

## Postdoctoral Research Associate

*"Contemporary Hasidic Yiddish", funded by the AHRC. PI: Kriszta Szendrői, Col: Lily Kahn. 2019–present.*

## Education

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| <b>2012–2016</b> | <b>University College London</b><br>Ph.D. in linguistics – <i>Attributes of Attribution</i><br>Supervisors: Ad Neeleman (UCL) and Klaus Abels (UCL)<br>Examiners: Rob Truswell (Edinburgh) and Edwin Williams (Princeton) |
| <b>2011–2012</b> | <b>University College London</b><br>MRes in linguistics with specialization in syntax - <i>PP-Peripherality and Ambiguity in the Noun Phrase</i> . First class honours with distinction.                                  |
| <b>2007–2011</b> | <b>McGill University, Montreal</b><br>BA in linguistics with minor in French language and literature. First class honours.                                                                                                |

## Publications

- Belk, Zoë, Lily Kahn & Kriszta Eszter Szendrői. (Under revision). "Absence of morphological case and gender marking in contemporary Hasidic Yiddish worldwide." *Journal of Germanic Linguistics*.
- Belk, Zoë, & Ad Neeleman. (Under revision). "What divides, and what unites, right-node raising." *Linguistic Inquiry*.
- Belk, Zoë, Lily Kahn, Kriszta Eszter Szendrői & Sonya Yampolskaya. (Under review). "Innovations in the Hasidic Yiddish pronominal system." In *Contemporary research in minority and diaspora languages of Europe*, ed. Matt Coler and Andrew Nevins. Berlin: Language Science Press.
- Belk, Zoë, Lily Kahn, Kriszta Eszter Szendrői, and Sonya Yampolskaya. (Under review). "Translating Covid-19 information into Yiddish for the Montreal-area Hasidic community." In *Lockdown Culture: The Arts, Humanities and Covid-19*, edited by S. Bruzzi and M. Biriotti. London: UCL Press.
- Belk, Zoë, Lily Kahn, Kriszta Eszter Szendrői, and Sonya Yampolskaya. (Under review). "Translating Covid-19 information into Yiddish for the UK Hasidic community." *Linguistics Vanguard*.
- Belk, Zoë, Lily Kahn & Kriszta Eszter Szendrői. 2020. "Loss of case and gender within a generation: Evidence from Stamford Hill Hasidic Yiddish." *The Journal of Comparative Germanic Linguistics* 23:271–326.
- Belk, Zoë, Lily Kahn & Kriszta Eszter Szendrői. 2020. "The *Loshn Koydesh* component in Contemporary Hasidic Yiddish." *Journal of Jewish Languages* 8:39–89.

- Belk, Zoë, Lily Kahn & Kriszta Eszter Szendrői. 2020. "On morphological gender and case-marking in Hasidic Yiddish: Initial evidence from the Stamford Hill Hasidim." In *Jews and Slavs* vol. 26, edited by W. Moskovich. Jerusalem: Hebrew University of Jerusalem Center for Slavic Languages and Literatures.
- Belk, Zoë. 2019. "LF Bracketing Paradoxes: A New Account." *Syntax* 22:24–65.
- Belk, Zoë, & Ad Neeleman. 2017. "AP-Adjacency as a Precedence Constraint." *Linguistic Inquiry* 48:1–45.
- Belk, Zoë. 2013. "The Paradox of the Heavy Drinker." *UCL Working Papers in Linguistics* 25:102–111.

### Selected talks

- Belk, Zoë. 2020. "A sheyne vertl: What Yiddish can tell us about adjectival modification." Invited talk presented at the Workshop on Formal and Experimental Approaches to Adjectival Modification, Goethe University Frankfurt.
- Belk, Zoë. 2020. "Overview of Hasidic Yiddish Pronouns Based on Elicited Spoken Data." Paper presented at the 52<sup>nd</sup> annual conference of the Association for Jewish Studies, online.
- Belk, Zoë, Lily Kahn & Kriszta Eszter Szendrői. 2019. "Innovations in the Hasidic Yiddish pronominal system." Paper presented at the 7<sup>th</sup> International Jewish Languages Conference, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
- Belk, Zoë, Lily Kahn & Kriszta Eszter Szendrői. 2019. "No case for case (and gender) in Stamford Hill Hasidic Yiddish." Paper presented at Yiddish Language Structures 2, University of Düsseldorf.
- Belk, Zoë, Lily Kahn & Kriszta Eszter Szendrői. 2018. "No case for Case (or gender) in Stamford Hill Hasidic Yiddish". Seminar presented at the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies, University of Oxford.
- Belk, Zoë. 2017. "Attributives are not relatives: A single source analysis for attributive adjectives." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain, University of Kent.
- Belk, Zoë. 2016. "A movement approach to LF bracketing paradoxes." Paper presented at the Workshop on 'Movement', London.
- Belk, Zoë. 2015. "Verbal bracketing paradoxes: What heavy drinkers can tell us about movement." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain, UCL.
- Belk, Zoë. 2015. "A movement analysis of heavy drinkers: A new approach to bracketing paradoxes". Paper presented at Linguistics Research Student Conference, SOAS.
- Belk, Zoë. 2014. "What's the Difference between a Nuclear Physicist and a Heavy Drinker? Resolving the Bracketing Paradox." Paper presented at Manchester Forum in Linguistics, University of Manchester.

## Employment History

- 2017-2019 **Postdoctoral Research Assistant**, “Grammar of Yiddish of the Stamford Hill Haredi community”, funded by the British Academy. PI: Kriszta Szendrői
- 2017-2019 **Teaching Fellow**, Linguistics Department, UCL
- 2016–2018 **Acting Programme Administrator - MRes/MSc Cognitive Neuroscience**, Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience, UCL
- 2013–2017 **Teaching Assistant**, Linguistics Department, UCL
- 2015–2017 **Acting Teaching Administration Assistant**, Division of Psychology and Language Sciences, UCL
- 2014-2015 **Acting Placements Co-ordinator**, Speech and Language Therapy Department, UCL
- 2014–2015 **Faculty Postgraduate Taught Students’ Mentor**, Faculty of Brain Sciences, UCL
- 2012–2013 **Assistant Bid Coordinator**, Athena SWAN Silver Award bid for Psychology and Language Sciences Division, UCL
- 2012–2013 **Reception Manager**, Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience, UCL

## Scholarships, Awards and Nominations

- 2020 Nominated for Inspiring Teaching Delivery, UCLU Student Choice Teaching Awards
- 2018 Nominated for Brilliant Research-Based Education, UCLU Student Choice Teaching Awards
- 2016 Nominated to feature in “Women at UCL: Presence and Absence”, an exhibition dedicated to celebrating and recognizing women at UCL who inspire those they work with.
- 2015 Winner, Best Student Abstract, Linguistics Association of Great Britain Annual Meeting (bursary worth approximately £200)
- 2014 Nominated for Student Academic Representative of the Year (Faculty Choice)
- 2014 Nominated for Outstanding Teaching, UCLU Student Choice Teaching Awards
- 2012 Overseas Research Scholarship (covers overseas tuition fees for three years 2012-2015, ~£48,000 in total), awarded by UCL to approximately 40 doctoral students out of a total of approximately 4500 per year.
- 2012 Linguistics Department Entrance Scholarship (£1000), awarded by UCL Linguistics Department to one incoming PhD student per year.

## Teaching Experience

- Sept. 2019–Jan. 2021 **Module Convener and Lecturer**, Intermediate Generative Grammar: Word Order (mixed graduate/undergraduate level)
- Sept. 2019–Jan. 2020 **Module Convener and Lecturer**, Syntax 1 (graduate level)
- Jan.–May 2018, 2019 **Module Convener and Lecturer**, Interfaces (graduate level)
- Jan.–May 2016, 2019 **Teaching Assistant and Guest Lecturer**, Introduction to Generative Grammar B
- Oct. 2017–May 2018 **Module Convener and Lecturer**, Core Issues in Linguistics
- Oct. 2013–May 2017 **Lecturer and Teaching Assistant**, Core Issues in Linguistics
- Jan.–May 2017 **Teaching Assistant and Guest Lecturer**, Intermediate Phonetics and Phonology B
- Oct. 2016–Jan. 2017 **Teaching Assistant**, Phonology of English
- Oct. 2016–Jan. 2017 **Teaching Assistant**, Phonetics and Phonology (graduate level)
- May 2016 **Marker**, Current Issues in Cognitive Neuroscience II: Elaborative and Adaptive Processes
- Jan.–May 2015, 2016 **Teaching Assistant**, Interfaces (graduate level)
- Oct. 2014 – Jan. 2015, 2015–16 **Teaching Assistant**, Introduction to Generative Grammar A
- Oct. 2013–Jan. 2014, 2015–16, 2016–2017 **Teaching Assistant**, Animal Communication and Human Language (undergraduate/graduate level)
- Jan.–May 2014, 2015 **Teaching Assistant**, Intermediate Generative Grammar B (undergraduate/graduate level)
- Jan.–May 2013, 2014 **Teaching Assistant**, Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology B
- Oct. 2013–Jan. 2014 **Teaching Assistant**, Introduction to Semantics and Pragmatics A
- Jan.–May 2013 **Teaching Assistant and Guest Lecturer**, Psycholinguistics: Stages in Normal Language Development
- Jan.–May 2013 **Marker**, Introduction to Children's Language Development

## Professional Service

- 2020-present **Co-organizer**, Ada Rapoport-Albert Seminar Series on Hasidic Yiddish, UCL (online)
- 2020-present **Member of reviewer board**, *Languages*
- 2020 **Local organizer**, Annual conference of the Foundation for Endangered Languages, UCL (online)

- 2019 **Reviewer**, *Syntax*
- 2013–2017 **Research student representative**, BA/MA teaching committee, Linguistics department, UCL
- 2015 **Local organizer**, Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain, UCL
- 2014–2015 **Co-organizer**, UCL Graduate Conference in Linguistics 2015
- 2014 **Co-organizer**, UCL Linguistics PhD Day conference
- 2014 **Co-organizer**, UCL Psychology and Language Sciences (PaLS) Post-Graduate Peer Group annual conference
- 2013–2016 **Student Academic Representative (StAR)** (MPhil/PhD Linguistics) to Staff Student Consultative Committee, Linguistics, UCL
- 2013–2015 **StAR** (Postgraduate research) to Faculty of Brain Sciences postgraduate research committee
- 2013–2015 **Co-organizer**, UCL Syntax Reading Group
- 2013–2014 **Member**, PaLS Postgraduate Peer Group Executive Committee, UCL
- 2013 **Local organizer**, Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain, School of Oriental and African Studies, London
- 2013 **Local organizer**, Intentional Inhibition: From motor suppression to self-control, a one-day expert workshop supported by the European Science Foundation
- 2013 **Member of Scientific Committee**, 1st UCL Graduate Conference in Linguistics
- 2012–2013 **Member**, PaLS Academic Careers Development Committee/Athena SWAN committee, UCL
- 2012–2013 **Co-editor**, UCL Working Papers in Linguistics Vol. 24
- 2012–2013 **Member**, Green Impact Team, Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience, UCL

## Citizenship

I hold both Canadian and British citizenship and have the right to work in both countries.