

# SHITI MALHOTRA

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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**Syntax-** Wh-movement, Intervention Effects and Ditransitive Constructions

**Bilingualism-** Early Vs. Late Bilingualism, Additive Vs. Subtractive Bilingualism and Language mixing

**Second Language Acquisition-** Interlanguage, Role of Sensitive Period in learning and Language Valorization

**South-Asian Languages:** South-Asia as a Linguistic Area, Language Typology, Language Contact: Influence and Borrowing.

## EDUCATION

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**PhD** University of Maryland, Linguistics August 2011

Advisors: Dr. Howard Lasnik and Dr. Norbert Hornstein

Dissertation: Movement and Intervention Effects: Evidence from Hindi/Urdu

Minor research paper: Role of Person and Number features in Hindi Verb Agreement.

**M.Phil.** Delhi University, Linguistics May 2005

Advisor: Dr. Tanmoy Bhattacharya

Thesis: Asymmetry of Objects and Larsonian VP-Shell In Hindi/Urdu

Minor Paper: Revised Centering Theory: A view from C-I interface.

**M.A.** Delhi University, Linguistics May 2003

Advisor: Dr. K.V Subbarao

Thesis: Sentential Word-Order in Kokborok.

Field Report: Grammatical sketch of Kokborok

**B.El.Ed.** Delhi University, Elementary Education May 2001

Specialization: Language Education

## EMPLOYMENT

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**Northeastern University**, Boston August 2019-Present

**Assistant Teaching Professor** of Linguistics

- Designed and taught online asynchronous courses in Introductory Linguistics using Panopto (Lecture Recording) via Blackboard Learning Management System as well as Canvas Learning Management System.
- Attended various workshops at Center for Advancing Teaching & Learning, Northeastern University to prepare for online course design and teaching.
- Participated in mentoring circles conducted by ADVANCE Office of Faculty Development at Northeastern University for career development and advancement.
- Taught introductory and advance courses synchronously online using technologies like, MS Teams, Zoom Video Communications and Canvas.

**National Institute of Technology, Delhi, India**

August 2018-May 2019

**Assistant Professor-English Linguistics**

- Taught courses on professional communication and English language skills to non-native undergraduate and graduate students.
- Worked with students to improve their communicative skills in English using theories of second language learning.

**Northeastern University, Boston**

Sep 2011-July 2018

**Lecturer** of Linguistics

- Designed and taught various Introductory as well as higher-level analytical courses like Linguistic Analysis where we worked on structure of natural languages.
- Taught upper level theoretical courses in Syntax, Field Methods, Bilingualism and Evolutionary Linguistics, .
- Conducted active research with students in the field of Syntax, Bilingualism, Second Language Acquisition, Experimental Linguistics.

**Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Maryland.**

Aug 2005-June 2011

- Taught multiple sections of Introduction to Linguistics and Language and Mind as an independent instructor.
- Designed and taught an upper-level seminar in Syntax based on my research work.
- Assisted Professors in lecture preparation, grading, and tutoring.

**PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES**

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**National Institute of Technology Delhi**

Jan 2019-May 2019

**Chief Editor, E-Newsletter "Spotlight"**

- Started the first ever e-newsletter at NIT Delhi.
- Worked on content development, website design and graphics.
- Served as Chief Editor for the first five monthly newsletters.

**Northeastern University, Boston**

Jan, 2016- June, 2018

**Editor, Northeastern University Working Papers in Linguistics**

- Conceived the idea of the first ever undergraduate working papers to establish and encourage a rich research culture among the students.
- Worked on making the working papers a well-received peer-reviewed online publication for a wider audience.
- Worked as an editor for the first three yearly volumes of the publication.

**Digantar- a nonprofit organization, Jaipur, India.**

March 2004-August 2004

**Research Fellow at Training and Academic Research Unit**

- Provided academic support to various units of Digantar and other educational organizations working in the area of education.
- Organized training workshops for language teachers and educators.
- Conducted CARE-India study called "Educational Initiatives in Rajasthan – a documentation of government and non-government educational initiatives in the state."

**State Council of Educational Research and Training, Delhi, India. July 2003-Dec 2003**  
**Project Assistant for English Textbooks.**

- Assisted in devising the systems and approaches for qualitative education.
- Assisted in Content Development for the design and preparation of English textbooks.

**Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore, India. Jan 2003 – June 2003**  
**Resource Person for Indian English, Language Information Services Project**

- Developed an on-line web-based comprehensive language-learning source for Indian English which includes lexical resources, grammar, and functions.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **At Northeastern University (2011-2018; 2019-2021)**

- Introduction to Language and Linguistics (Ling 1150-Asynchronous Online)
- Introduction to Language and Linguistics (Ling 1150- Synchronous Online and In-Person)
- First Year Seminar: Bilingualism (FSEM 1101- Synchronous Online)
- Linguistic Analysis (Ling 2350)
- Syntax (Ling 3450- Synchronous Online and In-Person)
- Bilingualism (Ling 3434)
- Research Seminar in Linguistics (Ling 4891)
- Independent Study in Syntax (Ling 4993): Ditransitive constructions in Cantonese
- Directed Study Research (Ling 4991): Topics in Second Language Acquisition.
- Topics in Linguistics (Ling, 3458): Experimental Syntax, Field Methods.
- Seminar (Ling 4654): Second Language Acquisition, Minimalist Syntax, Evolutionary Linguistics.

### **AT National Institute of Technology, Delhi (2018-2019)**

- Professional Communication (HMB 100).
- Human Values and Ethics (HMB 101).
- Technical Communication (HMP 501).

### **At University of Maryland (2005-2011)**

#### **Independent Instructor**

- Introduction to Linguistics. (Ling 200)
- Language & Mind. (Ling 240)
- Seminar: Topics in Syntax. (Ling 419C)

#### **Graduate Teaching Assistant**

- Introduction to Linguistics. (Ling 200)
- Language & Mind. (Ling 240)
- Syntax-1. (Ling 311)

### **At Delhi University (Fall, 2004)**

#### **Graduate Teaching Assistant**

- Introduction to Syntax. (Graduate Course L5)

## **SUPERVISED RESEARCH PROJECTS**

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- Multilingual Emotion.** Danielle Ganjian. Northeastern University. Summer, 2020.
- Bilingual Education Programs in the state of Massachusetts.** Sophia Ames. Northeastern University. Spring, 2018
- Signs and Signifiers: A view from the world of Emojis and Constructed Languages.** Rachel Smith. Northeastern University. Spring, 2018
- Input Hypothesis and the use of different mediums on instruction in second language learning.** Kristofer Brethower. Northeastern University. Spring, 2018
- How do Bilinguals handle sarcasm in their two languages?** Joycelyn Wang. Northeastern University. Spring, 2018
- Cross Linguistic Comparison of Parsing in Subject and Object Embedding.** Katherine Krajovic. Northeastern University. Spring, 2018
- The Parallelism of DP And TP In Minimalist Syntax.** Reza Akhtar. Northeastern University. Spring, 2017
- English, Spanish and the Futurate Present Tense.** Michael Brown. Northeastern University. Spring, 2017
- Acquisition Of English Word Stress Patterns In Japanese Speakers.** Motoharu Shirai. Northeastern University. Spring, 2017
- Understanding Ditransitive Constructions in Cantonese.** Amanda Nagler And Kathryn Aucella. Northeastern University. Spring, 2016
- Color Perception in Greek-English Bilingual Children.** Kathryn Aucella. Northeastern University. Fall, 2015.
- Question Formation in Hindi-English Late Bilinguals.** Amanda Nagler. Northeastern University. Fall, 2015.
- Subject Omission in Italian-English Bilinguals.** Ana Piccirillo. Northeastern University. Fall, 2015.
- Syntactic Ambiguity Resolution in Mandarin-English Bilinguals.** Charlotte Pratt. Northeastern University. Fall, 2015.
- Metaphor Recognition in Japanese-English Bilinguals.** Donovan Richardson. Northeastern University. Fall, 2015.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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- Malhotra, Shiti.** 2014. Ditransitive in Hindi/Urdu. In Chandra, Pritha and Richa Srishti (eds.), *The Lexicon-Syntax Interface: Perspectives from South Asian languages*. John Benjamin Publications. pp. 127-148.
- Subbarao, K.V., **Shiti Malhotra** and Suranjan Barua. 2010. Aspects of Kokborok Syntax. *Interdisciplinary Journal of Linguistics*. 3, 1-43.
- Malhotra, Shiti.** and Pritha, Chandra. 2009. Movement out of "islands": A case of finite embedded clauses. *Proceedings of Western Conference on Linguistics*. 187-198.
- Malhotra, Shiti.** 2009. To the non-existence of NP-traces. *Language Vitality in South Asia*. Eds. A.R.Faithi. 274-282.
- Malhotra, Shiti.** 2009. Quantifier Induced Barriers and Wh-movement. *Proceedings of the 32nd Annual Penn Linguistics Colloquium*. 15, 139-145.

Nevins, Andrew. Brain Dillon, **Shiti Malhotra**, and Colin Phillips. 2007. The Role of Feature-Number and Feature-Type in Processing Hindi Verb Agreement Violations. *Brain Research*. 1164, 81-94.

**Malhotra, Shiti** and Pritha Chandra. 2007. A Short Note on Wh scope marking. *University of Maryland Working Papers in Linguistics*. 16, 46-62.

**Malhotra, Shiti**. 2006. Revised Centering theory: A view from C-I interface. *South Asian Language Review*. 16, 53-63.

## **PRESENTATIONS AND TALKS**

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Heather Littlefield, **Shiti Malhotra**, Stacey Bourn. 2021. The Journey of Language Acquisition: First/Second Language Acquisition. **Podcast:** Breaking the Language Barrier with Kash and Gustavo. (<https://open.spotify.com/episode/2OBSTfrfMsokRJu27zbw1y>).

**Malhotra, Shiti**. 2020. Language and Communication. Northeastern Linguistics Program Mini-Course Series.

**Malhotra, Shiti**. 2010. Sluicing is PF deletion. Paper presented at Western Conference on Linguistics 2010. California State University, Fresno.

**Malhotra, Shiti**. 2010. Island Effects and Multiple Wh-movement. Paper presented (in abstentia) at 33<sup>rd</sup> GLOW Colloquium. University of Wroclaw, Poland.

**Malhotra, Shiti**. 2009. Sluicing in Hindi/Urdu. Paper presented at 28th Annual South Asian Language Analysis Roundtable. University of North Texas, Denton.

**Malhotra, Shiti** and RamaKant Agnihotri. 2009. On the Englishness of Indian English. Paper presented at 28th Annual South Asian Language Analysis Roundtable. University of North Texas, Denton.

Hunter, Tim and **Shiti Malhotra**. 2009. Reassessing the argument for tucking-in. Poster presented at Minimalist Approaches to Syntactic Locality Workshop. [Research Institute for Linguistics of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences](#). Budapest.

**Malhotra, Shiti**. 2009. Towards a Unified Account of Question Formation. Paper presented at Graduate Research Interaction Day. University of Maryland.

**Malhotra, Shiti**. 2009. Wh-movement in Hindi/Urdu. Paper presented at Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe. University of Nova Gorica, Nova Gorica, Slovenia.

**Malhotra, Shiti** and Pritha Chandra. 2008 Movement out of "islands": A case of finite embedded clauses. Paper presented at Western Conference on Linguistics. University of California, Davis.

Chandra, Pritha and **Shiti Malhotra**. 2008. Scope at the vP-edge in Hindi-Urdu. Paper presented at National Seminar on Perspective on Language, University of Kashmir, Srinagar, India.

**Malhotra, Shiti**. 2008. Quantifier Induced Barriers and Wh-movement. Paper presented at 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Penn Linguistics Colloquium at University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

**Malhotra, Shiti**. 2008. To the non-existence of NP-traces. Paper presented at International Conference on South Asian Languages, at Aligarh Muslim University.

Dyer, Chris, Akira Omaki, **Shiti Malhotra**, Jon Sprouse, Jeff Lidz, and Colin Phillips. 2007. Grammatical constraints on reconstruction and binding in sentence processing: Child vs.

adult comparison. Paper Presented at 20th Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing at University of California, San Diego.

**Malhotra, Shiti.** 2007. Subjacency and Wh-movement in Hindi/Urdu. Paper presented at EC05 (East Coast 5), University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

**Malhotra, Shiti** and Pritha Chandra. 2006. Yet another approach to Wh-Scope Marking. Paper presented at the South Asian Languages Analysis (SALA) 26, Kannada University, Mysore. India.

**Malhotra, Shiti.** 2005. Centering Theory and the C-I interface: Single/Multi-speaker Discourse in Hindi. Paper presented at 6th International Conference on South Asian Languages at Osmania University, Hyderabad, India.

**Malhotra, Shiti.** 2004. vP structure and licensing of second object in DOC in Hindi. Paper presented at 26th All India Conference of Linguistics at NEHU, Shillong, India.

**Malhotra, Shiti.** 2002. Sentential Word Order. In Kokborok. Paper presented at the 25th All India Conference of Linguistics at Kolkata University, Kolkata, India.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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### **At Northeastern University**

**Member**, National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity. 2019-present

**Member**, Women of Color in Academy. Boston Initiative. 2019-present

**Member of the Organizing Committee.** Women of Color in the Academy Conference. Northeastern University, Boston. 2019-2020

**Editor.** Northeastern University Working Papers in Linguistics. 2016-2018

**Participant.** Full-Time Non-Tenure Track Faculty (FTNTT) Mentoring Circles. Office of Faculty Development. Northeastern University. 2019

**Faculty Advisor.** Committee for assessment of students in capstone and the freshman seminar courses. College of Science. Northeastern University. 2013

**Faculty Advisor.** Undergraduate Initiative Committee. College of Science, Northeastern University. 2012

### **At University of Maryland**

**Student Member**, Committee of Student Issues and Concerns (COSIAC). Linguistic Society of America. 2007-2011

**Organizer**, East Coast 5; Annual Student Conference in Formal Linguistics. Department of Linguistics, University of Maryland. 2008-2009

**Editor**, University of Maryland Working Papers in Linguistics. Department of Linguistics, University of Maryland. 2008-2009

**President**, Grammar Society, University of Maryland. 2007-2008

**Departmental Representative for Linguistics** at Graduate Student Government, University of Maryland. 2007-2008

**Organizer**, Syntax Research Lunch Meetings, Department of Linguistics, University of Maryland. 2006-2007

**Cultural Secretary.** Student Council of India. University of Maryland. 2006-2007

**Reviewer (Journals and Conferences)**

<b>Reviewer</b> <i>Syntax</i> (Volume 23). Willey-Blackwell Publication.	2020
<b>Reviewer.</b> <i>Concentric: Studies in Linguistics</i> . John Benjamin Publication.	2020
<b>Reviewer</b> <i>Northeastern University Undergraduate Working Papers in Linguistics</i> .	2020
<b>Reviewer.</b> <i>Indian Linguistics</i> . Linguistic Society of India Publication.	2016
<b>Reviewer.</b> <i>Theoretical and Experimental Issues in Hispanic Linguistics: Selected Papers from the Hispanic Linguistic Symposium</i> .	2014
<b>Reviewer.</b> SCONLI 9 (Students Conference of Linguistics in India).	2013

**AWARDS AND HONORS**


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<b>Doctoral Fellowship</b> , University of Maryland.	2009-2011
<b>Jacob K. Goldhaber Travel Grant Award</b> , University of Maryland.	2006
<b>University Fellowship</b> , University of Maryland.	2005-2006
<b>Qualified for Assistant Professorship in Linguistics</b> by University Grants Commission via clearing National Educational Test (UGC-NET) India.	2004
<b>Professor R.N. Srivastava Memorial Gold Medal</b> , M.A. Linguistics.	2003
<b>Shri Uggersain Memorial Gold Medal</b> , M.A. Linguistics.	2002

**LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**


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<b>Hindi:</b> Native/Bilingual Proficiency
<b>English:</b> Native/Bilingual Proficiency
<b>Punjabi:</b> Communicative Proficiency