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Education

2019–	**Ph.D. in Linguistics**, *University of Maryland.*
	Advisor: Dr. Maria Polinsky
	EXPECTED COMPLETION: SUMMER 2024
2015–2019	**B.A. in English Language and Literature**, *University of Novi Sad.*
2016	**Erasmus+ Student Mobility Program**, *University of Deusto.*

Research Interests

BROAD	syntax, morphology, syntax-morphology interface
NARROW	(mixed) categories, locality, raising, case, bare-NP adverbials, NP/DP debate, argument/event structure, grammatical aspect, tense, Slavic, Mayan

Publications

JOURNAL ARTICLES

in prep	**Bešlin, Maša**. Locality domains above and below the 'word' level.
submitted	**Bešlin, Maša**. Active participles are (deverbal) adjectives.
in press	**Bešlin, Maša**. Revisiting Passive Participles: Category Status and Internal Structure. *Linguistic Inquiry.*

PROCEEDINGS

in press	**Bešlin, Maša**. Reanalyzing K'iche' as a Tensed Language. In *Proceedings of the Workshop on American Indigenous Languages (WAIL 25).*
in press	Milićev, Tanja and **Maša Bešlin**. Word Order in Old English Embedded Clauses: Syntactic Instantiation and Pragmatic Factors. In *Proceedings of ELALT 6, Annual Review of the Faculty of Philosophy in Novi Sad.*
in press	**Bešlin, Maša**. DP in a model NP language: Evidence from Serbo-Croatian personal pronouns. In *Proceedings of the Israeli Association for Theoretical Linguistics (IATL 36), MIT Working Papers in Linguistics.*
2023	**Bešlin, Maša**. Passive *v*P is not phasal in Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian. In *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America (PLSA)* 8(1). 5499.
2022	**Bešlin, Maša**. Raising as a free syntactic operation: Evidence from Serbian. In *Proceedings of SinFonIJA 14, Annual Review of the Faculty of Philosophy in Novi Sad.*
2019	Milićev, Tanja and **Maša Bešlin**. Instrumental: Why It is Absent from the Clitic System in Serbian/Croatian. In Proceedings of *Jezik, književnost, teorija* (p. 153–168). Niš: Faculty of Philosophy.

Other publications

in press **Bešlin, Maša**. Exceptives in K'iche'. In *Variation in Exceptive Structures.*

2023 **Bešlin, Maša**. Exceptives in Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian. In *Variation in Exceptive Structures.* Zenodo. DOI:10.5281/zenodo.7851016.

Presentations

Invited talks

2023 **Bešlin, Maša**. TBA. Hungarian Research Centre for Linguistics.

2021 **Bešlin, Maša**. A Mayan temporal puzzle. *Berkeley Syntax and Semantics Circle*, University of California, Berkeley.

Conference talks

2023 **Bešlin, Maša**. Distinct locality domains above and below the 'word' level: Evidence from Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian adjectives. *Rencontres d'Automne de Linguistique Formelle (RALFE)*, Université Côte d'Azur.

2023 **Bešlin, Maša**. Temporal interpretation in K'iche'. *Workshop on American Indigenous Languages (WAIL)*, UC Santa Barbara.

2023 **Bešlin, Maša**. Reanalyzing K'iche' (Mayan) as a Tensed Language. *The Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA) Annual Meeting* (online).

2023 **Bešlin, Maša**. Passive *v*P is not phasal in Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian. *Linguistic Society of America (LSA) Annual Meeting*, Denver, CO.

2022 Milićev, Tanja and **Maša Bešlin**. Embedded Clauses in Old English: Between Syntax and Pragmatics. *Formal Approaches to Embedding workshop, English Language and Anglophone Literatures Today 6 (ELALT 6)*, University of Novi Sad.

2021 **Bešlin, Maša**. On raising-to-subject as a free syntactic operation. *Crossing boundaries: Empirical and theoretical aspects of A-dependencies in complementation workshop, 46th Austrian Linguistics Conference (ÖLT 46)*, University of Vienna (online).

2021 **Bešlin, Maša**. On personal and impersonal *trebati* 'need' in Serbo-Croatian: Implications for raising. *14th Conference on Syntax, Phonology and Language Analysis (SinFonIJA 14)*, University of Novi Sad (online).

2021 **Bešlin, Maša**. On the distribution of full object-pronouns in Serbo-Croatian. *16th Annual Meeting of the Slavic Linguistics Society (SLS 16)*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (online).

2021 **Bešlin, Maša**. DP in a model NP language: Evidence from Serbo-Croatian personal pronouns. *36th Annual Conference of the Israel Association for Theoretical Linguistics (IATL 36)*, Bar Ilan University (online).

2020 **Bešlin, Maša**. Encoding the eventive/resultative/stative distinction on passive participles cross-linguistically. *13th Conference on Syntax, Phonology, and Language Analysis (SinFonIJA 13)*, Research Institute for Linguistics, Hungarian Academy of Sciences (online).

2020 **Bešlin, Maša**. No such thing as a *verbal participle*. *14th European Conference on Formal Description of Slavic Languages (FDSL 14)*, University of Leipzig (online), moved to June 2021 due to COVID-19.

2020	**Bešlin, Maša**. What's in a name? The syntax of passive participles. *15th Annual Meeting of the Slavic Linguistics Society (SLS 15)*, Indiana University Bloomington (online).
2019	**Bešlin, Maša**. On the categorial status of the passive participle in Serbo-Croatian. *Novi Sad Linguistic Colloquium 9*, University of Novi Sad.
2019	Milićev, Tanja and **Maša Bešlin**. Case alternations with temporal bare-NP adverbials in Old English. *English Language and Anglophone Literatures Today 5* (ELALT 5), University of Novi Sad.
2018	**Bešlin, Maša**. How often is *subotom*? Some observations on temporal instrumentals in Serbo-Croatian. *Novi Sad Linguistic Colloquium 8*, University of Novi Sad.
2018	**Bešlin, Maša** and Predrag Kovačević. An argument in favor of a rescue-by-PF-deletion analysis of P-stranding under sluicing in Serbo-Croatian. *EGG School Open Podium*, University of Banja Luka.
2018	Milićev, Tanja and **Maša Bešlin**. Instrumental: A Curious Gap in the Clitic System. *Jezik, književnost, teorija*, University of Niš.
2017	**Bešlin, Maša**. The Case of Temporal Bare-NP Adverbials in Serbo-Croatian. *Novi Sad Linguistic Colloquium 7*, University of Novi Sad.

Awards and Honors

2023	College of Arts and Humanities Summer Fellowship, UMD
2023	Southeast European Studies Association Travel Grant
2022	Charles E. Townsend Memorial Award for outstanding scientific contribution to the Slavic Linguistics Society
2022	College of Arts and Humanities Graduate Student Travel Award, UMD
2022	College of Arts and Humanities Summer Fellowship, UMD
2021	Honorable Mention: Charles E. Townsend Memorial Award, Slavic Linguistics Society
2020	Honorable Mention: Charles E. Townsend Memorial Award, Slavic Linguistics Society
2020–2024	Dean's Fellowship, UMD
2019–2020	University Fellowship, UMD
2018–2019	Serbian Government Scholarship for Gifted Students
2017–2018	Serbian Government Scholarship for Undergraduate Students
2016	Erasmus+ Scholarship
2014–2015	Woodhouse Grove School Academic Scholarship
2013–2014	The Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference (HMC) Projects in Central and Eastern Europe Scholarship

Teaching Experience

INSTRUCTION

FALL 2022	**LING 420 *Word Formation***, UMD DUTIES: designing and teaching a seminar-style class with 15 students, mentoring the students on their final research papers, grading, office hours

JULY 2022	***Introduction to Generative Syntax***, NYI Global Institute of Cultural, Cognitive and Linguistic Studies (online), with Dr. Paulina Lyskawa DUTIES: teaching a two-week class with 80 students, office hours
JAN 2022	***Introduction to Generative Syntax***, NY–St. Petersburg Institute of Linguistics, Cognition and Culture (online), with Dr. Paulina Lyskawa DUTIES: teaching a two-week class with 60 students, office hours

ASSISTANTSHIP

JULY 2022	***Verb-initial languages*** *(emphasis on Austronesian and Mayan)*, The 4th Crete Summer School of Linguistics (CreteLing) DUTIES: preparing materials, grading, office hours INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Maria Polinsky
SPRING 2022	**LING 312 *Syntax II***, UMD DUTIES: preparing materials, grading, office hours INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Omer Preminger
FALL 2021	**LING 311 *Syntax I***, UMD DUTIES: preparing materials, grading, office hours INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Tonia Bleam
JULY 2021	***Introduction to Generative Syntax***, NY-St. Petersburg Institute of Linguistics, Cognition and Culture (online) DUTIES: handling Zoom chat/issues, grading, office hours INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Omer Preminger
SPRING 2021	**LING 200 *Introductory Linguistics***, UMD (online) DUTIES: leading 3 weekly discussion sections, grading, office hours INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Tonia Bleam

GUEST LECTURING

DEC 2020	*Theory and Methodology in Morphological Analysis: A Case Study of Passive Participles*, Theoretical Grammar undergraduate seminar, University of Novi Sad Instructor: Dr. Tanja Milićev

Research Assistantship

SPRING 2023	Variation in Exceptive Structures NSF-funded project PIs: Dr. Maria Polinsky & Dr. Eric Potsdam DUTIES: investigating the lexical, morphological, and syntactic properties of exceptives in Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian (native) and K'iche' (fieldwork)

Schools and Workshops

2023	*NYI Global Institute of Cultural, Cognitive, and Linguistic Studies*, online
2023	*Eastern Generative Grammar* Summer School, University of Novi Sad
2022	*The 4th Crete Summer School of Linguistics*, University of Crete
2021	*Eastern Generative Grammar* Summer School, online
2021	*NY-St. Petersburg Institute of Linguistics, Cognition and Culture*, online
2021	*Ri K'iche' Tijob'al Keb' Tz'i'*, online intensive 2-week course in K'iche', co-organized by UMD, University of Toronto and Wuqu' Kawoq

2020	*Kab'lajuj Ey 2020*, intensive 2-week course in Kaqchikel at the UMD Language Science Center's Guatemala Field Station in Patzún, Guatemala
2019	*Introduction to Statistics: R*, University of Novi Sad
2018	*Eastern Generative Grammar* Summer School, University of Banja Luka
2018	*6th Novi Sad Workshop on Psycholinguistic, Neurolinguistic and Clinical Linguistic Research*, University of Novi Sad
2017	*Eastern Generative Grammar* Summer School, Palacký University Olomouc
2017	*Introduction to Neurolinguistics*, University of Novi Sad

Service

REVIEWING

2023	Reviewer for *SinFonIJA 16*
2022	Ad hoc reviewer for *Glossa*
2022	Reviewer for the *Cambridge Handbook of Comparative Syntax*, Norbert Corver & Maria Polinsky (eds.), Cambridge University Press
2022	Ad hoc reviewer for the *Catalan Journal of Linguistics*
2022	Ad hoc reviewer for the *Journal of Slavic Linguistics*
2021	Reviewer for *SinFonIJA 14* abstracts and proceedings papers
2020	Reviewer for *Semantics of Slavic Languages*, Radek Šimík & Berit Gehrke (eds.), Language Science Press

OTHER SERVICE

2022–	Proofreader for Language Science Press
2023	Co-organizer for *Mayfest 2023* in honor of Howard Lasnik, UMD
2022	Co-organizer for *Mayfest 2020(+2)* in honor of Norbert Hornstein, UMD
2022	Proctor for the *North American Computational Linguistics Olympiad*
2021–2023	Student Representative for the Linguistics department, Dean's Graduate Advisory Board, UMD
2021	Member of the organizing committee for *Syntax, Phonology and Language Analysis 14 (SinFonIJA 14)*, University of Novi Sad (online)
2020–2021	Co-organizer, General Linguistics Lab Meeting, UMD
2018	Co-author and coordinator of the *Universal Grammar and Language Ability* workshop at the International Festival of Science and Education, University of Novi Sad
2017	Volunteer at the International Festival of Science and Education, University of Novi Sad. WORKSHOPS: *When Pigs Fly, What Type of Linguist Are You, Aphasia: When Language Goes Bad*
2017	Volunteer at the *4th International Conference on English Language and Anglophone Literatures Today* (ELALT 4), Univerisity of Novi Sad

Work Experience

2015–	Freelance translator for the following language combinations: English>Serbian, Spanish>Serbian, Serbian>English

2018	Interpreter (Spanish>Serbian, Serbian>Spanish) at *Koteks Viscofan* in Novi Sad, Serbia
2016–2019	Tutor for the courses English grammar 3, English Grammar 4, Generative Syntax 1 and Generative Syntax 2 at the University of Novi Sad
2015–2018	Freelance language teacher for English and Spanish

Professional Membership

2022–	Society for the Study of Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA)
2020–	Linguistic Society of America (LSA)
2020–	Slavic Linguistics Society (SLS)

Technical Skills

MS Office

PsychoPy

SPSS

LaTeX

Languages

native	Serbian (Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian)
fluent	English, Spanish
beginner	German
fieldwork	Kaqchikel, K'iche'

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