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## Expertise

Syntax, semantics, computational linguistics, grammatical theory and the syntax-semantics interface (especially Lexical Functional Grammar and Glue Semantics), pragmatics, (critical) discourse analysis, language & gender, language & sexuality.

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## Academic employment

- 01/11/2024–present **Associate Professor (Førsteamanuensis) in Linguistics**, University of Oslo.
- 01/04/2021–31/10/2024 **Postdoctoral Researcher (Postdoktor) in Computational Semantics**, University of Oslo.
- 01/10/2019–31/03/2021 **Departmental Lecturer in Syntax**, University of Oxford.
- 01/10/2019–30/09/2020 **Stipendiary Lecturer in Linguistics**, Jesus College, University of Oxford.
- 01/10/2018–30/09/2019 **Stipendiary Lecturer in Linguistics**, St Hugh's College, University of Oxford.

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## Education

- 11/10/2015–06/05/2019 **D.Phil. in Comparative Philology & General Linguistics**.  
University of Oxford.  
THESIS TITLE: *Multiword expressions and the lexicon* [pdf].  
SUPERVISORS: Ash Asudeh, Mary Dalrymple. EXAMINERS: Stephen Pulman, Tom Wasow.
- 09/10/2012–30/06/2014 **M.Phil. (with distinction) in General Linguistics & Comparative Philology**.  
University of Oxford.  
THESIS TITLE: *The prepositional passive: a Lexical Functional account* [pdf].  
SUPERVISOR: Mary Dalrymple.
- 01/09/2011–06/12/2011 Graduate Programme in Linguistics.  
McGill University.  
Attended for one semester. GPA 3.92.
- 09/10/2007–30/06/2011 **B.A. (with First Class Honours) in Modern Languages (French) & Linguistics**.  
University of Oxford.

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## Teaching qualifications

- 05/12/2017 **SEDA-PDF Supporting Learning award**.  
Mapped to Descriptor 1 of the UK Professional Standards Framework: equivalent to Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy. My portfolio submission is available online [here](#).

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## Other professional experience

- 01/12/2019–31/03/2021 **Outreach & Access Officer**, Faculty of Linguistics, Philology & Phonetics, University of Oxford.  
Responsible for local and national outreach to schools, and organising the [UNIQ summer school](#) in linguistics.
- 01/07/2012–01/10/2018 **Linguistic Consultant**, Freelance.  
Expert consultancy services in and around general linguistics and NLP. This involved data annotation, resource mining and compilation, data analysis, and creative copywriting. I worked with researchers at the University of Oxford and at Queen Mary University London, as well as with private enterprises such as TheySay Analytics.
- 01/12/2014–30/09/2015 **Part-time Research Assistant**, Oxford English Dictionary, Oxford University Press.

## Research experience

*Note:* My publications and talks are given on pp. 7ff. This section gives details of two recent projects, with (clickable) cross-references to related publications and talks.

### Universal natural language understanding

[semantics, computational linguistics]

**PROJECT OVERVIEW:** This Research Council of Norway-funded project aims to develop and implement a rule-based semantic interpretation system, built on the language-agnostic Universal Dependencies syntactic framework, and using Glue Semantics as the syntax-semantics interface. We are building a highly modular system, where the core predicate-argument analysis relies solely on information available from the UD parse, and can therefore be applied to any language for which a UD parser exists. Additional language-specific resources (such as valency lexica or word-sense databases) can then be used in addition if they exist, but are not required.

**MY ROLE:** I am a post-doctoral researcher on this project, working under the P.I. Dag T. T. Haug. I am jointly responsible with the P.I. for developing the rules used in translating the syntactic parse into semantic resources, and for managing and training annotators who we use to generate gold-standard data from existing UD corpora. I also work on developing theoretical insights about the syntax-semantics interface from our experience with implementing analyses of a wide range of phenomena.

**OUTPUTS:** The project pipeline is presented in [15]. We have also produced a corpus of naturally-occurring texts with semantic annotations, called DRASTIC [14]. Our more theoretical outputs include a paper exploring the inadequacies of existing quasi-semantic extensions to UD [18], one developing a new theoretical approach to handling scope islands in Glue Semantics and LFG [17], and one introducing a syntax-semantics interface for Dependency Grammar [16].

### Multiword expressions and the lexicon

[syntax, semantics]

**PROJECT OVERVIEW:** This was my D.Phil. project, funded by the UK Arts and Humanities Research Council. My thesis [1] gives an analysis of multiword expressions (MWEs), especially idioms. It argues against approaches which conceive of idioms like *spill the beans* as being made up of special versions of *spill* and *beans*, and in favour of approaches which reaffirm the mixed nature of MWEs as partially word-like and partially phrase-like. It then develops a concrete example of the latter kind of theory, integrating insights from Tree-Adjoining Grammar into the Lexical Functional Grammar architecture.

**MY ROLE:** I was solely responsible for this project from conception to completion, under the supervision of my D.Phil. supervisors, Ash Asudeh and Mary Dalrymple. I developed the research proposal, disseminated the work through presentations and publications, and successfully applied for additional research funding, including for a research visit to Germany.

**OUTPUTS:** I have presented this work at peer-reviewed conferences for computational linguists [49], theoretical syntacticians [47], and for more general linguistics audiences [45]. The work has also appeared in the proceedings of two of these conferences [20], [21]. I organised a collaboration with researchers at the Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main, where I conducted a research visit in June 2018. This resulted in a series of presentations and an ongoing research collaboration [3], [28], [42], [43], [56]. My formal proposals for integrating LFG and TAG appear in a chapter in the *Handbook of Lexical Functional Grammar* [6], and the theoretical import of this for LFG (viewed as a formalisation of Construction Grammar) is discussed in a paper in the *Journal of Language Modelling* [5].

## Teaching

At the undergraduate level, I have created and (co-)led courses in **general linguistics, syntax, semantics & pragmatics, sociolinguistics, psycholinguistics, and historical linguistics**.

At the graduate level, I have created and led courses in **(computational) syntax and formal approaches to sociolinguistic variation**, as well as TA-ing for courses in **syntax, phonology, and formal foundations of linguistics** (an introduction to set theory, logic, and formal language theory for linguists).

My teaching experience covers small group and tutorial settings, larger classes, and lectures, and includes both curriculum development and the setting & marking of exams.

Qualifications: I hold a **SEDA-PDF Supporting Learning award** (see above for details).

In this section, years refer to the academic calendar (e.g. 2017 = the 2017/18 academic year).

## Summer schools

EUROPEAN SUMMER SCHOOL IN LOGIC, LANGUAGE AND INFORMATION (ESSLI2025)

- 2025 **An introduction to Glue Semantics: theoretical and computational perspectives**  
Taught jointly with Mark-Matthias Zymla. Course materials available [here](#). (classes – group size: ~12)

## University of Oslo

GRADUATE LEVEL

*As primary instructor*

- 2025 **Computational Lexical Functional Grammar** (classes – group size: 8)  
[LING4170: Linguistics specialization on structure and form]
- 2023 **Formal approaches to sociolinguistic variation** (seminars – group size: 12)  
[LING4130: Linguistics specialization on variation]

*As guest lecturer*

- 2024–2025 **Linguistic method** (lecture – group size: ~20)  
[LING4140: Språkvitenskapelig metode] – lectures on ‘Modelling in the language sciences’ and ‘Corpus linguistics’.
- 2024 **Grammatical relations in linguistic theory** (lecture – group size: 4)  
[LING4130: Linguistics Specialization on variation] – lecture on Lexical Functional Grammar.

UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL

*As primary instructor*

- 2024 **Semantics and pragmatics 2** (classes – group size: ~10)  
[LING2100: Semantikk og pragmatikk 2] – An introduction to formal semantics & pragmatics.

*As joint primary instructor*

- 2025 **Linguistic theories** (classes – group size: ~12)  
[LING2200: Lingvistiske teorier] – 2 classes on formal language theory.
- 2021, 2023 **Psycholinguistics and sociolinguistics** (lectures – group size: ~20).  
[LING1113: Psykolingvistikk og sosiolingvistikk]
- 2022 **Language change** (lectures – group size: ~20).  
[LING2108: Språkending]

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## University of Oxford

### GRADUATE LEVEL

*As primary instructor*

2019–2020 **Contemporary syntactic theory** (lectures and classes – group size: ~12).

2019–2020 **Introduction to syntax** (lectures – group size: ~25).

*As TA*

2017–2018 **Formal foundations of linguistics** (classes – group size: ~25).

An introduction to set theory, logic, and formal language theory for linguists.

2015–2016 **Introduction to syntax** (classes – group size: ~25).

2014 **Introduction to phonology** (classes – group size: 12).

### ADVANCED UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL

2014–2016, 2019–2020 **Syntax** (tutorials – group size: 1–3).

[FHS Paper XII/B2]

2018–2019 **General linguistics** (tutorials – group size: 2–3).

[FHS Paper XIII/A] – A survey module which covers the development of linguistic theory since the 19th century.

2017–2019 **Sociolinguistics** (tutorials – group size: 1–3).

[FHS Paper XII/B5]

2018 **Psycholinguistics** (tutorials – group size: 1–3).

[FHS Paper XII/B4]

2014–2017 **Semantics & pragmatics** (tutorials – group size: 1–3).

[FHS Paper XII/B3]

### FIRST-YEAR UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL

2014, 2018–2020 **Grammatical analysis** (classes – group size: 3–6).

[Prelims Paper X] – An introduction to both syntax and morphology.

2014, 2018–2019 **General linguistics** (tutorials – group size: 2–3).

[Prelims Paper VIII] – An introductory course which covers topics in general linguistics proper, along with psycholinguistics, semantics & pragmatics, sociolinguistics, and historical linguistics.

2018 **Psycholinguistics** (lectures – group size: ~50).

For Prelims Paper VIII: General linguistics.

2017 **Semantics & pragmatics** (lectures – group size: ~50).

For Prelims Paper VIII: General linguistics.

### IRREGULAR CLASSES

2016, 2018 **Language and identity: the view from linguistics** (class – group size: ~6).

An introduction to sociolinguistics for first year English language and literature undergraduates.

Handout available [here](#).

2017 **Corpus methods in sociolinguistics** (graduate class – group size: 3).

2016–2017, 2019 **L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X workshops: ‘L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X basics’ and ‘Going further with L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X’.**

Two workshops to introduce graduate students in linguistics to L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.

Handouts available [here](#) and [here](#).

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## Supervision

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### University of Oslo

#### GRADUATE SUPERVISION

2024 Jovana Knutsen. M.A. thesis. Title: t.b.c.

## UNDERGRADUATE SUPERVISION

- 2024 Lene Marie Olsen. B.A. thesis (guest supervisor for LING3090: B.A. thesis seminar). Title: *Idiomatic flexibility: an analysis of the idiom “a hill to die on”*.

## University of Oxford

## GRADUATE SUPERVISION

- 2021 Robert Flick. Extended essay in syntax. Title: *Distinguishing middles and passives in Hungarian: a numerical information structure approach*. M.St. in Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics.
- 2021 Kamran Sharifi. Extended essay in syntax. Title: *“Crazy syntax”: examining the role of the synchronic/diachronic distinction in syntactic theory*. M.St. in Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics.
- 2021 Tianxin Tu. Extended essay in syntax. Title: *The Mandarin Chinese ba construction revisited: an LFG account*. M.St. in Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics.
- 2021 Xiulin Yang. Extended essay in syntax. Title: *The ambiguous binding of ziji: an LFG analysis*. M.St. in Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics.
- 2021 Tommy Zhang. Extended essay in syntax. Title: *The concept of Function-Argument Biuniqueness in LFG & Glue and additional evidence from reflexives and complex predicates*. M.St. in Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics.
- 2020 Chenyu Fang. Extended essay in syntax. Title: *An LFG analysis of anaphoric reflexive (ta)-ziji in Mandarin Chinese*. M.St. in Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics.

## UNDERGRADUATE SUPERVISION

- 2020–2021 Caitlyn McDermott. Linguistic project (thesis with a large data collection/analysis component). Title: *What are they talking about? A discourse analysis of US press coverage of mass shootings*. B.A. in Psychology & Linguistics.

## Grants and awards

- June–Dec. 2023 **Support for Researcher Mobility**, Research Council of Norway.  
Value: NOK 671,000. Funded a research stay at the Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main, including a concomitant extension to my postdoctoral contract.
- May 2018 **Scatcherd European Scholarship**, University of Oxford.  
Value: £1,000. Awarded, along with the following award, for a research visit to the Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main.
- Mar. 2018 **Santander Academic Travel Award**, University of Oxford.  
Value: £1,000.
- Oct. 2015–  
June 2017 **Professor Paul Slack Scholarship**, Linacre College, University of Oxford.  
Total value: ~£14,000 (fees for first 2 years of D.Phil.).
- Oct. 2015–  
June 2017 **AHRC Studentship**, Faculty of Linguistics, Philology & Phonetics, University of Oxford.  
Total value: £28,353 (living costs for first 2 years of D.Phil.).
- July 2014 **George Wolf Prize**, Faculty of Linguistics, Philology & Phonetics, University of Oxford.  
Awarded for best overall performance in the M.Phil. or M.St. degree.
- June 2014 **Graduate student essay prize**, International Gender and Language Association.
- Oct. 2012–  
June 2014 **AHRC Studentship**, Faculty of Linguistics, Philology & Phonetics, University of Oxford.  
Total value: ~£38,000 (fees and living costs for M.Phil.).
- Sept. 2011–  
June 2013 **McCall McBain Fellowship**, McGill University.  
Total value: ~CAN\$62,000 (fees and living costs for 2-year MA degree); partially declined.
- Oct. 2008–  
June 2011 **Casberd Scholarship**, St John’s College, University of Oxford.  
Awarded for achieving a distinction in first year examinations. Total value: ~£900.

## Commissions of trust

### EXTERNAL

Editor	<i>Proceedings of the LFG Conference</i> (2021–present).
Chair	Executive Committee, International Lexical Functional Grammar Association (ILFGA) (Sept. 2023–Aug. 2024).
Committee member	Executive Committee, ILFGA (Sept. 2021–Aug. 2024).
Grant reviewer	Narodowe Centrum Nauki (Polish National Science Centre) (2019).
Manuscript reviewer	<i>Corpora and Discourse Studies</i> (2018), <i>Folia Scandinavica Posnaniensia</i> (2025), <i>Journal of Language and Sexuality</i> (2019), <i>Journal of Linguistics</i> (2015, 2017, 2019, 2024), Language Science Press (two chapters: 2020, 2022), <i>Linguistics: An Interdisciplinary Journal of the Language Sciences</i> (2024), <i>Papers of the Algonquian Conference</i> (2025), <i>Poznan Studies in Contemporary Linguistics</i> (2019), <i>Proceedings of the LFG Conference</i> (2018–present), <i>Syntax</i> (2020), <i>Transactions of the Philological Society</i> (2025).
Abstract reviewer	<i>Conference of the Student Organisation of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE)</i> (2018), <i>International Lexical Functional Grammar Conference</i> (2019–present).
Marker	UK Linguistics Olympiad (2014–present).
Copy editor	<i>Journal of Language Modelling</i> (2017–2021).

### INSTITUTIONAL

October 2025–	<b>Departmental Canvas contact</b> Contact person in the department responsible for providing assistance and oversight w.r.t. digital teaching design in Canvas, our Learning Management System.
June 2025–	<b>Nøkkelperson for digital kompetanse</b> One of several ‘key persons’ in the department responsible for contributing to greater digital competence among staff and students, including the responsible use of AI tools.
Oct. 2019–Mar. 2021	<b>Committee member</b> , Athena Swan Self Assessment Team, Faculty of Linguistics, Philology & Phonetics, University of Oxford. Athena Swan is a gender equality certification for higher education institutes in the UK.
Oct. 2018–Mar. 2021	<b>Committee member</b> , Undergraduate Studies Committee, Faculty of Linguistics, Philology & Phonetics, University of Oxford.
Oct. 2019–Sept. 2020	<b>Personal tutor and Linguistics Organising Tutor</b> , Jesus College. Providing pastoral support and coordinating teaching for undergraduate linguistics students.
Jan.–Mar. 2018, Jan.–June 2020	<b>Convenor</b> , Syntax Working Group, University of Oxford.
Dec. 2015–Dec. 2019	<b>Admissions interviewing</b> for undergraduate degrees involving linguistics, University of Oxford.
Oct. 2018–Sept. 2019	<b>Personal tutor and Linguistics Organising Tutor</b> , St Hugh’s College.
Oct. 2017–June 2018	<b>Co-founder and co-convenor</b> , D.Phil. workshop, Faculty of Linguistics, Philology & Phonetics, University of Oxford.

## Languages

Natural	English (mother tongue), French (fluent), Norwegian (intermediate), Latin (intermediate), German (beginner).
Programming	Bash/Zsh, Python, Emacs Lisp.
Markup	L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X/BibT <sub>E</sub> X, HTML/CSS.

## Professional Memberships

Since 2017	Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL).
Since 2014	International Lexical Functional Grammar Association (ILFGA).
2012–2024	Canadian Linguistic Association (CLA/ACL).
Since 2011	Linguistics Association of Great Britain (LAGB).
Since 2011	International Gender and Language Association (IGALA).

## Scholarship

Clicking on a title will take you to an openly accessible version of that item. For conference presentations, I provide a link to the slides, handout, or poster, as appropriate.

Number of citations is given per Google Scholar, after self-citations are excluded.

### Theses

- [1] **2019** Jamie Y. Findlay. *Multiword expressions and the lexicon*. D.Phil. thesis, University of Oxford. [6 citations]
- [2] **2014** Jamie Y. Findlay. *The prepositional passive: a Lexical Functional account*. M.Phil. thesis, University of Oxford. [6 citations]

### In Progress

- [3] **In prep.** Sascha Bargmann, Jamie Y. Findlay, and Manfred Sailer. Defrosting frozen metaphors: on the extensibility and manipulability of idioms. To be submitted to *Glossa*.
- [4] **In prep.** Yoolim Kim, Marc Allasonnière-Tang, and Jamie Y. Findlay. Finding the target of the ‘subject’ honorific marker in Korean. To be submitted to *Glossa Psycholinguistics*.

### Journal Articles and Book Chapters

- [5] **2023** Jamie Y. Findlay. *Lexical Functional Grammar as a Construction Grammar*. *Journal of Language Modelling* 11(2), 197–266. DOI: [10.15398/jlm.v11i2.338](https://doi.org/10.15398/jlm.v11i2.338). [4 citations]
- [6] **2023** Jamie Y. Findlay. *LFG and Tree-Adjoining Grammar*. In Mary Dalrymple (ed.), *Handbook of Lexical Functional Grammar* (Empirically Oriented Theoretical Morphology and Syntax 13), 2069–2125. Language Science Press. DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.10186054](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.10186054). [1 citation]
- [7] **2023** Jamie Y. Findlay, Roxanne Taylor, and Anna Kibort. *Argument structure and Mapping Theory*. In Mary Dalrymple (ed.), *Handbook of Lexical Functional Grammar* (Empirically Oriented Theoretical Morphology and Syntax 13), 699–778. Language Science Press. DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.10185966](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.10185966). [14 citations]
- [8] **2021** Jamie Y. Findlay. *Meaning in LFG*. In I Wayan Arka, Ash Asudeh, and Tracy Holloway King (eds.), *Modular design of grammar: linguistics on the edge*, 340–374. Oxford University Press. DOI: [10.1093/oso/9780192844842.003.0020](https://doi.org/10.1093/oso/9780192844842.003.0020). [3 citations]



- [9] **2019** Mary Dalrymple and Jamie Y. Findlay. [Lexical Functional Grammar](#). In András Kertész, Edith Moravcsik, and Csilla Rákosi (eds.), *Current approaches to syntax: a comparative handbook*, 123–154. De Gruyter Mouton. DOI: [10.1515/9783110540253-005](#). [11 citations]
- [10] **2017** Jamie Y. Findlay. [Unnatural acts lead to unconsummated marriages: discourses of homosexuality within the House of Lords debate on same-sex marriage](#). *Journal of Language and Sexuality* 6(1), 30–60. DOI: [10.1075/jls.6.1.02fn](#). [28 citations]
- [11] **2016** Jamie Y. Findlay. [Mapping theory without argument structure](#). *Journal of Language Modelling* 4(2), 293–338. DOI: [10.15398/jlm.v4i2.171](#). [59 citations]
- [12] **2013** Janak Bechar, Jamie Y. Findlay, and Joseph Hardwicke. [Understanding medical words of Greek and Latin origin](#). *Student BMJ* 21. DOI: [10.1136/sbmj.f7394](#).

### Peer-reviewed Conference Proceedings Papers

- [13] **2025** Jamie Y. Findlay and Dag T. T. Haug. [Negation in Universal Dependencies](#). In *Proceedings of the Eighth Workshop on Universal Dependencies (UDW, SyntaxFest 2025)*, 70–79. Association for Computational Linguistics.
- [14] **2023** Dag T. T. Haug, Jamie Y. Findlay, and Ahmet Yıldırım. [The long and the short of it: DRASTIC, a semantically annotated dataset containing sentences of more natural length](#). In *Proceedings of the Fourth International Workshop on Designing Meaning Representations (DMR 2023)*, 89–98. Association for Computational Linguistics. [1 citation]
- [15] **2023** Jamie Y. Findlay, Saeedeh Salimifar, Ahmet Yıldırım, and Dag T. T. Haug. [Rule-based semantic interpretation for Universal Dependencies](#). In *Proceedings of the Sixth Workshop on Universal Dependencies (UDW, GURT/SyntaxFest 2023)*, 47–57. Association for Computational Linguistics. [2 citations]
- [16] **2023** Dag T. T. Haug and Jamie Y. Findlay. [Formal semantics for Dependency Grammar](#). In *Proceedings of the Seventh International Conference on Dependency Linguistics (Depling, GURT/SyntaxFest 2023)*, 22–31. Association for Computational Linguistics. [1 citation]
- [17] **2022** Jamie Y. Findlay and Dag T. T. Haug. [Managing scope ambiguities in Glue via multistage proving](#). In Miriam Butt, Jamie Y. Findlay, and Ida Toivonen (eds.), *Proceedings of the LFG'22 Conference*, 143–163. Stanford, CA: CSLI Publications. [3 citations]
- [18] **2021** Jamie Y. Findlay and Dag T. T. Haug. [How useful are Enhanced Universal Dependencies for semantic interpretation?](#) In *Proceedings of the Sixth International Conference on Dependency Linguistics (Depling, SyntaxFest 2021)*, 22–34. Association for Computational Linguistics. [3 citations]
- [19] **2020** Jamie Y. Findlay. [Mapping Theory and the anatomy of a verbal lexical entry](#). In Miriam Butt and Ida Toivonen (eds.), *Proceedings of the LFG'20 Conference*, 127–147. Stanford, CA: CSLI Publications. [14 citations]
- [20] **2017** Jamie Y. Findlay. [Multiword expressions and lexicalism](#). In Miriam Butt and Tracy Holloway King (eds.), *Proceedings of the LFG'17 Conference*, 209–229. Stanford, CA: CSLI Publications. [3 citations]
- [21] **2017** Jamie Y. Findlay. [Multiword expressions and lexicalism: the view from LFG](#). In *Proceedings of the 13th Workshop on Multiword Expressions (MWE 2017)*, 73–79. Association for Computational Linguistics. DOI: [10.18653/v1/W17-1709](#). [2 citations]
- [22] **2016** Jamie Y. Findlay. [The prepositional passive in Lexical Functional Grammar](#). In Doug Arnold, Miriam Butt, Berthold Crysmann, Tracy Holloway King, and Stefan Müller (eds.), *Proceedings of the Joint 2016 Conference on Head-driven Phrase Structure Grammar and Lexical Functional Grammar*, 255–275. Stanford, CA: CSLI Publications. [12 citations]



## Unreviewed Conference Proceedings Papers

- [23] **2023** Yoolim Kim and Jamie Y. Findlay. *On the ‘subject’ honorific -si- in Korean*. *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America (PLSA)* 8(1), 5534. DOI: [10.3765/plsa.v8i1.5534](https://doi.org/10.3765/plsa.v8i1.5534). [4 citations]

## Invited Talks

- [24] **16 Nov., 2023** The continued relevance of rule-based semantic parsing in the era of deep learning: an introduction to the Universal Natural Language Understanding project. Presented at the Department of Linguistics Department and Research Colloquium (Fachbereichs- und Forschungsgruppenkolloquium), Universität Konstanz. [[slides](#)]
- [25] **13 Nov., 2023** Parsing, fast and slow: a two-system approach to some topics in linguistics. Presented at the Oberseminar Syntax and Semantics, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main. [[slides](#)]
- [26] **12 June, 2023** The continued potential of rule-based semantic parsing in the era of deep learning. Presented at the Oberseminar Syntax and Semantics, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main. [[slides](#)]
- [27] **1 Dec., 2022** Lexical Functional Grammar as a Construction Grammar. Presented online at the joint Rochester-Carleton L<sub>R</sub>FG Research Lab, University of Rochester. [[slides](#)]
- [28] **27 Nov., 2018** When the cat you let out of the bag has claws: the role of metaphor in understanding idioms. Presented at the Linguistics and English Language Research Seminar, University of Manchester. [[slides](#)]
- [29] **25 June, 2018** How (not) to analyse multiword expressions. Presented at the Oberseminar Syntax and Semantics, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main. [[slides](#)]
- [30] **31 Jan., 2017** The pseudopassive: not so phoney after all. Presented at the Linguistics Departmental Seminar Series, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London. [[handout](#)]

## Peer-reviewed Presentations

- [31] **27 Aug., 2025** Negation in Universal Dependencies. Joint work with Dag T. T. Haug. Presented at the Eighth Workshop on Universal Dependencies (UDW, SyntaxFest 2025), University of Ljubljana. [[slides](#)]
- [32] **23 July, 2025** Constraining scope in Glue Semantics: the linear logic approach. Joint work with Mary Dalrymple and Dag T. T. Haug. Presented at the 30th International Lexical Functional Grammar Conference, Universitat Pompeu Fabreu, Barcelona, Spain. [[poster](#)]
- [33] **24 July, 2023** Lexical integrity is the norm: or, “violating lexical integrity in a specific and limited way”. Presented at the workshop ‘Revisiting lexical integrity’ during the 28th International Lexical-Functional Grammar Conference, University of Rochester. [[slides](#)]
- [34] **20 June, 2023** The long and the short of it: a new dataset of semantically annotated sentences of more natural length. Joint work with Dag T. T. Haug and Ahmet Yildirim. Presented at the Fourth International Workshop on Designing Meaning Representations (DMR 2023), Nancy, France. [[slides](#)]
- [35] **11 Mar., 2023** Rule-based semantic interpretation for Universal Dependencies. Joint work with Saeedeh Salimifar, Ahmet Yildirim and Dag T. T. Haug. Presented at the Sixth Workshop on Universal Dependencies (GURT/SyntaxFest 2023), Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. [[slides](#)]
- [36] **10 Mar., 2023** Semantics for Dependency Grammar. Joint work with Dag T. T. Haug. Presented (by Dag Haug) at the Seventh International Conference on Dependency Linguistics (GURT/SyntaxFest 2023), Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. [[slides](#)]
- [37] **6 Jan., 2023** The ‘subject’ honorific -si- in Korean. Joint work with Yoolim Kim. Presented (by Yoolim Kim) at the 97th Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Society of America, Denver, Colorado. [[slides](#)]

- [38] **12 July, 2022** Managing scope ambiguities in Glue via multistage proving. Joint work with Dag T. T. Haug. Presented at the 27th International Lexical Functional Grammar Conference, University of Groningen. [\[slides\]](#)
- [39] **22 Mar., 2022** How useful are Enhanced Universal Dependencies for semantic interpretation? Joint work with Dag T. T. Haug. Presented online at the Sixth International Conference on Dependency Linguistics (Depling 2021), Sofia. [\[slides\]](#)
- [40] **20 Aug., 2021** Constructions in LFG. Presented online at the Workshop on Constructional Approaches in Formal Grammar at the 11th International Conference on Construction Grammar (ICCG11), University of Antwerp. [\[slides\]](#)
- [41] **25 June, 2020** Lexical Mapping Theory and the anatomy of a lexical entry. Presented online at the 25th International Lexical Functional Grammar Conference, University of Oslo. [\[slides\]](#)
- [42] **30 Mar., 2019** Extended idioms as metaphors. Joint work with Sascha Bargmann and Manfred Sailer. Poster presented at the Conference on the Creative Power of Metaphor, Worcester College, University of Oxford. [\[poster\]](#)
- [43] **24 Jan., 2019** Why the butterflies in your stomach can have big wings: combining formal and cognitive theories to explain productive extensions of idioms. Joint work with Sascha Bargmann and Manfred Sailer. Presented at the International Conference of the Europäische Gesellschaft für Phraseologie (EUROPHRAS 2019): Productive Patterns in Phraseology, Santiago de Compostela, Spain. [\[slides\]](#)
- [44] **18 July, 2018** Lexical and grammatical meaning: attributive adjectives in French. Joint work with Hannah Senior. Presented at the 23rd International Lexical Functional Grammar Conference, University of Vienna. [\[slides\]](#)
- [45] **8 Mar., 2018** Conspiracy theories: the problem with lexical approaches to idioms. Presented at the Workshop on One-to-Many Relations in Morphology, Syntax and Semantics at the 40th Annual Meeting of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft (DGfS 2018), Universität Stuttgart. [\[slides\]](#)
- [46] **6 Sept., 2017** The logic of Korean honorification. Joint work with Yoolim Kim. Presented at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain (LAGB 2017), University of Kent, Canterbury. [\[slides\]](#)
- [47] **27 July, 2017** Multiword expressions and lexicalism. Presented at the 22nd International Lexical Functional Grammar Conference, University of Konstanz. [\[handout\]](#)
- [48] **15 June, 2017** When the subject honorific brings honour to all: the expanding role of pragmatics in Korean honorification. Joint work with Yoolim Kim. Presented at the 12th Language at the University of Essex Postgraduate Conference (LangUE 2017), Colchester. [\[slides\]](#)
- [49] **4 Apr., 2017** Multiword expressions and lexicalism: the view from LFG. Poster presented at the 13th Workshop on Multiword Expressions (MWE 2017), Valencia. [\[poster\]](#)
- [50] **29 July, 2016** The prepositional passive in Lexical Functional Grammar. Presented at the Joint 2016 Conference on Head-driven Phrase Structure Grammar and Lexical Functional Grammar (HeadLex16), Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw. [\[handout\]](#)
- [51] **5 June, 2014** Unnatural acts lead to unconsummated marriages: discourses of homosexuality in the House of Lords revisited. Presented at the 8th International Gender and Language Association Conference, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver. [\[handout\]](#)

## Other Presentations

- [52] **6 Oct., 2023** Parsing, fast and slow: a two-system approach to some topics in linguistics. Presented at the Linguistics Departmental Seminar (Språkvitenskapelig Instituttseminar), Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies, University of Oslo. [\[slides\]](#)

- [53] **21 May, 2022** Managing scope ambiguities in Glue via multistage proving. Joint work with Dag T. T. Haug. Presented at the 32nd South of England LFG Meeting, University of Oxford. [\[slides\]](#)
- [54] **4 May, 2022** Universal Natural Language Understanding: combining Universal Dependencies, Glue Semantics, and machine learning. Joint work with Dag T. T. Haug. Presented at the 1st Semantics in Norway (SiN) workshop, Helgaker. [\[slides\]](#)
- [55] **10 Dec., 2021** Defrosting frozen metaphors: idiom extensions and the proper representation of idiomatic expressions. Presented at the Linguistics Departmental Seminar (Språkvitenskapelig Instituttseminar), Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies, University of Oslo. [\[slides\]](#)
- [56] **4 Aug., 2018** Pulling a pretence rabbit out of the hat. Joint work with Sascha Bargmann and Manfred Sailer. Presented (by Manfred Sailer) at the Workshop on Form-Meaning Mismatches in Natural Language (FMM2018), Georg-August-Universität Göttingen. [\[slides\]](#)
- [57] **26 May, 2018** Lexicalised LFG. Presented at the 25th South of England LFG Meeting, SOAS, London. [\[handout\]](#)
- [58] **13 May, 2017** When the subject honorific brings honour to all: the expanding role of pragmatics in Korean honorification. Joint work with Yoolim Kim. Presented at the 23rd South of England LFG Meeting, SOAS, London. [\[slides\]](#)
- [59] **4 Feb., 2017** Multiword expressions and lexicalism. Presented at the 22nd South of England LFG Meeting, SOAS, London. [\[handout\]](#)
- [60] **20 Feb., 2016** Idioms in LFG. Presented at the 19th South of England LFG Meeting, SOAS, London. [\[handout\]](#)
- [61] **1 Nov., 2014** Mapping theory without argument structure. Presented at the 15th South of England LFG Meeting, SOAS, London. [\[handout\]](#)
- [62] **22 Oct., 2013** The pseudopassive: a Lexical Functional account. Presented at the MPhil/PRS Thesis Workshop, University of Oxford. [\[handout\]](#)
- [63] **8 May, 2013** The pseudopassive in LFG: some preliminary thoughts. Presented at the Syntax Working Group, University of Oxford. [\[handout\]](#)