

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

- Associate Professor of Linguistics
Affiliate Faculty in (i) Latin American Studies, and (ii) Second Language Acquisition and Teaching
University of Arizona.
- 2015–2019 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.

Grants and Awards

- 2020 Compositional morphosemantics of plurality. National Science Foundation. Proposal: #1945641. Award: \$448,980.
- 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).

Publications

Books

- Under contract Signaling without Saying: The semantics and pragmatics of dogwhistles.
with Elin McCready (no first author)
Oxford University Press.

In Peer-Reviewed Journals

- 2019 Donkeys under discussion.
with Lucas Champollion and Dylan Bumford (first author = Champollion)
Semantics & Pragmatics. 12(1), .
doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.3765/sp>
- 2019 The roots of measurement.
Glossa. 4(1), 1-32.
doi: [10.5334/gjgl.515](https://doi.org/10.5334/gjgl.515)
- 2019 Expressive updates, much?.
with Daniel Gutzmann (no first author)
Language. 95(1), 107-135.
doi: [10.1353/lan.2019.0014](https://doi.org/10.1353/lan.2019.0014)
- 2018 Prosodic smothering in Macedonian and Kaqchikel.
with Ryan Bennett and Boris Harizanov (no first author)
Linguistic Inquiry. 49(2), 1-46.
doi: [10.1162/LING_a_00272](https://doi.org/10.1162/LING_a_00272)
- 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.
doi: [10.1007/s11049-017-9370-3](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11049-017-9370-3)
- 2016 Mayan Semantics.
Language and Linguistics Compass. 10(10), 551-588.
doi: [10.1111/lnc3.12187](https://doi.org/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](https://doi.org/10.1111/lnc3.12159)
- 2016 Swarms: Spatiotemporal Grouping Across Domains.
Natural Language & Linguistic Theory. 1-43
doi: [10.1007/s11049-016-9334-z](https://doi.org/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](https://doi.org/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](https://doi.org/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 Dependent numerals in Kaqchikel.
In Patricia Cabredo-Hofherr and J.S. Doetjes (eds.),
The Oxford Handbook of Grammatical Number. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2019 Dogwhistles and the At-Issue / Non-At-Issue distinction.
with Elin 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 & 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, & Elin Potsdam (eds.), *Representing
Language: Essays in Honor of Judith Aissen*, 51-67. Santa Cruz, CA. Linguistics Research
Center

In Proceedings of Peer-Reviewed Conferences

- 2020 Towards functional, agent-based models of dogwhistle communication.
with Elin McCready (no first author)
Proceedings of the Probability and Meaning Conference (PAM 2020), 73-77.
- 2020 Social Meaning in Repeated Interactions.
with Elin McCready (no first author)
Proceedings of the Probability and Meaning Conference (PAM 2020), 69-72.
- 2019 Dogwhistles, trust, and ideology.
with Elin McCready (no first author)
Proceedings of the 22nd Amsterdam Colloquium 2019.
- 2019 How dogwhistles work.
with Elin McCready (no first author)
In Daisuke Bekki, Katsuhiko Sano, and Koji Mineshima (eds.),
Lecture Notes in Computer Science/Artificial Intelligence, 231-240.
- 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

- 2019 Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics 5.
with Ryan Bennett, Pedro Mateo Pedro, & Megan Harvey
Santa Cruz, CA: Linguistics Research Center Working Papers.
https://escholarship.org/uc/lrc_famli5
- 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

- 2019 Cross-domain parallels in nominal and verbal plural reference
SSILA workshop: Parallels between Verbal Number and Nominal Number. (New York City, NY 1/4/2019).
- 2017 Dogwhistles and the At-Issue / Not-at-Issue distinction (with Elin 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).
- 2020 Dogwhistles in semantic and pragmatic theory
ZAS Semantics Circle.
(Berlin, 7/8).

Colloquia and Invited Presentations

- 2021 Dogwhistles in semantic and pragmatic theory
University of Cologne Linguistics Colloquium.
(Cologne, 1/20).
- 2021 NLP for social scientists
Winter School in Computational Social Science.
(Tucson, 1/8).
- 2020 Pluractionality and distributivity on the edge of Mesoamerica
Workshop on Mesoamerican Languages.
(Santa Cruz, CA, 12/1).
- 2020 Dogwhistles in semantic and pragmatic theory
ZAS Semantics Circle.
(Berlin, 7/8).
- 2019 Signalling without saying: The semantics and pragmatics of dogwhistles
The New York Philosophy of Language Workshop
(New York City, 11/11).
- 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).

- 2017 Phrase-final morphology and covert relativization in Tz'utujil.
Congreso de Idiomas Indígenas de las Américas VIII (Austin).
- 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).

Teaching

- As Instructor of Record Formal Semantics, Spring 2021
 Mathematical Approaches to Language, Spring 2021
 Mathematical Approaches to Language, Fall 2020
 Introduction to Formal Semantics, Fall 2020
 Mathematical Approaches to Language, Spring 2020
 Introduction to Formal Semantics, Spring 2020
 Semantics Seminar “Social Meaning”, Fall 2019
 American Indian Languages, Fall 2019
 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, Summer 2018, Summer 2019.
- 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.

PhD Advising

- 2020- Jesús González Franco: Supervisor.
2020- Tyree Martin: Supervisor.
2020- Luis Irizarry: Supervisor.
2019- Megan Harvey: Supervisor.
2018- Patricia Lee: Supervisor.
2018- George-Michael Pescaru: Committee Member.
2015-2020 Ryan Smith: Co-Supervisor.
2017-2018 Nick Kloehn: Committee Member.
2016-2018 Rana Nabors: Committee Member.

University Service

- 2016-present Computational Social Sciences Graduate Certificate Advisory Board
Founding board member.
2016-present Social & Behavioral Sciences Research Institute Advisory Board.

Departmental Service

- 2017-2019 Curriculum Committee (Chair),
Tech Team Lead,
Peer Evaluation Committee,
Committee on Equity, Respect, and Inclusion.
2017-2018 Tech Team Lead,
Peer Evaluation Committee,
Ad Hoc Committee on Equity, Respect, and Inclusion.
2016-2017 Tech Team Lead,
Peer Evaluation Committee,
Committee on Equity, Respect, and Inclusion.
2015-2016 Tech Team Lead,
Outreach Committee,
SPFI Hiring Subcommittee.

Service to the Profession

- 2020- Steering Committee, *SALT*.
2017- Associate Editor, *Journal of Semantics*.
2018 Co-organizer of the Taller sobre el Corpus Lingüístico (Workshop on Corpus Linguistics) with Ryan Bennett and Megan Harvey.
2017 Co-organizer of FAMLi V (Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics) with Ryan Bennett and Pedro Mateo Pedro.

- 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, NELS, GLOW*.

Languages

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