

Robert Henderson

Education

- 2007–2012 University of California, Santa Cruz
Ph.D. in Linguistics (September 2012).
- 2009 M.A. in Linguistics.
- 2003–2007 University of Texas at Austin
B.A. in Linguistics and Latin American Studies with highest honors.

Employment

- 2015–present Assistant Professor of Linguistics
University of Arizona.
- 2013–2015 Assistant Professor of Linguistics
Wayne State University.
- 2012–2013 Postdoctoral Fellow
McGill University
Supervisor: Lisa Travis.

Publications

In Peer-Reviewed Journals

- to appear Donkeys under discussion.
with Lucas Champollion and Dylan Bumford (first author = Champollion)
Semantics & Pragmatics.
- 2018 Prosodic smothering in Macedonian and Kaqchikel.
with Ryan Bennett and Boris Harizanov (no first author)
Linguistic Inquiry. 49(2), 1-46.
- 2017 Adverbs and variability in Kaqchikel Agent Focus A reply to Erlewine (2016).
with Jessica Coon (first author = Henderson)
Natural Language and Linguistic Theory. 1-26.
- 2016 Mayan Semantics.
Language and Linguistics Compass. 10(10), 551-588.
doi: 10.1111/lnc3.12187
- 2016 Introduction to Mayan Linguistics.
with Ryan Bennett & Jessica Coon (no first author)
Language and Linguistics Compass. 10(10), 455-468.
doi: 10.1111/lnc3.12159
- 2016 Swarms: Spatiotemporal Grouping Across Domains.
Natural Language & Linguistic Theory. 1-43
doi: 10.1007/s11049-016-9334-z
- 2014 Dependent indefinites and their post-suppositions.
Semantics & Pragmatics. 7(6), 1-58.
doi: 10.3765/sp.7.6

- 2014 Towards a Development-Based Approach to Language Revitalization.
with Brent Henderson & Peter Rohloff (no first author)
Language Documentation & Conservation. 8, 75-91.
- 2013 At-issue proposals and appositive impositions in discourse.
with Scott AnderBois & Adrian Brasoveanu (no first author)
Journal of Semantics. 32(1), 93-138.
doi: 10.1093/jos/fft014
- 2013 Accent in Uspanteko.
with Ryan Bennett (no first author)
Natural Language and Linguistic Theory. 31(3), 589-645.
doi: 10.1007/s11049-013-9196-6
- 2012 Morphological alternations at the intonational phrase edge: The case of K'ichee'.
Natural Language and Linguistic Theory. 30(3), 741-789.
doi: 10.1007/s11049-012-9170-8

In Peer-Reviewed Edited Volumes

- to appear Dogwhistles and the At-Issue / Non-At-Issue distinction.
with Eric McCready (no first author). In Daniel Gutzmann and Katharina Turgay (eds.),
Secondary content: The linguistics of side issues. Brill.
- 2017 Mayan Pluractionality.
In Judith Aissen, Nora England, and Roberto Zavala (eds.), *The Mayan Languages*.
Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2015 Linguistically establishing discourse context: Two case studies from Mayan languages.
with Scott AnderBois (no first author)
In Ryan Bochnak and Lisa Matthewson (eds.), *Methodologies in Semantic Fieldwork*, 207-233.
Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2013 Typology.
In *Oxford Bibliographies Online*. doi: 10.1093/obo/9780199772810-0041
- 2011 Two binding puzzles in Mayan.
with Jessica Coon (no first author)
In Rodrigo Gutierrez-Bravo, Line Mikkelsen, and Eric Potsdam (eds.), *Representing Language: Essays in Honor of Judith Aissen*, 51-67. Santa Cruz, CA. Linguistics Research Center

In Proceedings of Peer-Reviewed Conferences

- To appear How dogwhistles work.
In Daisuke Bekki, Katsuhiko Sano, and Koji Mineshima (eds.),
Lecture Notes in Computer Science/Artificial Intelligence.
- 2016 A demonstration-based account of (pluractional) ideophones.
In Mary Moroney, Carol-Rose Little, Jacob Collard, and Dan Burgdorf (eds.),
Semantics and Linguistic Theory 26, 664-683.
- 2015 Expressive, much?.
with Daniel Gutzmann (no first author)
In Eva Csipak and Hedde Zeijlstra (eds.), *Sinn und Bedeutung* 19, 266-283.
- 2013 Quantizing scalar change.
In Todd Snider (ed.), *Semantics and Linguistic Theory* 23, 473-492.
- 2012 The pragmatics of quantifier scope: A corpus study.
with Scott AnderBois & Adrian Brasoveanu (no first author)
In Ana Aguilar, Anna Chernilovskaya, and Rick Nouwen (eds.), *Sinn und Bedeutung* 16, 15-28.

- 2011 Pluractional distributivity and dependence.
In Neil Ashton, Anca Chereches, and David Lutz (eds.), *Semantics and Linguistic Theory 21*, 218-235.
- 2011 Agent focus morphology without a focused agent: Restrictions on objects in Kaqchikel.
with Juan Ajsivinac (no first author)
In *Formal Approaches to Mayan Linguistics*. Boston, MA: MIT Working Papers in Linguistics
- 2010 Crossing the appositive / at-issue meaning boundary.
with Scott AnderBois & Adrian Brasoveanu (no first author)
In Satoshi Ito and Ed Cormany (eds.), *Semantics and Linguistic Theory 20*, 328-346.
- 2010 “So that we don’t lose words”: Reconstructing a Kaqchikel medical lexicon.
with Emily Tummons & Peter Rohloff (no first author)
In Coronel-Molina, S.M. and McDowell, J.H. (eds.) *The proceedings of the Symposium on Teaching Indigenous Languages of Latin America*, Indiana University.
- 2009 Varieties of distributivity: *One by one* vs. *each*.
with Adrian Brasoveanu (no first author)
In Nan Li and David Lutz (eds.), *Semantics and Linguistic Theory 19*, 55-72.
- 2008 Observaciones sobre la sintaxis de la extracción de los adjuntos en kaqchikel (Maya).
In Mateo Toledo, B. (ed.), *Memorias del Congreso de Idiomas Indígenas de Latinoamérica 3*. Austin, TX: Archive of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas.

Books Edited

- 2015 Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics 2.
with Lauren Eby Clemens & Pedro Mateo Pedro
Boston, MA: MIT Working Papers in Linguistics. <http://mitwpl.mit.edu/catalog/mwpl74/>

Presentations

Keynotes

- 2017 Dogwhistles and the At-Issue / Not-at-Issue distinction (with Eric McCready)
DGfS Workshop on Secondary Meaning. (Saarbrücken, 3/8-10).
- 2016 Variation in dependent indefinites
Journées Co-Distributivité 2016 / Workshop Co-Distributivity 2016. (Paris, 2/11-12).
- 2015 Pluractional demonstrations
Logic and Engineering of Natural Language Semantics 12. (Tokyo, 11/15-17).
- 2015 Mayan positionals at the syntax-semantics interface
Workshop on Structure and Constituency in Languages of the Americas 20. (Tucson, 1/23).
- 2012 A scalar account of Mayan positional roots
Semantics of Underrepresented Languages of the Americas 7. (Ithaca, 5/6).

Colloquia and Invited Presentations

- 2017 Pluraccionalidad a través de las lenguas (Pluractionality Across Language)
Invited course at the *National Autonomous University of Mexico*.
(Mexico City, 10/2-10/6).
- 2016 Pluractional Demonstrations
University of Tromsø Colloquium. (Tromsø, 9/30).

- 2016 Pluractional ideophones in Tsetal and Upper Necaxa Totonac
Brown University Linguistics / Anthropology Latin American Languages Speaker Series. (Providence, 4/25).
- 2016 Pluractional demonstrations
New York University Colloquium. (New York City, 4/22).
- 2015 Expressive, much? (co-authored with Daniel Gutzmann)
Kyoto University, CREST International Workshop on Formal and Computational Semantics. (Kyoto, 11/21).
- 2015 Mayan morphology at the syntax-phonology interface
University of Maryland, Mayfest 15: Morphfest. (College Park, 4/1).
- 2014 A Resource-sensitive Account of the Miners Puzzle
Wayne State Philosophy Colloquium. (Detroit, 11/20).
- 2014 Swarms: Spatiotemporal Grouping Across Domains
Cornell Linguistics & Philosophy Workshop: Plurals. (Ithaca, 11/8).
- 2014 Dependent Indefinites and their Post-suppositions
University of Michigan Linguistics Colloquium. (Ann Arbor, 3/21).
- 2014 Dependent Indefinites and their Post-suppositions
Michigan State University Linguistics Colloquium. (East Lansing, 3/20).
- 2014 Dependent Indefinites and the Semantics of Scope
University of Frankfurt Institute of Linguistics Colloquium. (Frankfurt, 1/16).
- 2014 The Dynamics of Nominal Apposition
University of Frankfurt Research Unit 1783 "Relative Clauses" guest lecture. (Frankfurt, 1/14).
- 2013 Dependent Indefinites and the Semantics of Scope
University of Chicago Linguistics Colloquium. (Chicago, 11/14).
- 2013 Reclaiming Wycliffe Bibles for Linguistic Research
Computational Fieldwork Workshop, (Montreal, 5/28).
- 2013 Crossing the Appositive/At-Issue Meaning Boundary
Carleton University Logic, Language and Information Lab. (Ottawa, 4/5).
- 2013 How to build a gradable predicate in Mayan
Carleton University Colloquium. (Ottawa, 4/5).
- 2013 How to build a gradable predicate in Mayan
Wayne State University Job Talk. (Detroit, 2/8).
- 2013 The morphosemantics of Mayan positional derivation
University of Utah Linguistics Colloquium. (Salt Lake City, 2/1).
- 2012 Two lectures on corpus linguistics for formal semantics
University of Oslo. (Oslo, 12/5-12/6).
- 2012 The morphosemantics of Mayan positional derivation
McGill University Linguistics Colloquium. (Montreal, 9/7).
- 2012 Computación e idiomas mayas: Donde estamos, donde vamos
Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics II. (Patzun, 8/1).
- 2012 Linguists and development agenda: Partnerships for language maintenance
Stanford Linguistics Job Talk. (Palo Alto, 4/16).
- 2011 A corpus-based approach to quantifier scope disambiguation
MIT S-square. (Boston, 5/9).

- 2011 Why linguists should partner with medical NGOs
UC Santa Cruz American Indian Resource Center. (Santa Cruz, 5/4).
- 2011 Documenting and describing tone in Uspanteko: Issues and first fruits
UC Berkeley Fieldwork Forum. (Berkeley, 4/28).
- 2011 Nab'ey Täq Tzij pa ruwi' Molaj Q'ajarik pa Qach'ab'al
(An introduction to semantics through Kaqchikel)
Kaqchikel Cholchi, Academy of Mayan Languages. (Chimaltenango, 2/23 & 3/2).
- 2010 (with Ryan Bennett) Accent in Uspanteko, a Mayan language.
International Symposium on Accent and Tone. (Tokyo, 12/18).
- 2010 Una escisión sujeto-objeto en el sistema de concordancia del kaqchikel
Quinto Encuentro de Teoría de Optimidad. (Mexico City, 12/10).
- 2010 Pluractional distributivity and dependence
Harvard Language Universals and Fieldwork Speaker Series. (Boston, 11/1).
- 2010 Pluractional effects on verbal aktionsart
Universiteit Leiden Friday Afternoon Lecture Series. (Leiden, 8/27).

Peer-Reviewed Conference Presentations

- 2016 Pluractional demonstrations.
Semantics and Linguistic Theory 26 (Austin).
- 2015 When adverbs embed clauses: An explanation for variability in Kaqchikel agent focus.
(with Jessica Coon)
46th meeting of the East Linguistic Society (Montreal).
- 2015 Prosodic smothering in Kaqchikel and Macedonian. (with Ryan Bennett and Boris Harizanov)
Chicago Linguistics Society Annual Meeting (Chicago).
- 2015 Expressive questions, much? (with Daniel Gutzmann)
DGfS: The prosody and meaning of (non-)canonical questions across languages (Leipzig).
- 2014 Expressive, Much? (with Daniel Gutzmann)
Sinn und Bedeutung (Göttingen).
- 2013 Micro- and macro-parameters in Mayan syntactic ergativity. (with Jessica Coon and Lisa Travis)
Towards a Theory of Syntactic Variation (Bilbao).
- 2011 Partnerships for Domain-Specific Language Revitalization. (with Emily Tummons and Peter Rohloff)
Symposium on Teaching Indigenous Languages of Latin America (Bloomington).
- 2011 Pluractional distributivity and dependence.
Semantics and Linguistic Theory 21 (New Brunswick).
- 2011 Accent in Uspanteko. (with Ryan Bennett)
CUNY Conference on Phonology of Endangered Languages (New York).
- 2011 The pragmatics of quantifier scope: A corpus study. (with Scott AnderBois & Adrian Brasoveanu)
Sinn und Bedeutung 16 (Utrecht)
The Proper Use of Quantification in Ordinary Language ESSLLI Workshop (Ljubljana).
- 2010 Pluractionality-based distributivity and dependent indefinites in Kaqchikel.
Workshop on Pluractionality: Towards a Typology of Verbal Number (Leiden).

- 2010 Crossing the appositive/at-issue meaning boundary. (with Scott AnderBois & Adrian Brasoveanu)
Semantics and Linguistic Theory 20 (Vancouver).
- 2010 “If not for” counterfactuals: Negating counterfactuality in natural language.
28th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (Los Angeles).
- 2010 Latest insertion in K’ichee’. (with Matt Tucker)
LSA Annual Meeting (Baltimore).
- 2010 “So that we don’t lose words”: Reconstructing a Kaqchikel medical lexicon. (with Emily Tummons and Peter Rohloff)
Symposium on Teaching Indigenous Languages of Latin America (Bloomington).
- 2009 Morphological alternations at the intonational phrase edge in K’ichee’.
40th meeting of the North East Linguistics Society (Cambridge, MA).
- 2009 Una escisión sujeto-objeto en el sistema de concordancia del kaqchikel
Congreso de Idiomas Indígenas de Latinoamérica IV (Austin).
- 2009 Varieties of distributivity: *One by one* vs. *each*. (with Adrian Brasoveanu)
Semantics and Linguistic Theory 19 (Columbus).
- 2007 Observaciones sobre la sintaxis de la extracción de los adjuntos en kaqchikel (Maya).
Congreso de Idiomas Indígenas de Latinoamérica III (Austin).

Other Presentations

- 2013 Invited Discussant on Sam Cumming’s “Attentional Foundations of Coherence”
University of Michigan Linguistics and Philosophy Workshop (Ann Arbor).
- 2013 Invited Discussant on Stefan Kaufmann’s “Causal Premise Semantics”
Workshop on Modal Talk and Reasoning (Ithaca).
- 2013 Language Death, Language Revitalization, and the Development Agenda
Wayne State University Humanities Center Brown Bag, (Detroit).
- 2012 Invited Discussant on Sarah Murray & Will Starr’s “The structure of speech acts”
Workshop on Communicative Acts (Ithaca).
- 2012 A scalar account of Mayan positional roots
CUSP IV (Los Angeles).
- 2011 The pragmatics of quantifier scope: A corpus study. (with Scott AnderBois & Adrian Brasoveanu)
CUSP III (Palo Alto).
- 2010 “If not for” counterfactuals: Negating counterfactuality in natural language
Stanford Workshop on Counterfactuals, Causality, and Inertia. (Palo Alto).
- 2009 Pluractionality-based distributivity (in Kaqchikel)
California Semantics and Pragmatics II (Santa Cruz).
- 2009 A non-defeasible causal counterfactual
California Semantics and Pragmatics I (Los Angeles).

Teaching

- As Instructor of Record
- Formal Semantics, Spring 2018
 - Introduction to Formal Semantics, Spring 2018
 - Mathematical Approaches to Language, Fall 2017
 - Formal Foundations of Linguistics, Fall 2017
 - Computational Semantics and Pragmatics, Spring 2017
 - Mathematical Approaches to Language, Fall 2016
 - Formal Semantics, Fall 2016
 - Semantics Seminar “Dependent Plurals,” Spring 2016
 - Mathematical Approaches to Language, Fall 2015
 - Formal Semantics, Fall 2015
 - Morphology, Spring 2015
 - Semantics Seminar “What do verbs mean?”, Fall 2014
 - Languages of the World, Fall 2014
 - Semantics Seminar “Quantification in Logic and Natural Language,” Winter 2014
 - Introduction to Linguistic Theory, Winter 2014
 - Languages of the World, Fall 2013
 - Linguistic Typology, Fall 2010.
- As TA
- Linguistic Typology, Spring 2010;
 - Semantics I, Fall 2008.

Academic and Development Work in Indigenous Communities

Linguistic Fieldwork

- Kaqchikel Summer 2005, Summer 2006, Winter 2006, Summer 2007, Summer 2009, Summer 2010, Spring 2011, July 2012, July 2013, Summer 2014.
- Uspanteko Summer 2010, Winter 2010, Spring 2011, August 2014, Summer 2016, Summer 2017.
- K’ichee’ Summer 2008.
- Chuj Fall 2012.

Development

- 2010-present Wuqu’ Kawoq advisory board. Planning and overseeing the organization’s Mayan language documentation and revitalization initiatives.
- 2007-2010 Co-founder and board member of Wuqu’ Kawoq, a community-directed NGO dedicated to delivering linguistically responsible medical care in Guatemala by operating in indigenous languages and supporting indigenous practitioners.

Grants and Awards

- 2016 Collaborative Research: Investigations into tone and stress in a complex prosodic system. National Science Foundation. Proposal: #1551666. Award: \$166,923.
- 2015 Selected as an alternate. SIAS Summer Institute "The Investigation of Linguistic Meaning: In the Armchair, in the Field, and in the Lab".
- 2013-2014 Wayne State University Humanities Center Resident Scholar.
- 2012 Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada conference funding: “Corpus Approaches to Mayan Linguistics”, #646-2011-1601, with Jessica Coon.

- 2009-2012 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, #1000051754, Awarded 2007.
- 2009 National Science Foundation conference funding: “Formal Approaches to Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi) Workshop” #0841282, 2009–2010 (PI David Pesetsky), wrote and submitted grant with Jessica Coon.
- 2007-2009 Cota-Robles Graduate Fellowship. A UC-wide competitive award for students that increase the representation of communities historically underrepresented in academia.
- 2007 UT Austin Dean’s Distinguished Graduate (1 of 12 for class of 2007).

Advising

PhD

- 2017-2018 Nick Kloehn: Committee Member.
- 2015- Ryan Smith: Co-Supervisor.
- 2016- Rana Nabors: Committee Member.

Qualifying

- Spring 2018 Roya Kabiri, Prelim Committee, member.
- Fall 2017 Luke Smith, Prelim Committee, chair.
- Spring 2016 Skye Anderson, Prelim Committee, member.
- Fall 2016 Rachel Brown, Prelim Committee, member.
- 2015- Stanley Donahoo, Prelim Committee, member.
- Fall 2016 Rana Nabors, Prelim Committee, member.

Undergrad

- 2017- Shaun Sienestra: BA honors thesis, supervisor.
- 2017- Isaac Manrique: BA honors thesis, supervisor.
- 2012-2013 Liwen Hou: BA thesis committee, chair.

University Service

- Fall 2017 Computational Social Sciences Graduate Certificate Committee
Developed and helped get approval of the new Graduate Certificate in Computational Social Science.
- 2016-2017 Social & Behavioral Sciences Research Institute Advisory Board,
Computational Social Sciences Graduate Certificate Advisory Board.

Departmental Service

- 2016-2017 Tech Team Lead,
Peer Evaluation Committee,
Ad Hoc Committee on Equity, Respect, and Inclusion.
- 2015-2016 Tech Team Lead,
Outreach Committee,
SPFI Hiring Subcommittee.

Service to the Profession

- 2017- Associate Editor, *Journal of Semantics*.
- 2016 Co-organizer of the Taller sobre la Fonética Práctica (Workshop on Practical Phonetics) with Ryan Bennett.
- 2014 Co-organizer of FAMLi III (Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics) with Rodrigo Gutiérrez-Bravo and Jessica Coon.
- 2013 External Reviewer for Gabrielle Tandong *Negation and Negative Pronouns in Chontal Mayan*, Harvard B.A. Thesis.
- 2012 Co-organizer of FAMLi II (Formal Approaches to Mayan Linguistics) and CAML (Corpus-based Approaches to Mayan Linguistics) with Jessica Coon.
- 2010 Co-founder and co-organizer of FAMLi (Formal Approaches to Mayan Linguistics) with Jessica Coon.
- 2010 Conference committee, Formal Approaches to Japanese Linguistics 5.
- 2009 Conference committee, 16th meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association.
- 2009 Linguistics colloquium committee, *UC Santa Cruz*.
- 2008 Conference committee, UCSC Alumni Reunion and Conference.
- 2006 Linguistics External Review Undergraduate Committee Member, *UT Austin*.
- Reviewing *Language, Natural Language and Linguistic Theory, Studia Logica, Journal of Semantics, Natural Language Semantics, Semantics & Pragmatics, Gloss, Lingua, International Journal of American Linguistics, Linguistics, Tlalocan, Transactions of the Philological Society, SALT, SuB, SULA, NELLS, GLOW*.

Languages

English	native
Spanish	fluent
Kaqchikel	fluent
K'ichee'	intermediate
Uspanteko	fieldwork
Chuj	fieldwork