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Nationality: Singaporean

Languages: (Singapore) English, Mandarin

EDUCATION

2021–	**Massachusetts Institute of Technology** Ph.D in Linguistics
2019–2020	**National University of Singapore** MA by Research in English Language and Linguistics (part-time) Thesis: *The semantics of plurality in Burmese* Advisor: Michael Yoshitaka Erlewine
2014–2018	BA with Honours in English Language and Linguistics Thesis: *Predicate-fronting in Burmese* Advisor: Michael Yoshitaka Erlewine

SUMMER SCHOOLS

2019, 2022	Crete Summer School of Linguistics (CreteLing) University of Crete
2018	Form-meaning mismatches Summer School University of Göttingen
2017	Chulalongkorn Summer School of Southeast Asian Linguistics Chulalongkorn University

PUBLICATIONS

JOURNAL ARTICLES

2021	Michael Yoshitaka Erlewine & **Keely New**. "A variably exhaustive and scalar focus particle and pragmatic focus concord in Burmese." *Semantics & Pragmatics* 14, article 7, 1–54.

PROCEEDING PAPERS

2024	**Keely New**, Premvanti Patel & Athulya Aravind. "How toddlers answer multiple *wh*-questions." *Proceedings of the 48th Annual Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD 48).*
2021	**Keely New**. "A post-suppositional account of associative plurals in Burmese." In Nicole Dreier, Chloe Kwon, Thomas Darnell, and John Starr (eds.), *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 31.* Pages 166–183.

2021	Wenkai Tay, **Keely New**, Mary Dalrymple & Dag Haug. "Reciprocal scope in Mandarin." In Alessa Farinella and Angelica Hill (eds.), *Proceedings of the 51th meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 51).* Pages 215–228.
2021	Kenyon Branan & **Keely New**. "Pronominal paradigms in two varieties of English." In Rachel Soo, Una Y. Chow, and Sandar Nederveen (eds.), *Proceedings of the 38th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 38).* Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Press. Pages 85–93.
2018	**Keely New** & Michael Yoshitaka Erlewine. "The expression of exhaustivity and scalarity in Burmese" In Sireesmas Maspong, Brynhildur Stefánsdóttir, Katherine Blake, and Forest Davis (eds.), *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 28.* Pages 271–288.

Volumes Edited

2021	Hsieh Henrison & **Keely New** (eds.). *AFLA 27: The proceedings of the 27th meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association.* University of Western Ontario.

Manuscripts

submitted	Wenkai Tay, **Keely New**, Mary Dalrymple & Dag Haug. "Reciprocal scope in Mandarin."
in revision	**Keely New.** "Predicate-fronting and animacy in Burmese."
2020	**Keely New.** "The semantics of plurality in Burmese." MA thesis.
2018	**Keely New.** "Predicate-fronting in Burmese." BA honours thesis.

Presentations

Refereed

2024	**Keely New.** "On the optionality of subject voice morphology in Jakarta Indonesian." Talk at the 27th International Symposium on Malay and Indonesian Linguistics (ISMIL 27), National University of Singapore, June 5–7, 2024.
2024	**Keely New.** "Voice and the variable position of auxiliaries in Colloquial Jakartan Indonesian." Talk at the Linguistic Society of America 100, New York City, January 4–7, 2024.
2023	**Keely New**, Premvanti Patel & Athulya Aravind. "How toddlers answer multiple *wh*-questions." Talk at the 48th Annual Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD 48), Boston University, November 2–5, 2023.
2021	**Keely New**. "A post-suppositional account of associative plurals in Burmese."

- Talk at TripleA 8: Semantics of African, Asian, and Austronesian languages, National University of Singapore, June 23–25, 2021.
- Talk at Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 31, Brown University, May 7–9, 2021.

2020   Wenkai Tay, **Keely New**, Mary Dalrymple, & Dag Haug. "Reciprocal scope in Mandarin." Main session talk at the 51th meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 51), Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM), November 6–8, 2020.

2020   Kenyon Branan & **Keely New**. "Pronominal paradigms in two varieties of English."

- Talk at West Coast Conference of Formal Linguistics (WCCFL) 38, University of British Columbia, March 6–8, 2020.
- ~~Talk at Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS) 56~~ cancelled due to pandemic.

2019   **Keely New**. "Predicate-fronting and animacy in Burmese."

- Poster presentation at GLOW in Asia XII, Dongguk University, Seoul, August 6–9, 2019.
- Poster presentation at Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS) 55, May 16–18, 2019.
- Talk at Southeast Asian Linguistics Society (SEALS) 29, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, May 27–29, 2019.

2018   **Keely New** & Michael Yoshitaka Erlewine. "The expression of exhaustivity and scalarity in Burmese." Poster presentation at Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 28, MIT, May 18–20, 2018.

NON-REFEREED

2024   **Keely New**. "On the apparent lack of multiple *wh*-questions in Jakarta Indonesian."

- Talk at Yale Syntax reading group, Yale University, November 1, 2024.
- Talk at the Syntax/semantics reading group, National University of Singapore, January 7, 2025.

2024   **Keely New**. "There's no deletion in *meN-deletion*." Talk at S-Babble (Syntax/Semantics discussion group), UC San Diego, May 28, 2024.

2023   **Keely New**, Rachel Stacey & Athulya Aravind. "Acquisition of multiple *wh*-questions in 2- and 3-year olds." Talk at the Language Acquisition Workshop in New England (LAWNE), University of Connecticut, April 15, 2023.

2022   **Keely New**. "Associative plurals and the plural pronoun construction." Talk at the Southern New England Workshop in Semantics (SNEWS) 2022. Yale University, November 12, 2022.

2022	**Keely New**. "Island-sensitivity of *wh-the-hell* in *wh*-in-situ languages."
	• Talk at ECO-5 at UConn, February 25, 2023
	• Poster presentation at The 4th Crete Summer School of Linguistics (CreteLing), University of Crete, July 21, 2022.
	• Talk at the Singapore Summer Meeting 2022. National University of Singapore. July 5, 2022.
2022	**Keely New**. "On the variable modal force of the modal particle *yá* in Burmese." Talk at the Syntax/semantics reading group, National University of Singapore, July 12, 2022.
2019	**Keely New**. "Predicate-fronting and animacy in Burmese." Poster presentation at The 3rd Crete Summer School of Linguistics (CreteLing), University of Crete, July 2019.
2018	**Keely New** & Michael Yoshitaka Erlewine. "The expression of exhaustivity and scalarity in Burmese." Talk at the Form-meaning mismatches Summer School. University of Göttingen, July 2018.

Research Assistantships

2019–2021	Research Assistant. NUS Syntax/Semantics Lab. Department of English Language and Literature, National University of Singapore. PI: Michael Yoshitaka Erlewine.
2017–2018	Student Research Assistant, "Comparative Syntax through Asian Perspectives." Department of English Language and Literature, National University of Singapore. PI: Yosuke Sato.
2018	Student Research Assistant, Psycholinguistics Lab. "Bilingualism & Semantic Priming." Department of Psychology, National University of Singapore. PIs: Adeetee Bhide & Melvin J. Yap.

Grants

2022, 2023	MIT Ken Hale Fund fieldwork grant for research on Burmese
2020	Singapore Ministry of Education Tier 1 grant (as collaborator), $17,062 SGD "Hosting the 27th meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association"

Teaching

2023	Teaching Assistant, Language and its structure III: Semantics and Pragmantics (Instructor: Martin Hackl) *Massachusetts Institute of Technology*
2022	Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Linguistics (Instructor: Adam Albright) *Massachusetts Institute of Technology*

2022	Teaching Assistant, Intermediate Syntax I: Verbal Morphosyntax & Binding Theory (Instructor: Sabine Iatridou)
	CreteLing Summer School
2019	Teaching Assistant, Field Methods in Linguistics (Instructor: Michael Yoshitaka Erlewine)
	National University of Singapore

SERVICE

CONFERENCE ORGANISING

2024	North East Linguistics Society (NELS) 54 at MIT, 2024
	Co-organised with Johanna Alstott, Agnes Bi, Giovanni Roversi, Zhouyi Sun, Stanislao Zompì.
2022	ECO-5 at MIT, April 16, 2022
	Co-organised with Yadav Gowda.
2020	Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association 27 at NUS, August 20–22, 2020
	Co-organised with Kenyon Branan, Michael Yoshitaka Erlewine, Henrison Hsieh, Zheng Shen
2019	The first Singapore Summer Meeting 2019 at NUS, July 13, 2019.
2019	Workshop on Approaches to Wh-Intervention at NUS, June 5–7, 2019.
	Co-organised with Michael Yoshitaka Erlewine, Kenyon Branan

REVIEWING

2022, 2023	Abstract reviewing for TripleA

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE

2023–24	Co-organiser for MIT colloquium series, MIT Linguistics
2022, 2023	Co-organiser for prospective student open house, MIT Linguistics
2022	Co-organiser for Semantics Triangle (reading group), MIT Linguistics
2022	Co-organiser for Syntax Square (reading group), MIT Linguistics

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