

Sample titles from past projects

- Interesting to see how informative—or not—a title can be when removed from its paper!

Phonology and phonetics

Japanese Rap Rhymes and Phonological Similarity
 Contraction with Sino-Japanese Roots
 Japanese Adaptation of Loanwords
 Pitch-Accent Analysis: Comparing the Tokyo dialect to the Ensyuu dialect
 F0 Differences in the Case Marking and the Postpositional *ni* Particle
 Acquisition of Lexical Strata in Japanese Loanwords [*grad student*]

Morphology

Mimetic Categorization: An analysis of Akita's model
 Noun-verb compounds and *pro*
 A Limited Exploration of Facultative Animacy in Japanese as Revealed Through Plural Usage
 Differences in the *te-iru* Conjugation in the Japanese Language
 The Structure of Japanese Honorifics
 Nominalization in Japanese
 Japanese Verb Inflection: Models of Processing
 Rendaku: Is it more prevalent in one syntactic category?
 The Case of Rendaku Immunity

Syntax and semantics

Is *da* a copula?
 Null pronouns
 Kansai Dialects and Types of *ni*
 Constraints on the use of Japanese conditional markers
 The Function of *-wa* in Japanese Discourse
 Representing Scrambling: A Parser Using Tree-Adjoining Grammar
 Japanese psych-verbs: A window into traditional approaches to psych-verbs [*grad student*]

Sociolinguistics

Giving Orders: A Comparison of Japanese Male and Female Speech
 Sentence Final Particles and Gender in Japanese
 Effects of Gender Role and Politeness on Pitch
 Understanding Japanese First-Person Pronoun Usage with Regards to Age and Social Hierarchy
 Changing Polite Speech (*Keigo*)

Second-language acquisition

English L1 Japanese L2 speakers' production of geminate stops
 Syllable/Mora Structure and Language Learners
 Japanese *gairaigo*'s effect on English L2 acquisition for native Japanese speakers