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## BHAMATI DASH

**RESEARCH INTERESTS** Linguistics, Syntax, Ellipsis, Questions, Fragment Answers, Long Distance Agreement, Discourse Particles, Language and Gender, Indic languages, Hindi, Bangla, Odia.

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**EMPLOYMENT** **August 2023 - Ongoing**

Assistant Professor (on contract)  
Department of Linguistics  
Central University of Rajasthan

**2022 - 2023**

Lecturer (on contract)  
Department of Linguistics and Asian/ Middle Eastern Languages  
San Diego State University

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**EDUCATION**

**2014-2022**

**PhD in Linguistics**

Title: Silence in Answers: A Study of Ellipsis in Hindi  
Advisor: Prof Andrew Simpson  
University of Southern California, Los Angeles, USA

**2014-2016**

**M.A. in Linguistics**

Thesis Title: Answering Questions on Questions in Odia: A Q particle account  
Advisor: Prof Andrew Simpson  
University of Southern California, Los Angeles, USA

**2011-2013**

**M.A. in Linguistics**

Thesis Title: An Account of Individuation and Number Agreement in Odia  
Advisor: Prof R. Amritavalli  
The English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad, India

**2008-2011**

**B.A. in English (Honors)**

The English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad, India

**2008-2011**

**Advanced Diploma in French**

The English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad, India

## HONORS AND AWARDS

### 2015-2022

Awarded Teaching Assistantship in the Department of Linguistics, University of Southern California.

### 2020

Awarded Graduate School Summer Research and Writing Grant, University of Southern California.

### 2014-2019

Awarded the USC Dornsife College Graduate Merit Award in the Department of Linguistics, at the University of Southern California for a period of 5 years.

### 2012

Cleared UGC - NET (University Grants Commission - National Eligibility Test) for lectureship in India (test to determine eligibility for college and university level lectureship and for the award of Junior Research Fellowship for Indian nationals).

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## PUBLICATIONS PEER REVIEWED JOURNALS

### Accepted (with revisions)

**Dash, B.**, Datta, M & Simpson, A. Beyond topic and contrast-marking: the complexities of Hindi/Bangla discourse particle *-to*. *Linguistic Variation*.

### 2022

Keine, S., & **Dash, B.** (2022). Movement and cyclic Agree. *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory* 41, 679-732.

### 2011

Dash, B. 'Sexism in Hindi: Examining swear words, Proverbs, Gender-specific terms and Address terms.' in *Occasional papers in Linguistics (ISSN No. 2321 7014), Vol 15*. brought out by EFL University, Hyderabad.

## CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

### To appear

**Dash, B.** & Kaiser, E. 'Anticipatory Processing with an Impoverished Cue: An Experimental Study of Wh-Scope Marking Constructions in Hindi'. In the *Proceedings of Formal Approaches to South Asian Languages (FASAL) – 7. Journal of South Asian Linguistics*.

### 2022

**Dash, B.**, Datta, M., & Simpson, A. A Unified Analysis of the Hindi & Bangla discourse particle-to. In the *Proceedings of (Formal) Approaches to South Asian Languages (FASAL) – 11. Journal of South Asian Linguistics*.

**Dash, B** & Datta, M. ‘Focus Anti-Pied-Piping in Bangla and Hindi-Urdu’. In the *Proceedings of (Formal) Approaches to South Asian Languages (FASAL) – 10. Journal of South Asian Linguistics*.

**2020**

Dash, B. ‘Fragment Answers in Hindi’. In the *Proceedings of Formal Approaches to South Asian Languages (FASAL) – 8. Journal of South Asian Linguistics*.

**2017**

Keine, S. & **Dash, B**. ‘The cyclicity of  $\phi$ -Agree : Evidence from scrambling’. In the *Proceedings of North-East Linguistic Society (NELS) 48, Vol.2*, ed. By S. Hucklebridge & M. Nelson. Amherst, MA: GLSA,91–104.

Syed, S. & **Dash, B**. ‘A Unified Account of The Yes/No Particle in Hindi, Bangla, And Odia’. In the *Proceedings of Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW) in Asia XI* (volumes 1 and 2), edited by Michael Yoshitaka Erlewine. *MIT Working Papers in Linguistics #84 (ISSN 1049-1058)*.

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**PRESENTATIONS 2021**

**Dash, B**, Datta, M and Simpson, A. Analyzing Hindi & Bangla -to: A case for Anti-Exhaustivity as a Discourse Category. In *Formal Approaches to South Asian Languages (FASAL) – 11*, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

**Dash, B** and Datta, M. ‘Interactions between Syntactic and Post-Syntactic Processes: A Case for Multi-dominance’. In *Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC) – 45*. University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania.

**2020**

Dash, B. ‘Biased questions and Answers in Hindi’. In *(Formal) Approaches to South Asian Languages (FASAL) – 10*, Ohio State University, Ohio. [Poster]

**Dash, B** and Datta, M. ‘Focus Antipiedpiping in Bangla and Hindi’. In *(Formal) Approaches to South Asian Languages (FASAL) – 10*, Ohio State University, Ohio.

**2019**

Dash, B. ‘Polarity says yes to IP Ellipsis’. In the *South Asian Languages Analysis (SALA) Roundtable – 35*, National institute of oriental languages and civilizations (INALCO), Paris.

Dash, B. ‘Parametric Variation in Yes/No Fragment Answers’. In the *2019 Montreal-Ottawa-Toronto-Hamilton Syntax Workshop (MOTH)-19*, Carleton University, Ottawa.

**2018**

Dash, B. ‘Fragment Answers in Hindi’. In *Formal Approaches to South Asian Languages (FASAL) – 8*, Wichita State University, Kansas.

Keine, S. & **Dash, B**. ‘Scrambling–agreement interactions and the cyclicity of Agree’. *FASAL-8*. Wichita State University, Kansas.

**2017**

Keine, S. & **Dash, B.** 'The cyclicity of  $\phi$ -Agree : Evidence from scrambling'. In *North-East Linguistic Society (NELS) 48*, University of Iceland, Reykjavik.

**Dash, B.** & Kaiser, E. 'Anticipatory Processing with an Impoverished Cue: An Experimental Study of Wh-Scope Marking Constructions in Hindi'. In *FASAL – 7*. MIT, Boston. [poster]

Syed, S. & **Dash, B.** 'Kya high ki low? An investigation of the yes/no particle in Hindi, Bangla, and Odia'. In *FASAL – 7*. MIT, Boston

Syed, S. & **Dash, B.** 'A Unified Account of The Yes/No Particle in Hindi, Bangla, And Odia'. In *Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW) in Asia XI*, National University of Singapore, Singapore.

**2014**

Dash, B. 'Numeral Classifiers in Odia'. In *International Conference of South Asian Languages and Literatures II (ICOSAL II)*, Banaras Hindu University, Varansi, India.

**2013**

**Dash, B.** & Guha, A. 'Modal and Lexical Properties of *paaraa* 'can' in Bangla and Odia'. In *1st International Conference of Linguistic Society of India (ICOLSI-1)*, Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore, India.

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EDITED  
VOLUME

**January 2020**

Proceedings of Formal Approaches to South Asian languages (FASAL)-8. [with Gurmeet Kaur].

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TEACHING

**as INSTRUCTOR**

Responsibilities: Preparing lesson material, teaching, Preparing test questions and assignments and grading

**August 2023 - Ongoing**

**Department of Linguistics**

**Central University of Rajasthan**

**Undergrad (Bachelors') level:**

LIN 111 – Fundamentals of Linguistics (in collaboration with other faculty)

LIN 303 – Language and Society

EN 101 - Language and Communication Skills-I

EN 102 - Language and Communication Skills-II

**Graduate (Masters') level:**

LIN 404 – Lexical Semantics (in collaboration with other faculty)

LIN 506 – Applications of Computational Linguistics (in collaboration with other faculty)

**2022-2023**  
**Department of Linguistics and Asian/ Middle Eastern Languages**  
**San Diego State University**

LING 522 – Syntax  
LING 525 – Semantics and Pragmatics

**as TEACHING ASSISTANT**

Responsibilities: Leading Discussion Sessions, Preparing review materials, test questions, assignments and lab exercises and grading.

**Department of Linguistics**  
**University of Southern California.**

**Fall 2021 – Spring 2022**  
LING 285 – Human Language and Technology

**Fall 2019**  
LING 385 – Human Language as Computation

**Spring 2017 – Fall 2018, Spring 2021**  
LING 110 – In a Word

**Fall 2015 - Fall 2016, Fall 2020**  
LING 115 – Language, Society and Culture

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**THESIS  
SUPERVISION**

**Masters' Thesis**

Rahul Jangid on 'Comparative Sentiment Analysis of English and Hindi'

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**SUMMER  
SCHOOLS/  
WORKSHOPS**

**Fall 2019**  
Future Faculty Teaching Institute  
Centre for Excellence in Teaching  
University of Southern California, Los Angeles, USA

**2014**  
8th Linguistics Spring School in the Indian Mountains (LISSIM 8) on 'Phi-features and their role in agreement and the syntax and semantics of Wh-constructions, especially of Indian languages.' from May 24 to June 6, 2014 in Solang Valley, Himachal Pradesh, India.

**2013**  
7th Linguistics Spring School in the Indian Mountains (LISSIM 7) on 'Syntactic Variation' from May 26 to June 14, 2013 in Sidhbari, Kangra, Himachal Pradesh, India.

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## RESEARCH

### Summer 2019 and Summer 2017

Awarded Research Assistantship in the Department of Linguistics, University of Southern California.

Advisor: Stefan Keine

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## MENTORSHIP PROGRAMS

### 2015 - 2018

New Graduate Student Mentor. Mentored the new graduate students admitted into the Linguistics program at USC.

### 2017-2018

Teaching Assistant Mentor. Mentored the new Teaching Assistants assigned to GE courses offered by the Linguistics program at USC.

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## SERVICE (OTHER)

### 2023

ODL/OP (Distance and online education) program committee member at the Department of Linguistics, Central University of Rajasthan.

### 2023

Admission Committee member at the Department of Linguistics, Central University of Rajasthan.

### 2012-2013

Curriculum Development assistant for the Hyderabad based NGO Voice 4 Girls.

### 2012

Worked as counselor and Spoken English teacher as a part of the NGO Voice 4 Girls program in Hyderabad, India.

### 2009

Editor of university undergraduate magazine, *361 degrees: A Step Ahead*. At the English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad, India.

Co-Editor of university undergraduate magazine titled *Yavanika*. At the English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad, India.

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## LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Native – Hindi

Fluent – English

Advanced – Odia

Basic- French

Technical Skills – R, Python.