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Education

University of Edinburgh

Edinburgh, UK

PHD LINGUISTICS AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE

2021 - present

- Thesis title: *A strictly modular account of Irish initial consonant mutation*
- Supervisors: Pavel Iosad & Peter Ackema
- Examiners: Itamar Kastner (internal); Heather Newell & Máire Ní Chiosáin (external)

Trinity College Dublin

Dublin, Ireland

MPHIL LINGUISTICS

2016 - 2018

- Awarded with Distinction
- Thesis title: *An Optimality Theory approach to initial consonant mutation in Modern Irish*
- Supervisor: Jeffrey Kallen

University of Cambridge

Cambridge, UK

MAST MATHEMATICS

2014 - 2015

- First Class Honours with Merit

Trinity College Dublin

Dublin, Ireland

BA (MOD) THEORETICAL PHYSICS

2010 - 2014

- First Class Honours with Gold Medal
- Thesis title: *Nonlinear electromagnetism in General Relativity*

Employment

- 2026-pres **Editorial Assistant**, Innovations in Linguistics Education
- 2022-26 **Academic Writing Adviser**, PPLS Skills Centre, University of Edinburgh
- 2021-26 **Teaching Assistant**, PPLS, University of Edinburgh
- 2018-21 **Actuarial Analyst**, Scottish Widows, Edinburgh
- 2018 **Substitute Physics Teacher**, Newpark Comprehensive School, Dublin
- 2015-16 **Mediator**, Science Gallery, Dublin
- 2015-16 **Astronomy & Astrophysics Teacher**, Cambridge Tradition Summer School
- 2014 **Question Writer & Quality Control**, Adaptemy (Adaptive Learning and AI for Education), Dublin
- 2013-18 **Teaching Assistant**, School of Mathematics, Trinity College Dublin
- 2013 **REU Solar Research Intern**, Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, Cambridge, MA (USA)
- 2012 **Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE)**, School of Physics, Trinity College Dublin
- 2010-20 **Private Tutor in Mathematics and Physics**, Dublin/Edinburgh and online

Publications

PUBLISHED

Laoide-Kemp, A. 2023. Irish initial consonant mutation: disentangling phonology from morphosyntax. In M. Jaurena & Z. Metzler (Eds.), *Proceedings of the Thirty-Fifth Western Conference on Linguistics* (Vol. 29, p. 58-68). California State University, Fresno.

FORTHCOMING

Laoide-Kemp, A. In press. Strict modularity at the morphosyntax-phonology interface: the case of Irish preverbal d'. *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory*.

Laoide-Kemp, A. Forthcoming. Initial consonant mutation patterns as evidence for domain structure in Irish. In Erini Apostolopoulou et al. (eds.), *New perspectives on phonological domains*. Language Science Press.

Presentations

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- January 2026. *How coronal blocking of initial consonant mutation reflects domain structure in Irish*. Poster presented at the Old-World Conference in Phonology (OCP23) (Gonville and Caius College, University of Cambridge).
- November 2025. *Resolving the paradox of Irish preverbal d' in a modular grammatical system*. Talk given at *Widame: A conference for postgraduate scholars in Celtic studies (Maynooth University).
- May 2025. *An autosegmental account of initial consonant mutation in Irish: evidence from preverbal d'*. Talk given at the 31st Manchester Phonology Meeting (31mfm) (University of Manchester).
- March 2025. *Preverbal d' and its interactions with the initial consonant mutation system in Irish*. Talk given at GLOW 47 (Frankfurt am Main); won *Student Presentation Excellence Award* (€150).
- March 2025. *Initial consonant mutation patterns as evidence for domain structure in Irish*. Poster presented at Exploring Boundaries: Phonological Domains in the Languages of the World (UiT The Arctic University of Norway, Tromsø).
- September 2024. *Resolving the spell-out timing paradox in Irish historic tense lenition*. Talk given at the 17th conference on Syntax, Phonology and Language Analysis (SinFonJA 17) (University of Nova Gorica, Slovenia).
- August 2024. *Resolving the spell-out timing paradox in Irish historic tense lenition*. Talk given at the 2024 Annual Meeting of the LAGB (Newcastle University).
- June 2024. *Myopic effects in the Irish initial consonant mutation system*. Talk given at Workshop on Myopia in Grammar (Universität Leipzig).
- June 2024. *Two sources of initial consonant mutation in the Irish clause*. Talk given at the LEL Postgraduate Conference (LELPGC24) (University of Edinburgh).
- May 2024. *Two sources of initial consonant mutation in the Irish clause*. Talk given at the 33rd Colloquium on Generative Grammar (CGG) (University of Alcalá, Alcalá de Henares).
- April 2024. *Two sources of initial consonant mutation in the Irish clause*. Talk given at the Manchester Forum in Linguistics (MFIL) (University of Manchester).
- February 2024. *A strictly modular analysis of initial consonant mutation in Irish*. Talk given at the 21st Sprachwissenschaftliche Tagung für Promotionsstudierende (STaPs-21) (online - hosted by Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Budapest).
- November 2023. *Irish initial consonant mutations: disentangling phonology from morphosyntax*. Talk given at the Western Conference on Linguistics (WECOL) (online - hosted by California State University, Fresno).
- June 2023. *Irish initial consonant mutations: disentangling phonology from morphosyntax*. Talk given at the LEL postgraduate Conference (LELPGC23) (University of Edinburgh).
- June 2022. *Irish initial consonant mutations: disentangling phonology from morphosyntax*. Poster presented at ACTL Summer School 2022 (University of York).

INVITED TALKS

- October 2024. *Preverbal d' and its interactions with the initial consonant mutation system in Irish*. Invited talk: Atelier de Phonologie (online; hosted by Structures Formelles du Langage (SFL), Université Paris 8 / CNRS).
- July 2022. *Irish initial consonant mutations: disentangling phonology from morphosyntax*. Invited talk: Edinburgh Morphology Reading Group (EdinMorph) (University of Edinburgh).

Dissertations & Projects

- February 2026. *A strictly modular account of Irish initial consonant mutation*. PhD thesis (School of Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences, University of Edinburgh).

- April 2018. *An optimality theory approach to initial consonant mutation in Modern Irish*. MPhil dissertation (School of Linguistic, Speech and Communication Sciences, Trinity College Dublin).¹
- March 2014. *Nonlinear electromagnetism in general relativity*. Undergraduate dissertation (School of Mathematics, Trinity College Dublin).¹
- January 2014. *In search of the Stradivarius-like solutions in classical wave mechanics*. Undergraduate physics project (School of Physics, Trinity College Dublin). Presented at Tomorrow's Mathematicians Today Conference 2014 (University of Surrey).¹
- December 2013. *Alfvén wave heating model of an active region and comparisons with EIS observations*. Solar REU project (Harvard-Smithsonian Centre for Astrophysics). Poster presented at the American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting 2013.¹
- August 2012. *Theoretical techniques in x-ray spectroscopy*. Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) project (Trinity College Dublin).¹

Teaching Experience

ACCREDITATION

- 2026 **Fellowship**, Advance HE
 2024 **Associate Fellowship**, Advance HE

GUEST LECTURING

PPLS, University of Edinburgh

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| 2024-25 | Syntax: Theory and Practice , <i>VP structure: ditransitive asymmetries</i> | (1 lecture) |
| | Introduction to Syntax , <i>Syntactic islands</i> (co-taught with Iris Kamil and John Hotson) | (1 lecture) |
| | Introduction to Phonology , <i>Phonemic analysis; phonological rules; distinctive features</i> | (3 lectures) |

TUTORING

PPLS, University of Edinburgh

- 2025-26 **Syntax: Theory and Practice**, Teaching Assistant
Linguistics and English Language 1B, Teaching Assistant
Linguistic Theory and Structure of English, Teaching Assistant
- 2024-25 **Syntax: Theory and Practice**, Teaching Assistant
Introduction to Syntax, Teaching Assistant
Quantitative Methods in Linguistics and English Language, Teaching Assistant
- 2023-24 **Cross-Linguistic variation: Limits and Theories**, Teaching Assistant
Linguistic Theory and Structure of English, Teaching Assistant
- 2022-23 **Linguistic Theory and Structure of English**, Teaching Assistant
- 2021-22 **Cross-Linguistic variation: Limits and Theories**, Teaching Assistant
Linguistics and English Language 1B, Teaching Assistant

¹Written under my maiden name, "Lawless"

School of Mathematics, Trinity College Dublin

2013-18 **Linear Algebra**, Teaching Assistant
Real Analysis, Teaching Assistant
Mechanics, Teaching Assistant
Classical Electrodynamics, Teaching Assistant
Partial Differential Equations, Teaching Assistant
Mathematics for Scientists, Teaching Assistant

Grants, Awards & Recognition

Grants & Scholarships

2025	Student Presentation Excellence Award , GLOW47	€150
2024-25	Research Support Grant , PPLS, University of Edinburgh	£850
2023-24	Research Support Grant , PPLS, University of Edinburgh	£850
2021-25	Edinburgh Doctoral College Scholarship , University of Edinburgh (fees + stipend for 3.5 yrs)	£15,609 p.a.
2014	Robert Gardiner Memorial Scholarship , University of Cambridge	£6,000
2013	Carl “Max” Hammond Student Travel Award , American Geophysical Union	\$ 1,000
2012	Arthur Lyster Prize in Mathematics , Trinity College Dublin	€477
2012	TCD Scholarship , Trinity College Dublin (fees + on-campus accommodation for 5 yrs)	
2011	Townsend Memorial Prize in Mathematics , Trinity College Dublin	€889
2011	Walton Prize in Physics , Trinity College Dublin	€150
2010	Women in Physics Scholarship , Trinity College Dublin	€1,500
2010	Entrance Exhibition Scholarship , Trinity College Dublin	€300

Other Awards & Recognition

2014 **Gold Medal for exceptional merit in degree examinations**, Trinity College Dublin
2014 **FitzGerald Medal and Prize for outstanding merit in Physics Moderatorship**, Trinity College Dublin
2009 **Silver Medal (8th place)**, European Union Science Olympiad (EUSO) (representing Ireland in Murcia, Spain)
2007 **Silver Medal**, International Junior Science Olympiad (IJSO) (representing Ireland in Taipei, Taiwan)

Academic Service

ACADEMIC ROLES

University of Edinburgh

2024-pres **Co-organiser**, Teaching Linguistics Reading Group
2024-25 **Mentor**, Edinburgh Teaching Award (EdTA)
2024-25 **LEL Tutor Representative**, School of Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences
2023-25 **Co-organiser**, Phonological Theory Reading Group
2025 **Co-organiser**, Swalif LEL Networking Talks
2021-22 **General Secretary**, Language Lunch @ Edinburgh

Trinity College Dublin

2016-17 **Graduate Student Union Representative**, representing the Linguistics MPhil cohort
2013-14 **Secretary**, Dublin University Mathematics Society (DU Mathsoc)

PEER REVIEW

Journals: Glossa

Edited volumes: *New perspectives on phonological domains* (Language Sciences Press)

Conferences: LELPGC22

CONFERENCES AND EVENT ORGANISING

2022 **Linguistics and English Language Postgraduate Conference (LELPGC22)**, Co-chair

OUTREACH

2021-22 **Maths Circle (University of Edinburgh)**, presenting mathematics and linguistics puzzles for primary school students

Feb 2014 **TY Maths Talks/Workshop (Science Gallery Dublin)**, organised a mathematics outreach event for secondary school students

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Student Member of Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW) (2025-pres)

Fellow / Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (2024-pres)

Student Member of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain (LAGB) (2024-pres)

Associate Member of the Institute for Mathematics and its Applications (IMA) (2014-pres)

Miscellaneous

Summer Schools

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| Jul 2025 | V-NYI #10 , courses in: Syllable structure; Logical phonology; Issues in non-concatenative morphology; The life cycle of phonological processes: principles and case studies | <i>online</i> |
| Jul 2024 | V-NYI #9 , course in: Strict CV metrics or how to live without moras | <i>online</i> |
| Jan 2024 | V-NYI #8 , courses in: Feeding and bleeding in syntax; Topics in agreement; Introduction to mathematical linguistics; Agree(ment) via interaction and satisfaction | <i>online</i> |
| Jun 2022 | ACTL , courses in: Perspectives in non-canonical questions; Integrating prosody into sentence processing; Topics in the phonology and morphology of Signed Languages | <i>Univ. of York</i> |

Research Interests

Initial consonant mutation • Celtic linguistics • Autosegmental phonology • Strict CV phonology • Phonological domain structure • Subtractive morphology • Morphosyntax-phonology interface • Modularity • Interactions between grammatical modules