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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](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. Sinitsyna, and S. Miyagawa, Eds., MIT Working Papers in Linguistics, 2024, pp. 299–306. [URL: http://mitwpl.mit.edu/catalog/mwpl94/](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 Bulliten Papers

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