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RESEARCH INTERESTS

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

EDUCATION

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| University of Edinburgh. Edinburgh, UK. PhD Linguistics | Expected 2023 |
| University of Edinburgh. Edinburgh, UK. Master of Science in 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

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>

D. Robert Ladd and **Mirella L. Blum.** 2021. On the systematic nature of Dinka noun number morphology. *Journal of African Languages and Linguistics* 42(2). doi: <https://doi.org/10.1515/jall-2021-2020>

Mirella L. Blum. *In press.* The tone system of the Ngok dialect of Dinka.

Bert Remijsen, **Mirella L. Blum**, and Jon Pen de Ngong. *Under review.* Voice quality and tone as independent dimensions of contrast in Dinka.

Mirella L. Blum. *Unpublished manuscript, to be submitted to Phonology.* Floating tone and phrasal tone sandhi in Dinka.

INVITED TALKS

February 2022. *Methodology for remote fieldwork during (and after) COVID-19.* LACITO (Langues et civilisations à tradition orale), CNRS, Paris.

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

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Mirella L. Blum. November 2022. *The interaction of tone sandhi and prosodic domain in Dinka.* Western Conference on Linguistics, California State University, Fresno.

Mirella L. Blum. August 2022. *Floating tone in Dinka.* Colloquium of African Languages and Linguistics, Leiden University.

Matthew Baerman and **Mirella L. Blum.** August 2022. *Incongruent analogy in Dinka vowel grades.* International Conference on Historical Linguistics 2022, University of Oxford.

Bert Remijsen and **Mirella L. Blum.** June 2022. *The interaction of voice quality and tone in Dinka.* 18th Conference on Laboratory Phonology. [poster]

Mirella L. Blum. April 2022. *Does Dinka have tripartite number marking?* Annual Conference of African Linguistics 53, UCSD.

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.

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

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. [poster]

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.

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

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

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

PhD Scholarship. 2020 – 2023. *Part of a Leverhulme Trust Research Project Grant (RPG-2020-040 to Bert Remijsen)*

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

Linguistics & English Language DEI and Decolonization reading group. *Convenor* 09/2021 – present

PPLS Equality, Diversity, & Inclusion Committee. *Student Representative* 09/2021 – 09/2023

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