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## Current Title/Affiliation

Apr 2024 – .... ━ ━ **Ph.D. Student** The University of Osaka (Osaka, Japan), Graduate School of Humanities, Division of Language and Culture

May 2025 – .... ━ ━ **Research Assistant** The University of Osaka (Osaka, Japan), Graduate School of Humanities, Division of Language and Culture  
Project title: Theoretical approaches to natural language

## Research Interests

- ━ Linguistic Theories; Syntax, Morphology
- ━ Comparative Morphology; Allomorphy, Conjugation systems in Japanese and other languages

## Education

### Degrees

2022 – 2024 ━ ━ **M.A. in Language and Culture.** The University of Osaka, Osaka, Japan.  
Thesis title: *Locality Constraints on Allomorphy: Japanese Verbal Morphology in the Causative-Inchoative Alternation.*

2018 – 2022 ━ ━ **B.A. in Foreign Studies.** Kobe City University of Foreign Studies, Kobe, Japan.  
Thesis title: *Syntactic Asymmetry in the Dative Alternation: A Case of the English Verb-Particle Construction.*

## Employment History

### Work Experience (Universities)

May 2025 – .... ━ ━ **Research Assistant.** The University of Osaka (Osaka, Japan), Graduate School of Humanities, Division of Language and Culture

Apr 2025 – .... ━ ━ **Part-time Lecturer.** Setsunan University (Osaka, Japan), Faculty of International Studies

Jan 2023 – Feb 2023 ━ ━ **Research Assistant.** The University of Osaka (Osaka, Japan), Center for International Education and Exchange

Oct 2022 – Feb 2024 ━ ━ **Teaching Assistant.** The University of Osaka (Osaka, Japan), Center for International Education and Exchange

### Work Experience (Others)

Apr 2024 – .... ━ ━ **Part-time Lecturer.** Josho Gakuen High School / Junior High School (Osaka, Japan), Division of English

Apr 2024 – Mar 2025 ━ ━ **Part-time Lecturer.** Naniwa Gakuin High School (Osaka, Japan), Division of English

## Employment History (continued)

Apr 2023 – Mar 2024

- **Part-time Lecturer.** **Sakai Liberal Junior High School (Osaka, Japan)**, Division of English
- **Part-time Lecturer.** **Kyoto Nishiyama High School (Kyoto, Japan)**, Division of English

## Research Publications

### Conference Proceedings

- 1 **T. Nagano**, "Decomposing causative/passive morphemes in Japanese," in *Proceedings of the 27th Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar (SICOGG 27)*, A. Kang, Ed., The Korean Generative Grammar Circle, 2025, pp. 182–191.  URL: <https://sites.google.com/view/sicogg27/proceedings>.
- 2 **T. Nagano** and K. Tateno, "Morpho-semantic notes on *unhappier*," in *Proceedings of The 33rd Edition of the Conference of the Student Organisation of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE 33)*, F. Longo, L. R. Cardona, T. Sgrizzi, and H. Tamleh, Eds., 2025, pp. 248–257.
- 3 A. Yamada and **T. Nagano**, "Not always introducing arguments: The syntax of high-applicative constructions in Japanese," in *Proceedings of Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics 17*, E.-O. Tumen-Ochir, J. Sinitzyna, and S. Miyagawa, Eds., MIT Working Papers in Linguistics, 2024, pp. 299–306.  URL: <http://mitwpl.mit.edu/catalog/mwpl94/>.
- 4 A. Yamada and **T. Nagano**, "The 'passivized' high applicative construction in Japanese," in *Proceedings of the 166th Meeting of the Linguistic Society of Japan*, 2023.  URL: [https://ls-japan.jpn.org/modules/documents/LSJpapers/meeting/166/handouts/p/P-22\\_166.pdf](https://ls-japan.jpn.org/modules/documents/LSJpapers/meeting/166/handouts/p/P-22_166.pdf).

### Department Bulletin Papers

- 1 **T. Nagano**, *Phonological allomorphs of sase*, 2025, pp. 33–42.  DOI: <https://doi.org/10.18910/102184>.

### Conference Presentations

- 1 **T. Nagano**, *Decomposing causative/passive morphemes in Japanese*, **Poster Presentation**, *The 27th Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar (SICOGG 27)*. Sogang University, Seoul, South Korea. Aug 14–16, 2025.
- 2 **T. Nagano** and K. Tateno, *Morpho-semantic notes on unhappier*, **Oral Presentation**, *The 33rd Edition of the Conference of the Student Organisation of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE)*, The University of Göttingen, Göttingen, Germany. Jan 29–31, 2025.
- 3 **T. Nagano**, *Deriving Japanese causative morphemes from a single phonological form*, **Poster Presentation**, *The 169th Meeting of the Linguistic Society of Japan*. Hokkaido University, Hokkaido, Japan. Nov 9–10, 2024.
- 4 A. Yamada and **T. Nagano**, *Not always introducing arguments: The syntax of high-applicative constructions in Japanese*, **Poster Presentation**, *The 17th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics (WAFL 17)*. National University of Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. Sep 27–29, 2023.
- 5 A. Yamada and **T. Nagano**, *The 'passivized' high applicative construction in Japanese*, **Poster Presentation**, *The 166th Meeting of the Linguistic Society of Japan*. Senshu University, Tokyo, Japan. Jun 17–18, 2023.
- 6 **T. Nagano**, *Phonological rules and syntactic structure of deverbal complex nouns in Japanese*, **Oral Presentation**, *Morphology and Lexicon Forum (MLF) 2021*, via Zoom. Sep 4–5, 2021.

## Miscellaneous Works

### Talks (Non Peer-Reviewed)

Oct 30, 2025 ┌ A Non-Unified Approach to Japanese Passives. *The 459th Meeting of Language, Computer, Communication Circle (LCCC)*, The University of Osaka, Osaka, Japan.

Jul 5, 2025 ┌ Decomposing Causative/Passive Morphemes in Japanese. *Meeting of Kansai Lexicon Program (KLP)*, The University of Osaka, Osaka, Japan.

Apr 26, 2025 ┌ Decomposing *sase* and *rare*. *Member internal seminar of JSPS Core-Core Program "International Research Network for the Human Language Faculty"*, via Zoom.

Feb 6, 2025 ┌ Get Passive/Causative in Japanese. *The 453th Meeting of Language, Computer, Communication Circle (LCCC)*, The University of Osaka, Osaka, Japan.

Sep 5, 2024 ┌ (with Kanta Tateno) On the Mopho-Semantic Issues of *more unhappy*. *The 448th Meeting of Language, Computer, Communication Circle (LCCC)*, The University of Osaka, Osaka, Japan.

Aug 1, 2024 ┌ On the Transitivity Marker *e* in Japanese – A Morphosyntactic Account. *The 447th Meeting of Language, Computer, Communication Circle (LCCC)*, The University of Osaka, Osaka, Japan.

Jul 27, 2023 ┌ Voice Morphology in Japanese. *The 438th Meeting of Language, Computer, Communication Circle (LCCC)*, The University of Osaka, Osaka, Japan.

Jun 9, 2022 ┌ Syntactic Asymmetry in the Dative Alternation: A Case of the English Verb-Particle Construction. *The 426th Meeting of Language, Computer, Communication Circle (LCCC)*, The University of Osaka, Osaka, Japan.

### Theses

Jan 2024 ┌ *Locality Constraints on Allomorphy: Japanese Verbal Morphology in the Causative-Inchoative Alternation*. M.A. Thesis, The University of Osaka  
Committee: Masao Ochi, Akitaka Yamada, Hirotaka Nakajima

Jan 2022 ┌ *Syntactic Asymmetry in the Dative Alternation: A Case of the English Verb-Particle Construction*. Graduate Thesis, Kobe City University of Foreign Studies.  
Committee: Norio Nasu, Franklin Chang

## Teaching Experience

### Instructor

Apr 2025 – ··· ┌ **Basic English.** Setsunan University, Osaka, Japan  
Introductory English course for freshmen.

### Teaching Assistant

Oct 2022 – Feb 2024 ┌ **JA 100.** The University of Osaka, Osaka, Japan  
Introductory Japanese course for international exchange students  
(Instructor: Associate Professor Kozi Namba)

## Miscellaneous Experience

### Fellowship

Apr 2026 – Mar 2028 ┌ **JSPS Research Fellow**, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)

## Miscellaneous Experience (continued)

Nov 2025      **Fulbright Program, Graduate Study Grant (Alternate)**, Japan–U.S. Educational Commission (JUSEC)

Apr 2024 – Mar 2026      **JST Spring**, The University of Osaka, Grant No. JPMJSP2138

**Academic Services**

Apr 2025 – …      **Tutor of an international student. The University of Osaka (Osaka, Japan)**, Graduate School of Humanities, Division of Language and Culture, Supervised by Prof. Masao Ochi

Dec 2024 – Dec 2024      **Local student staff** at International Workshop 2024 of JSPS Core-Core Program "International Research Network for the Human Language Faculty", The University of Osaka, Osaka, Japan.

Oct 2024 – Feb 2025      **Tutor of an international student. The University of Osaka (Osaka, Japan)**, Graduate School of Humanities, Division of Language and Culture, Supervised by Prof. Kozi Ueda

Jan 2023 – Feb 2025      **Editor for KLS (Kansai Linguistic Society) Selected Papers**

**Certification**

Mar 2022      **High School Teaching Licence in Japan (English)**. Certified by Hyogo Prefectural Board of Education.

 **Junior High School Teaching Licence in Japan (English)**. Certified by Hyogo Prefectural Board of Education.

## Skills

### Languages

Native	 Japanese
Fluent	 English
Beginner	 Spanish
Coursework	 Ainu

### Others

Coding	 L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X
Web Dev	 HTML, CSS

## References

Available on Request

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