Ushasi Banerjee

Contact:

Department of Linguistics
Yale University
37 Hillhouse Avenue
New Haven, CT 06511, USA

Email: ushasi.banerjee@yale.edu
Website: https://ushasi-banerjee.github.io/-

Skills

Languages: Bengali/ Bangla (native)

English (native)

Hindi (native)

Spanish (basic- part of B.A. module)

Khasi (research)

Mizo (research)

Ao (research)

Assamese (elementary)

Software: Python, R, LaTeX, Ruby, CSS, HTML

Teaching Experience

English and Foreign Languages University / Teaching Assistant
Hyderabad, India

Introduction to Formal Semantics (*Aug-Dec* 2018)

Yale University/ Teaching Fellow
Connecticut, USA

Semantics I (*Fall* 2022)

Cognitive Science of Language (*Spring* 2023)

Introduction to Linguistics (*Fall* 2023)

Pragmatics (*Spring* 2024)

Semantics I (*Fall* 2025)

Research Experience

Fieldwork on Mizo (Tibeto-Burman)

November-December 2025, Mizoram, India

Project: Definiteness and kinds in Mizo

Fieldwork on Khasi (Austroasiatic)

September-October 2025, Meghalaya, India

Project: Plurality and Classifiers in Khasi

Summer Internship, Indian Institute of Technology

July 2017, Assam, India

Building an automatic speech detection system for

Naga languages.

Supervisor: Shakuntala Mahanta

Education

Yale University / Ph.D in Linguistics

September 2020 - onwards, USA

Dissertation title: Making reference with bare nouns: Perspectives from two North-East Indian Languages

Committee: Veneeta Dayal (chair), Zoltán Gendler Szabó, Jim Wood, Ayesha Kidwai (external)

English and Foreign Languages University / M.A in Linguistics

August 2016 - May 2018, Hyderabad

Overall GPA - 7.8 (on an 8 point GPA scale)

English and Foreign Languages University/ B.A in English

August 2013- May 2016, Hyderabad

Overall GPA - 8.1 (on an 9 point GPA scale)

Awards

MacMillan International Dissertation Research Fellowship

Yale University 2024, USA

CreteLing Fellowship

CreteLing summer school 2019, Greece

Junior Research Fellowship (UGC-NET JRF)

University Grants Commission, India

(awarded to the top 10% of students taking the competitive NET exam)

Other study experiences

LSA Linguistic Institute, Linguistic Society of America (2023)
University of Massachusetts, Amherst, U.S.A.

CreteLing summer school (2019)
University of Greece, Gallos campus, Rethymnon, Greece

QIP-CEP Workshop on Experimental & Empirical Methods in Linguistics (2017)
Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi, India

Presentations

Paper: Semantics and Linguistic theory 34, University of Rochester (2024)
Accounting for counting

Paper: Semantics and Linguistic theory 33, Yale University (2023)
Are there "weak" definites in bare classifier languages?

with Ka Fai Yip & Margaret Chui Yi Lee

Poster: (In)definiteness and genericity across languages, SALT 33 satellite sessions, Yale University (2023)
Khasi as a classifier language

Poster: Language Diversity, Linguistic Theory and Cultural Identity in South Asia (LDSA), Yale University (2022)
Some question particles in Bangla and where to find them

Poster: CreteLing, Greece (2019)
Modals in Bangla: Interation with Tense and Aspect

Paper: Acoustic Society of America, Minneapolis (2018)
Evidence for active cavity expansion through advanced lingual place of constriction in voiced geminates in Bangla

with Meghavarshini Krishnaswamy & Indranil Dutta

Poster: International Conference on Natural Language Processing (ICON), India (2017)
Coarticulatory Propensity in Khalka Mongolian

with Indranil Dutta & Irfan S.

Publications

Proceedings of SALT 34: 713-733, (2024)

Accounting for counting (*crosslinguistically*)

Proceedings of SALT 33: 253–275, (2023)

Are there "weak" definites in bare classifier languages?

with Ka Fai Yip & Margaret Chui Yi Lee

Acoustical Society of America (2018)

Evidence for active cavity expansion through advanced lingual place of constriction in voiced geminates

with Indranil Dutta & Meghavarshini Krishnaswamy

ACL Anthology, Proceedings of the 14th International Conference on Natural Language Processing (2018)

Coarticulatory Propensity in Khalka Mongolian

with Indranil Dutta & Irfan S.