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Her key areas of research include both theoretical and pedagogical approaches to first and second language acquisition. She has conducted several linguistic experiments on children and adults in order to investigate syntactic phenomena and the processes involved in production. From this work, she has not only contributed to the field of theoretical linguistics but developed more effective teaching materials for her university students.

She has been project leader and primary investigator for two grants from the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) since 2008 in Tokyo. While still a graduate student in the United States, she participated in a major grant to investigate the implications of early work within the minimalist program from the National Science Foundation (NSF).