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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 († = journal article)

† 2022 Polymorphic distributivity.
Natural Language Semantics, early access online.
http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s11050-022-09195-5

† 2022 Composition under distributive natural transformations: Or, When Predicate Abstraction is impossible.
Journal of Logic, Language, and Information, early access online.
http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s10849-022-09361-2

2021 Rationalizing Evaluativity.
With Jessica Rett.
Sinn und Bedeutung 25, 187–204.
http://dx.doi.org/10.18148/sub/2021.v25i0.931

† 2021 Negative Polarity Items in definite superlatives.
With Yael Sharvit.
Linguistic Inquiry, early access online.
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.v28i0.4412

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 Lauretta Reeves. *Metaphor Festival*, Stockholm.

TEACHING

As primary instructor at UCLA

2021	Ling 200C: Semantic Theory I (graduate)
2021	Ling 120C: Semantics I (undergraduate)
2021	Ling 252: New issues for the semantics of questions (graduate seminar)
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

| 2022 | Effectful composition in natural language semantics (European Summer School in Logic, Language, and Information), co-taught with Simon Charlow |
| 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)
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)

ADVISING

As chair

| 2020 | Maayan Abenina-Adar, *Expressing ignorance with determiner phrases*, PhD Dissertation |
| ongoing | Kalen Chang, *Restrictiveness and the scope of adjectives*, MA Thesis |

As committee member

ongoing	Huilei Wang, PhD Dissertation
ongoing	Mia Teixeira, *Learning scalar items*, PhD Dissertation
ongoing	Bethany Sturman, *The semantics of quotation intonation*, PhD Dissertation
2021	Maura O'Leary, *The Evaluation Times of Nominal Predicates*, PhD Dissertation
2021	Deborah Wong, *Wh-in situ sluicing in Minimalist Grammars*, PhD Dissertation

2021	Yang Wang, *Regular languages extended with reduplication: Formal models, proofs and illustrations*, MA Thesis
2020	Iara Mantenuto, *Alternate Particles in San Sebastián del Monte Mixtec and Beyond*, PhD Dissertation
2020	Richard Stockwell, *The contrast condition on ellipsis*, PhD Dissertation
2020	Mia Teixeira, *Against Exclusion-Based Counterfactuality*, MA Thesis
2020	Phillip Barnett, *Arc-Eager Effects on Probabilistic Left-Corner Language Models*, MA Thesis
2019	Madeleine Booth, *Reconstruction and Resumptive Pronouns in Cairene Arabic*, MA Thesis

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	*Glossa Psycholinguistics, Linguistic Inquiry, Language, Synthese, Semantics & Pragmatics, Linguistics & Philosophy, Natural Language Semantics, Journal of Semantics, Journal of Language Modelling*

Conference review

2017–22	*Computational and Experimental Explanations in Semantics and Pragmatics, 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

2022–22   Co-organizer, *California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics 13*

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*

Department administration

2021–21   Climate Survey Committee, UCLA Linguistics

2021–21   Iranian Post-Doc Search Committee, UCLA Linguistics

2020–21   Visiting Students and Scholars Committee, UCLA Linguistics

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