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Academic Employment

- 2019–*present*. Assistant Professor of Linguistics. Dept. of Linguistics, University of British Columbia.
- 2019. Associate Professor of Linguistics on Call. Michigan State University.
- 2012–2018. Associate Professor of Linguistics. Michigan State University.
- 2006–2012. Assistant Professor of Linguistics. Michigan State University.
- 2005–2006. Visiting Assistant Professor of Linguistics. Michigan State University.
- 2003–2005. Postdoctoral Fellow. Université du Québec à Montréal. Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada grant ‘Asymmetry and Natural Language Processing’ (Anna Maria Di Sciullo, principal investigator).
- 2002–2003. Instructor in Linguistics. School of Cognitive Science, Hampshire College.

Education

- 2005. Ph.D., linguistics. University of Massachusetts Amherst.
 - Dissertation: *Mediated Modification: Functional Structure and the Interpretation of Modifier Position*.
 - Committee: Angelika Kratzer (chair), Barbara H. Partee, Kyle B. Johnson, Lisa Matthewson, and Robert Rothstein.
- 1997. B.A. with majors in linguistics (with highest honors) and in politics (with honors). University of California, Santa Cruz. Undergraduate thesis: *Bare NP Adverbs in English*. Advisor: Sandra Chung.

Publications

Presentations

INVITED

- 2018. ‘Semantic Viruses and Multiple Superlatives’. Chicago Linguistics Society.
- 2018. ‘Integrating Nonlocal Readings of Adjectives: More Than Just Occasional’. University of British Columbia.

- 2018. ‘Degrees as Kinds, Degrees Across Scales, and Correlative Constructions’. Workshop ‘Reference beyond the DP: Towards a Crosslinguistic Typology of the Syntax and Semantics of Proforms’, Deutschen Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft (DGfS). University of Stuttgart.
- 2017. ‘Integrating nonlocal readings of adjectives: More than just “occasional”’. Colloquium, New York University.
- 2017. ‘More Than Occasional: Grappling With the Relative Ubiquity of Nonlocal Adjectives’. Colloquium, Boston University.
- 2016. ‘Structure and Ontology in Nonlocal Readings of Adjectives’. Cognitive Structures Workshop. University of Dusseldorf.
- 2015. ‘Eventualities and Differential Measurement’. Workshop on event semantics, Stuttgart.
- 2015. ‘Toward a General Theory of Nonlocal Readings of Adjectives’. Sinn und Bedeutung 2015. Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen.
- 2014. ‘The Landscape of Nonlocal Readings of Adjectives’. Colloquium, University of Maryland.
- 2014. ‘About Rawlins About *About*’. Commentary on Kyle Rawlins’ paper ‘Aboutness and attitudes’. University of Michigan Workshop in Philosophy and Linguistics.
- 2014. ‘Where Does Nominal Gradability Come From?’. Informal workshop on the syntax and semantics of gradability. University of Massachusetts.
- 2013. ‘The Origins of Nominal Gradability’. Colloquium, Wayne State University.
- 2013. ‘The Origins of Nominal Gradability’. Colloquium, Georgetown University.
- 2013. ‘The Common Foundations of Degrees, Manners, and Kinds’. Colloquium, University of Calgary.
- 2012. ‘Degrees as Kinds’. Colloquium, Johns Hopkins University.
- 2012. ‘Degrees as Kinds’. Colloquium, The Ohio State University.
- 2011. ‘Degrees and state-kinds’. Workshop ‘Modification With and Without Modifiers’. Spanish National Scientific Council, Madrid.
- 2011. ‘Flavors of Adnominal Degree Modification’. Workshop on the representation of gradability. University of Leiden.
- 2010. ‘Nouns, Scales, and Degrees’. ‘SCALE: A Workshop on Scales, Comparison and their Linguistic Expression’. Stanford University.
- 2009. ‘How to Explain Being Flat-Out Stupid or, More Problematically, a Flat-Out Idiot’. University of Michigan Syntax Support Group.
- 2009. Commentary on Andrew Kehler’s talk ‘Ellipsis and Anaphora in a QUD Model of Discourse’. University of Michigan Workshop in Philosophy and Linguistics.
- 2009. ‘Extreme Degree Modification’. Colloquium, University of British Columbia.
- 2008. ‘Differential Degrees as Discontinuous Extents’. Workshop in honor of Angelika Kratzer on her 60th birthday. MIT. (General invitation was extended to her former students.)
- 2007. ‘Differential Degrees and Cross-Categorial Measure-Phrase Modification’. Colloquium, Michigan State University.

- 2006. 'Atelicity and Cross-Categorical Measure Phrase Licensing Conditions'. Workshop on Scalar Meaning. University of Chicago.
- 2006. 'Adnominal Degree Modification, Size Adjectives, and Adjectival Polarity'. Colloquium, Michigan State University.
- 2006. 'Adnominal Degree Modification, Size Adjectives, and Adjectival Polarity'. Colloquium, University of Maryland.
- 2005. 'Restrictions on Nonrestrictive Interpretations: Linear Order and Expressive Meaning'. Colloquium, Michigan State University.
- 2005. 'Size Adjectives as Degree Modifiers'. Colloquium, University of Stuttgart.
- 2005. 'Nonrestrictive Modifiers in Nonparenthetical Positions'. Workshop on the Semantics of Adjectives and Adverbs. Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona.
- 2003. 'Mediated Modification in AP and VP'. Colloquium, McGill University.

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

- 2017. With Adam Gobeski. 'Percentages, Relational Degrees, and Degree Constructions'. Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 27. University of Maryland. Poster & flash talk.
- 2015. 'Toward a General Theory of Nonlocal Readings of Adjectives'. Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 2015. University of Tübingen.
- 2011. 'The Several Faces of Adnominal Degree Modification'. West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL) 29. University of Arizona.
- 2009. 'Degree Modification of Extreme Adjectives'. Chicago Linguistics Society (CLS) 45.
- 2007. 'Metalinguistic Comparison in an Alternative Semantics for Imprecision'. North East Linguistic Society (NELS) 38. University of Ottawa.
- 2007. Talk actually delivered by Gillian Ramchand from the handout (due to travel complications). 'Differential Degrees and Cross-Categorical Measure-Phrase Modification'. Workshop on the Syntax and Semantics of Measurability. Center for Advanced Study in Theoretical Linguistics (CASTL), University of Tromsø.
- 2006. 'Aktionsart Restrictions as Conditions on Measure Phrase Licensing'. West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL) 25. University of Washington.
- 2006. 'Atelicity and Cross-Categorical Measure Phrase Licensing Conditions'. Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting. Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- 2005. 'Size Adjectives and Adnominal Degree Modification'. Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 15. UCLA.
- 2005. 'Attributive Adjectives, Preverbal Adverbs, and the Mechanics of Nonrestrictive Interpretations'. Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting. Oakland, California.
- 2004. 'Adverbial Modification in the Adjectival Projection: One and a Half Case Studies'. Workshop on Event Structure in Linguistic Form and Interpretation. University of Leipzig.

- 2004. 'Adverbial Modification in AP: Surprisingly Revealing?'. Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting. Boston, Mass.
- 2003. With Meredith Landman. 'Event-Kinds and the Representation of Manner'. Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting. Atlanta, Georgia.
- 2002. 'Wholes and Their Covers'. Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 12. University of California, San Diego and San Diego State University.
- 2001. 'Almost and Its Kin, Across Categories'. Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 11. New York University.
- 2001. 'Interpreting Measure DP Adverbials'. West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL) 20. University of Southern California.
- 2000. 'Measure DP Adverbials, Aktionsart, and Functional Structure'. Sinn und Bedeutung 5. University of Amsterdam.
- 2000. 'Measure DP Adverbials, Aktionsart, and Functional Structure'. ConSOLE 9. University of Lund, Sweden.
- 2000. 'Measure DP Adverbials, Aktionsart, and Modifier Interpretation'. UConn-UMass-MIT Annual Semantics Workshop. UMass. (Not peer reviewed.)
- 1997. 'Right, Straight, Clear, and the Structure of the English PP'. UC Santa Cruz Linguistics Undergraduate/Alumni Research Conference. (Invited from among linguistics undergraduates.)
- 1997. 'Right, Straight, Clear, and the Structure of the English PP'. UC Santa Cruz Humanities Undergraduate Research Conference. (Invited by virtue of receiving an undergraduate research grant.)
- 1996. 'The Car Went "Vroom": Quotes as Constituents.' UC Santa Cruz Linguistics Undergraduate/Alumni Research Conference. (Invited from among linguistics undergraduates.)

Teaching

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

- 2005–present. 'Introduction to Linguistics' (LIN 401). Nine times.
- 2005–present. 'Semantics and Pragmatics' (LIN 437). Twenty five times.
- 2005–present. Undergraduate independent study (LIN 490).
- 2005–present. 'Advanced Semantics and Pragmatics' (LIN 837). Nine times. This course was originally an introductory version of a graduate seminar, but over the years has gradually become a more pedagogically-oriented survey of a rotating set of topics. Past topics:
 - 2018. Semantic variation; indefinites.
 - 2016. Formal pragmatics; scalar meaning.
 - 2014. Definiteness and specificity; cross-linguistic semantic variation.
 - 2012. Formal pragmatics; events.
 - 2010. Context-sensitivity; semantics and pragmatics of scales.
 - 2008. Events; indefinites; cross-linguistic semantic variation.
 - 2007. Intensionality; indefinites; degree semantics.
 - 2006. Formal pragmatics.
 - 2005. Adjectival modification and gradability.

2005–present. Graduate student independent study (LIN 890). Seven times.

2011–present. ‘Seminar in Linguistics’ (LIN 892). Four times. Past topics:

- 2018. ‘Straining at the Margins of Truth Conditions: Flavors of Meaning, Discourse, and Context of Use’. Attempted creative title to refer to expressive meaning, conventional implicatures, and the like, and the possible connection between semantic and sociolinguistic notions of meaning.
- 2015. Clause type, mood, and illocutionary force.
- 2013. Expressive meaning, conventional implicatures, and non-asserted content.
- 2011. Semantics of cross-categorial phenomena and parallels across types and categories.

HAMPSHIRE COLLEGE

2003. ‘The “Linguistics Wars”: An Intellectual Conflict and Its Implications’ (Cognitive Science 180). An introduction to issues in syntax and semantics conducted by recapitulating in class discussion some of the theoretical controversies of the early years of generative grammar. The slightly melodramatic term ‘linguistics wars’ is borrowed from a 1993 book of that title by Randy Allan Harris (Oxford University Press, New York).

2002. ‘Language, Meaning, and the Mind’ (Cognitive Science 142). Introductory linguistics course with a special emphasis on questions of meaning and cognition.

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS

1999–2003. ‘Introduction to Linguistic Theory’ (Linguistics 201). Three times.

UC SANTA CRUZ

1997. ‘Language and the Mind: Chomsky’s Program’ (Linguistics 80D). Undergraduate course assistant to James McCloskey. Evaluated and commented on student work.

1996. ‘Semantics I’ (Linguistics 53). Undergraduate course assistant to William A. Ladusaw. Led discussion section; evaluated and commented on student work.

Advising

PH.D. COMMITTEES CHAIRED

In progress. Adam Gobeski. Working on factor phrases and adverbial comparatives.

In progress. Cara Feldscher. Working on the ambiguity between incremental and additive readings of degree constructions and a variety of other expressions.

In progress. Josh Herrin. Working on the syntax-semantics of nominal gradability and degree-morpheme fronting in nominals.

In progress. Yan Cong. Working on subjective predicates in Mandarin.

- 2017. Ai Taniguchi. Dissertation: *The Formal Pragmatics of Non-At-Issue Intensification in English and Japanese*. Went on to a renewable semantics position at Carleton University in Ottawa.
- 2016. Curt Anderson. Dissertation: *Intensification and attenuation across categories*. Currently a postdoc with Sebastian Löbner at Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf.
- 2015. Ai (Matsui) Kubota. Dissertation: *Adverbs of evaluation in Japanese: A conditional account*. Went on to teaching positions at Williams College and a postdoc at the National Institute for Japanese Language and Linguistics (NINJAL).
- 2012. Olga Eremina. Dissertation: *The Semantics of Russian Indefinite Pronouns: Scope, Domain Widening, Specificity, and Proportionality and Their Interaction*. Associate Professor, National Research University Higher School of Economics, Moscow.
- 2010. E. Matthew Husband. Dissertation: *On the Compositional Nature of Stativity*. Associate Professor, Oxford University.
- 2010. Irina Agafonova. Dissertation: *Syntax, Alternative Semantics, and Computation in Coordination*. Most recently in a temporary position at Concordia University.

M.A. COMMITTEES CHAIRED

- 2017. Ai Taniguchi. M.A. by exam.
- 2017. Josh Herrin. M.A. by exam.
- 2015. Taehoon Kim. Thesis: *On The Nature of Concessivity in Predicate Focus: A Study of Sigma in Korean Verb Doubling and English Verb Phrase Focus*. Went on to the Ph.D. program at UCLA.
- 2012. Chris O'Brien. Thesis: *Complement Coercion and the Semantics Of Aspectual Verbs*. Went on to a Ph.D. program in linguistics at MIT.
- 2009. Adam Gobeski. Thesis: *'Twice' Versus 'Two Times' in Phrases of Comparison*.
- 2008. Ben Johnson. Co-chaired with Alan Beretta. M.A. by exam.
- 2008. Ai Matsui. Thesis: *Constructing Concessive Conditionals in Japanese*.
- 2006. John Douglas Mastin. M.A. by exam.

OTHER GRADUATE STUDENT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS¹

Ph.D. committees:

Amaresh Joshi, Greg Johnson, Hannah Forsythe, Joe Jalbert, Karen Miller, Kali (Bybel) Morris, Kyle Grove, Marisa Ferrara Boston, Ni La Lê, Masaaki Takashima, Madeline Shellgren, Matt Kanefsky, Patrick Kelley, Philip

¹Students whose committees I was on only transiently are omitted.

Pellino, Tyler Baldwin (Computer Science program), Tyler Roberts, Xaio Fu.

M.A. committees:

Adam Liter, Alicia Parrish, Andrew Armstrong, Junsuk Park, Joe Jalbert, Thomas Gerrish, Xaio Fu, Yi Chen Lin.

External member/examiner/reader:

David Hunter (M.A., University of Amsterdam), David-Étienne Bouchard (Ph.D., McGill University), Timothy Leffel (Ph.D., New York University).

UNDERGRADUATE THESIS ADVISING

- 2016. Mariah Davis. Thesis: 'Scope Quantifier Ambiguity Recognition and Resolution in Natural Language Processing'.
- 2015. Haley Farkas. Thesis: 'The Semantics of *Vice Versa*'.
- 2014. Tony Felder. Thesis: 'Do you know what is going on here? No, I do, yes, I don't: Negated Affirmatives and Gestural Implications in Informal Discourse in English'.
- 2013. Kay Ann Schlang. Thesis: '*That thing you do*: The anaphoric use of demonstratives'.
- 2012. Taehoon Kim. Thesis: 'The Dimension of Expectation and Degree Modification of Measure Phrases'.
- 2012. Carolyn Blanco. Thesis: '*In March on Saturday at five o'clock*: An attempt to distinguish *in*, *on*, and *at* in temporal contexts'.
- 2012. David Bogojevich. Thesis: 'Stating the obvious and intonation'.
- 2010. Karl DeVries. Thesis: 'Frequency adjectives'. Currently in the Ph.D. program in linguistics at UC Santa Cruz.
- 2010. Angela Nichols. Thesis: 'A man in possession of a *large fortune*: A study of positive gradable adjectives'.
- 2009. Alex Clarke. Thesis: 'Property theory and anaphora'. Went on to the MSU M.A. program in linguistics.
- 2009. Kevin Stowe. Thesis: 'Conversational implicatures in coordinate structures'.
- 2008. Damon Siefert. Thesis: 'Who is *it*?: Expletive identificationals in English'.
- 2007. Ayla Zachary. Thesis: 'Adger and Carnie et al.: An interaction of theories' (on verb movement in Irish). Went on to M.A. program in Irish Studies at the National University of Ireland Galway.
- 2007. David Hunter. Thesis: 'Comparative adjectives within adjectival stacks'. Went on to M.A. program in linguistics at the University of Amsterdam.
- 2007. Peter Klecha. Thesis: 'Semantics and syntax of analytic causatives'. Currently in the Ph.D. program in linguistics at the University of Chicago.

Grants & Fellowships

- 1998–2002. National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship.
- 1997–1998. Linguistics Graduate Fellowship, University of Massachusetts.

1997. Humanities Undergraduate Research Award, UC Santa Cruz.

Research Assistantship

2000. Research assistant to Tom Roeper and Angelika Kratzer. National Institutes of Health African-American English Grant (Harry N. Seymour, principal investigator). University of Massachusetts.

Reviewing & Professional Service

REVIEWING FOR PUBLICATIONS AND FUNDING AGENCIES

The Baltic International Yearbook of Cognition, Logic, and Communication.

Canadian Journal of Linguistics.

Cambridge University Press.

Journal of Semantics.

Lingua.

Linguistic Inquiry.

Linguistics & Philosophy.

Mouton de Gruyter.

National Science Foundation.

Natural Language and Linguistic Theory.

Natural Language Semantics.

Oxford University Press.

Semantics & Pragmatics (editorial board member).

Syntax.

Wiley.

REVIEWING FOR CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

2008–*present* (annually). Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT).

2007–2011, 2013–2017 (annually). North East Linguistic Society (NELS).

2009, 2014, 2018. Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS).

2011. Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW). One-abstract supplemental review.

2011. West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL).

2011. Workshop ‘Modification With and Without Modifiers’. Madrid.

2007. Workshop ‘Quantification and Modification’. Held in conjunction with the European Summer School in Logic Language and Information (ESSLI).

2005. Michigan Linguistic Society (MLS) 35.

DEPARTMENT & UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2019. Member, search committee for a one-year syntax position. UBC.
- 2019. Member, search committee for a tenure-stream semantics position. UBC.
- 2006–2018. Linguistics graduate program admissions committee. MSU.
- 2015, 2017–2018. Linguistics program convener. MSU.
- 2018. Collage of Arts and Letters Reappointment, Promotion, and Tenure committee. MSU.
- 2015–2017. Department Advisory Committee. MSU.
- 2012–2017. Director of graduate studies in linguistics. MSU.
- 2014. Tenure committee for an MSU faculty member. MSU.
- 2014. Chair, search committee for a visiting assistant professor position. MSU.
- 2013. Ad hoc committee to oversee redesign of the department's website. MSU.
- 2012. Tenure committee for an MSU faculty member. MSU.
- 2012. University Faculty Grievance Office Jurisdictional Appeals Panel. MSU.
- 2012. Department Fixed-Term Faculty Evaluation Committee. MSU.
- 2012. Search committee for a tenure-track psycholinguistics position. MSU.
- 2011. Ad hoc committee to oversee the department's website. MSU.
- 2009–2011. College of Arts and Letters Advisory Committee. MSU.
- 2010. Linguistics program interim undergraduate advisor (fall semester). MSU.
- 2010. Department Faculty Evaluation Committee. MSU.
- 2010. Selection committee for an award associated with the MSU Linguistics Undergraduate Research Conference.
- 2010. Member of two-person selection committee for the Wilkins-Rodman Graduate Award (awarded annually within the MSU linguistics program).
- 2009. Search committee for a tenure-track psycholinguistics position. MSU.
- 2006–2008. Department technology committee. MSU.

ORGANIZING

- 2017. With Cara Feldscher and Josh Herrin, organized the Semantics Workshop of the American Midwest and Prairies (SWAMP). MSU.
- 2016. Conceived and, with Ai Taniguchi and other graduate students, helped organize an internal grad student workshop with external invited speakers, which was regrettably named the Graduate Linguistics Expo at Michigan State (GLEAMS). MSU.
- 2012. With Curt Anderson and Phil Pellino, organizing the Semantics Workshop of the American Midwest and Prairies (SWAMP). MSU.
- 2007. With E. Matthew Husband and numerous other grad students, organizing the second Midwestern Workshop on Semantics. MSU.
- 2007. With Cristina Schmitt, organizing a linguistics undergraduate research workshop. MSU.

2004–2005. With Anna Maria Di Sciullo and Calixto Aguero-Bautista, organizing the workshop ‘Issues in the Form and Interpretation of Argument Structure’. The Linguistic Society of America 2005 Linguistic Institute. Cambridge, Mass.

OTHER SERVICE

2016. External reviewer in a tenure case. City University of New York.

2015. External reviewer in a tenure case. University of Wisconsin.

2008–2009. Faculty sponsor for visiting doctoral student Zhai Baojun of Beijing Normal University.

2006. Faculty advisor to MSU Honors College professorial assistant Andrew Valentine.