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Positions

2018 -2020 Post-Doctoral Research Associate, Dept. of English, Morehead State University. (PI: Dr. Katy Carlson)
2017 Lecturer, Dept. of Linguistics, Northwestern University

Education

2017 Ph.D. in Linguistics, Northwestern University
2012 North American Summer School of Logic, Language and Information,
University of Texas-Austin
2010 MA in Linguistics, Simon Fraser University
2006 BA in Applied Linguistics, Portland State University

Publications

Dissertation

2017 **Potter**, David. “[The Island \(In\)Sensitivity of Stripping](#)” Northwestern University.

Thesis

2010 **Potter**, David. “[A Multiple Dominance Analysis of Sharing Coordination Constructions Using Tree Adjoining Grammar](#)” Simon Fraser University.

Journal Articles

- 2019 1. Yoshida, Masaya, David **Potter**, Tim Hunter. “[Condition C Reconstruction, Clausal Ellipsis and Island Repair](#)” in *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory*, 37(4), 1515-1544.
- 2017 2. **Potter**, David., Michael Frazier, Masaya Yoshida. “[A Two Source Hypothesis for Gapping](#)” in *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory*, 35(4), 1123-1160.
- 2015 3. Frazier, Michael, Lauren Ackerman, Peter Baumann, David **Potter**, and Masaya Yoshida. “[Wh-filler gap dependency formation guides reflexive antecedent search](#)” in *Frontiers in Psychology* 6.
- 2012 4. Yoshida, Masaya, Honglei Wang, and David **Potter**. “[Remarks on “Gapping” in DP](#)” in *Linguistic Inquiry*, 43(3), 475-494.
- 2011 5. Wang, Honglei, David **Potter**, and Masaya Yoshida. “[Cross-conjunct binding in nominal gapping](#)” in *Snippets*, 24, 22-23.

Conference and Workshop Proceedings

- 2020 1. **Potter**, David and Katy Carlson. “Long distance reflexive binding in English Stripping” To be published in *Proceedings of the 3rd Conference on Experimental and Corpus-based Approaches to Ellipsis*, Paris, France.
- 2020 2. **Potter**, David and Katy Carlson. “Ambiguity resolution in Stripping with focus sensitive operators” To be published in *Proceedings of the 3rd Conference on Experimental and Corpus-based Approaches to Ellipsis*, Paris, France.
- 2020 3. **Potter**, David and Michael Frazier. “English *wh&wh* constructions: conjoin and move” To be published in *Proceedings of the 38th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, March. 6-8.
- 2020 4. **Potter**, David and Emrah Görgülü. “Fragment answers and island insensitivity in Turkish” To be published in *Proceedings of the 15th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics*, Moscow, RU, Sept 26-28.
- 2014 5. **Potter**, David. “A Heterogeneous Approach to Gapping” in *Proceedings of the 31st West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, Tempe, AZ, Feb. 8-10.
- 2012 6. Frazier, Michael, David **Potter**, and Masaya Yoshida. “Pseudo-NP-Coordination” in *Proceedings of the 30th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, Santa Cruz, April 13-15.
- 2011 7. Wang, Honglei, David **Potter**, and Masaya Yoshida. “ ‘Gapping’ in Determiner Phrase” in *Proceedings of the 29th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, Tuscon, April 22-25.
- 2010 8. Han, Chung-hye, David **Potter**, and Dennis Ryan Storoshenko. “Non-local Right-Node Raising: an Analysis using Delayed Tree-Local MC-TAG” in *Proceedings of the 10th International Workshop on Tree Adjoining Grammars and Related Formalisms (TAG+10)*, Yale University, June 11-12.
- 2010 9. **Potter**, David. “A Sister-Precedence Approach to the Linearization of Multiple Dominance Structures” in *Proceedings of the 36th Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society*, Berkeley.
- 2010 10. Hedberg, Nancy and David **Potter**. “Equative and Predicational Copulas in Thai” in *Proceedings of the 36th Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society*, Berkeley.
- 2008 11. Han, Chung-hye, David **Potter**, and Dennis Ryan Storoshenko. “Compositional Semantics of Coordination using Synchronous Tree Adjoining Grammar” in *Proceedings of the 9th International Workshop on Tree Adjoining Grammars and Related Formalisms (TAG+9)*, Germany, 33-41.
- 2008 12. Storoshenko, Dennis Ryan, Chung-hye Han, David **Potter**. “Reflexivity in English: An STAG Analysis” *Proceedings of the 9th International Workshop on Tree Adjoining Grammars and Related Formalisms (TAG+9)*, Germany, 149-157.
- 2008 13. **Potter**, David. “Multiple Wh-Fronting in Tree-Adjoining Grammar” in *Proceedings of the 24th Northwest Linguistics Conference*, Seattle, 33-41.

Presentations

Invited Presentations

- 2019b 1. **Potter**, David. “Ellipsis, Island Repair, and Evasion”, Colloquium, Washington University, St. Louis, MO, April 26.
- 2019a 2. **Potter**, David. “Ellipsis Fails to Ameliorate Factive Island Violations”, Linglunch, Paris Diderot, Paris, FR, June 19.

Presentations

- 2020 1. **Potter**, David and Katy Carlson. “Long distance reflexive binding in English Stripping” Oral (virtual) presentation at the 3rd Conference on Experimental and Corpus-based Approaches to Ellipsis, Paris, France, July 15-16.
- 2020 2. **Potter**, David and Katy Carlson. “Ambiguity resolution in Stripping with focus sensitive operators” Alternative oral (virtual) presentation at the 3rd Conference on Experimental and Corpus-based Approaches to Ellipsis, Paris, France, July 15-16.
- 2020 3. **Potter**, David, and Katy Carlson. “English long-distance reflexive binding informs ellipsis structure” Poster presented (virtually) at the 33rd Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, Amherst, MA, March 19-21.
- 2020 4. Carlson, Katy, and David **Potter**. “Multiple focus indicators influence modifier attachment separately” Poster presented (virtually) at the 33rd Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, Amherst, MA, March 19-21.
- 2020 5. **Potter**, David and Michael Frazier. “A Conjoin-and-move analysis of conjoined *wh*-words” Oral presentation at the 38th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics, Vancouver, Canada, March. 6-8.
- 2020 6. Carlson, Katy, and David **Potter**. “Focus markers, focus alternatives, and attachment” Poster presented at the Workshop on Focus Alternatives: Theoretical and empirical perspectives, Berlin, Feb. 27-28.
- 2019 7. **Potter**, David and Emrah Görgülü. “Fragment answers and island insensitivity in Turkish” Oral presentation at The 15th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics, Moscow, RU, Sept 26-28.
- 2019d 8. **Potter**, David and Katy Carlson. “How we know factive verbs are islands for movement: experimental evidence” Poster presentation at Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing, Moscow, RU, September 6-8.
- 2019c 9. **Potter**, David and Katy Carlson. “The Partial and Complete Island Repair Of Stripping” Oral presentation at Sluicing at 50, Chicago, IL, April 12-13.
- 2019b 10. **Potter**, David and Katy Carlson. “Island Repair Through Stripping: Partial and Complete Amelioration” Poster presentation at 32nd Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, Denver, CO, March 29-31.
- 2019a 11. **Potter**, David and Katy Carlson. “Focus scope marked by *only* influences syntactic attachment” Poster presentation at 32nd Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, Denver, CO, March 29-31.
- 2018 12. **Potter**, David. and Katy Carlson. “Focus Particle Position, and Accents, Affect Attachment” Poster presentation at Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing, Berlin, Sept. 6-8.

- 2018 13. Carlson, Katy, and David **Potter**. “Parallelism and syntactic structure in ellipsis with and without ‘*and*’” Oral presentation at LynSchrift18, Amherst, MA, May 19-20.
- 2016 14. Hunter, Tim, and David **Potter**. “Distinguishing approaches to island insensitivity” Oral presentation at North East Linguistics Society, Amherst, Oct. 14-16.
- 2016 15. **Potter**, David. “The Island (In)Sensitivity of Stripping” Poster presentation at the 90th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Washington D.C., Jan. 7-10.
- 2015 16. Frazier, Michael, Peter Baumann, Lauren Ackerman, David **Potter**, and Masaya Yoshida. “Does Wh-Filler-Gap Dependency Formation Resolve Local Ambiguity?” Oral presentation at 28th Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, Los Angeles, CA, Mar. 19-21.
- 2015 17. **Potter**, David, Michael Frazier, and Masaya Yoshida. “On the structural ambiguity of Gapping” Oral presentation at the 89th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Portland, OR, Jan. 8-11.
- 2014 18. Frazier, Michael, Peter Baumann, David **Potter**, Lauren Ackerman, and Masaya Yoshida. “Wh-dependency resolution interrupts reflexive antecedent search on-line” Poster presentation at Architecture and Mechanisms for Language Processing (AMLaP 2014), Edinburgh, Sep. 3-6.
- 2014 19. Frazier, Michael, Peter Baumann, David **Potter**, Lauren Ackerman, and Masaya Yoshida. “Local coherence effects and cross reflexive- and Wh-dependencies” Poster presentation at 27th Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, Columbus, OH, Mar. 13-15.
- 2013 20. Frazier, Michael, Peter Baumann, David **Potter**, Lauren Ackerman, and Masaya Yoshida. “Intervention by gaps in online sentence processing” Poster presentation at Architecture and Mechanisms for Language Processing (AMLaP 2013), Marseille, Sep. 2-4.
- 2013 21. **Potter**, David, Michael Frazier, and Masaya Yoshida. “A Dual Source Analysis of Gapping” Poster presentation at the 36th Generative Linguistics in the Old World Colloquium (GLOW 36), Lund, Sweden, Apr. 2-6.
- 2013 22. **Potter**, David. “A Heterogeneous Approach to Gapping” Oral presentation at 31st West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics, Tempe, AZ, Feb. 8-10.
- 2012 23. Frazier, Michael, David **Potter**, and Masaya Yoshida. “Pseudo-NP-Coordination” Poster presentation at 30th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics, Santa Cruz, CA, April 13-15.
- 2011 24. Cooper, Angela, Michael Blasingame, and David **Potter**. “[Communicatively- and prosodically-driven hyper-articulation in English](#)” Oral presentation at 17th Mid-Continental Phonetics and Phonology Conference, Urbana-Champaign, IL, October 21-23.
- 2011 25. Wang, Honglei, David **Potter**, and Masaya Yoshida. “‘Gapping’ in Determiner Phrase” Oral presentation at 29th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics, Tuscon, AZ, April 22-25.

- 2010 26. Han, Chung-hye, David **Potter**, and Dennis Ryan Storoshenko. “Non-local Right-Node Raising: an Analysis using Delayed Tree-Local MC-TAG” Oral presentation at 10th International Workshop on Tree Adjoining Grammars and Related Formalisms (TAG+10), Yale University, June 11-12.
- 2010 27. **Potter**, David. “Identity and contrast: the syntax of Gapping and split-coordination in Persian” Oral presentation at the 26th Northwest Linguistics Conference, Vancouver, May 8-9.
- 2010 28. **Potter**, David. “A Sister-Precedence Approach to the Linearization of Multiple Dominance Structures” Oral presentation at the 36th Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society, Berkeley, Feb. 12-13.
- 2010 29. Hedberg, Nancy and David **Potter**. “Equative and Predicational Copulas in Thai” Oral presentation at the 36th Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society, Berkeley, Feb. 12-13.
- 2008 30. Han, Chung-hye, David **Potter**, and Dennis Ryan Storoshenko. “Compositional Semantics of Coordination using Synchronous Tree Adjoining Grammar” Poster presentation at the 9th International Workshop on Tree Adjoining Grammars and Related Formalisms (TAG+9), Germany, June 7-8.
- 2008 31. Storoshenko, Dennis Ryan, Chung-hye Han, and David **Potter**. “Reflexivity in English: An STAG Analysis” Poster presentation at the 9th International Workshop on Tree Adjoining Grammars and Related Formalisms (TAG+9), Germany, June 7-8.
- 2008 32. **Potter**, David. “Multiple Wh-Fronting in Tree-Adjoining Grammar” Oral presentation at the 24th Northwest Linguistics Conference, Seattle, May 3-4.
- 2006 33. **Potter**, David. Leading in Higher Education: McNair Program Student Panel. Oregon TriO Student Leadership Conference, University of Oregon.

Teaching

Instructor

- S 2019 ENGL 680: English Syntax
- F 2018 ENGL 315: Structure of English
- W 2018 LING 380: Presentations
- F 2017 LING 270: Meaning
- S 2012-17 TGS 509: International Summer Institute, Conversation & Presentation, Pronunciation, SPEAK Test Preparation; Learn-By-Doing Workshop (Photography, Coffee Culture)
- F 2012 LING 380: Spoken English for Non-Native Speakers: Pronunciation
- W 2012 LING 380: Spoken English for Non-Native Speakers: Culture & Fluency

Teaching Assistant

- F 2016 LING 270: Meaning
- F 2016 LING 260: Formal Analysis of Words and Sentences
- S 2016 LING 250: Sound Patterns in Human Language
- S 2014 LING 270: Meaning
- W 2014 LING 270: Meaning

F 2013 LING 260: Formal Analysis of Words and Sentences
 S 2013 LING 243: Language Evolution
 W 2013 LING 270: Meaning
 S 2012 LING 250: Sound Patterns in Human Language

Tutor Marker

F 2009 LING 200: Introduction to the Description of English Grammar
 S 2009 LING 322: Syntax
 S 2009 LING 220 Introduction to Linguistics
 F 2008 LING 301 Linguistic Argumentation
 F 2008 LING 481 Topics: Discourse Analysis
 S 2008 LING 222: Introduction to Syntax
 S 2008 LING 481: Topics: First Nations Languages
 S 2008 LING 220: Introduction to Linguistics
 S 2008 LING 322: Syntax
 F 2007 LING 100: Language & Communication
 F 2007 LING 322: Syntax

Tutor

2014-2016 N’CAT Tutor, Northwestern Athletics Department: LING 250 (Phonetics/Phonology), 260 (Syntax), 270 (Semantics/Pragmatics), 350 (Laboratory Phonology)
 2016 LING 482: Individual Speech & Language Tutoring for Non-Native Speakers of English
 2011 LING 482: Individual Speech & Language Tutoring for Non-Native Speakers of English

Research Assistantships

2014-2015 “Clausal Ellipsis” PI: Masaya Yoshida
 -Eye-tracking & acceptability judgment experimental design & analysis
 2009-2010 “The Processing and Learning of Pitch in Speech” PI: Yue Wang, SFU
 -Recruited and ran participants using EEG equipment.
 2009-2010 “Equative & Predicational Copulas in Thai” PI: Nancy Hedberg, SFU
 -Sentence acceptability judgment experimental design & analysis investigating Thai copular structures, in Bangkok, Thailand.
 2008 “Computational Semantics for Natural Language using Synchronous Formal Grammars” PI: Chung-hye Han, SFU
 -Developed analyses of syntax-semantics interface for English coordinate structures and reflexives in Synchronous Tree Adjoining Grammar.
 2008 “The Nature of Grammar Competition in the Clause Structure of Head Final Languages”, PI: Chung-hye Han, SFU
 -Ran participants using a truth-value judgment task.
 2006 “VP & NP Coordination in the LTAG Semantic/Syntactic Interface” McNair Summer Research Internship, [Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program](#), PSU

Awards

2019	USPC Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions Meet-Up Travel Grant
2016-17	Northwestern University Linguistics Fellowship
2013	Northwestern University Graduate School Conference Travel Grant
2012	N. American Summer School of Logic, Language & Information Scholarship
2010-11	Northwestern University Linguistics Fellowship
2007-08	Simon Fraser University Graduate Scholarship
2006	McNair Scholar , Portland State University

Service

2020	Reviewer, Journal of Experimental Psychology
2019-20	Reviewer, Linguistics Inquiry
2018 -19	Reviewer, Revue canadienne de linguistique/Canadian Journal of Linguistics
2018 -19	Reviewer, Studia Linguistica: A Journal of General Linguistics
2012-17	Colloquium committee, Northwestern University, Dept. of Linguistics
2011-12	Website coordinator, Northwestern University, Dept. of Linguistics
2010-11	Reception committee, Northwestern University, Dept. of Linguistics
2010	Organizing committee, 26th Annual Northwest Linguistics Conference
2008-09	Executive Committee member, SFU Graduate Student Society
2007-09	President, SFU Linguistics Graduate Student Association
2007-09	Council member, Simon Fraser University Graduate Student Society

Technical and Research Skills

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GitHub

Adobe Photoshop

Microsoft Office Suite

Advanced statistical analysis

Psycholinguistic experimental design and analysis

References

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