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RESEARCH

Specialization: formal and computational semantics for natural language.

Interests: scope and binding; indefiniteness; dynamic semantics; continuations; monads; ellipsis.

EMPLOYMENT

2014– Assistant Professor, Rutgers University Department of Linguistics.
Member, Rutgers University Center for Cognitive Science (RuCCS).

EDUCATION

2008–14 New York University, Ph.D. Linguistics.
Dissertation: [On the semantics of exceptional scope](#) (Chair: Chris Barker).
2003–07 Brown University, B.A. Linguistics (Honors) & Visual Art.

PUBLICATIONS

- 2014 Stochastic time analysis of syllable-referential intervals and simplex onsets.
Gafos, Adamantios I., Simon Charlow, Jason A. Shaw & Philip Hoole.
Journal of Phonetics 44, 152–166.
DOI:[10.1016/j.wocn.2013.11.007](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.wocn.2013.11.007).
- Bound ‘de re’ pronouns and the LFs of attitude reports.
Charlow, Simon & Yael Sharvit.
Semantics & Pragmatics 7(3), 1–43.
DOI:[10.3765/sp.7.3](https://doi.org/10.3765/sp.7.3).
- 2012 Cross-categorical donkeys.
Selected Papers from the 18th Amsterdam Colloquium, 261–270.
DOI:[10.1007/978-3-642-31482-7_27](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-642-31482-7_27).
- 2010 Can DP be a scope island?
ESSLLI 2008 & ESSLLI 2009 Student Sessions, Selected Papers, 1–12.
DOI:[10.1007/978-3-642-14729-6_1](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-642-14729-6_1).
- 2009 “Strong” predicative presuppositional objects.
Proceedings of New Directions in the Theory of Presupposition, ESSLLI 2009 (11pp).
- 2008 Free and bound pro-verbs: a unified treatment of anaphora.
Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory 18, 194–211.
DOI:[10.3765/salt.voio.2487](https://doi.org/10.3765/salt.voio.2487)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS († = refereed)

- 2016 Monadic dynamic semantics: Side effects and scope (with Dylan Bumford). †
4th Workshop on Natural Language & Computer Science, Columbia Univ. ([slides](#))
- 2015 The grammar of exceptional scope.
Colloquium, University of Maryland, November 20. ([abstract](#), [slides](#))
- Comments on Sam Cumming, "Are attitude reports ambiguous?"
5th Cornell Workshop in Linguistics and Philosophy, November 7.
- The grammar of exceptional scope.
Colloquium, Cornell University, November 5. ([abstract](#), [slides](#))
- Monadic dynamic semantics for anaphora.
Invited talk, Dynamic Semantics: Modern type theoretic and category theoretic approaches, The Ohio State University, October 24. ([slides](#))
- Leading issues at the interface of syntax and semantics.
Invited lecture, Cognitive Science Proseminar, Rutgers University, October 20.
- Compositional licensing of silent structure.
CUNY Syntax Supper, October 13. ([slides](#))
- Monadic dynamic semantics for anaphora.
NYU Semantics Group, October 9.
- Monads, applicative functors, and scope.
Invited lecture, Monads and Natural Language (ESSLLI 2015), Universitat Pompeu Fabra, August 7.
- Conventional Implicature as a scope phenomenon.
Workshop on continuations and scope, New York University, May 22. ([slides](#))
- The scope of alternatives. †
Semantics and Linguistic Theory 25, Stanford University, May 15. ([slides](#))
- The scope of alternatives.
Invited talk, Going Heim: Linguistic Meaning Between Structure and Use, University of Connecticut, May 3. ([handout](#))
- Formal semantics.
Invited lecture, Advanced Topics in Cognitive Science, Rutgers University, April 7.
- 2014 The dynamic core of exceptional scope.
Invited colloquium, Rutgers University, February 28. ([handout](#))
- Locality in the syntax and semantics of attitude ascriptions.
Invited colloquium, Rutgers University, February 27. ([handout](#))
- 2013 Ellipsis really is binding.
NYU Semantics Group, March 28.
- 2011 Cross-categorial donkeys. †
The 18th Amsterdam Colloquium, University of Amsterdam, December 20. ([slides](#))

- More on the LFs of attitude reports.
Invited session, University of Michigan Workshop in Philosophy and Linguistics, April 9. Comments by Nicholas Fleisher, Ezra Keshet. Reported joint work with Yael Sharvit.
- Bound ‘de re’ pronouns and concept generators (with Yael Sharvit). †
The 33rd Annual Conference of the German Linguistic Society (DGfS), Georg August University, Göttingen, February 23.
- 2010 Bound ‘de re’ pronouns and concept generators (with Yael Sharvit). †
The 41st Annual Meeting of North East Linguistic Society, University of Pennsylvania, October 24. ([handout](#))
- De re* anaphors. †
Poster at Semantics and Linguistic Theory 20, University of British Columbia and Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, April 30. ([poster](#))
- Two kinds of *de re* blocking.
Presentation in MIT’s Ling-Lunch series, March 18. ([handout](#))
- 2009 “Strong” predicative presuppositions. †
New Directions in the Theory of Presupposition, Bordeaux, July 29. ([slides](#))
- Can DP be a scope island? †
ESSLLI 2009 Student Session, Bordeaux, July 23. ([slides](#))
- 2008 Free and bound pro-verbs: a unified treatment of anaphora. †
Semantics and Linguistic Theory 18, UMass Amherst, March 23. ([handout](#))

HONORS & AWARDS

- 2014 Start-up grant, Rutgers University.
- 2013 Dean’s Dissertation Fellowship, New York University.
- 2011 Dean’s Student Travel Grant, New York University.
- 2010 Invited participant, Arché/CSMN Mini-course & Workshop on *De Se* Attitudes, Oslo.
- 2009 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship.
ESSLLI Student Session Springer Best Paper Award (3rd place).
Dean of the College Outstanding Honors Thesis Award, Brown University.
- 2008 Henry M. MacCracken fellowship for graduate study, New York University.
George W. Hagy Prize in Linguistics (awarded to the outstanding graduating student in linguistics), Brown University Department of Cognitive & Linguistic Sciences.
Magna cum laude, Brown University.
- 2007 Phi Beta Kappa, Brown University.

TEACHING

As primary instructor (Rutgers):

- 2016 Semantics.
Undergraduate, Spring.
Qualifying Paper Workshop.
Graduate, Spring.
- 2015 [Semantics I](#).
Graduate, Fall.
[The scope of alternatives](#).
Graduate seminar, Spring.
Qualifying Paper Workshop.
Graduate, Spring.
- 2014 [Semantics I](#).
Graduate, Fall.

As teaching assistant:

- 2012 Grammatical Analysis.
New York University, primary instructor Stephanie Harves.
- 2011 Introduction to Semantics.
New York University, primary instructor Chris Barker.
Language.
New York University, primary instructor Anna Szabolcsi.
- 2007 Introduction to Linguistics.
Brown University, primary instructor Mark Johnson.

ADVISING

As dissertation committee member:

- ongoing Mingming Liu. Varieties of alternatives.
- Beibei Xu. Biased questions.
- Yi-Hsun Chen. Mandarin modified numerals.
- Sarah Hansen. The contribution of prosody to bias in polar questions.
- Dylan Bumford (NYU). Scope-taken adjectives.

As qualifying committee chair:

- ongoing Augustina Owusu. Actuality entailment in Akan.
- 2015 Jess Law. Modal variation, exhaustivity, and cumulativity. (Co-chair: Veneeta Dayal)

As qualifying committee member:

- ongoing Jess Law. The discourse potential of bare NPs in Mandarin.
- Kunio Kinjo. Contrastively topicalized *wh* in Japanese and Okinawan.
- Yağmur Sağ. The semantics of number in Turkish.
- 2015 Yi-Hsun Chen. Actuality entailment, aspect and genericity.
- Ümit Atlamaz. Focus in questions.

SERVICE & OTHER ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- ongoing Referee for *Journal of Semantics*, *Language*, *Lingua*, *Linguistics & Philosophy*, *Semantics & Pragmatics* (member of Editorial Board), *The Linguistic Review*, Oxford University Press *Handbook of Ellipsis*, *Semantics and Linguistic Theory*, *Sinn und Bedeutung*, Penn Linguistics Colloquium, Amsterdam Colloquium, Chicago Linguistics Society.
- 2016– Member, Rutgers University Center for Cognitive Science (RuCCS) Executive Council
- 2016 Member, graduate admissions committee
- 2015–16 NASSLLI 2016. Member, organizing committee; member, program committee.
- 2014 MACSIM IV. Member, organizing team.
- 2013–14 Semantics and Linguistics Theory 24. Member, program committee.
- 2009–11 *Journal of Semantics*. Scientific Assistant (paid).
- 2009–10 Linguistics Association of NYU (LANYU). Vice President.
- 2007 Research assistant to Pauline Jacobson, NSF grant BCS 0646081 (paid).
Linguistics and Philosophy. Editorial Assistant (paid).