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## EDUCATION

- 2019-2024*     **PhD in Linguistics, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor**  
*Advisor:* Dr. Savithry Namboodiripad
- 2016-2018*     **rM.A. in Linguistics, University of Amsterdam (UvA)**  
*Thesis:* *wh-questions in the Trinidad and Tobago Signing Community*  
<http://www.scriptiesonline.uba.uva.nl/scriptie/658796>
- 2015-2016*     **B.A. in Linguistics (Major), Speech and Language Pathology  
(Minor) (First Class Honours), University of the West Indies (UWI)**  
*Thesis:* *Higgins' Taxonomy of Copular Clauses in Trinidadian French Creole*
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## AWARDS

- 2020*     “(A)Symmetries in spoken and signed languages” (German Science Foundation) (€500,00)
- 2019*     Rackham Conference Travel Grant (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor) (\$1050.00)
- 2018*     University of Amsterdam Horizon Fund (€300.00)
- 2015-2016*     **University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago**  
John Reinecke Memorial Prize for Linguistics  
Douglas Taylor Prize for Caribbean Linguistics  
Departmental Prize for Linguistics Research  
**University of the West Indies Development and Endowment Fund Star Scholarship** (\$TT15,000.00, approximately \$US2,300.00)
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## PUBLICATIONS

- under review*     **Felicia Bisnath.** *Mouthing in 57 signed languages: typology, ecology and ideology.*
- forthcoming*     **Felicia Bisnath.** Forthcoming. *Wh-questions in the Trinidad and Tobago Signing Community.* Proceedings of the Chicago Linguistics Society 56 (CLS56)
- 2018*     **Felicia Bisnath & Silvia De Grandis.** 2018. A Diachronic Study of Transparency in Sranan. *Linguistics in Amsterdam 11(2)*. 179-210
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## INVITED TALKS

2021 **Felicia Bisnath**. *Mouthing in 37 signed languages: typology, ecology and ideology*. SignMorph ERC Project (PI: Adam Schembri). University of Birmingham. 1st November 2021.

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## PRESENTATIONS

2021

- **Felicia Bisnath**. *Mouthing as a feature of sign language use: the ubiquity of a multimodal multilingual phenomenon* at LingCologne2021[online]. 10-11th June 2021 (Poster)
- Savithry Namboodiripad, **Felicia Bisnath**, Alex Kramer, Noah Luntzlara, Adele Goldberg. *Backgroundedness measures predict island status of non-finite clauses in English* at 34th Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing [online]. 4-6th March 2021 (Poster) <https://www.cuny2021.io/2021/02/24/317/>

2020

- **Felicia Bisnath**. *Mouthings as Semiotic Resources in Signed Language Emergence* at High Desert Linguistics Society 14 (HDLS14) at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, United States of America. 20th-22nd November 2020 (Poster) <https://osf.io/btzfa/>
- Carl Börstell & **Felicia Bisnath**. *On Islands in the Sea: Swedish Preposition Usage with Island Nations* at High Desert Linguistics Society 14 (HDLS14) at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, United States of America. 20th-22nd November 2020 (Talk) <https://osf.io/d9a7f/>
- **Felicia Bisnath**. *The that-trace effect in Trinidadian English Creole* at Society for Caribbean Linguistics 2020 (SCL2020) at the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago. 2nd-9th August 2020 (Talk) (Cancelled: COVID-19)
- **Felicia Bisnath**. *Verb Types in Trinidad and Tobago Sign Language* at Society for Caribbean Linguistics 2020 (SCL2020) at the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago. 2nd-9th August 2020 (Poster) (Cancelled: COVID-19)
- **Felicia Bisnath**. *Wh-questions in the Trinidad and Tobago Signing Community* at Chicago Linguistics Society (CLS56) at the University of Chicago. April 30th-May 2nd, 2020 (Talk) (Cancelled: COVID-19)
- **Felicia Bisnath**. *Wh-questions in the Trinidad and Tobago Signing Community* at Linguistics in Göttingen 3 (LinG3) at Georg-August-Universität, Göttingen, Germany. February 5-6th, 2020 (Talk)

2019

- **Felicia Bisnath.** *Wh-questions in the Trinidad and Tobago Signing Community* at Theoretical Issues in Sign Language Research 13 (TISLR13) at the University of Hamburg, Germany. September 26-28th, 2019 (Poster)

2018

- **Felicia Bisnath.** *Verb Types in Trinidad and Tobago Sign Language (TTSL)* at the International Conference for Graduate Students on Diverse Approaches to Linguistics 6 (IGDAL6) at the University of Haifa, Israel. 23 April, 2018 (Talk)

2017

- **Felicia Bisnath.** *Quantifiers in NGT: A Corpus Study* at the T.W.I.S.T. Student Conference at the University of Leiden, The Netherlands. 21-22 April, 2017 (Poster) *A Diachronic Study of Transparency in Sranan* with Silvia De Grandis at the 38th TABU Dag Conference at the University of Groningen, The Netherlands. 22-23 June, 2017 (Poster)

2016

- **Felicia Bisnath.** *Higgins' Taxonomy of Copular Clauses in Trinidadian French Creole* at the 21st Biennial Conference of the Society for Caribbean Linguistics (SCL) at the University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica. August 1-6, 2016 (Talk)

## TEACHING

- Sep-Dec 2021* University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, United States of America (Weinberg Institute for Cognitive Science)  
**Graduate Student Instructor**, Introduction to Cognitive Science (CogSci200)  
**Guest lecturer**, (Thursday November 18th, 2021), Language Acquisition (LING106): "Sign Language Acquisition"
- Jan-Apr 2021* University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, United States of America (English Department)  
**Solo Graduate Student Instructor**, Writing and Academic Inquiry (ENG 125)
- Sep-Dec 2020* University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, United States of America (Department of Linguistics)  
**Graduate Student Instructor**, Epic Grammer Failz [sic] (LING 137)
- Sep-Dec 2018* University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad & Tobago (Department of Modern Languages & Linguistics)  
**Part-Time Lecturer**, Structure and Usage of Caribbean Sign Language II (LING2820)  
**Substitute tutor** (6 classes), Introduction to Language (LING 1005)

Guest lecturer (Tuesday October 30th, 2018), Language Acquisition (LING 2101): "Sign Language Acquisition"

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## OTHER TRAINING

- Mar 2021*     **Have your cake and eat it too! Assessment approaches for simultaneously promoting and measuring student learning in your course.** Centre for Research on Learning and Teaching, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. 1-5 March, 2021.
- May 2020*     **Workshop on Quantitative Linguistics Methods,** Northern Arizona University. 2 May, 2020. (Online)
- Sep 2019*     **Doing Reproducible and Rigorous Science with Deaf Children, Deaf Communities, and Sign Languages: Challenges and Opportunities** at the Department of Deaf Studies and Sign Language Interpreting, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany. 23 September, 2019.
- Jan 2018*     **LOT Winter School 2018** at the Vrije University, Amsterdam. 8-19 January, 2018
- May 2017*     **SIGN-HUB LABEX Summer School in Sign Language Linguistics** in Gargnano. 8-12 May, 2017  
Courses on sign language information structure, phonology and syntax
- Jul 2016*     **Research internship,** Jamaican Language Unit, University of the West Indies, Mona
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## SERVICE

- 2021-2022*     Colloquium Committee
- 2021-2022*     Co-president of the Graduate Linguists at Michigan (GLaM)
- 2020-2021*     President of the Graduate Linguists at Michigan (GLaM)
- 2019-2020*     Inclusion and Diversity Committee, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- 2016*     President of the University of the West Indies Linguistics Society (Trinidad and Tobago)
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## LANGUAGES

English (native), Trinidadian English Creole (native), Trinidad and Tobago Sign Language (beginner), American Sign Language (beginner)