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Academic appointments

2023–26

Senior postdoctoral researcher, FWO. Department of Linguistics, Ghent University

2023

Lecturer in Minorities and Multilingualism. University of Groningen

2020–22

Rubicon postdoctoral researcher, NWO. Department of Linguistics, Ghent University

2018–20

Postdoctoral researcher, ELDP. Department of Linguistics, UC Berkeley

2014–18

PhD employee. Center for Language and Cognition, University of Groningen
Supervisors: Jan-Wouter Zwart, Francesc Queixalós

2012–14

Lecturer. Department of Translation and Language Sciences, Pompeu Fabra University

Education

2018 University of Groningen, PhD in Linguistics

Thesis: *Case and agreement in Panará*. Advisors: Jan-Wouter Zwart, Francesc Queixalós

2013 Denis Diderot University (Paris VII), MA in Language Sciences

2007 Pompeu Fabra University, double BA in Linguistics and in Translation and Interpreting

Research interests

Arguments and participants, syntax of the speech act, evidentiality, phonology, population history of Amazonia, language documentation and revitalization, science dissemination.

Publications

Dissertation

Bardagil, Bernat. 2018. *Case and agreement in Panará*. Doctoral dissertation, University of Groningen. Utrecht: LOT Dissertation Series, no. 511.

In preparation

Bardagil, Bernat; Larios, Sara. In prep. Lexical diffusion as a proxy for social contact in the Juruena valley, Amazonia.

Bardagil, Bernat; Coutros, Peter. In prep. Ethnoarchaeological perspectives on Amazonian pottery production in a hotspot for linguistic diversity.

Bardagil, Bernat; Larios, Sara. In prep. Colour terms in M̃ky.

Bardagil, Bernat; Calame, Héloïse. In prep. A typology-driven description of M̃ky evidentiality.

Peer-reviewed articles

Bardagil, Bernat. Submitted. Historical implications of argument marking patterns in the Guaporé-Mamoré area. *Journal de la Société des Américanistes*.

Van Gijn, Rik; Bardagil, Bernat; Betancourt, Carla Jaimes; Dudgeon, Kate; Emlen, Nick; Hirtzel, Vicent; Hünemeyer, Tábita; Prümers, Heiko; Lombardo, Umberto. In prep. The deep history of the Bolivian tropical lowlands: state of the art and research priorities. *Current Anthropology*.

Bardagil, Bernat. Forthcoming. Realizations of otherness in M̃ky ritual speech. *Cadernos de Estudos Linguísticos*.

Bardagil, Bernat. Forthcoming. The resurfacing of lost M̃ky and Manoki voices and their return home. *Museum Worlds*.

Bardagil, Bernat. 2026. The Panará clause and the emergence of polysynthesis in the Jê language family. *Journal of Historical Syntax* 10(4), 1–29. <https://doi.org/10.18148/hs/2026.v10i4.262>.

Bardagil, Bernat; Groothuis, Kim; Vivanco, Karin. 2025. Finiteness in the Indigenous languages of lowland South America. *Cadernos de Estudos Linguísticos* 67, 1–23. <https://doi.org/10.20396/ce1.v67i00.8681867>.

Bardagil, Bernat. 2025. Vowel devoicing as prosodic augmentation in Měbêngôkre. *Nota Bene* 2(2), 236–251. <https://doi.org/10.1075/nb.00031.bar>.

Bardagil, Bernat. 2025. Music revitalization as language revitalization: the jakuli and katëntiri of the M̃ky people in southern Amazonia. *Living Languages* 4(1), 85–108. <https://doi.org/10.7275/livinglanguages.2058>.

Bardagil, Bernat. 2023. The decline of Jê ergativity. *Amerindia* 44, 3–39. <https://doi.org/10.56551/YPFW3713>.

Bardagil, Bernat. 2023. Quotative strategies in Panará. *Language Documentation and Description* 23(2), 1–13. <https://doi.org/10.25894/ldd.355>.

- Bardagil, Bernat. 2022. The loss of Jê nominal verbs in Panará. *Folia Linguistica* 56:3, 667–692. <https://doi.org/10.1515/flin-2022-2044>.
- Bardagil, Bernat; Mampuche, Edivaldo Lourival; Kajoli, Cledson Dário. 2020. Watjuho Ja'a: Retomada de língua e terra no povo Manoki. *Cadernos de Linguística* 1:3, 1–15. Abralin. <https://doi.org/10.25189/2675-4916.2020.v1.n3.id240>.
- Bardagil, Bernat. 2020. Number morphology in Panará. *Linguistic Variation* 20:2, 312–323. Amsterdam: John Benjamins. <https://doi.org/10.1075/lv.00023.bar>.
- Bardagil, Bernat and Charlotte Lindenbergh. 2018. Realigning alignment: the completeness typology applied to case marking in Jê languages. *Linguistics in the Netherlands* 35, 1–18. Amsterdam: John Benjamins. <https://doi.org/10.1075/avt.00001.bar>.
- Bardagil, Bernat. 2015. Tangled up in mood: Exploring Panará split ergativity. *Linguistics in the Netherlands* 32, 1–15. Amsterdam: John Benjamins. <https://doi.org/10.1075/avt.32.01bar>.

Conference proceedings

- Bardagil, Bernat. 2025. Diversitat lingüística i resiliència cultural al Mato Grosso. *Actes de la Desena Jornada de la Càtedra Pompeu Fabra*, 11–20. Barcelona: Institut d'Estudis Catalans Universitat Pompeu Fabra.
- Bardagil, Bernat. 2024. Agreement displacement in Mëbêngôkre and the Cyclic Agree blind spot. *Proceedings of the 59th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society*, 25–39. Chicago, IL: Chicago Linguistic Society.
- Bardagil, Bernat. 2024. Mÿky interlocutor exponence and the syntax of the speech act. *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America* 9(1). Washington, DC, USA: Linguistic Society of America. <https://doi.org/10.3765/plsa.v9i1.5696>.
- Bardagil, Bernat and Kim Groothuis. 2023. Finiteness across languages: a case study of the Jê family. *Proceedings of the Workshop on Structure and Constituency in the Languages of the Americas* 25 25, 1–15. Vancouver, BC: University of British Columbia.
- Bardagil, Bernat. 2019. Person, case, and cliticization: the Panará PCC. In D. K. E. Reisinger and Roger Yu-Hsiang Lo, *Proceedings of the Workshop on Structure and Constituency in the Languages of the Americas* 23, 15–25. Vancouver, BC: University of British Columbia.
- Bardagil, Bernat. 2018. Unwrapping the Panará verb package. In Megan Keough, Natalie Weber, Andrei Anghelescu, Sihwei Chen, Erin Guntly, Khia Johnson, Daniel Reisinger, and Oksana Tkachman (eds.), *Proceedings of the Workshop on Structure and Constituency in the Languages of the Americas* 21, 40–55. Vancouver, BC: University of British Columbia.
- Bardagil, Bernat. 2017. Ergative patterns in Jê languages. In Julia Nee, Margaret Cychosz, Dmetri Hayes, Tyler Lau, and Emily Ramirez (eds.), *Proceedings of the 43rd Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society*. University of California, Berkeley.
- Bardagil, Bernat. 2015. Argument licensing and complex predicates in Panará. In A. Bloch-Rozmej, A. Bondaruk, and A. Prazmowska (eds.), *Spotlight on Melody and Structure in Syntax and Phonology*. Studies in Linguistics and Methodology (SLAM), vol. 9. Lublin: Wydawnictwo KUL.

Bardagil, Bernat. 2012. Phénomènes V2 en ancien français: la position des sujets post-verbaux. In M. Lambert and M.F. Sénéchal (eds.), *Actes du colloque: Les XXVes Journées de Linguistique*. Quebec: Université Laval.

Book chapters

Bardagil, Bernat. Submitted. Oraciones adverbiales. In J.E. Rosés Labrada and R. Vallejos (eds.), *Morfosintaxis: Una mirada desde las Américas*. Berlin: Language Science Press.

Bardagil, Bernat. 2025. Negation in Panará. In M. Miestamo and L. Veselinova (eds.), *Negation in the world's languages III: Papunesia, Australia, and the Americas*, 589–612. Berlin: Language Science Press. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.18234103>.

Bardagil, Bernat. 2023. Mýky. In P. Epps and L. Michael (eds.), *The Amazonian Languages: An International Handbook, Volume 2. Language Isolates II: Kanoé to Yurakaré*, 893–938. Berlin, Boston: De Gruyter Mouton. <https://doi.org/10.1515/9783110432732-006>.

Bardagil, Bernat; Barrera, Mariona; Borràs, Meritxell; Colell, Marc; Coll, Alba. 2009. Els neologismes manllevats. In M.T. Cabré and R. Estopà (eds.) *Les paraules noves*. Vic: Eumo Editorial / Universitat Pompeu Fabra.

Edited volumes

Bardagil, Bernat; Hantgan-Sonko, Abbie (eds.). In progress. *Historical perspectives on isolate(d) languages*. Berlin: Language Science Press.

Bardagil, Bernat; Galúcio, Ana Vilacy; Gildea, Spike (eds.). In progress. *Grammatical relations in Amazonia*. Berlin: Language Science Press.

Bardagil, Bernat; Groothuis, Kim; Vivanco, Karin (eds.). 2025. *Cadernos de Estudos Linguísticos 67: Finiteness in the Indigenous languages of lowland South America*. <https://periodicos.sbu.unicamp.br/ojs/index.php/cel/issue/view/2196>.

Documentation archival collections

Bardagil, Bernat. 2024. *Bernat Bardagil Collection of Mëbêngôkre Language Materials*. California Language Archive, Survey of California and Other Indian Languages, University of California, Berkeley: <https://cla.berkeley.edu/collection/?collid=11389>.

Bardagil, Bernat. 2024. *Bernat Bardagil Collection of Panará Language Materials*. California Language Archive, Survey of California and Other Indian Languages, University of California, Berkeley: <https://cla.berkeley.edu/collection/?collid=11367>.

Bardagil, Bernat. 2023. *Mýky and Manoki field materials*. California Language Archive, Survey of California and Other Indian Languages, University of California, Berkeley: <https://cla.berkeley.edu/collection/?collid=11313>.

Bardagil, Bernat. 2019. *Documenting Manoki (Mýky), an isolate of Brazilian Amazonia*. Endangered Languages Archive: <https://www.ELARarchive.org/dk0498>.

Bardagil, Bernat (PI) with Lapierre, Myriam. 2016. *A Digital Documentation of Panará*. Endangered Languages Archive: <https://www.ELARarchive.org/dk0418>.

Community language materials

Bardagil, Bernat. 2022. *Jăjakăhy mĭjetăkĭey* [Written thoughts in our language]. Mýky written materials.

- Bardagil, Bernat. 2019. *Watjuho ja'a walaretjä* [Let's speak together]. Manoki written materials.
- Bardagil, Bernat and Myriam Lapierre. 2017. *Swankjara jö pëë* [The language of the ancients]. Guide to Panará orthography and written materials.
- Bardagil, Bernat. 2014. *Soti isi mera* [Names of things]. Panará multilingual glossary.

Grants and fellowships

2025

Societas Linguistica Europaea (SLE) early career researcher research grant: *Argument marking and subjecthood in Kawaiwete-Kaiabi*.

2024

The Endangered Language Fund, Language Legacies grant: *Sickness and health: documenting and preserving traditional Mýky medicine*.

2023

Senior postdoctoral grant 12A3K24N-7029: *Argument marking in the Amazonian languages of the Guaporé-Mamoré region*. Flanders Research Foundation (FWO). Host: Ghent University. Sponsor: Jóhanna Barðdal.

2021

Compensation grant for the extension of the Rubicon postdoctoral project *The subject in the Amazon* at Ghent University. Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO).

2020

Rubicon postdoctoral grant 019.192SG.015: *The subject in the Amazon – Grammatical relations in Amazonian languages*. Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO). Host: Ghent University. Sponsor: Jóhanna Barðdal.

2019

BPA Professional Development Award. Berkeley Postdoctoral Association. University of California, Berkeley.

Fieldwork grant: Complex structures of the world's languages. ZAS, Berlin. Principal Investigator: Tonjes Veenstra.

2018

Endangered Languages Documentation Programme, Postdoctoral Fellowship IPF0252: *Documenting Iranxe-Mýky, an isolate language of Brazilian Amazonia*. Host: UC, Berkeley. Sponsor: Lev Michael.

2017

The Jacobs Funds, Individual grant: *Syntactic ergativity in Panará (Jê)*.

The Endangered Language Fund, Language Legacies grant: *A Dictionary of Panará Language and Culture*.

2015–16

Endangered Languages Documentation Programme, Small Grant SG0398: *A Digital Documentation of Panará*.

Teaching and supervision

PhD thesis supervision

2025 Alba Hermida Rodríguez: *A story of language vitality and endangerment: sociohistorical resistance in Chiquitano*. Ghent University. Co-supervised with Stef Slembrouck and Rik van Gijn. Ongoing.

BA thesis supervision

2023 Alissa Vogel: *Normalizing the use of Catalan on TikTok and the implications of a community hashtag*. University of Groningen.

Examination

2022 Vanessa Casanova. PhD dissertation: *Las construcciones verbales con pronombres posesivos en las variedades del español. Un estudio gramatical y sociolingüístico*. Ghent University.

2021 Edson de Freitas Gomes. PhD dissertation: *Aspectos morfossintáticos em m̃ebengokre: transitividade e marcação de argumentos*. UFPA (Universidade Federal do Pará).

2021 Giovana Alves de Oliveira. M.A. thesis: *A sílaba nas línguas do subgrupo Jê Central: uma perspectiva tipológica de análise*. UFG (Universidade Federal de Goiânia).

University teaching

2026, spring semester

Ghent University. M.A. in Linguistics and Literature (Linguistics).
Syntax, case and lexicon.

2025, fall semester

Universitat Oberta de Catalunya. Llengua i Literatura Catalanes.
Sintaxi catalana.

2024, fall semester

Ghent University. M.A. in Advanced Studies in Linguistics.
Contrastive linguistics: syntax & lexicon.

2023, spring semester

University of Groningen. B.A. in Minorities and Multilingualism.
Multilingualism I: Social and cognitive factors.
M&M diversity management. Co-taught with Arththi Sathananthar.
Multilingualism II: Multilingualism and education.
B.A. and M.A. thesis coordinator.

2022, spring semester

Ghent University. M.A. in Advanced Studies in Linguistics.
Contrastive linguistics: syntax & lexicon. Co-taught with Jóhanna Barðdal.

2021, fall semester

Universitat Oberta de Catalunya. Llengua i Literatura Catalanes.
Llengua catalana i tecnologies digitals.

2013, fall semester

Pompeu Fabra University. Department of Translation and Language Sciences.
Introducció universitària i comunicació.
Llengua catalana.

Community teaching on indigenous languages

Escola Watjuho Ja'a de Língua Manoki. Cravari village (MT, Brazil). September 2025: 6 days;
December 2024: 2 days; February 2024: 2 days; December 2022: 3 days; February 2020: 3 days;
July 2019: 4 days.

Oficina de Língua Panará. Escola Municipal Indígena Matukre. Nãnsêpotiti village (MT, Brazil).
July 2017: 5 days; July 2016: 4 days; June 2015: 3 days.

Presentations

See [conference and invited talks list](#).

Academic service and organization

- 2027 Organization committee of the Language & Society Symposium, Amazónicas XI. Peru.
- 2025 Member of the editorial board, Boletim do Museu Paraense Emílio Goeldi.
- 2024 Member of the scientific committee, Language Documentation and Archiving conference.
- 2026 Member of the organization committee, Isolated Languages Workshop (ISLA). Ghent University, March 19–20.
- 2025 Organization committee, General Symposium, Amazónicas X. Belém, August 12–16.
- 2023 Local organization, Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics' summer meeting. Groningen, June 26–28.
- 2023 Organization committee, Morphosyntax Symposium, Amazónicas IX. Bogotá, June 5–9.
- 2026 Ghent University: Ghent Generative Grammar Group (G4), 2021–26.
- 2023 Member of the Program Committee, SSILA (Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas), 2020–23 term.
- 2018 Local organization, Groningen Syntax Workshop 2018.

Peer reviewing for journals and conferences: Amazônicas, Amerindia, Boletim do Museu Paraense Emílio Goeldi, Cadernos de Etnolinguística, ConSOLE, ELDP, Glossa, Language Documentation and Conservation, Language Documentation and Description, Language Science Press, LIAMES, Linguistic Variation, Papers of the Algonquian Conference, SSILA, WSCLA.

Dissemination and outreach

2026

[Per què cal salvar una llengua?](#) Centre cívic Casa Golferichs. March 10. Barcelona, Catalonia.

2024

[Bernat Bardagil: “L’amença contra una llengua no la veus fins que no la tens a sobre”](#). Interview at Catalan newspaper Vilaweb.

[L’esperit de la llengua](#). Public talk at the Festa del Sant Crist de l’Hospital. July 11. Vic, Catalonia.

[Els curadors de llengües](#). Interview at Sense Fronteres, on Catalunya Ràdio.

[Bernat Bardagil, lingüista i investigador especialista en llengües amazòniques](#). Interview at Via Lliure, on RAC1 radio station.

[Un vigatà a l’Amazònia: treball de camp amb indígenes del Mato Grosso](#). Public talk at [Muntanya de Llibres](#). March 27, Vic, Catalonia.

2023

[El català que lluita per salvar de l’extinció dues llengües de l’Amazònia](#). Interview at Catalan newspaper Ara.

[De Vic al Mato Grosso, vivències d’un osonenc entre els panará, els mÿky, els manoki i els xikrín](#). Public talk at [EVA festival](#). July 1, Pradell de la Teixeta, Catalonia.

2021

[Supervivents de la conquesta](#). Feature piece at El Temps.

Languages

- Catalan (native)
- Spanish (pseudo-native)
- English (fluent)
- French (fluent)
- Portuguese (fluent)
- Panará (intermediary)
- German (intermediary)
- Mÿky-Manoki (intermediary)
- Dutch (beginner)
- Irish Gaelic (beginner)

Also formally studied: Albanian, Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian, Classical Arabic, Cree, Early Old French, Guarani, Karuk, Mandarin Chinese, Old English.

Fieldwork

Panará (Jê)

- 2023 Nānsêpotiti village: 25 days
- 2019 Nānsêpotiti village: 20 days
- 2017 Nānsêpotiti village: 49 days
- 2016 Nānsêpotiti village: 37 days
- 2015 Nānsêpotiti village: 21 days
- 2014 Nānsêpotiti village: 82 days

Mỹky (isolate)

- 2025 Cravari and Japuira villages: 63 days
- 2024 Cravari and Japuira villages: 52 days
- 2022 Cravari and Japuira villages: 84 days
- 2020 Cravari village: 30 days
- 2019 Cravari and Japuira villages: 76 days
- 2017 Cravari village: 7 days

Rikbaktsa (Macro-Jê)

- 2024 Aldeia Curva: 6 days

Mêbêngôkre (Jê)

- 2015 Djudjêkô village: 21 days
- 2014 Djudjêkô village: 20 days
- 2011 Djudjêkô village: 10 days

Other skills

- Basic knowledge of Perl, Prolog, Java, Python
- User-level knowledge of \LaTeX , Praat, Arbil, QGIS
- Annotated syntactic corpora (Corpus Search, Corpus Draw)
- Language documentation software (ELAN, FLE_x)