

# Lisa Levinson

## Curriculum Vitae

Department of Linguistics  
University of Michigan  
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## Appointments

- 2019 - Present      Lecturer III, Director of Undergraduate Research Experiences.  
Department of Linguistics, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- 2013 - 2019      Associate Professor with tenure.  
Department of Linguistics, Oakland University, Rochester, Michigan.
- July 2017      Institute Instructor for *Experimental Approaches to Verb Meaning*.  
with Dr. Matthew Husband  
2017 Linguistic Institute, Linguistic Society of America  
University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky.
- 2011 - 2012      Visiting Scholar.  
Department of Linguistics, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 2007 - 2013      Assistant Professor.  
Department of Linguistics, Oakland University, Rochester, Michigan.

## Education

- 2007      PH.D., DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY.  
Dissertation Title: The Roots of Verbs  
Dissertation Committee: Richard Kayne (co-chair), Liina Pytkäinen (co-chair),  
Chris Barker, Marcel den Dikken, and Alec Marantz.
- 2005      M.A., DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY.
- 2000      B.A., ENGLISH (LATIN MINOR), BARNARD COLLEGE, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.  
Graduated *cum laude*. Student Leadership Award of Distinction 1999 & 2000.  
Dean's List 1997–2000.

## Grants and Fellowships

- 2018 Faculty Fellowship Award, Oakland University: “The Processing of Implicit Objects.” \$10,000.
- 2016 Teaching Grant, Oakland University CETL Excellence in Teaching and Learning Grant. For re-development of course ‘The Humanity of Language’ (ALS 1101). \$3,000.
- 2009 Faculty Fellowship Award, Oakland University: “The Neural Correlates of Silent Causation in Verbs.” \$8,500.
- 2002–2007 McCracken Fellowship, New York University. For graduate studies.

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

- 2019 Semantic Domains for Syntactic Word Building. In *The Handbook of Event Structure*, edited by Robert Truswell. Oxford University Press.
- 2016 with Jonathan Brennan. The Costs of Zero-Derived Causativity in English: Evidence from Reading Times and MEG. In *Morphological Metatheory*, edited by Heidi Harley and Daniel Siddiqi. John Benjamins Publishing.
- 2014 The Ontology of Roots and Verbs. In *The Syntax of Roots and the Roots of Syntax*, edited by Artemis Alexiadou, Hagit Borer and Florian Schäfer. Oxford University Press.
- 2011 Possessive WITH in Germanic: HAVE and the Role of P. *Syntax*, 14:4, 355–393.
- 2010 Arguments for Pseudo-Resultative Predicates. *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory*, 28:1, 135–182.

## Other Publications

- 2011 Review of *Lexical semantics, syntax, and event structure*, Rappaport Hovav, Malka; Edit Doron; and Ivy Sichel (eds). *Language*, 86:2, 420–423.
- 2007 Finding Arguments for Pseudo-resultative Predicates. In *Proceedings of the 30th Annual Penn Linguistics Colloquium*, ed. Tatjana Scheffler, Joshua Tauberer, Aviad Eilam, and Laia Mayol, Volume 13, Number 1, of *Penn Working Papers in Linguistics*, 155–168.
- 2005 ‘To’ in Two Places and the Dative Alternation. In *Proceedings of the 28th Annual Penn Linguistics Colloquium*, ed. Sudha Arunachalam, Tatjana Scheffler, Sandhya Sundaresan, and Joshua Tauberer, Volume 11, Number 1, of *Penn Working Papers in Linguistics*, 155–168.

## Manuscripts Submitted and In Preparation

*In prep.* The Morphosemantics of (Anti-)Causative Alternations.

## Refereed Conference Presentations

2012 The Morphosemantics of (Anti-)Causative Alternations. *LSA 2012 Annual Meeting*, January 7, 2012.

2011 Diagnosing the Causative-Inchoative Alternation. *Structuring the Argument*, Paris, France, September 7, 2011.

The Costs of Zero-Derived Causativity in English: Evidence from Reading Times and MEG. *Structuring the Argument*, Paris, France, September 7, 2011. (first author, with Jonathan Brennan)

2010 The Costs of Silent Causativity: Evidence from Reading Times and MEG. *CUNY 2010 Conference on Human Sentence Processing*, March 18, 2010 (poster). (first author, with Jonathan Brennan)

The Behavioral and Neural Correlates of Silent Causativity in Verbs. *LSA 2010 Annual Meeting*, January 7-10, 2010. (first author, with Jonathan Brennan)

2009 Verb classes and the Ontology of Roots. *Roots: Word Formation from the Perspective of Core Lexical Elements*, June 11, 2009.

2008 On Null Causativization. *In Search of Meaning*, October 18, 2008.

Deriving Verb Classes: Where Root Semantics Meets Syntax. *Verb Concepts*, October 3-5, 2008.

2007 Different Results. *Michigan Linguistics Society 37th Annual Meeting*, November 10, 2007.

The Roots of Verbs. *LSA 2007 Annual Meeting*, January 4-7, 2007.

2006 Finding Arguments for Pseudo-Resultative Predicates. *GLOW 29*, April 6-8, 2006.

Finding Arguments for Pseudo-Resultative Predicates. *The 30th Penn Linguistics Colloquium*, February 24-26, 2006.

2004 HAVE Minus BE Equals P. *19th Annual Comparative Germanic Syntax Workshop*, June 3-5, 2004.

Pinpointing Possessive P. *The 5th Annual SUNY/CUNY/NYU Mini Conference*, May 1, 2004.

Two *to*'s and the Dative Alternation (poster). *Georgetown University Roundtable on Languages and Linguistics (GURT)*, March 26-29, 2004.

*To* in Two Places and the Dative Alternation. *The 28th Penn Linguistics Colloquium*, February 27-29, 2004.

## Invited Talks

2019 Processing Silence. Invited talk at *Antisymmetry and Comparative Syntax: Celebrating 25 Years of Antisymmetry and 75 Years of Richard S. Kayne*, New York University, NY, NY. March 30, 2019.

2013 Adding Causativity: Anti-(Causatives) Across Languages and Levels of Representation. Colloquium, Michigan State University, Lansing, MI. December 5, 2013.

Adding Causativity: Anti-(Causatives) Across Languages and Levels of Representation. Colloquium, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. February 1, 2013.

2012 Invited commentary on Ana Arregui's "On Indexical Anchoring in Conditionals." University of Michigan Workshop in Philosophy and Linguistics, Ann Arbor, MI. December 8, 2012.

Adding Causativity: Anti-(Causatives) Across Languages and Levels of Representation. Colloquium, Concordia University, Montréal, Quebec, Canada. February 3, 2012.

Causativity in the (Anti-)Causative Alternation: Across Levels and Languages. Thursday Thoughts Talk Series, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. January 26, 2012.

Discovering Hidden Meaning with Modification. Colloquium, East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina. January 20, 2012.

2011 The Morphosemantics of (Anti-)Causative Alternations. Syntax/Semantics Brown Bag Talk, New York University, NY, NY. April 29, 2011.

Invited commentary on Pranav Anand's "Suppositional Projects and Subjectivity." University of Michigan Workshop in Philosophy and Linguistics, Ann Arbor, MI. April 9, 2011.

2009 Words in Idioms and Idioms in Words. Colloquium, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI. September 25, 2009.

- 2008 Pseudo-resultatives and Root Creation Verbs. Syntax Talk Series, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. April 11, 2008.
- Deriving Verb Classes: Where Root Semantics Meets Syntax. Colloquium, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI. March 14, 2008.
- 2007 Modifying the Building Blocks of Language. Oakland University, Rochester, MI. April 10, 2007.
- 2006 On the Ontology of Category-Neutral Roots. Syntax Supper, City University of New York Graduate Center, New York, NY. September 19, 2006.
- 2004 Having Three HAVES. Syntax Supper, City University of New York Graduate Center, New York, NY. October 12, 2004.

## Linguistics Courses Taught

### *University of Michigan*

*World of Words* (LING 114)  
Undergraduate. Taught Winter 2020.

*Talking Minds* (PSYCH 349 & LING 347)  
Undergraduate course cross-listed in linguistics and psychology. Taught Winter 2020, Fall 2019.

*Aspects of Meaning* (LING 316)  
Undergraduate. Taught Fall 2019.

### *Oakland University*

*The Humanity of Language* (ALS 176)  
General education introduction to linguistics, undergraduate. Taught two sections Fall 2008, Fall 2009, Fall 2010, Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2016, Fall 2017.

*Psycholinguistics* (ALS 335/535 & PSY 370)  
Undergraduate & graduate course cross-listed in linguistics and psychology. Taught Fall 2008, Fall 2009, Fall 2010, Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2016, Fall 2017.

*Introduction to Semantics* (LIN 307/507)  
Undergraduate & graduate. Taught Winter 2009, Winter 2010, Winter 2011, Winter 2014, Winter 2016, Winter 2018.

*Syntactic Theory* (LIN 404/604)  
Equivalent to 'Syntax 2', undergraduate & graduate. Taught Winter 2008, Winter 2009, Winter 2010, Winter 2011, Winter 2013, Winter 2014, Winter 2015, Winter 2016, Winter 2017.

*Language and Society* (ALS 376/576)

Undergraduate & graduate. Taught Winter 2016, Winter 2017, Winter 2018.

*Introduction to Linguistics* (LIN 201)

Undergraduate. Taught Fall 2007, Winter 2008, Winter 2013, Winter 2015.

*Meaning in language* (LIN 207/COM 207)

Undergraduate. Taught Fall 2012.

*Seminar in Semantics: Sublexical Modification* (LIN 407/607)

Taught Fall 2010.

*Language Development in Children* (ALS 334/534)

Undergraduate & graduate. Taught Fall 2007.

### ***Rutgers University***

*Semantics* (LIN 325)

Undergraduate introductory semantics. Taught Spring 2012.

*Morphology* (LIN 411)

Undergraduate morphology. Taught Spring 2012.

### ***New York University***

*Language* (V61.0001)

Undergraduate, taught Summer 2007.

Teaching assistant for Introduction to Semantics (Fall 2006), Language and Mind (Spring 2007, Spring 2005), Neural Bases of Language (Fall 2005), and Grammatical Analysis (Fall 2004).

## **Undergraduate Student Advising**

2019-2020      Lara King and Jakob Myles, UROP Program.

## Graduate Student Advising

2015	Mohammed Abuhaib, MA Seminar Paper: “Modern Standard Arabic Nominal Sentences”. (current PhD student at University of Wisconsin)
2014	Turki Alwahibee, MA Seminar Paper: “Modern Standard Arabic Relativization: A Minimalist Analysis”. (current PhD student at University of Wisconsin)
2014	Mohammed Almutlaq, MA Seminar Paper: “The Arabic Nominal Sentence and the EPP in Arabic”. (current PhD student at Arizona State University)
2014	Kristina Pye, MA Thesis: “Backchanneling in Cross-Cultural Discourse”.
2012	R. Grayson Hamill, MA Seminar Paper: “The Hierarchy of Morphological Case Marking: A Cross-Linguistic Analysis”.
2012	Jason Coleman, MA Seminar Paper: “An analysis of derived statives and their use in French”.
2012	Mohammad Aljutaily, MA Seminar Paper: “Basic Word Order in Modern Standard Arabic”. (current PhD student at University of Georgia)
2010	Anthony Capoccia, MA Thesis: “Voice in Modern Greek: A Non-Directional Approach to Causatives and Anticausatives.”
2008	Holly Barth, MA Thesis: “The Effectiveness of Incorporating the Keyword Method with Semantic Mapping in Second Language Vocabulary Learning.” (second reader)

## Academic Service

2008–present	Reviewer, Natural Language and Linguistic Theory
2010–present	Reviewer, Linguistic Inquiry
2010–present	Reviewer, Linguistic Review
2011–present	Abstract Reviewer, Linguistic Society of America
2012–present	Abstract Reviewer, NELS
2011–2012	Reviewer, Lingua
2012	Reviewer, Structuring the Argument (volume to appear from John Benjamins)
2011	Reviewer, The Syntax of Roots and the Roots of Syntax (Oxford Studies in Theoretical Linguistics)
2011	Reviewer, Canadian Journal of Linguistics
2009	Reviewer, Language
2008	Abstract Reviewer, WECOL
2008	Reviewer, Minimalist Inquiries into Child and Adult Language Acquisition: Case Studies
2006	Abstract Reviewer, 8th International Conference on the Structure of Hungarian
2006	Abstract Reviewer, 8th SUNY/CUNY/NYU MiniConference
2006	Abstract Reviewer, 7th SUNY/CUNY/NYU MiniConference

## University and Departmental Service

### *University of Michigan*

- 2019–present Director of Undergraduate Research Experiences (Linguistics)
- 2019–present Undergraduate Committee member (Linguistics)

### *Oakland University*

- 2017 Mentor and chair for re-employment review committee
- 2017–present UCUI member
- 2016 Search committee chair
- 2013–present Departmental graduate student advisor
- 2008–2013 Director, Oakland University Linguistics Lab
- 2008–2013 Departmental Webmaster
- 2009–2011 Teaching and Learning Committee member
- 2007–2009 College of Arts and Sciences Assembly member
- 2016 Co-chair of syntax search committee
- 2014 Member of re-employment review committee
- 2010 Member of re-employment review committee
- 2008 Member of promotion review committee
- 2008 Member of phonetics search committee
- 2007 Member of re-employment review committee

### *New York University*

- 2006–2007 Editor, NYU Working Papers in Linguistics
- 2005–2006 President, Linguistics Association at NYU
- 2004–2005 Treasurer, Linguistics Association at NYU
- 2005 Organizing Committee Chair, 6th SUNY/CUNY/NYU MiniConference
- 2005 Organizing Committee Member, Polarity From Different Perspectives
- 2003 Organizing Committee Member, Workshop on Antisymmetry and Remnant Movement

## Languages

- English native competence
- French intermediate reading and conversational skills
- German intermediate reading and conversational skills
- Icelandic beginner reading and conversational knowledge