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Education

2014 **Ph.D. in Linguistics**, *Stanford University*.
Dissertation: *The comparative grammaticality of the English comparative.*
Committee: Arto Anttila (*Chair*), Vera Gribanova, Paul Kiparsky, Beth Levin.

2009 **M.A. in Linguistics**, *Stanford University*.

2005 **M.A. in German**, *Georgetown University*.

2002 **B.A. in Linguistics**, *University of California, Irvine*.
Summa cum Laude.

2002 **B.A. in German**, *University of California, Irvine*.
Magna cum Laude.

2000–2001 **Affiliate Scholar**, *Georg-August Universität*, Göttingen, Germany.

Employment

2016–Present **Humanities Instructor**, *High Tech Middle Media Arts*, San Diego, CA.

2014–2015 **Computer Science and Technology Editor**, *Shmoop, Inc.*, Mountain View, CA.

2013–2014 **Postdoctoral Researcher**, *Heinrich-Heine Universität*, Düsseldorf, Germany.

Grants & Awards

Grants

2013–2014 **Stanford Europe Center Grant**, *Stanford University*.

2013–2014 **Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) Research Grant**, *Heinrich-Heine Universität Düsseldorf*, Germany.

Selected Awards

2007–2012 **Department of Linguistics Fellowship**, *Stanford University*, full funding.

2009 **Linguistic Society of America Institute Fellowship**, *University of California, Berkeley*.

2006–2007 **Bud Milligan Fellowship**, *Stanford University*, full funding.

2003–2005 **Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Fellowship**, *Georgetown University*, full funding.

2005 **Highest Distinction on Masters Oral Examination**, *Georgetown University*.

2003 **Fulbright Scholarship**, *United States Fulbright Commission*, Berlin, Germany, declined.

Honorary Societies

2000 **Phi Beta Kappa**.

1999 **Golden Key International Honour Society**.

1998 **Campuswide Honors Program**, *University of California, Irvine*.

Publications

In Press Matthew Adams. Prosodic well-formedness and comparative grammaticality: morphology and periphrasis in the English comparative. In Vera Gribanova and Stephanie Shih, editors, *The Morphosyntax-Phonology Connection*, Oxford University Press, Oxford.

2010 Arto Anttila, Matthew Adams, and Mike Speriosu. The role of prosody in the English dative alternation. *Language and Cognitive Processes*, 25, 946–981.

Talks & Presentations

Invited Talks

2012 *Variation in the English comparative adjective: Conflict across prosodic levels*, Exploring the Interfaces: Word Structure, a workshop held as part of the Syntactic Interfaces Group of McGill University and UQAM, Montréal, Québec, May 6–8.

2010 *Poetic correspondence and the Welsh* cynghanedd *meter*, Meter and Poetic Forms Conference, Stanford University, April 10.

Refereed Presentations

2014 *Grammar and usage are interdependent: English comparative adjective variation*, Linguistic Evidence Conference 2014: Empirical, Theoretical, and Computational Methods, Tübingen, Germany, February 13.

2013 *Morphosyntactic variation and the English comparative: conflict between prosodic levels*, The 39th Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society, February 16.

2012 *The comparative grammaticality of the English comparative.* Poster presented at the Workshop on Locality and Directionality at the Morphosyntax-Phonology Interface, Stanford University, October 11.

2011 *Poetic correspondence and Welsh* cynghanedd, The 85th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Pittsburgh, PA, January 6–9.

2010 *Noun information content influences verb duration*, The 84th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Baltimore, MD, January 7–10.

2009 *Variation and optimization in the English comparative adjective*, The 83rd Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, San Francisco, CA, January 3–6.

2009 *Crosslinguistic support for information-theoretic effects: a study of German phonology*, with Uriel Cohen Priva (Stanford University) and Katrin Schweitzer (University of Stuttgart), The 83rd Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, San Francisco, CA, January 3–6.

2008 *The role of prosody in constituent ordering*, with Arto Anttila (lead author) and Mike Speriosu (both of Stanford University), Conference on Advances in Experimental and Theoretical Advances in Prosody, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, April 11–13.

2008 *Gradient* OCP *and harmonic alignment in English phonotactics*, with Olga Dmitrieva (lead author), Jason Grafmiller, Scott Grimm, Yuan Zhao and Arto Anttila (all of Stanford University).The 82nd Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Chicago, IL, January 6–9.

Other Talks

2013 *The comparative grammaticality of the English comparative*, Department of American Studies, Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf, October 22.

2011 *Linguistically conditioned gradient blocking*, Crosslinguistic Investigations in Syntax-Phonology (CRiSP), Stanford University, November 11.

2009	*Duration effects in the V-bar.* The Sixth Annual Qualifying Paper Fest, Stanford University, May 8.
2008	*Variation and optimization in the English comparative adjective*, The Fifth Annual Qualifying Paper Fest, Stanford University, May 2.

Guest Lectures

2012	*English comparative adjective formation.*, Department of Linguistics, Undergraduate Research Seminar, Stanford University, November 16.
2012	*The comparative method*, Department of Linguistics, Introduction to Language Change, Stanford University, April 26.
2011	*Constructing an* OT *analysis: tableaux and ranking arguments*, Department of Linguistics, Phonology II, Stanford University, October 19.
2010	*Sound change*, Department of Linguistics, Introduction to Language Change, Stanford University, April 12.

Teaching Experience

Department of Linguistics, Stanford University

Fall 2012	Grader, Foundations of Linguistic Theory, Linguistics 200, Paul Kiparsky.
Spring 2012	Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Language Change, Linguistics 160, Paul Kiparsky.
Spring 2011	Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Linguistics, Linguistics 1, Asya Pereltsvaig.
2010–2011	Mentor Teaching Assistant (selected by faculty).
2010–2011	Linguistics Department Liaison, Center for Teaching and Learning.
Fall 2010	Course Instructor, Teaching Assistant Training Workshop, Linguistics 394.
Fall 2010	Grader, Introduction to Linguistics, Linguistics 1, Kathryn F. Potts.
Spring 2010	Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Language Change, Linguistics 160, Paul Kiparsky.
Fall 2008	Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Syntax, Linguistics 120, Tom Wasow.
Winter 2008	Teaching Assistant, Language in Society, Linguistics 150, John Rickford.
Summer 2007	Teaching Assistant, Variation in Optimality Theory, Linguistics 365, Arto Anttila, Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute course.

Department of German, Georgetown University

Spring 2005	Course Instructor, Intermediate German: Contemporary Germany, German 021.
Winter 2004	Course Instructor, Intermediate German: Experiencing Germany, German 022.

Additional Teaching Experience

2007–2011	Verbal and Writing SAT Instructor, E-Group Learning, San José, CA.
2002–2005	Substitute Teacher, Jamul-Dulzura School District and Mountain Empire Unified School District, San Diego County, CA.

Research Experience

Department of Linguistics, Stanford University

Summer 2008	Research Assistant, The Socio-Psycho-Linguistics of Lexical and Syntactic Mimicry, with Professor Dan Jurafsky.
2007–2009	Research Assistant, Prosody as a Determinant in Morphosyntactic Variation, with Professor Arto Anttila.

Department of German, Georgetown University

2003–2005 Curriculum Designer, Longitudinal Study of L2 learners in a Task-Oriented, Genre-Based German Curriculum, with Professor Heidi Byrnes.

Field Work

Spring 2007 Chan-Chen, Quintana Roo, Mexico, Yukatek Maya Tone Patterns and Realization of Verbal Voice, with Professor Heriberto Avelino.

Professional Service & Development

Department of Linguistics, Stanford University

2010–2011 Colloquium Committee.

2009–2010 Linguistics Lab Subject Pool Coordinator.

2006–2010 Qualifying Paper Fest Committee.

Fall 2009 Linguistics Lab Committee.

2008–2009 Curriculum Reform Committee (*Phonetics and Phonology*).

2008 Phonology Workshop Co-Organizer.

2007–2008 Elected Graduate Student Representative.

2007–2008 Graduate Studies Committee.

2006–2007 Social Committee.

Conference Activity

July 2007 Organization Assistant and Session Chair, Workshop on Variation, Gradience and Frequency in Phonology, Stanford University.

May 2005 Organization Assistant, Georgetown Round Table on Languages and Linguistics.

Peer Reviewing and Editing

Linguistic Inquiry.
Cambridge University Press.

Summer Schools Attended

2009 **Linguistic Society of America Linguistic Institute**, *University of California, Berkeley.*

2007 **Linguistic Society of America Linguistic Institute**, *Stanford University.*

2005 **Introductory Russian**, *U.S. Department of Agriculture Graduate School.*

Technology Skills

Applications	R, SPSS, MatLab, Praat.	Markup	HTML, CSS, LaTeX, Markdown.
Programming	Python, Perl, Java, UNIX shell, Lisp.	OS Platforms	Linux, Windows, UNIX, Macintosh.

Languages

German Near-native.

French Advanced reading ability and basic speaking ability.

Spanish Basic reading and speaking ability.