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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Broad

Semantics, pragmatics, cross-linguistic variation, philosophy of language

Narrow

Evidentiality, predicates of personal taste, epistemic modality, attitude reports, clausal complementation, parentheticals, speech acts, non-canonical questions

EMPLOYMENT

2017-present Post-doctoral researcher

Linguistics Department, University of Konstanz

2016-2017 Post-doctoral researcher

Collaborative Research Center 833 "Construction of meaning", University of Tübingen

EDUCATION

2010-2016 **PhD in Linguistics**

University of California, Los Angeles

Dissertation: [Heterogeneity and uniformity in the evidential domain](#)

Committee: Yael Sharvit and Dominique Sportiche (co-chairs), Pranav Anand, Roumyana Pancheva, Tim Stowell

2003-2009 **BA+MA in Linguistics** (Specialist degree)

Russian State University for the Humanities; Moscow, Russia

MA Thesis: Temporal and aspectual suffixes in Adyghe

Chair: Yakov Testelets

VISITING AFFILIATIONS

Spring 2020 *Formal Linguistics Research Group, Pompeu Fabra University; Barcelona, Spain*

Feb 2019 *Department of English, Arizona State University; Phoenix, USA*

July 2017 *Linguistics Department, UC Santa Cruz; Santa Cruz, USA*

Fall 2015 *Philosophy Department, Carnegie Mellon University; Pittsburgh, USA*
 Fall 2013 *Institut Jean-Nicod, CNRS-ENS-EHESS; Paris, France*

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2020 “Biased questions in Russian”
 Young Scholar Bridge Fellowship
 University of Konstanz

2017–2019 “Wh-scope marking and *wh*-parentheticals across Slavic”
 Postdoctoral Research Fellowship; €63.600
 Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

2019 “Ignorance and grammar”
 Mentorship program, mutual visits with Tyler Peterson; €2.400
 Center for Advanced Studies, University of Konstanz

2014–2015 Dissertation Year Fellowship; \$20.000 (+tuition)
 UCLA

2010–2011 Mellon fellowship in the Humanities; \$10.000
 UCLA

MANUSCRIPTS

In prep. The subjective heart of evidentiality, *Journal of Semantics*.

In prep. Questionnaire on evidential subjectivity, *Semantic Fieldwork Methods*.

In prep. Evidentiality in the Georgian tense and aspect system, *Zeitschrift für Sprachwissenschaft*.

In prep. Biased questions across Slavic, an invited contribution to B. Gehrke and R. Šimík (Eds.) *Semantics of Slavic Languages* (peer-reviewed).

Under review
 Interrogative flip and indexical shift are distinct phenomena, *Snippets*.

Under review (2nd round)
 (with P. Anand) The metasemantics of taste: An argument from *de re* and ‘non main-predicate’ position, *Linguistics and Philosophy*.

PUBLICATIONS

Journal articles

2020 [Evidential meaning and \(not-\)at-issueness](#). *Semantics & Pragmatics* 13(4).

2019 [The embedding puzzle: Constraints on evidentials in complement clauses](#). *Linguistic Inquiry*, online first.

2010 (with Y. Lander) [Deriving affix ordering in polysynthesis: Evidence from Adyghe](#). *Morphology* 20(2):299–319.

Papers in collections (peer-reviewed)

- 2016 [Disagreement with evidentials: A call for subjectivity](#). J. Hunter, M. Simons and M. Stone (Eds.), *JerSem: The 20th Workshop on the Semantics and Pragmatics of Dialogue*, 65-75.

Proceedings (peer-reviewed by abstract)

- 2019 (with J. Harris) [Preference for single events guides perception in Russian: A phoneme restoration study](#). In Eszter Ronai, Laura Stigliano and Yenan Sun (Eds.) *Proceedings of the Fifty-Fourth Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society*. 149-164. CLS, Chicago.
- 2018 (with P. Anand) [Acquaintance content and obviation](#). U. Sauerland and S. Solt. *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung* 22, vol. 1, ZASPiL 60, 55–72. ZAS, Berlin.
- 2017 [Evidentials and \(relayed\) speech acts: Hearsay as quotation](#). S. D’Antonio, M. Moroney, and C.R. Little (eds.), *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory* 25, 676–694.
- 2015 [Evidentials in attitudes: do’s and dont’s](#). E. Csipak and H. Zeijlstra (eds.), *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung* 19, 340–357.
- 2012 [On alleged *wh*-scope marking in Russian](#). N. Arnett and R. Bennett (eds.), *Proceedings of West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics* 30, 205–215.

Volumes edited

- In prep “Expressing evidence”, a special issue of *Journal of Pragmatics*. Proposal submitted. (with C. Bary).
- 2015 Kimmelman, V., N. Korotkova and I. Yanovich (eds.). [Proceedings of MOSS 2: Moscow Syntax and Semantics](#). MIT Working Papers in Linguistics 75. Cambridge, MA.

Other publications

- 2009 Proshloe i “sverxproshloe” v adygejskom jazyke [The past and the “super-past” in Adyghe. In Russian]. In *Aspects of Polysynthesis: Essays on the Adyghe grammar*, 262–286. Moscow: RGGU.

TALKS

Invited talks

- 2020 “Find, must and conflicting evidence”. Colloquium of the Formal Linguistics Group, University Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain. (Joint work with Pranav Anand)
- 2020 “Find, must and conflicting evidence”. *Colloquium of the Oberseminar General Linguistics*, University of Tübingen. (Joint work with Pranav Anand)

- 2019 “Evidentiality and not-at-issue content”. *Colloquium of the Oberseminar English Linguistics*, University of Tübingen.
- 2019 “Hearsay and (non-)commitment”. *Semantics Babble*, University of California, San Diego, USA.
- 2019 “Subjective language”. *Interdisciplinary Committee on Linguistics Colloquium*, Arizona State University, Phoenix, USA.
- 2019 “The subjective heart of evidentiality”. Colloquium of the Formal Linguistics Group, University Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain.
- 2018 “The subjective heart of evidentiality”. *Colloquium of the Oberseminar English Linguistics*, University of Göttingen, Germany.
- 2018 “The subjective heart of evidentiality”. Job talk, University of Southern California, USA.
- 2017 “Subjective language”. Forum Scientiarum, Center for Ethic in Sciences and Humanities, University of Tübingen, Germany.
- 2016 “Evidentiality: An opinionated guide”. Linguistics Department, Stanford University, USA.
- 2015 “Evidentials and questions”. Workshop *Differentiating contents*. Center for Formal Epistemology, Carnegie Mellon University, USA.
- 2015 “Evidentials across languages: one class or not”. Workshop *New work on speech acts and modality*. Zukunftscolleg, University of Konstanz, Germany.
- 2014 “Varieties of evidential shift”. *Cross-linguistic semantics colloquium*. Amsterdam Center for Language and Communication & Institute for Logic, Language and Computation, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- 2014 “Varieties of evidential shift”. *Semantics circle*, Center for General Linguistics (ZAS), Berlin, Germany.
- 2014 “Non-uniformity of indexicals”. Commentary on Orin Percus’ paper “Unpronounced indexicality (and pronouns)” at the workshop *Pronouns in embedded contexts at the syntax-semantics interface*, Universität Tübingen, Germany.
- 2013 “Embedding evidentials across languages”. *Discourse and Philosophy Colloquium*, Institute for Logic, Language and Computation, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- 2013 “How to embed evidentials”. UiL OTS, Utrecht university, Netherlands.

Conference presentations (peer-reviewed papers)

- 2016 “Disagreement with evidentials: A call for subjectivity”. *JerSem: the 20th Workshop on the semantics and pragmatics of dialogue*, Rutgers.

Conference presentations (peer-reviewed abstracts)

- 2020 (with P. Anand) “*Find, must* and conflicting evidence”. Workshop “Modal inferences”, University of Enna “Kore”, Sicily, Italy.
- 2020 “The subjective heart of evidentiality”. Workshop “Semantic universals in the modal and attitudinal domain”, GLOW 43, Berlin. [conference held on-line due to the COVID-19 pandemic]
- 2019 (with P. Anand) “Find”. Workshop *Evaluative language*, Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris.
- 2018 “Less is more: Revisiting interrogative flip”. Workshop *Meaning in non-canonical questions*, University of Konstanz.
- 2018 (with J. Harris) “Preference for single events guides perception in Russian: A phoneme restoration study”. *The 54th meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society*, University of Chicago.
- 2017 “Diagnosing the semantic status of evidentials”. Workshop *Questioning speech acts*, University of Konstanz.
- 2017 (with P. Anand) “Acquaintance content and obviation”. *Sinn und Bedeutung* 22, ZAS / University of Potsdam.
- 2017 (with P. Anand) “Acquaintance inferences and the grammar of directness”. Workshop *Subjectivity in language and thought*, University of Chicago.
- 2016 “On the semantic uniformity of evidentials” (poster presentation). *New Ideas in Semantics and Modelling*, Paris.
- 2016 (with P. Anand) “Predicates of personal taste and ‘de re’ construal”. Workshop *Perspectivization*, GLOW 39, University of Göttingen.
- 2016 (with J. Harris) “Preference for single events guides perception in Russian: A phoneme restoration study” (poster presentation). Workshop “Events in language and cognition” in conjunction with the 29th Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, University of Florida, Gainesville.
- 2015 “Evidentials and attitudes” (poster presentation). *Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 25*, Stanford University.
- 2014 “Varieties of evidential shift”. *Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB) 19*, University of Göttingen.
- 2013 “How do you think? Apparent *wh*-scope marking in Russian”. Workshop “*Parenthesis and ellipsis: Cross-linguistic and theoretical perspectives*” during the 35th annual meeting of the DGfS (the German Linguistic Society), University of Potsdam.
- 2012 “How perfect is the perfect of evidentiality: Evidence from Georgian”. *The Nature of Evidentiality*, Leiden University.

- 2012 “Against partial *wh*-movement in Russian” (poster presentation). *West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL) 30*, UC Santa Cruz.
- 2008 (with Y. Lander) “Affix ordering in polysynthesis: Evidence from Adyghe”. Workshop “Affix Ordering” during the *13th International Morphology Meeting*, University of Vienna.
- 2006 “Circassian *double* past and its counterparts in other West Caucasian languages”. *International Workshop on Morphosyntax of Caucasian Languages*, IN-ALCO, Paris.

TEACHING

Summer schools

- August 2021 [ESSLLI 32](#), Utrecht University, Netherlands
 “An opinionated guide to predicates of personal taste”
 Co-designed with Pranav Anand (solo teaching)
- July 2020 [WeSSLLI \(Web Summer School for Logic, Language, and Information\)](#)
 [in lieu of NASSLLI 2020; an invited class]
 Organized by Brandeis University, USA
 “The notional category of evidentiality”
- August 2019 [ESSLLI 31](#), University of Latvia
 “Speech reports”
 co-designed with Pranav Anand (solo teaching)
- July 2018 [NASSLLI 8](#), Carnegie Mellon University, USA
 “An opinionated guide to predicates of personal taste”
 Co-taught with Pranav Anand

Invited mini-courses

- 2020 “The notional category of evidentiality” (4 lectures)
 Department of Translation and Language Sciences, Pompeu Fabra University
- 2016 “Evidentiality” (3 lectures)
 English Department, University of Tübingen
- 2015 “The landscape of evidentiality” (5 lectures)
 Philosophy Department, Carnegie Mellon University

University of Konstanz (instructor)

- 2020 Semantics 1 (in German)

UCLA (teaching assistant)

2013–2015	Introduction to Study of Language, online
2013	Semantics 1
2013	Introduction to Historical Linguistics
2012	Syntactic Typology and Universals
2012	Field Methods (Dholuo)
2012	Introduction to Linguistics (for non-majors)
2011	Introduction to Linguistics (for majors)

LINGUISTIC FIELDWORK

2014–present	Turkish (Turkic) individual work with consultants Los Angeles, USA and Tübingen, Germany
2014–present	Bulgarian (South Slavic) individual work with consultants Los Angeles, USA and Tübingen, Germany
2012–2015	Georgian (South Caucasian) individual work with consultants Los Angeles, USA
2012–2013	Imbabura Quichua (Quechuan) field methods class Los Angeles, CA
2007	Khakas (Turkic) fieldwork trip with Russian State Humanities University Kazanovka, Khakassia, Russia
2007	Kalmyk (Mongolic) fieldwork trip with St. Petersburg State University Yergenensky, Kalmykia, Russia
2004–2010	Adyghe (Northwest Caucasian) fieldwork trips with Russian State Humanities University Hakurinohabl & Hatazhukay, Adyghea, Russia

SERVICE

Reviewing

Journals	<i>Inquiry, Journal of Semantics, Languages of the Caucasus, Linguistic Inquiry, Linguistics and Philosophy</i>
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Grants	<i>National Science Foundation (USA)</i>
Conferences	<i>Experimental Pragmatics Conference (XPRAG), Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics (FASL), General Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW), Pronouns in the embedded contexts at the syntax-semantics interface, Northeastern Linguistics Society (NELS), Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT), Semantics and Philosophy in Europe (SPE), Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB), TripleA Workshop, , Web School for Logic, Language and Information Student Session, West Coast Conference in Formal Linguistics (WCCFL)</i>
Other	<i>Affix Ordering Across Languages and Frameworks (book)</i>

Organizing

June 2019	<i>Expressing Evidence</i> workshop in linguistics and philosophy, co-organizer University of Konstanz
2011–2013	<i>Semantics Tea</i> seminar in semantics, founder and organizer Linguistics department, UCLA
2007–2011	<i>Moscow Syntax and Semantics (MOSS) I, II, Syntactic Structures I, II</i> international peer-reviewed conferences, co-founder and co-organizer Moscow, Russia

SUMMER SCHOOLS

2016	NASSLLI 7 Rutgers University, USA
2014	ESSLLI 26 University of Tübingen, Germany
2012	NASSLLI 5 UT Austin, USA
2008	École d’Automne de Linguistique (EALING) IV ENS, Paris, France
2007	LSA Summer Institute “Empirical Foundations for Theories of Language” Stanford University, USA

LANGUAGES

Russian, native
English, fluent
German, advanced (TELC C1 certificate)
French, conversational
Bulgarian, elementary
Polish, elementary

INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT

- 2007–2010 *ABBYY Software, Moscow*
computational linguist
formal description of Russian and English syntax for parsing and machine translation
- 2005–2007 *Russian National Corpus, Moscow*
linguist
corpus annotation, morphological homonymy resolution