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## EDUCATION

- 2017      Ph.D. Linguistics, New York University  
            Dissertation: Split-scope effects in definite descriptions  
            Chair: Chris Barker
- 2014–15   Visiting Researcher, Stanford University
- 2010      B.S. Psychology, University of Texas at Austin
- 2010      B.A. Mathematics, Linguistics, and Plan II Honors, University of Texas at Austin

## EMPLOYMENT

- 2017–      Assistant Professor  
            University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Linguistics

## PUBLICATIONS († = refereed journal)

- † 2019      Donkeys under discussion.  
            With Lucas Champollion and Robert Henderson.  
            To appear in *Semantics and Pragmatics*.
- 2018      Binding into superlative descriptions.  
            *Semantics and Linguistic Theory* 28, 325–344.  
            <http://dx.doi.org/10.3765/salt.v28io.4412>
- 2017      Parsing with Dynamic Continuized CCG.  
            With Michael White, Jordan Needle, and Simon Charlow.  
            *13th International Workshop on Tree-Adjoining Grammar and Related Formalisms*, 71–83.  
            <http://www.aclweb.org/anthology/W17-6208>
- † 2017      Split-scope definites: Relative superlatives and Haddock descriptions.  
            *Linguistics and Philosophy* 40(6), 549–93.  
            <http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s10988-017-9210-2>
- † 2015      Incremental quantification and the dynamics of pair-list phenomena.  
            *Semantics and Pragmatics* 8(9), 1–70.  
            <http://dx.doi.org/10.3765/sp.8.9>
- 2015      A cross-linguistic study of the non-at-issueness of exhaustive inferences.  
            With Emilie Destruel, Dan Velleman, Edgar Onea, Jingyang Xue, and David Beaver.  
            In Florian Schwarz (ed.) *Experimental Perspectives on Presuppositions*. Springer, Dordrecht.  
            [http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-07980-6\\_6](http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-07980-6_6)

- 2014 Universal quantification as iterated dynamic conjunction.  
*19th Amsterdam Colloquium*, 67–74.  
[http://www.illc.uva.nl/AC/AC2013/uploaded\\_files/inlineitem/o9\\_Bumford.pdf](http://www.illc.uva.nl/AC/AC2013/uploaded_files/inlineitem/o9_Bumford.pdf)
- † 2013 Association with distributivity and the problem of multiple licensors for singular *different*.  
 With Chris Barker.  
*Linguistics and Philosophy* 36(5), 355–369.  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s10988-013-9139-z>
- 2012 It-clefts are IT (inquiry-terminating) constructions.  
 With Dan Velleman, David Beaver, Emilie Destruel, Edgar Onea, and Elizabeth Coppock.  
*Semantics and Linguistic Theory* 22, 441–460.  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.3765/salt.v22io.2640>

## PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 Invited colloquium, UC Irvine.
- 2019 Invited colloquium, University of Arizona.
- 2018 Effectful composition in natural language. With Simon Charlow. Invited talk, *North American Summer School of Logic, Language, and Information*, CMU.
- 2018 Binding into superlative descriptions. *Semantics and Linguistic Theory* 28, MIT.
- 2017 Proofs as programs (and programs as proofs). Invited lecture, “Computational Semantics” graduate seminar (Simon Charlow, instructor), Rutgers University.
- 2017 Parsing with Dynamic Continuized CCG. With Michael White, Jordan Needle, and Simon Charlow. *13th International Workshop on Tree-Adjoining Grammar and Related Formalisms*, Umeå.
- 2017 Split-scope effects in definite descriptions. Invited colloquium, Boston University.
- 2016 Polyadicity in descriptions. Invited talk, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2016 Monadic dynamic semantics: Side effects and scope. With Simon Charlow. *Natural Language and Computer Science* 4, Columbia University.
- 2016 The rabbit in the hat is back: Definites with joint uniqueness presuppositions. With Lucas Champollion and Linmin Zhang. *Definiteness Across Languages*, UNAM.
- 2016 Decomposing definiteness: Effects of delayed quantification in descriptions. *Semantics and Linguistic Theory* 26, UT Austin.
- 2016 Split-scope definites. Invited talk, Queen Mary University.
- 2015 Temporal modification without pronouns. Invited talk, NYU Continuations Workshop.
- 2015 Adjectives of comparison. With Chris Barker. Invited talk, UCSC S-Circle.
- 2014 Incremental quantification and the dynamics of pair-list phenomena. Invited talk, Stanford Construction of Meaning Workshop.
- 2013 Universal quantification as iterated dynamic conjunction. *19th Amsterdam Colloquium*.
- 2013 Generalized association with distributivity. With Chris Barker. *Semantics and Linguistic Theory* 23, UCSC.

- 2012      It-clefts are IT (inquiry-terminating) constructions. With Dan Velleman, David Beaver, Emilie Destruel, Edgar Onea, and Elizabeth Coppock. *Semantics and Linguistic Theory 22*, University of Chicago.
- 2011      “Yes, but...” — Exhaustivity and at-issueness across languages. With Dan Velleman, David Beaver, Emilie Destruel, and Edgar Onea. *Workshop on Projection, Entailment, Presupposition, and Assertion*.
- 2009      Effects of grammatical form and familiarity on metaphor comprehension. With Lauretta Reeves. *Metaphor Festival*, Stockholm.

## **HONORS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS**

- 2018      Dean’s Discretionary Fund
- 2013–16   National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
  - 3-year grant covering tuition, research expenses, and living stipend
- 2013      NYU Curricular Development Challenge Fund (with Lucas Champollion, PI)
  - \$4,800 grant to develop pedagogical software for semantics courses
- 2011–16   Henry M. MacCracken Fellowship
  - 5-year funding package from NYU, including tuition and stipend
- 2011      George H. Mitchell Grand Prize for Academic Research
  - \$20,000 prize awarded to one UT undergraduate per year for thesis research

## **TEACHING**

As primary instructor at UCLA

- 2019      Ling 165C: Semantics II (undergraduate)
- 2018      Ling 200C: Semantic Theory I (graduate)
- 2018      Ling 180: Mathematical Structures in Language (undergraduate)
- 2018      Ling 252: Definiteness and Degrees (graduate seminar)
- 2018      Ling 165C: Semantic Theory II (graduate)
- 2018      Ling 201C: Semantics II (undergraduate)
- 2017      Ling 20: Introduction to Linguistic Analysis (undergraduate)

As primary instructor elsewhere

- 2015      Monads and Natural Language (European Summer School in Logic, Language, and Information), co-taught with Chris Barker

As teaching assistant at NYU and UT

- 2016      Introduction to Semantics (NYU, Chris Barker)
  - 7 primary lectures, weekly recitation sections, assignment and exam development
- 2015      Introduction to Semantics (NYU, Chris Barker)

- 2013      Language and Mind (NYU, Anna Szabolcsi and Brian McElree)
- 2013      Grammatical Analysis (NYU, Mark Baltin)
- 2009      Mind and Reason (UT, David Beaver)
- 2008      Punishment in Society (UT, Robert Pitman)

## SERVICE AND EXPERIENCE

### Peer review

*Synthese* (2018), *Semantics and Pragmatics* (2012, 2017–2019), *Sinn und Bedeutung* (2018), *West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics* (2018), *Linguistics and Philosophy* (2017–18), *Natural Language Semantics* (2017), *Journal of Semantics* (2016–19), *Semantics and Linguistic Theory* (2018), *Logic and Engineering of Natural Language Semantics* (2016), *Journal of Language Modelling* (2017)

### Conference organization

- 2018–19    Co-organizer, *Semantics and Linguistic Theory* 29
- 2017–18    Program Committee, *West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics* 36
- 2013–14    Program Committee, *Semantics and Linguistic Theory* 24

### Department administration

- 2019–      Merit Review Committee
- 2018–      Linguistics and Computer Science Faculty Advisor
- 2018–      Website Committee, UCLA Linguistics
- 2013–16    Organizer, NYU Semantics Group

### Other employment

- 2013–15    Software development, The Lambda Calculator  
                  – Pedagogical tool to assist in teaching the lambda calculus
- 2012      Research Assistant, Stephanie Harves
- 2009–11    Research Assistant, David Beaver