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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 article)

- † 2022 Polymorphic distributivity.
 Natural Language Semantics, to appear.
- † 2022 Composition under distributive natural transformations: Or, When Predicate Abstraction
 is impossible.
 Journal of Logic, Language, and Information, to appear.
- 2021 Rationalizing Evaluativity.
 With Jessica Rett.
 Sinn und Bedeutung 25, 187–204.
 <http://dx.doi.org/10.18148/sub/2021.v25io.931>
- † 2021 Negative Polarity Items in definite superlatives.
 With Yael Sharvit.
 Linguistic Inquiry, to appear.
 http://dx.doi.org/10.1162/ling_a_00409
- † 2019 Donkeys under discussion.
 With Lucas Champollion and Robert Henderson.
 Semantics & Pragmatics 12(1), 1–50.
 <http://dx.doi.org/10.3765/sp.12.1>
- 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 & 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 & 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
- 2014 Universal quantification as iterated dynamic conjunction.
19th Amsterdam Colloquium, 67–74.
http://www.illc.uva.nl/AC/AC2013/uploaded_files/inlineitem/09_Bumford.pdf
- † 2013 Association with distributivity and the problem of multiple licensors for singular *different*.
With Chris Barker.
Linguistics & 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.v22i0.2640>

PRESENTATIONS

- 2021 Rationalizing evaluativity. *Sinn und Bedeutung*.
- 2020 Superlative updates. Invited talk, NYU.
- 2019 Superlative scope, comparison classes, and negative polarity. Invited colloquium, USC.
- 2019 Superlative scope, comparison classes, and negative polarity. Invited colloquium, UC Irvine.
- 2019 Superlative scope, comparison classes, and negative polarity. 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.
- 2017 Split-scope effects in definite descriptions. Invited colloquium, UCLA.
- 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 Laurretta Reeves. *Metaphor Festival*, Stockholm.

TEACHING

As primary instructor at UCLA

- 2020 Ling 200C: Semantic Theory I (graduate)
- 2020 Ling 222: Semantic Theory III, Dynamic Semantics (graduate)
- 2020 Ling 120C: Semantics I (undergraduate)
- 2019 Ling 200C: Semantic Theory I (graduate)
- 2019 Ling 165C: Semantics II (undergraduate)
- 2019 Ling 252: Relative Clauses (graduate seminar)
- 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

- Effectful composition in natural language semantics (European Summer School in Logic, Language, and Information), co-taught with Simon Charlow
[being rescheduled due to COVID 19]
- 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)
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- 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)

ADVISING

As dissertation chair

- 2020 Maayan Abenina-Adar, *Expressing ignorance with determiner phrases*

As dissertation committee member

- ongoing Bethany Sturman, *The semantics of quotation intonation*
- ongoing Gabriel Teixeira
- ongoing Huilei Wang
- 2021 Maura O’Leary, *Nominal Evaluation Times*
- 2021 Deborah Wong, *Wh-in situ sluicing in Minimalist Grammars*
- 2020 Iara Mantenuto, *Alternate Particles in San Sebastián del Monte Mixtec and Beyond*
- 2020 Richard Stockwell, *The contrast condition on ellipsis*

As MA thesis chair

- ongoing Kalen Chang

As MA thesis committee member

- 2020 Gabriel Teixeira, *Against Exclusion-Based Counterfactuality*
- 2020 Phillip Barnett, *Arc-Eager Effects on Probabilistic Left-Corner Language Models*
- 2019 Madeleine Booth, *Reconstruction and Resumptive Pronouns in Cairene Arabic*

Other advising

- 2020 Florence Verity, *Implicatures in continuation-based dynamic semantics by reasoning in the context* (External examiner, ANU MPhil thesis)
- 2019–20 Isabel Zhou, CollegeBoard AP Research Course, Expert Advisor

HONORS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

- 2018 Dean's Discretionary Fund, \$1,000
- 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

SERVICE AND EXPERIENCE

Journal review

- 2016–22 *Linguistic Inquiry*, *Language*, *Synthese*, *Semantics & Pragmatics*, *Linguistics & Philosophy*, *Natural Language Semantics*, *Journal of Semantics*, *Journal of Language Modelling*

Conference review

- 2017–20 *Semantics and Philosophy in Europe*, *North East Linguistic Society*, *West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, *Semantics and Linguistic Theory*, *Sinn und Bedeutung*, *Logic and Engineering of Natural Language Semantics*

Conference organization

- 2019– Steering Committee, *Semantics and Linguistic Theory*
- 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*

University administration

2019–20 Computational Linguistics Job Search Committee, UCLA Linguistics
2019–20 Merit Review Committee, UCLA Linguistics
2018–21 Linguistics and Computer Science Faculty Advisor, UCLA Linguistics
2018–20 Website Committee, UCLA Linguistics
2013–16 Organizer, NYU Semantics Group

Other employment

2013–15 Software development, The Lambda Calculator
2012 Research Assistant, Stephanie Harves
2009–11 Research Assistant, David Beaver