

CURRICULUM VITAE - BILLY CLARK

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Summary

I am currently employed as a Senior Lecturer in English Language at Middlesex University. I have teaching interests in a broad range of language and linguistics-related topics. My main research interests are all linked to the study of linguistic meaning (linguistic semantics and pragmatics). I have a particular interest in how meanings are created and negotiated in specific contexts, and am currently working on research in three areas: intonational meaning, stylistics and the inferential processes involved in writing. I am a member of the Middlesex University Applied Language Studies Research Group. I have a strong interest in pedagogy, including in developing links between work in schools and in higher education. I am a member of several committees with pedagogical and educational interests including a Subject Centre Special Interest Group working towards the development of an A Level in Linguistics. I have given presentations to A level students and, with Graeme Trousdale (Edinburgh), have been running a 5-day residential course on linguistics at Villiers Park Educational Trust for the Young Gifted and Talented Programme every year since 2007. I have contributed articles to 'emagazine', a publication aimed at A level students of English Language, English Literature and English Language & Literature. I have contributed several entries to encyclopedias and was section editor for the 'Foundations of Linguistics' section of the Elsevier Encyclopedia of Language and Linguistics, edited by Keith Brown. I am currently working on a textbook on Relevance Theory for Cambridge University Press will appear in their 'Cambridge Textbooks in Linguistics' series. I was a member of the QAA benchmarking panel for linguistics. I am Director of The Lecture List (a lecture listings service initially funded by NESTA, the National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts) and have worked as a freelance writer working in a number of old and new media.

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Current post

Senior Lecturer in English Language
School of Arts and Education
Middlesex University
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Education

PhD in Linguistics, University College London, 1991

Diploma in Linguistics (Distinction), University College London, 1986

MA (Hons) English Language & Literature, University of Aberdeen, 1985

James McPherson Wattie Prize in English Language, University of Aberdeen, 1985

Membership of professional bodies and learned societies

International Society for the Linguistics of English (ISLE)
(founding member, since 2007)

Linguistics Association of Great Britain (LAGB)
(Meetings Secretary 1994-97, member of Education Committee since 2002-2007)

Philological Society (PhilSoc)

Poetics and Linguistics Association (PALA)

Career details

from 1.4.93 Lecturer then Senior Lecturer in English Language
Middlesex University

1991-1993 Lecturer in English
Goldsmiths' College, University of London

1990-1991 Lecturer in General Linguistics
University of Oxford

1987-1990 Lecturer in Linguistics
University College London

1986-1987 Research Assistant (Linguistics)
University College London

Research interests

Semantics, Pragmatics (particular interest in Relevance Theory), Linguistics in Education, Stylistics, Psycholinguistics, Linguistic Theory, Linguistic Approaches to Literature, Philosophy of Language

Research supervision: current

Mai Zaki
Relevance Theory and Reference: A Corpus-Based Approach
Director of Studies (main supervisor) since February 2005

Naoko Togame
Processing Irony in a Second Language
Director of Studies (main supervisor) since September 2008

Hanna Stöver
The Pragmatics of Cross-Cultural Politeness
External supervisor (for the University of Bedfordshire) since September 2008

Research Supervision: previous

Dr. Salwa El-Awa
Relevance Relations in the Qur'an
External research supervisor 2000-2002

(Main supervisor: Professor Muhammad A.S. Abdel Haleem, School of Oriental and African Studies)

PhD awarded 2002

Dr. Rachel Malik

Inference and Genre in Interpretation

Supervisor 1998-2002

(Rachel's Director of Studies was Alan Durant)

PhD awarded 2002

Dr. David Keeble

Relevance Theory and Stylistics

Director of Studies (i.e. main supervisor) 1994-1995

(David was an associate student joining us temporarily from Lancaster University in order to develop his work in Relevance Theory)

PhD awarded 2002

Teaching

Main teaching interests:

linguistics, semantics, pragmatics, stylistics, writing, psycholinguistics, English language, linguistics and education

Modules taught and coordinated recently:

CML1056 Core Concepts for Language Analysis

CML2101 Language and Psychology

CML3101 Creating and Understanding Meaning

CML3102 Writing Techniques

CML3104 Work Placement Module

CML3993 Proposition Module

ELT4201 Grammatical Descriptions of English

Other pedagogic interests

Main interests:

Linguistics in education, relationship between school and university courses, teaching methods, assessment, web delivery of courses

Outputs:

Chair of Higher Education Academy Subject Centre's Special Interest Group on Language and Linguistics in the School Curriculum, 2004-2007 and still a member of this group. This group presented an initial proposal at the Linguistics Association of Great Britain conference and the British Association of Applied Linguistics conference in September 2005, and at an open meeting in London in October 2005. We have developed draft syllabuses for four modules and have discussed our ideas with a number of interested colleagues, including school teachers, examiners and relevant bodies such as the QCA. We have established a wider consultancy group (via JISCMAIL) made up mainly of around 70 school teachers. Some of these teachers currently trialling our materials.

Linguistics Editor of Subject Centre Good Practice Guide, 2005-2006

<http://www.lang.ltsn.ac.uk/resources/guidecontents.aspx>

Member of Advisory Board for Subject Centre in Linguistics, Languages and Area Studies, 2003-2005
<http://www.lang.ltsn.ac.uk/>

Member of Linguistics Specialist Group for Subject Centre in Linguistics, Languages and Area Studies, 2002-2007
<http://www.lang.ltsn.ac.uk/>

Member of Linguistics Strategy Group (representing Linguistics Association of Great Britain), 2005-2007

Contributed articles on 'Philosophy of Language', 'Pragmatics for Undergraduates' and 'Sentence Meaning' to Good Practice Guide for Subject Centre in Linguistics, Languages and Area Studies
<http://www.lang.ltsn.ac.uk/resources/guidecontents.aspx>

Member of Linguistics Association of Great Britain (LAGB) Education Committee, 2002-2007
<http://www.phon.ucl.ac.uk/home/dick/ec/ectop.htm>

Member of Committee for Linguistics in Education (CLIE), 2002-2007
<http://www.phon.ucl.ac.uk/home/dick/ec/clietop.htm>

Developed WebCT delivery of recently taught modules

Administrative roles

Appraiser for colleagues in English, Languages and Philosophy, since 2005

Curriculum Leader, English Language, Literature and History, since 2006-2007

Programme Leader, English Language, 2004-2007

Programme Leader, BA in Communication & Media Studies, 2005-2007

Curriculum Leader, Communication & Language Studies, 1998-2002

Representative of School of Arts at Music Subject Review, March 2005

Organiser of 'Language Lunchtimes' research seminars and screenings, since February 2006

Joint organiser (with Professor Sarah Hutton) of English Language and Literature research seminar programme, 2000-2002

Representative of School of Humanities and Cultural Studies at validation of MA in Media and Information Management, May 2001

ASQC representative at validation of International Foundation Programme, July 2000

ASQC representative at revalidation of the Criminology subject area and validation of BA (Hons) Criminal Justice and Criminology Programme, May 2000

Representative of School of Humanities & Cultural Studies at validation of MA in Implicit Religion, February 2000

ASQC representative at review/revalidation of Social Work subject area, December 1999

Academic Group Chair, Communication Cultural & Media Studies, February-September 1999

Curriculum Leader, Communication Cultural and Media Studies, February-September 1999

Member of Academic Group Management Team, Communication, Cultural and Media Studies, 1996-1999

Subject Coordinator, Communication Studies, 1996-98

Project Leader and Budget Holder for internally-funded research project 'Understanding Verbal Communication', 1994-1998

Member of Communication Cultural and Media Studies working groups on level 1 and level 4 provision, 1997-98

Non-ex-officio member of English Cultural and Communication Studies School Management Team 1996-97

Internal examiner for PhD thesis: Dr. Anthony Bloor "A Cognitive Model of Fiction Writing", Middlesex University, 1996

Member of English, Cultural and Communication Studies/Learning Resource Centre Liaison Committee 1993-96

Member of English, Cultural and Communication Studies School Research Strategy team 1996-97

Organised English, Cultural and Communication Studies research seminars 1994-97

External activities

External consultant providing comments on material to be submitted to the Research Assessment Exercise by staff at the University of Brighton, 2007

Representative of Linguistics Association of Great Britain (LAGB) on Linguistics Strategy Group, 2006-2008

External assessor for validation of new modules in Linguistics and English Language at University of Hertfordshire, March 2006

External assessor for academic review of Education provision, University of East London, December 2005

External assessor for validation of new modules in Linguistics and English Language at University of Hertfordshire, March 2005

External scrutineer for internal review of BA in Linguistics, University College London, March 2005

Chair of Subject Centre Special Interest Group on language and linguistics in the school curriculum, 2004-2007

Member of Subject Centre Special Interest Group on language and linguistics in the school curriculum, since 2004

Linguistics Editor of Subject Centre Good Practice Guide, 2005-2007
<http://www.lang.ltsn.ac.uk/resources/guidecontents.aspx>

Director, Niminim (non-profit company developing educational projects which make use of internet technology) since September 2003

Director, The Lecture List (Niminim project funded by NESTA, in partnership with Pumpnickle Ltd.) since September 2003
<http://www.lecturelist.org>

Section editor for section on 'Foundations of Linguistics' for second edition of Encyclopedia of Language and Linguistics, edited by Professor Keith Brown, published by Elsevier Science, 2006
<http://www.elsevier.com/inca/publications/store/2/6/7/2/1/index.htm>

Member of Advisory Board for Subject Centre in Linguistics, Languages and Area Studies, 2003-2005
<http://www.lang.ltsn.ac.uk/>

Member of Linguistics Specialist Group for Subject Centre in Linguistics, Languages and Area Studies, since October 2002
<http://www.lang.ltsn.ac.uk/>

Representative of Linguistics Association of Great Britain (LAGB) at twice-yearly 'Partnerships in English' Information Exchange meeting organised by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA) English team, since September 2003

Member of Linguistics Association of Great Britain (LAGB) Education Committee, since September 2002
<http://www.phon.ucl.ac.uk/home/dick/ec/ectop.htm>

Member of Committee for Linguistics in Education (CLIE), since September 2002
<http://www.phon.ucl.ac.uk/home/dick/ec/clietop.htm>

External assessor for validation of BA (Hons) Communication Studies, University of Central Lancashire, 4 April 2003

External assessor for internal periodic review of Linguistics degrees, University of Sussex, 11-12 December 2002

Member of the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA) Benchmarking Group for Linguistics, 2000-01
<http://www.qaa.ac.uk/crntwork/benchmark/phase2/linguistics.pdf>

Member of panel responding to queries on "Ask-A-Linguist" internet service, administered by LINGUIST mailing list, 1997-1998

External assessor for internal periodic review of Linguistics degrees, University of Sussex, March 1996

Meetings Secretary, Linguistics Association of Great Britain, 1994-97

<http://www.lagb.org>

Consultancy

Israel Science Foundation: reviewer for grant application, 2009

ESRC rapporteur evaluating research work carried out with the support of an ESRC award, 2008

Consultant to writing team developing Key Stage 2 Framework Document for Modern Foreign Languages, May-July 2004

Referee for articles submitted to: Journal of East Asian Linguistics, Journal of Linguistics, Journal of Literary Semantics, Journal of Memory and Language, Journal of Nordic Linguistics, Journal of Pragmatics, Lingua, Linguistics and Philosophy, Mind and Language, Pragmatics and Cognition, Target

Referee for book manuscripts and book proposals for: Hodder Arnold, Cambridge University Press, Cassell, Elsevier Science, Hodder Stoughton, John Benjamins, Oxford University Press, Routledge

Rereader and adviser on language and style for articles originally written in French for a book on 'evolving reference': Reboul, Anne (ed.), *Evolving Reference and Anaphora: Time and Objects*. John Benjamins, Amsterdam

Ministry of Defence Police: advised on wording of questions in questionnaires distributed to police officers and members of the public, 1995

External examining

Forthcoming: external examiner for PhD thesis: Alyson Pitts, University of Cambridge 2009

Forthcoming: external examiner for PhD thesis: Patricia Kolaiti, University College London 2009

External examiner for PhD thesis: Nicholas Allott, University College London, 2008

External examiner for MPhil in Linguistics, University of Cambridge, since September 2006

External examiner for English Language & Linguistics, University of Brighton, since September 2006

External Examiner for PhD thesis: Iain McGee "Lexical Intuitions and Collocation Patterns in Corpora" Cardiff University, 2006

External examiner for PhD thesis: Rosa Vega-Moreno "Creativity and Convention: The Pragmatics of Everyday Figurative Speech" University College London, 2005

External examiner for PhD thesis: Nicky Owtram "Relevance and Style: A Contrastive Analysis of Research Articles in English and Italian", University College London 2005

External examiner for BA in Linguistics, University College London, 2002-2006

External examiner for PhD thesis: Corinne Iten "Non-Truth-Conditional Meaning: Concessives and Concessivity", University College London, 2000

External examiner for BA English Studies, M.Litt Literary Linguistics, M.Res Literary Linguistics and Graduate Diploma in English Studies, University of Strathclyde, 2000-2002

External examiner for PhD thesis: Dr. Azimah Sazalie "Malay Discourse Particles as Semantic Constraints on Interpretation", University of Strathclyde 1999

External examiner for PhD thesis: Dr. Eun-Ju Noh "The Semantics and Pragmatics of Metarepresentations in English: A Relevance-Theoretic Approach", University College London 1998

External examiner for BA in Linguistics, University of Sussex, 1997-2001

External examiner for MA dissertation: Misa Kim, "Relevance Theory and Ricoeur's Theory of Metaphor" University of Kent at Canterbury, 1997

External examiner for MA in Modern English Language and Stylistics, Royal Holloway, University of London, 1996 - 2000

External examiner for PhD thesis: Dr. Anne Furlong "Relevance and Literary Interpretation", University College London, 1996

External examiner for Testamur in English Language Studies, University of Exeter, 1995-1999

External examiner for PhD thesis: Dr. Katarzyna Jaszczołt "Belief Sentences and the Semantics of Propositional Attitudes", University of Oxford, 1992

Publications

Authored books:

In Progress: Relevance Theory. Cambridge University Press. Contracted for publication in the series Cambridge Textbooks in Linguistics.

Articles in edited books:

In press. 'Linguistics in schools'. In Malmkjaer, K. (ed.) The Linguistics Encyclopedia, 3rd edition. Routledge, London.

In press. 'Ambiguity and vagueness'. In Chapman, S. and C. Routledge (eds.) Key Ideas in Linguistics and the Philosophy of language, Edinburgh University Press, Edinburgh.

In press. 'Compositionality'. In Chapman, S. and C. Routledge (eds.) Key Ideas in Linguistics and the Philosophy of language, Edinburgh University Press, Edinburgh.

In press. 'Intuition'. In Chapman, S. and C. Routledge (eds.) Key Ideas in Linguistics and the Philosophy of language, Edinburgh University Press, Edinburgh.

2007. 'Politeness and impoliteness in stylistic analysis' Introduction to chapter by Derek Bousfield on 'Impoliteness as banter in Shakespeare's Henry IV, part I' in Stockwell, P. and M. Lambrou (eds.) Contemporary Stylistics. Continuum, London.

2007. "Blazing a trail": moving from natural to linguistic meaning in accounting for the tones of English'. In Nilsen, R.A., Appiah Amfo, N.A. and K. Borthen (eds.) Interpreting Utterances;

Pragmatics and its Interfaces. Essays in Honour of Thorstein Fretheim. Novus, Oslo: 69-81.

2006. 'Evolution of syntax' In Brown, K. (ed.) Encyclopedia of Language and Linguistics, Elsevier Science, Oxford, volume 4: 353-360 (co-authored with Ray Jackendoff)

2006. 'Linguistics as a science'. In Brown, K. (ed.) Encyclopedia of Language and Linguistics, Elsevier Science, Oxford, volume 7: 227-234.

2006. 'Recursion' In Brown, K. (ed.) Encyclopedia of Language and Linguistics, Elsevier Science, Oxford, volume 10: 414-415

2006. 'Structuralism' In Brown, K. (ed.) Encyclopedia of Language and Linguistics, Elsevier Science, Oxford, volume 12: 165-166

2005: 'Davidson'. In Chapman, S. and C. Routledge (eds.) Key Thinkers in Linguistics and the Philosophy of language, Edinburgh University Press, Edinburgh: 60-65

2005: 'Descartes'. In Chapman, S. and C. Routledge (eds.) Key Thinkers in Linguistics and the Philosophy of language, Edinburgh University Press, Edinburgh: 71-76

Refereed articles in journals:

In progress. "During and After Chekhov. Inferring literary interpretations and literary value", to be submitted to the Journal of Literary Semantics.

In progress. "Inference and writing", to be submitted to the Journal of Educational Linguistics (co-authored with Nicky Owtram)

In progress: "The relevance of British English tones", to be submitted to Lingua (co-authored with Tim Wharton)

Submitted: "Salient Inferences: pragmatics and *The Inheritors*", submitted to Language and Literature 2008.

1999: "Phatic communication and Relevance Theory: a reply to Ward and Horn" Journal of Linguistics 36: 565-577

1999: "Phatic interpretations and phatic communication" Journal of Linguistics 35.2: 321-346 (co-authored with Vlad Zegarac)

1999: "Experimental pragmatics and what is said: a response to Gibbs and Moise", Cognition 69: 337-354 (co-authored with Steve Nicolle)

1998: "Phatic interpretations: standardisation and conventionalisation" Revista Alicantina de Estudios Ingleses 11: 183-191 (co-authored with Steve Nicolle)

1998: "Another brief note on implicature: a further response to Green" Language and Literature 7.1: 73-77 (co-authored with Adrian Pilkington)

1997: "Looking for an argument: a response to Green" Language and Literature 6.2: 139-148 (co-authored with Adrian Pilkington and Barbara MacMahon)

1996: "Stylistic analysis and relevance theory" Language and Literature 5.3: 163-178

1996: Review of "Foundations of Speech Act Theory: Philosophical and Linguistic

Perspectives" edited by Savas L. Tsohatzidis, Journal of Linguistics 32: 215-220

1993: Review of "Speech Acts and Literary Theory" by Sandy Petrey, Language and Literature 2.2: 151-153

1993: "Let and let's: procedural encoding and explicature" Lingua 90: 173-200

1993: "Relevance and pseudo-imperatives" Linguistics and Philosophy 16.1: 79-121 (this paper reported in The Independent 14.7.93)

1992: "Review article: Pragmatics and Natural Language Understanding by Georgia Green" Linguistics 30.2: 389-397

Other refereed articles:

In progress. 'Pragmatic stylistics'. Article for Language and Linguistics Compass, (online journal published by Blackwell Publishing)

In press. "What have you done with the scissors?" Exploring inferences in Literary Texts'. to be published in emagazine 2009.

2006: 'Learning From Mistakes: Getting It Right By Getting It Wrong', emagazine volume 33: 39-41.

2005: 'What Are You Getting At? Inference and Communication'. emagazine, volume 29: 45-47.

2003: "Philosophy of Language". Article for the Web Guide to Good Practice in Teaching and Learning in Languages, Linguistics and Area Studies, produced by the Subject Centre for Languages, Linguistics and Area Studies.

2003. "Pragmatics for Undergraduates". Article for the Web Guide to Good Practice in Teaching and Learning in Languages, Linguistics and Area Studies, produced by the Subject Centre for Languages, Linguistics and Area Studies.

2003. "Sentence Meaning". Article for the Web Guide to Good Practice in Teaching and Learning in Languages, Linguistics and Area Studies, produced by the Subject Centre for Languages, Linguistics and Area Studies.

1998: "Relevance and phatic communication" Yil Yazilari Yearbook of Faculty of Letters, Hacettepe University, Ankara (co-authored with Vlad Zegarac)

1992: "Let and let's: procedural encoding and explicature" Yil Yazilari 20th Anniversary Yearbook, Faculty of Letters, Hacettepe University, Ankara

1990: "Intonation, grammar and utterance-interpretation" UCL Working Papers in Linguistics volume 2 (co-authored with Geoff Lindsey)

1989: "A relevance-theoretic analysis of pseudo-imperatives" UCL Working Papers in Linguistics volume 1

Thesis:

1991: Relevance Theory and the Semantics of Non-Declaratives, PhD Thesis, University College London

Guest lectures and general interest talks:

Forthcoming, July 2009: Two workshop sessions in a two-day event for A level students at Sir Francis Xavier College, Clapham, London

Forthcoming, April 2009: 'How to become a language detective'. residential course for AS/A2 level students at Villiers Park. (Organised by Villiers Park Educational Trust in partnership with the Young Gifted and Talented Programme)

Forthcoming, March 2009. 'Pragmatic Stylistics'. Keynote lecture at 3rd Nitra Conference on Topics in Linguistics, University of Constantine the Philosopher in Nitra.

June 2008: 'Studying English Language at University'. Presentation to A level students at Higher Education Day at George Monoux College, Walthamstow.

April 2008: 'How to become a language detective'. residential course for AS/A2 level students at Villiers Park. (Organised by Villiers Park Educational Trust in partnership the Young Gifted and Talented Programme)

September 2007: 'Working with gifted and talented students'. Paper presented at session on 'Building bridges with schools', organised by the Linguistics Association of Great Britain's Education Committee, King's College, London

July 2007: 'How to become a language detective'. residential course for AS/A2 level students at Villiers Park. (Organised by Villiers Park Educational Trust in partnership with the National Academy for Gifted and Talented Youth)

June 2007: 'Studying English Language at University'. Presentation to A level students at Higher Education Day at George Monoux College, Walthamstow.

June 2007: "'How do you mean?" Exploring language, explaining meaning'. Year 12 Master Class for 'Aimhigher' London North Partnership, Middlesex University

25 January 2007: "'How do you mean?" Exploring language, explaining meaning'. Workshop for AS and A2 level students at Woodhouse College, London

September 2006: 'Why do we never say what we mean? Studying English Language at university' Presentation to A level students as part of Copland Community School Year 12 Induction Programme.

August 2006: 'Student research projects in a first year module', paper presented as part of session on 'Teaching linguistics to university students: Integrating teaching and research in practice', organised by the Linguistics Association of Great Britain and the Subject Centre for Linguistics, Languages and Area Studies, University of Newcastle upon Tyne

January-March 2006: series of eight lectures and seminars on the semantics-pragmatics distinction at University of Cambridge

September 2005: 'An A level in linguistics?' paper presented at session on this topic organised by the Linguistics Association of Great Britain's Education Committee, University of Cambridge

2-7 September 1999: two guest lectures at University of Trondheim (on phatic communication and experimental pragmatics)

Conference presentations and research seminars:

Forthcoming, October 2009. paper to be submitted to conference on 'Procedural Meaning: Problems and Perspectives', Madrid, Spain (with Tim Wharton).

Forthcoming, July 2009. 'Inference and writing', paper submitted for Poetics and Linguistics Association (PALA) conference, Middelburg, Netherlands (with Nicky Owtram)

Forthcoming, March 2009. 'Pragmatic Stylistics'. Keynote lecture at 3rd Nitra Conference on Topics in Linguistics, University of Constantine the Philosopher in Nitra.

July 2008 Organised one-day workshop on 'Pragmatic Stylistics' at Middlesex University.

July 2008 Pragmatic Stylistics: Explaining interpretations and accounting for literary value. paper presented at Poetics and Linguistics Association (PALA) conference, University of Sheffield.

July 2008: 'Pragmatics and stylistics'. Paper presented at workshop on Pragmatic Stylistics, Middlesex University.

February 2007: 'Inference about inference: pragmatics and stylistic analysis', paper presented to Cambridge University Linguistic Society, University of Cambridge.

August 2006: 'The semantics of English tones', paper presented at Linguistics Association of Great Britain conference, University of Newcastle upon Tyne.

July 2006: 'Does stylistics need inference?' paper presented at Poetics and Linguistics Association conference, University of Joensuu, Finland.

April 2006: "The relevance of English intonation", paper presented in English Language & Linguistics Research Seminar series, Roehampton University.

May 2001: "Processing effort and weak implicature", invited paper presented at European Science Foundation Exploratory Workshop "Towards an Experimental Pragmatics", Institut des Sciences Cognitives, Lyon (organised by Ira Noveck and Dan Sperber).

November 2000: "Experimental pragmatics: investigating relevance theory", paper presented in Linguistics Graduate Seminar series, University of Oxford

February 2000: "How much of literary interpretation can relevance theory explain?", paper presented in Linguistics and Literary Studies research seminar series at University of East Anglia

March 1999: "Intonation and relevance theory", paper presented in Linguistics Seminar Series, University of Wales Bangor (with Geoff Lindsey)

September 1998: organised and introduced workshop on experimental pragmatics at Linguistics Association of Great Britain conference, University of Luton

April 1998: "Local and global inferences: teaching relevance-theoretic stylistics" Poetics and Linguistics Association, Bern

December 1997: "Little Things and big things: local and global inferences", paper presented at Modern Language Association annual convention, Toronto

November 1997: "Testing relevance theory", paper presented in Linguistics Seminar Series, University of Manchester

October 1997: "Testing relevance theory", paper presented in Linguistics Research Seminar Series, University of Essex

April 1997: "Experimental pragmatics and what is said", paper presented at Linguistics Association of Great Britain conference, University of Edinburgh (with Steve Nicolle)

June 1995: "Relevance theory and (im)politeness", paper presented to Linguistics Group at Brighton University (with Vlad Zegarac)

June 1995: "Relevance theory and (im)politeness", paper presented to Linguistics Group at Nottingham University (with Vlad Zegarac)

September 1994: "What are you looking at? The interpretation of insults", paper presented to parasession on "Social Functions of Language" at Linguistics Association of Great Britain conference, Middlesex University

June 1994: "Pragmatic theory and phatic interpretation". paper presented at "Colloquium on the Processes of Linguistic Communication" University of North Wales Bangor

April 1994: "Social aspects of verbal communication: reinterpreting phatic utterances", paper presented at Linguistics Association of Great Britain conference, University of Salford (with Vlad Zegarac)

February 1994: "Social functions and cognitive processes: the interpretation of phatic communication", paper presented to Falmer Language Group, University of Sussex (with Vlad Zegarac)

April 1992: "Multiple wh-interrogatives", paper presented at Linguistics Association of Great Britain conference, University of Oxford

July 1990: "Relevance theory, speech acts and propositional attitudes", paper presented at International Pragmatics Association conference, Barcelona

April 1990: "Imperatives, infinitives and *let*", paper presented at Linguistics Association of Great Britain conference, University of Cambridge

April 1990: "Intonation, grammar and utterance-interpretation", paper presented at Linguistics Association of Great Britain conference, University of York (with Geoff Lindsey)

September 1990: "Relevance theory and non-declaratives", paper presented in Linguistics Research Seminar series, University of Oxford

September 1989: "Exclamatory-inversion sentences", paper presented at Linguistics Association of Great Britain conference, University of Durham

April 1987: "A relevance-theoretic analysis of pseudo-imperatives", paper presented at Linguistics Association of Great Britain conference, Westfield College, London

Other Activities

Since 2008:

Created and maintained 'pragmatic stylistics' website for researchers in this field:

<http://pragmaticstylistics.org>

Since 2005:

Created and helped maintain 'experimental pragmatics' website for researchers in this field (with Ira Noveck, Institut des Sciences Cognitives, Lyon):

<http://www.experimentalpragmatics.org>

Since 2005:

Created and maintained weblog for Middlesex staff and students:

'London Language' at <http://billydug.typepad.com/londonlanguage/>

Since 2000:

Freelance writer and copywriter in a number of media, including television, pop promotional video and websites.