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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Syntax-morphology interface, Sanskrit and Hindi linguistics, Ancient Indian linguistic tradition, Indo-European and general historical linguistics

EDUCATION

- 2019 Ph.D. Linguistics · University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Dissertation: *A quantitative and qualitative analysis of competing motivations interacting in the placement of finite relative clauses in Hindi.*
Committee: Hans H. Hock (director) and James H. Yoon (chair), Jonathan MacDonald, Rakesh Bhatt
- 2009 M.A. Linguistics · University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Projects: *Reanalysis of the Perfect and Imperfect in Vedic Sanskrit, PF-analysis of Sanskrit Compounds.*
Advisor: Hans H. Hock
- 2009 M.A. Linguistics (Summa Cum Laude) · University of Costa Rica
Dissertation: *Pāṇini's Kāraka system at the light of the Aṣṭādhyāyī and the commentators Patañjali, Vāmana and Jayāditya (in Spanish).*
Advisor: Oscar L. Chavarría-Aguilar
- 2003 B.A. Classical Philology (Summa Cum Laude) · University of Costa Rica

POSITIONS HELD

- 2022-2025 Post-doctoral Researcher · University of Oxford
Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies. **Project:** "LINGUINDIC: New ideas for Modern Linguistics from Ancient India", funded by the European Research Council (ERC), PI. John J. Lowe. The project aims to draw connections between ancient Indian and modern Western linguistic thought.
- 2023 Hindi Lecturer · University of Oxford
Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies. **Course:** Elementary Hindi.
- 2019-2022 Post-doctoral Researcher · University of Oxford
Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics. **Project:** "Uncovering Sanskrit Syntax", funded by Leverhulme Trust, PI. John J. Lowe. It is a large-scale corpus study to analyse interclausal syntax in Sanskrit: causatives, control and relative clauses.
- 2019-2022 Linguistics Tutor · University of Oxford
Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics. **Course:** Paper X: Grammatical Analysis.
- 2018 Visiting Scholar · Jawaharlal Nehru University

Centre for Linguistics. **Course:** Historical and Comparative Linguistics at graduate level.

- 2013-2020 Linguistics Consultant and Translator · Wolfram Research, Inc.
Localization: Translation (Spanish-English, English-Spanish) of websites, emails, databases, marketing pages, function captions, menu items, books.
Linguistic Projects: grammar rules for Wolfram|Alpha, "Translation Style Guide" (Internal Use), language and script recognition software, curation of Sanskrit texts, Ancient Indian Mathematicians project.
- 2014-2015 Visiting Faculty · University of Costa Rica
 School of Anthropology. **Courses:** AT-1131 Anthropological Linguistics and AT-1009 Anthropological Tendencies: Indian Language, Culture and Society at graduate and undergraduate level.
- 2014 Visiting Faculty · University of Costa Rica
 School of Spanish Language and Literature. **Course:** FL-5025 Pragmatics at undergraduate level.
- 2013 Teaching Assistant · University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 Department of Spanish, Italian and Portuguese. **Course:** SPAN 103 Intermediate Spanish at undergraduate level.
- 2008-2012 Teaching Assistant · University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 Department of Linguistics. **Courses:** LING 210 Language History (primary instructor and co-instructor) LING 301 Elements of Syntax (grader), LING 100 Introduction to Language (grader and discussions).
- 2005-2007 Research Assistant· Royal Academy of Spanish Language
Projects: "Dictionary of the Royal Academy of Spanish (DRAE)", "Pan-Hispanic Dictionary of Doubts of the Royal Academy of Spanish", "Manual of Spanish Orthography", "Dictionary of Americanisms". PIs: Adolfo Constenla-Umaña and Miguel A. Quesada-Pacheco.
- 2005-2006 Adjunct Professor· University of Costa Rica
 Department of Language and Literature. Central Campus. **Courses** (undergraduate): FL 3008 Spanish Syntax, FL 3208 Historical Spanish Grammar I and II, FL 3007 Spanish Morphology, FL 2219 Phonetics and Orthoëpics, FL 2160 Spanish Grammar for Modern Languages.
- 2005 Linguistics Consultant· Ministry of Culture, Costa Rica
Project: "Tangible and Intangible Cultural Heritage" (Bribri, Caribbean Region). PI. Giselle Chang Vargas.
- 2004 Adjunct Professor· University of Costa Rica
 Department of Classical Philology. **Course:** FL 2021 Introduction to Mythology at undergraduate level.
- 2004-2005 Research Assistant· Costa Rican Academy of Spanish Language
Projects: "Dictionary of the Royal Academy of Spanish (DRAE)", "Pan-Hispanic Dictionary of Doubts of the Royal Academy of Spanish". PI. Adolfo Constenla Umaña.
- 2003 Research Assistant· University of Costa Rica-University of Bergen
Project: "Preparation of a book on Spanish as a Second Language (Libro ELE)". PIs: Flor Garita Hernández and Anita B. Chiquito.

2002-2003

Teaching Assistant· University of Costa Rica

Department of Classical Philology. **Courses:** FL 3203 Advanced Latin I (grader),
FL 4147 Advanced Sanskrit (grader), FL 3008 Spanish Syntax (grader).

PUBLICATIONS

- under review* Lowe, John J., **Molina-Muñoz, A.** & Ruppel, A. *Raising over control: Raising, control and the passive in Sanskrit*, Language.
- Lowe, John J., **Molina-Muñoz, A.** & Ruppel, A. *Passive and causative in Sanskrit*, Transactions of the Philological Society.
- 2021 **Molina-Muñoz, A.** *A statistical model of syntactic and non-syntactic factors affecting relative clause placement in Hindi*, in Ghanshyam Sharma and John J. Lowe (eds.), Trends in South Asian Linguistics, vol. 367, in the series Trends in Linguistics: Studies and Monographs. Berlin: de Gruyter Mouton, pp. 43-76.
- Lowe, John J., **Molina-Muñoz, A.** & Ruppel, A. *Raising and passive in Sanskrit*, in Mirriam Butt, Jamie Y. Findlay and Ida Toivonen (eds.), Proceedings of the LFG21 Conference, Stanford, CA: CSLI Publications, pp. 243-263.
- 2019 Lowe, John J., **Molina-Muñoz, A.** & Ruppel, A. *Causatives and their Passives in Sanskrit*, in Miriam Butt, Tracy Holloway King and Ida Toivonen (eds.), Proceedings of the Lexical-Functional Grammar Conference 19th, Stanford, CA: CSLI Publications, pp. 212-232.
- 2015 Coto-Solano, R., **Molina-Muñoz, A.** & García, A. *Correlative Structures in Bribri*. University of British Columbia Working Papers in Linguistics, pp. 27-41.
- 2013 **Molina-Muñoz, A.** *Sanskrit Compounds and the Architecture of the Grammar*, in Shu-Fen Chen Benjamin Slade (eds.) Grammatica et verba. Studies in South Asian, Historical and Indo-European Linguistics: A Festschrift in Honour of Professor Hans H. Hock on the occasion of his 75th birthday. Ann Arbor: Beech StavePress, pp. 181-201.
- 2004 **Molina-Muñoz, A.** (contributing writer). *Libro ELE Spanish Grammar*, e-learning book, URL: <http://interaktivspansk.uib.no/about2/no/>

CONFERENCE AND INVITED TALKS

- 2023 Benson, J., Lowe, J., **Molina-Muñoz, A.** & Shen, Y. *Kaunḍabhaṭṭa on samāsaśakti*. 233rd American Oriental Society Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, California, 1-13 March 2023.
- Lowe, John J., **Molina-Muñoz, A.** & Ruppel, A. *Control vs. complex predication: infinitival constructions in Sanskrit*. 18th World Sanskrit Conference. Canberra, Australia, 9-13 January.
- 2022 **Molina-Muñoz, A.** *Reduplicated Relative Pronouns and Domain Widening in Sanskrit*. 36th South Asian Linguistic Analysis Roundtable (SALA36), 26 November 2022.
- Lowe, John J., **Molina-Muñoz, A.** & Ruppel, A. *Relative constructions in Classical Sanskrit*. 34th Deutscher Orientalistentag, Berlin, 14 September 2022.
- Lowe, John J., **Molina-Muñoz, A.** & Ruppel, A. *Relative constructions in Classical Sanskrit*. 232nd Annual Meeting of the American Oriental Society, Boston, 21 March.
- 2021 Lowe, John J., **Molina-Muñoz, A.** & Ruppel, A. *Passive control structures in Sanskrit*. 26th International Lexical-Functional Grammar Conference, Online, 15 July.
- Molina-Muñoz, A.** *Corpus Linguistics, Statistical Methods and Sanskrit Syntax*. Invited Talk at Cardamom Project Series at NUIG, Galway, 26 April, Online.
- Lowe, John J., **Molina-Muñoz, A.** & Ruppel, A. *The Structure of Sanskrit Infinitival Complement Clauses*. 231st Annual Meeting of the American Oriental Society, Online, 14 March.

- 2020 Lowe, John J., **Molina-Muñoz, A.** & Ruppel, A. *Control vs. complex predication: Infinitival constructions in Sanskrit*. Societas Linguistica Europaea, Bucharest (online), 31 August.
- Molina-Muñoz, A.** *(Non-)Restrictiveness in Adnominal Relative Clauses in Hindi*. 36th South Asian Languages Analysis Roundtable, Nepal, 8-10 July 2020 (postponed until further notice due to covid-19).
- 2019 Lowe, John J., **Molina-Muñoz, A.** & Ruppel, A. *Sanskrit Passive Causatives*. 18th Annual UCLA Indo-European Conference, UCLA, 8 November.
- Molina-Muñoz, A.** *A Corpus-based Study of Grammatical Weight and Information Structure in Hindi Relative Clauses*. 35th South Asian Languages Analysis Roundtable, Paris, 31 October.
- Lowe, John J., **Molina-Muñoz, A.** & Ruppel, A. *Causatives and their passives in Sanskrit*. Poster at the 24th International Lexical-Functional Grammar Conference, Canberra, 9 July.
- 2018 **Molina-Muñoz, A.** *In the Light of Change: Multi-headed Relative Clauses in Sanskrit and Hindi*. 17th World Sanskrit Conference, Vancouver, 9-14 July.
- 2017 **Molina-Muñoz, A.** *On Peripheries and Locality of Merge in Hindi-Urdu Finite Relative Clauses*. 33th South Asian Languages Analysis Roundtable, Poland, 15-17 May.
- Molina-Muñoz, A.** & **Coto-Solano, R.** *Non-topical Pragmatic Functions of Bribri Intermittent Ergative Marking*. Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA), Washington DC, 7-10 January.
- 2016 **Molina-Muñoz, A.** & **Coto-Solano, R.** *Ergative and Relativization in Bribri*. Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA), Washington DC, 7-10 January. **Outstanding Student Abstract Award**
- 2016 **Molina-Muñoz, A.** *The (Im)perfect Vedic Dilemma: Reanalysis of the Perfect and Imperfect in Vedic Sanskrit*. Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Washington, DC, 7-10 January.
- 2012 **Molina-Muñoz, A.** *On the Right-Periphery: A Diachronic Study of Right-peripheral Relative Clauses in Hindi-Urdu*. 5th Syntax of World Languages (SWL5), Dubrovnik, Croatia, 1-5 October.
- 2011 **Molina-Muñoz, A.** *PF-compounds in Sanskrit and the Architecture of Grammar*. Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Pittsburg, PA, 6-9 January.
- Molina-Muñoz, A.** *Post-syntactic analysis of Sanskrit Compounds*. 29th Annual Meeting of the South Asian Language Analysis Roundtable, Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysore, India, 6-8 January.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

International

- 2016 Research Associateship (not accepted). University Grants Commission, India
- 2011 AIIS Language Program Fellowship. American Institute of Indian Studies, Advanced Hindi Program, Jaipur, India.
- 2006-2008 Fulbright-LASPAU: Academic and Professional Program for the Americas. U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs and Harvard University. Funding for the PhD Program.
- 2005-2007 AECI Award: Royal Academy of Spanish Language. Spanish International

Cooperation Agency (AECI) and Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation (MAEC).

Local

- 2022-2026 Research Fellowship. Wolfson College, University of Oxford.
- 2019-2022 Junior Research Fellowship. Wolfson College, University of Oxford.
- 2020 Academic Fund for Fellows. Wolfson College, University of Oxford.
- 2012 LAS Award for Humanities. Department of Linguistics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2010, 2011 Cognitive Science/Artificial Intelligence Summer Award. Beckman Institute for Advanced Science and Technology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2010 Included in the "List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by their Students", University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2008-2011 Conference Travel Grants. Department of Linguistics, Graduate College-LAS and Student Organization Fund (SORF), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2004-2005 AECI Award: Costa Rican Academy of Spanish Language. Costa Rican Academy of Spanish Language and Association of Regional Academies of Spanish Language.
- 2004 Grant for the Promotion of Costa Rican Culture. Ferdinand Rothe Foundation. Costa Rica.
- 2001-2004 Full Scholarship with Honors. Fellowship for distinguished students. University of Costa Rica.
- 2003 Highest GPA. University-wide at the graduate level. University of Costa Rica.
- Highest GPA. In the Area of Arts and Literature at the graduate level. University of Costa Rica.
- Highest GPA. Masters in Linguistics. University of Costa Rica.
- 2002 Highest GPA. University-wide at the undergraduate level. University of Costa Rica.
- Highest GPA. In the Area of Arts and Literature at the undergraduate level. University of Costa Rica.
- 2000-2002 Highest GPA. Bachelor in Classical Philology. University of Costa Rica.

ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC TRAINING

- 2020-2021 *Indian Linguistics Course*. Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Oxford.
- 2020 *Early Hindi & Braj Bhasha Workshop*. South Asia Research Cluster, Wolfson college, University of Oxford. 13-25 July. Online.
- 2019-2020 *Braj Bhasha Course*. Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Oxford.
- 2011 *Advanced Hindi Summer Program*. American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS), 16 June - 21 August, Jaipur, India.
- 2010 *Syntax Fest*. Indiana University, 15-19 June, USA.
- 2009 *Summer School in Spoken Sanskrit*. University of Heidelberg, 1-21 August, Germany.

- 2007 *Fulbright Enrichment Seminar: Leadership and Public Service*. U.S. Department of State, 22-25 March, NYC, USA.
- 2005 *Seminar on Lexicographic Projects*. Spanish International Cooperation Agency (AECI) and Association of Spanish Language Academies, 28 June- 5 July, Madrid, Spain.

TEACHING CERTIFICATIONS

- 2012 *Graduate Teaching Certificate (GTC)*. Center for Excellence in Teaching, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2012 *Pro-seminar for language teaching*. Department of Spanish, Italian and Portuguese, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2006 *Didactics in Higher Education*. Center of Higher Education, University of Costa Rica.

SERVICE

- 2021-present *Wolfram College* · College Advisor.
- 2022 *Linguistics Notebooks, Colegio de México* · Peer reviewer.
- 2021-2022 *Asian and African Studies, Colegio de México* · Peer reviewer.
- 2021 *Studies in Language* · Peer reviewer.
- FHS Modern Languages and Linguistics: XII Syntax* · Exam Marker.
- Sanskrit Syntax Panel at the World Sanskrit Conference* · Organizing Committee. (postponed due to covid-19 to 2023)
- 2011, 2016 *Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America* · Student Volunteer.
- 2009 *1st Annual Meeting of the Illinois Language and Linguistics Society* · Organizing Committee.
- 2008-present *Costa Rica-India Cultural Association (CRIA)* · Co-founder.

COMPUTER SKILLS

- Programming* Python, L^AT_EX, R, Mathematica, HTML.
- Statistics* R, SPSS, STATA, Microsoft Excel.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

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| SPANISH | · Native |
| ENGLISH | · Nearly Native |
| SANSKRIT | · Advanced reading |
| HINDI | · Intermediate reading, writing, speaking |
| BRAJ BHASHA | · Intermediate reading |
| GERMAN | · Basic reading |
| FRENCH | · Intermediate reading, basic speaking |
| BRIBRI | · Basic reading |
| LATIN | · Intermediate reading |
| ANCIENT GREEK | · Intermediate reading |

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- AMERICAN ORIENTAL SOCIETY (AOS) · 2019-present
- LINGUISTICS SOCIETY OF AMERICA (LSA) · 2011-present
- SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES OF THE AMERICAS (SSILA) · 2016-present