

# 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

- 2016 Swarms: Spatiotemporal Grouping Across Domains.  
*Natural Language & Linguistic Theory*. 1-43  
doi: 10.1007/s11049-016-9334-z
- 2015 At-issue proposals and appositive impositions in discourse.  
with Scott AnderBois & Adrian Brasoveanu  
*Journal of Semantics*. 32(1), 93-138.  
doi: 10.1093/jos/fft014
- 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  
*Language Documentation & Conservation*. 8, 75-91.
- 2013 Accent in Uspanteko.  
with Ryan Bennett  
*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

- 2015 Linguistically establishing discourse context: Two case studies from Mayan languages.  
 with Scott AnderBois  
 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  
 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

- 2015 Expressive, much?.  
 with Daniel Gutzmann  
 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  
 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  
 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  
 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  
 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  
 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/>

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## Presentations

### Conference Keynotes

- 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

- 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?  
*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 Tāq Tzij pa ruwí' 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

- 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 ESSLI 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'.  
*40<sup>th</sup> 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
  - 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.
- 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.

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## 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 Summar 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).

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## Advising

### PhD

- 2015- Ryan Smith: Co-Supervisor.

### Qualifying

- 2016- Skye Anderson, Prelim Committee, member.
- 2015- Rachel Brown, Prelim Committee, member.
- 2015- Stanley Donahoo, Prelim Committee, member.
- 2015- Rana Nabors, Prelim Committee, member.

### Undergrad

- 2012-2013 Liwen Hou: BA thesis committee, chair.

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## Departmental Service

- 2015 Tech Team Lead, Outreach Committee, SPFI Hiring Subcommittee.

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## Service to the Profession

- 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.*
- 2014 Co-organizer of FAMLi III (Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics) with Rodrigo Gutiérrez-Bravo and Jessica Coon.
- 2013 External Reviewer for Gabrielle Tendent *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*.

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## Languages

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