MADELAINE O'REILLY-BROWN

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EDUCATION

PhD in Linguistics, Stanford University, Stanford, CA — 2021–present
Dissertation: 'Pronouns and reference at the syntax-semantics interface: a view from Uyghur'
Advisors: Vera Gribanova (co-chair), Boris Harizanov (co-chair), Cleo Condoravdi, Mia Gong

Bachelor of Arts, first class honours, McGill University, Montréal, Canada — 2016–2019
Honours thesis: *Naañ* as a Tag Question and a Discourse Marker in Hindi-Urdu
Advisor: Junko Shimoyama

RESEARCH

Topics (Formal and Experimental) Syntax, Syntax-semantics interface, Typology, Historical linguistics

Languages Uyghur (Turkic): Control, Binding, Pronouns, Nominalization, Relative clauses;
Finnish: Case, Synchronic variation, Diachronic change

WORKS IN PROGRESS

O'Reilly-Brown, Madelaine[1], Brandon Papineau[2], and Arto Anttila[3]. — Submitted
Case change in Finnish embedded clauses: Itkonen structures 50 years on.

O'Reilly-Brown, Madelaine. The syntax of controllable pronouns: a case study from Uyghur. — Submitted

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

O'Reilly-Brown, Madelaine. Decoupling binding and Agree: evidence from long-distance reflexive binding in Uyghur. *Proceedings of the 11th Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic.* — Submitted

O'Reilly-Brown, Madelaine. The Subject Extraction Asymmetry in Uyghur Relative Clauses. *Proceedings of the 42nd West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL).* — 2025

O'Reilly-Brown, Madelaine. The Hindi-Urdu Particle *Naañ* as Two Lexical Items. *Proceedings of the tenth conference on Formal Approaches to South Asian Linguistics (FASAL).* — 2020

INVITED TALKS

O'Reilly-Brown, Madelaine. The syntax of controllable pronouns: a case study from Uyghur. Northwestern University Department of Linguistics. — 2026

O'Reilly-Brown, Madelaine. The syntax of controllable pronouns: a case study from Uyghur. Stony Brook University SynFL. — 2026

O'Reilly-Brown, Madelaine. A new paradigm: person-conditioned asymmetries in Uyghur nominalized clauses. University of California, Berkeley SS-Circle. — 2026

O'Reilly-Brown, Madelaine. Null subjects, control, and agreement in Uyghur. University of California, Santa Cruz S-Circle. 2025

O'Reilly-Brown, Madelaine. The Subject Extraction Asymmetry in Uyghur Relative Clauses. University of Southern California, Los Angeles Topics in Turkic Seminar. 2024

CONFERENCE TALKS

O'Reilly-Brown, Madelaine. Uyghur Reflexive Binding is not Agree. Presented at the 11th Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic (TuPlus), MIT. 2026

O'Reilly-Brown, Madelaine. The Subject Extraction Asymmetry in Uyghur Relative Clauses. Presented at the 42nd West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL), The University of California, Berkeley. 2024

Degen, Judith and **Madelaine O'Reilly-Brown**. Scalar implicatures from "some" to "not all" are highly variable and context-dependent. Presented at the annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA). 2024

O'Reilly-Brown, Madelaine, Brandon Papineau, and Arto Anttila. Itkonen Structures 50 years on. Presented at the third annual AMC Symposium on historical linguistics, The University of Edinburgh. 2022

O'Reilly-Brown, Madelaine. *Naañ* as a Tag Question and a Discourse Marker in Hindi-Urdu. Presented at the tenth meeting of the (Formal) Approaches to South Asian Linguistics Conference (FASAL), OSU (online). 2020

O'Reilly-Brown, Madelaine. Restructuring in Hindi-Urdu. Presented at the annual meeting of the Montreal-Ottawa-Toronto-Hamilton (MOTH) Syntax Workshop (online). 2020

TEACHING

Stanford University

Mentor TA, TA Training Workshop Fall 2026
Faculty mentor: Nandi Sims

Teaching Assistant, Historical Linguistics Spring 2025
Instructor: Chelsea Sanker

Teaching Assistant, The Syntax of English Winter 2024
Instructor: Vera Gribanova

Teaching Assistant, Historical Linguistics Winter 2023
Instructor: Chelsea Sanker

OTHER PEDAGOGICAL EXPERIENCE

Stanford University

Guest lecture: "Pronominal syntax and interpretation in Uyghur." 2025
Introduction to Research for Undergraduates. Instructor: Brandon Papineau

Guest lecture: "Relative Clauses in Uyghur." 2022
Introduction to Research for Undergraduates. Instructor: Brandon Papineau

REFEREEING

Journals 2026
Linguistic Inquiry

Working Papers 2026
The Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic

Conferences 2022
The West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics

SERVICE

Admissions Committee, Member 2025
Stanford University

Syntax and Morphology Research Seminar, Organizer 2022–2023
Stanford University

West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics, Volunteer 2022
Stanford University (online)

Events Committee, Member 2021–2022
Stanford University

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

Community Impact Award 2025
Stanford Alumni Association

William R. and Sara Hart Kimball Fellowship 2021–2025
Stanford University

James McGill Scholarship 2016–2019
McGill University