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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)

- 2020      Rationalizing Evaluativity.  
            With Jessica Rett.  
            *Sinn und Bedeutung* 25, to appear.
- † 2020      Negative Polarity Items in definite superlatives.  
            With Yael Sharvit.  
            *Linguistic Inquiry*, to appear.
- † 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](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](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.v22io.2640>

## PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 Superlative updates. Invited talk, NYU.
- 2019 Superlative scope, comparison classes, and negative polarity. Invited colloquium, USC.
- 2019 Rationalizing evaluativity. 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 Maura O’Leary, *Nominal Evaluation Times*
- ongoing Deborah Wong, *Wh-in situ sluicing in Minimalist Grammars*
- ongoing Bethany Sturman, *The semantics of quotation intonation*
- 2020 Iara Mantenuto, *Alternate Particles in San Sebastián del Monte Mixtec and Beyond*
- 2020 Richard Stockwell, *The contrast condition on ellipsis*

MA thesis committees

- 2020 Gabriel Teixeira, *Counterfactual consequents*
- 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

- 2016–20 *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– Linguistics and Computer Science Faculty Advisor, UCLA Linguistics
- 2018– 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