

MIRELLA L. BLUM

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Tone, morphophonology, morphosyntax, field linguistics and documentation, African languages, Dinka (West Nilotic)

EDUCATION

University of Edinburgh. Edinburgh, UK. PhD Linguistics (expected)	Expected 2023
University of Edinburgh. Edinburgh, UK. MSc Linguistics, with Distinction <i>Dissertation: Cross-dialect variation in Dinka tonal morphology</i>	11/2020
Barnard College of Columbia University. New York, USA. BA French Translation and Literature, <i>cum laude</i> , Department Honors, GPA 3.77/4	05/2018
Université Lumière Lyon 2. Lyon, France. Diplôme Universitaire d'Etudes Françaises niveau C1 (University Diploma of French Studies, level C1)	06/2017

PUBLICATIONS

D. Robert Ladd and **Mirella L. Blum.** *In press.* On the systematic nature of Dinka noun number morphology. *Journal of African Languages and Linguistics.* [Accepted December 2020]

Mirella L. Blum. 2021. On the nature of adjectives: evidence from Dinka. *Glossa: a journal of general linguistics* 6(1). doi: <https://doi.org/10.16995/glossa.5765>

INVITED TALKS

November 2021. *Insights into Dinka noun number morphology.* Linguistics Circle, Surrey Morphology Group, University of Surrey.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Mirella L. Blum. December 2021. *Floating tone in Dinka and its tie to time pressure on contour tones.* 1st International Conference on Tone and Intonation (TAI). Sonderborg, Denmark.

Mirella L. Blum. August 2021. *On the definition of adjectives in Dinka.* Workshop 'Adjective: the unknown category,' Societas Linguistica Europaea, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (online).

Mirella L. Blum. August 2021. *The interaction of tone and vowel length in Bor South Dinka.* 15th Nilo-Saharan Linguistics Colloquium (online).

Mirella L. Blum and Bert Remijsen. June 2021. *Cross-dialect tonal variation in the Padang dialects of Dinka.* Phonetics and Phonology in Europe, Universitat Pompeu Fabra and the Universitat de Barcelona (online).

Mirella L. Blum and Bert Remijsen. June 2021. *Between-dialect variation in Dinka tone systems.* Workshop 'Decomposing Tones in African Languages,' 10th World Congress of African Linguistics, Leiden University (online).

Mirella L. Blum. April 2021. *On the definition of adjectives in Dinka.* Annual Conference of African Linguistics 51-52, University of Florida (online).

Mirella L. Blum. September 2020. *Verbal inflection and tense-aspect in Bor Dinka.* 50th Colloquium of African Languages and Linguistics, Leiden University (online).

Mirella L. Blum. June 2020. *A descriptive analysis of the tone system of Hol Dinka.* Edinburgh Centre for Data, Culture & Society ‘Cancelled Conference Conference.’

Mirella L. Blum. 2020. *A descriptive analysis of the tone system of Hol Dinka.* Linguistics & English Language Postgraduate Conference at the University of Edinburgh (cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic).

AWARDS

PPLS Highly Commended Dissertation Prize. 2020. *For an MSc dissertation mark of 80+*

TECH SKILLS

FLEx, Python, Praat: basic proficiency

LANGUAGES

French: full professional working proficiency (Diplôme approfondi de langue française, level C1)

Mandarin Chinese: limited working proficiency

Japanese: elementary proficiency

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

PPLS Equality, Diversity, & Inclusion Committee. *Student Representative* 09/2021 – 09/2022

15th Nilo-Saharan Linguistics Colloquium. Online. *Organising Committee* 07/2020 – 08/2021

LELPGC20, University of Edinburgh. Edinburgh, UK. *Organising Committee* 12/2019 – 05/2020

Endangered Language Alliance. New York City, USA. *Research* 02/2019 – 09/2019

MEMBERSHIPS

Societas Linguistica Europaea

Association of Contemporary African Linguistics

The Linguistics Association of Great Britain

The Sudan Studies Society of the United Kingdom

LSA Committee on Endangered Languages and Their Preservation

Linguistic Society of America