Hawken School, Gates Mills, OH, January 2018

Lecture in the Cleveland community: “Heritage Language and Culture of the Cleveland Slovenian Community”, Slovenian Museum of Cleveland (with CSU students Kristen Burns, Lacey DiFranco, Sam Paskert, Joe Peal, and Dallas Turner), 2018

Lecture in the Cleveland community: “The Language and Culture of the Cleveland Hungarians,” The Hungarian Congress, Cleveland, OH (with CSU student Rachel Daley), 2016

Recording interviews for the Hungarian Museum of Cleveland, Fall 2015

Fund-raising for Endangered Languages (Chulym), The Living Tongues, 2014-2020

Judge, Science Fair, Vanguard College Preparatory School, Waco, TX, 2008

Judge, Science Fair, St. John the Baptist Middle School, Silver Spring, MD, 2004

GRANTS/AWARDS

- Merit Award for Teaching and Service, Cleveland State University, 2018, 2020, 2023
- Golden Apple Award, an award of the CSU Alumni Association based on nominations of professors by the alumni for contributions to their lives, CSU, 2019, 2020, 2021
- Undergraduate Summer Research Award. “Language and Culture of the Cleveland Hispanic Community,” Awarded \$4781.70 for Summer 2021. CSU
- Undergraduate Summer Research Award. “Language and Culture of the Cleveland Hungarian Community,” Awarded \$4800.00 for Summer 2020. CSU
- Outstanding Poster Award “Heritage Language and Culture: The Cleveland Slovenian Experience,” First Place, September 2017
- Undergraduate Summer Research Award. “Language and Culture of the Cleveland Slovenian Community,” Awarded \$8000.00 for Summer 2017. CSU
- Undergraduate Research and Scholarly Achievement Grant, Baylor University, 2010-2011
- Mary Savage Snouffer Dissertation Fellowship, University of Maryland, 2005-2006
- Paula Menyuk Travel Award, Boston University Conference on Language Development, 2005
- Jacob K. Goldhaber Travel Grant, University of Maryland, 2005
- Ilene H. Nagel Travel Grant, University of Maryland, 2004
- The Outstanding Scholar Award, University of Connecticut, 2001-2002
- Outstanding Graduate Student Award, Eastern Michigan University, 2001
- Distinguished Research in Linguistics Award, Eastern Michigan University, 2001
- University Fellowship, Eastern Michigan University, 2000-2001
- The Brenner Scholarship, Eastern Michigan University, 2000-2001
- The Writing Award, Eastern Michigan University, 2000-2001
- Freedom Support Act Undergraduate Student Program, United States Congress, 1996

PUBLICATIONS

Books and Book Chapters:

- Grebenyova, Lydia. In preparation. *Element: Case and Agreement*. In the series *Elements in Generative Syntax*, Cambridge University Press.
- Grebenyova, Lydia. Forthcoming. "Case and Aspect in Ukrainian Passives." in M. Brešlin, K. Howitt, A. Krauska, L. Seguin, J. Uriagereka (eds.) *Structured Sentences and Computational Theory of Mind*, Cambridge University Press.
- Grebenyova, Lydia. 2012. *Syntax, Semantics and the Acquisition of Multiple Interrogatives*. John Benjamins Publishing Co. Amsterdam. The Netherlands.

Journal Articles:

- Grebenyova, Lydia. 2011. "Acquisition of Multiple Questions in English, Russian and Malayalam." *Language Acquisition: A Journal of Developmental Linguistics* 18(3): 139-175.
- Grebenyova, Lydia. 2007. "Sluicing in Slavic." *Journal of Slavic Linguistics* 15(1): 49-80.

Conference Proceedings:

- Grebenyova, Lydia. 2006. "Multiple Interrogatives in Child Language." *Proceedings of the 30th Annual Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD) 30*, David Bamman, Tatiana Magnitskaia, Colleen Zaller (eds.), 225-236. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Press.
- Grebenyova, Lydia. 2006. "Sluicing Puzzles in Russian." *Annual Workshop on Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics (FASL) 14*. James E. Lavine, Hana Filip, Steven Franks, and Mila Tasseva-Kurktchieva, (eds.), 157-171. Ann Arbor: Michigan Slavic Publications.
- Grebenyova, Lydia. 2005. "Sluicing and Left-branch Extraction out of Islands." *Proceedings of the West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL) XXIV*, John Alderete, Chung-hye Han, and Alexei Kochetov, (eds.), 164-172. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Press.
- Grebenyova, Lydia. 2004. "Superiority—Syntactic and Interpretive." *Proceedings of the West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL) XXIII*, Chand V., A. Kelleher, A. J. Rodríguez, and B. Schmeiser (eds.), 279-292. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Press.
- Grebenyova, Lydia. 2004. "Interpretation of Slavic Multiple Wh-Questions." *Annual Workshop on Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics (FASL) 12*. O. Arnaudova, W. Browne, M. L. Rivero, and D. Stojanović (eds.), 169-186. Ann Arbor: Michigan Slavic Publications.
- Grebenyova, Lydia. 2009. "Sluicing and Multiple Wh-fronting." *The Fifth Asian Generative Linguistics of the Old World Conference Proceedings (GLOW in Asia)*, 219-242. New Delhi, India.
- Grebenyova, Lydia. 2006. "Multiple Left-branch Extraction under Sluicing." *Proceedings of the 41st Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS 41)*, 69-80. Chicago: University of Chicago.
- Grebenyova, Lydia. 2006. "Sluicing and the Nature of Encoding Grammatical Violations." *University of Maryland Working Papers in Linguistics (UMWPL) 14*, Nina Kazanina, Utako Minai and Phillip Monahan, (eds.), 25-38. College Park, MD: Linguistics Dept., University of Maryland.

Grebenyova, Lydia. 2005. "Agreement in Russian Secondary Predicates." *Proceedings of the 40th Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society* (CLS 40), 69-81. Chicago: University of Chicago.

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Grebenyova, Lydia. 2006. "Multiple Interrogatives: Syntax, Semantics and Learnability." Doctoral Dissertation, University of Maryland, College Park, MD.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2015. "The Summer Field School Research of the Hungarian Community," The Hungarian Congress, Cleveland, OH (with Rachel Daley)
2013. "Syntax of Contrastive Focus in Child Language: To Move or Not to Move," The Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Boston, MA.
2010. "On the Nature of Clausal and DP-internal Agreement," The Annual Meeting of the Slavic Linguistics Society (SLS), Chicago, IL.
2009. "Asymmetries between Clausal and DP-internal Agreement," Michigan Linguistic Society. Ann Arbor. MI.
2008. "Multiple Interrogatives and Learnability," The Annual Meeting of the Slavic Linguistics Society (SLS). Columbus, OH.
2006. "When Multiple Wh-fronting is Not Multiple," The Annual Meeting of the Slavic Linguistic Society (SLS). Bloomington, IN.
2005. "Selective Multiple Wh-fronting in Slavic," The Annual Conference of the American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages (AATSEEL). Washington, DC.
2005. "Multiple Sluicing and Wh-fronting in Russian." The Fourteenth Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE XIV). EHU-U of Basque Country, Vitoria-Gasteiz.
2005. "Multiple Interrogatives in Child Language." The 30th Annual Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD). Boston, MA.
2005. "Sluicing and Multiple Wh-fronting." The Generative Linguistics of the Old World (GLOW in Asia). New Delhi, India.
2005. "Sluicing and left-branch extraction out of islands." The 24th meeting West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL XXIV). Vancouver, Canada.
2005. "Multiple left-branch extraction under Sluicing." The 41st meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS 41). Chicago, IL.
2005. "Sluicing Puzzles in Russian." The 14th meeting of the Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics (FASL 14). Princeton, NJ.
2005. "Sluicing and the Nature of Violation Marking." ECO-5 Syntax Workshop. Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.
2004. "Deriving Successive Cyclicity." The annual meeting of the Michigan Linguistic Society (MLS). Flint, MI.
2004. "Superiority - Syntactic and Interpretive." The 23rd Meeting of the West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL XXIII). Davis, CA.
2004. "Agreement in Russian Secondary Predicates." The 40th Meeting of the Chicago Linguistics Society (CLS 40). Chicago, IL.

2004. "Equidistance in CP domain: Consequences for Multiple Interrogatives." Georgetown University Roundtable on Languages and Linguistics (GURT 2004). Washington, DC.
2004. "Head-movement and Superiority in Embedded Contexts." The 74th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA). Boston, MA.
2004. "Secondary Predicate Agreement in Russian." ECO5 Syntax Workshop. University of Maryland, College Park, MD.
2003. "Interpretation of Slavic Multiple Wh-Questions." The 12th Meeting of the Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics. Ottawa, Canada.
2003. "The Nature of the Q-morpheme and Interpretation of Multiple Interrogatives." The ECO5 Syntax Workshop. University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT.

INVITED TALKS

- 2024 "Human Language vs. AI" Hawken Middle School, Lindhurst, OH
- 2023 "Puzzles in Ukrainian Syntax: Implication for Language Structure" Mayfest 2023, University of Maryland, College Park, MD.
- 2023 "Puzzles in Ukrainian Syntax" Linguistics Club, Cleveland State University
2018. "Heritage Language and Culture of the Cleveland Slovenian Community", Slovenian Museum of Cleveland (with CSU students Kristen Burns, Lacey DiFranco, Sam Paskert, Joe Peal, and Dallas Turner)
2016. "The Language and Culture of the Cleveland Hungarians," The Hungarian Congress, Cleveland, OH (with CSU student Rachel Daley)
2015. "Graduate School Workshop" Meeting of the CSU Student Linguistic Association, Cleveland State University, Cleveland, OH.
2014. "Language Acquisition: Methodology and Research," Linguistics Across Cultures Symposium, Cleveland State University, Cleveland, OH.
2010. "Acquisition of Contrastive Focus in English and Russian," Indiana University, Bloomington, IN.
2008. "Acquisition of multiple interrogatives across languages" Linguistics Club, Baylor University.
2006. "Multiple Wh-questions: Theoretical and Experimental Perspectives." Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ.
2005. "Multiple Interrogatives: Superiority and Sluicing Puzzles." Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Database Designer, *The Linguist List*, NSF grant for establishing a database to support Endangered Language Initiatives (BCS-0003197), 2000
- The Writing Center Instructor, Eastern Michigan University, 1999-2000
- Freelance translator and interpreter (English-Russian), 1995-1999

MEMBERSHIP and SUPPORT

Linguistic Society of America (LSA)

Slavic Linguistics Society (SLS)

The Linguist List

The Living Tongues

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Russian (native)

English (fluent)

German (fair)