

CURRICULUM VITÆ

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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RESEARCH THEMES

Broad interests

linguistic theory, syntax, semantics, the interfaces,
pragmatics, philosophy of language

Specific interests

- Division of labour between syntax and semantics in linguistic theory generally.
- Syntax and semantics of clausal embedding.
- Syntactic and semantic constraints on scope-taking.
- Conditions under which linguistic material can go missing (“ellipsis”).
- The interpretation of questions.

Collaborators

Klaus Abels (University College London), Matt Barros (Yale University), Nathan Klinedinst (University College London), Eric McCready (Aoyama Gakuin University), Andrew Murphy (Universitt Leipzig), Andreea Nicolae (Zentrum fr Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft), Yasutada Sudo (University College London), Gary Thoms (University of Glasgow), Wataru Uegaki (Leiden University), Rebecca Woods (University of Huddersfield)

EDUCATION

September 2013 -

University College London, London, United Kingdom

PhD in Linguistics, September 2017 (expected)
Thesis: embedding meanings and structures (title TBC)
Advisors: Dr. Klaus Abels (primary) and Dr. Yasutada Sudo (secondary)
Funding body: The Arts and Humanities Research Council

October 2016 - January 2017

Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, Berlin, Germany
Position: Visiting Scholar
Mentor: Dr. Uli Sauerland
Funding body: Erasmus+

July - August 2016

North American Summer School on Language, Logic and Information
Rutgers, United States

September 2012 - September 2013

University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, United Kingdom
MSc by Research in Theoretical Linguistics
Thesis: *Clausal Ellipsis and Identity*
Advisors: Dr. Peter Ackema (primary) and Dr. Gary Thoms (secondary)
Class: distinction

September 2008 - September 2012

University College London, London, United Kingdom
BA in Linguistics (International Programme)
Thesis: *The Distribution and Interpretation of the German Simplex Anaphor*
Advisor: Dr. Hans van de Koot
Class: 1st (thesis and all modules)

September 2010 - September 2011

Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen, Tübingen, Germany
Position: Erasmus visiting student
Project: *Modelling Implicature*
Advisor: Dr. Roland Mühlenbernd

AWARDS AND HONORS

2016

Erasmus+ grant
Awarding body: Erasmus+
To spend time at ZAS, Berlin as a visiting scholar from September 2016 to February 2017

Conference Travel Grant
Awarding body: The Philological Society
To present at the 52nd Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistics Society, Chicago.

2015

Student bursary
Awarding body: Generative Linguistics in the Old World

Conference Travel Grant
Awarding body: University College London
To present at the 33rd West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver.

2014

Student bursary
Awarding body: Linguistics Association of Great Britain

Conference Travel Grant
Awarding body: Department of Linguistics, University College London
To present at Semantics And Linguistic Theory 24, New York University, New York.

2013

Doctoral studentship
Awarding body: Arts and Humanities Research Council

Conference Travel Grant
Awarding body: Linguistics and English Language, University of Edinburgh
To present at the 49th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistics Society, Chicago.

2012

Faculty of Brain Sciences Prize
Awarding body: Faculty of Brain Sciences, University College London.
For outstanding academic performance over the course of an undergraduate degree in the faculty of Brain Sciences.

2010

Alexander Melville Bell Prize
Awarding body: Department of Linguistics, University College London.
For exemplary academic performance September 2009 - September 2010.

2009

Commendation from the BA Linguistics Examination Board
Awarding body: Department of Linguistics, University College London.

Alexander Melville Bell Prize
Awarding body: Department of Linguistics, University College London.
For exemplary academic performance September 2008 - September 2009.

PUBLICATIONS

Journal articles

“There is no island repair” (under revision)
with Matt Barros and Gary Thoms
Draft on LingBuzz

“Predicates of relevance and theories of question
embedding” (submitted to Journal of Semantics)
with Nathan Klinedinst, Yasutada Sudo, and Wataru
Uegaki

“Do superiority-violating multiple questions have
pair-list readings?” (under review)
with Andreea Nicolae and Yasutada Sudo

“Pair-list readings of conjoined singular *which*-phrases”
(2015)
with Andreea Nicolae and Yasutada Sudo

“Nested *wh*-questions and the locality of scope tak-
ing” (in prep.)

“Remarks on superiority and economy” (in prep.)
with Klaus Abels

“Nesting habits of flightless *wh*-expressions” (in
prep.)

“Embedding content” (in prep.)

Proceedings papers

“Embedded declaratives as modifiers” (in prep.)
Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 21

“Nested *wh*-questions and the locality of scope tak-
ing” (in prep.)
Proceedings of ConSOLE XXIV

“Explaining DPs vs CPs without syntax” (to appear)
Proceedings of the 52nd annual meeting of the Chicago
Linguistics Society
Draft on LingBuzz and Semantics Archive

“List readings of conjoined singular *which*-phrases”
(to appear)
with Andreea Nicolae and Yasutada Sudo
Proceedings of NELS 46

“E-type readings of quantifiers under ellipsis” (2016)
with Yasutada Sudo
Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 20

“QR out of control” (2016)
with Gary Thoms Proceedings of WCCFL 33

“More variation in island repair: the clausal/non-
clausal distinction” (2015)
with Matt Barros and Gary Thoms
Proceedings of CLS 49

PRESENTATIONS

Refereed conference presentations

2017

“Who and what do *who* and *what* range over cross-
linguistically?” with Andreea Nicolae and Uli Sauer-
land.

Theoretical and Experimental Approaches to Presuppositions, Genoa, Italy, 3-5 March, 2017.

“Cumulative readings beyond nominals” with Andreea Nicolae.

Poster at the LSA 2017 Annual Meeting, Austin, Texas, 5-8 January, 2017.

“Superiority, economy, and information structure”
ConSOLE XXV, University of Leipzig, 4-7 January, 2017.

2016

“Predicates of relevance and theories of question embedding”

with Nathan Klinedinst, Yasutada Sudo, and Wataru Uegaki.

North East Linguistics Society (NELS) 47, University of Massachusetts Amherst, October 14-16, 2016.

“NPI anti-licensing in peripheral modifiers”
with Gary Thoms.

2016 Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain (LAGB), University of York, 6-9 September, 2016.

“Cumulative readings beyond nominals”
with Andreea Nicolae.

2016 Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain (LAGB), University of York, 6-9 September, 2016.

“Embedded declaratives as modifiers”
Sinn und Bedeutung 21, University of Edinburgh, 4-6 September, 2016.

“Propositional content of events and individuals”
Poster at the North American Summer School on Language, Logic, and Information (NASSLLI) Student Session, Rutgers University, 9-16 July, 2016.

“Selection without syntax: explaining the difference between clauses and nominal phrases”
Poster at the 2016 Olomouc Linguistics Colloquium (Olinco), 9-11 June, 2016.

“Non-intersective readings in the Slavic Noun Phrase: diagnosing two varieties of left branch extraction”
with Andrew Murphy
Poster at the 2016 Olomouc Linguistics Colloquium (Olinco), 9-11 June, 2016.

“Explaining DPs vs. CPs without syntax”
52nd Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistics Society (CLS 52), University of Chicago, 21-23 April, 2016.

“Nested *which*-phrases: consequences for the syntax of *wh*-scope”
Incontro di Grammatica Generativa 42, University of Salento, 18-20 February, 2016.

“Nested *wh*-questions and the locality of scope taking”
24th Conference of the Student Organisation of Lin-

guistics in Europe (ConSOLE XXIV), 6-8 January, 2016.

2015

"Pair-list readings of conjoined singular *which*-phrases"
with Andreea Nicolae and Yasutada Sudo
North East Linguistics Society (NELS) 46, Concordia University, 16-18 October, 2016.

"E-type readings of quantifiers under ellipsis: consequences for the identity condition"
with Yasutada Sudo
Poster at Sinn und Bedeutung 20, Universitt Tbingen, 9-12 September, 2016.

"Discourse *even* vs. attitude *even*"
with Yasutada Sudo and Eric McCready
Poster at Semantics And Linguistic Theory (SALT) 25, Stanford University,

"Optimizing the Ellipsis Site"
with Andrew Murphy
Grasping Ellipsis: its syntax, semantics, acquisition and processing, University of Campinas, 4-5 May, 2015.

"Forming chains with covert copies: deriving the locality constraints on QR"
with Gary Thoms Poster at Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW) 38, Paris, 15-18 April, 2015.

"QR out of Control"
with Gary Thoms
West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WC-CFL) 33, 27-29 March, 2015.

2014

"E-type readings of quantifiers Under ellipsis"
with Yasutada Sudo
2014 Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain (LAGB), 1-5 September, 2014.

"VP ellipsis without parallel binding: towards a QUD approach"
with Andreea Nicolae and Yasutada Sudo

"Ellipsis identity and structural economy"
9th Newcastle upon Tyne Postgraduate Conference in Linguistics, 4 April, 2014.

2013

"Towards a dual account of ellipsis identity"
2013 Manchester Forum in Linguistics, University of Manchester, 15-16 November 2016.

"Island evasion explains variability in island repair"
2013 Manchester Forum in Linguistics, University of Manchester, 15-16 November 2016.

"Towards a theory of radical island evasion under ellipsis"
Linguistics and English Language Postgraduate Conference, University of Edinburgh, 22 May 2013.

"No sluice is an island"

Poster at the Postgraduate Linguistics Workshop,
University of St. Andrews, 25 March 2013.

"More variation in island repair: The clausal/non-clausal distinction"

with Matt Barros and Gary Thoms

The 49th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistics
Society (CLS), 19 April 2013.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2016

"Ellipsis identity and the alternative tier"

Theory of the Grammar colloquium, Universitt Leipzig,
11 November, 2016.

"Severing everything: substitution failures and their
consequences for the theory of argument structure"
Roundtable, UCLA, 25 April 2016.

2015

"Nested *wh*-questions and the locality of scope-taking"

Questions at the Syntax-Semantics Interface work-
shop, University College London, September 2015.

"Remarks on the Coordination of DPs and CPs"

with Luke Burke

Interactions between Syntax and Semantics Across
Frameworks workshop, University of Cambridge, 8
January 2015.

2014

"Illusory repair and the PF Theory of Islands"

LF Reading Group, Massachusetts Institute of Tech-
nology, June 2014.

2013

"Island evasion explains variability in island repair"

with Matt Barros and Gary Thoms

Edinburgh Ellipsis Workshop, University of Edin-
burgh, 29 May 2013.

2012

"Illusory island repair in sluicing: Evidence from
non-predicative adjectives"

Syntax and Semantics Reading Group, University of
Edinburgh, 10 October 2012.

OTHER

2016

"*That*-clauses as event modifiers"

PhD Day, University College London, 24 May 2016.

"*Explain* and the semantics of embedding"

London Semantics Day, Queen Mary University of
London, 10 May, 2016.

2015

“Questions and correlatives: a common semantic core”

with Anne Beshears

Eastern Generative Grammar (EGG) open podium,
Brno, August 2015.

“On the ambiguity of multiple questions”

PhD Day, University College London, June 2015.

“Sorting out multiple questions”

London Semantics Day, Queen Mary University of
London, May 2015.

2014

“VP ellipsis without parallel binding: Towards a
QUD approach”

with Andreea Nicolae and Yasutada Sudo
University College London.

TEACHING

Spring 2016

Guest lecturer for PLING228: Semantics Research
Seminar

Course conveners: Dr. Nathan Klinedinst, Dr. Daniel
Rothschild, and Dr. Yasutada Sudo.

Two classes on the semantics of questions and plu-
rality

Teaching assistant for PLIN2203/PLING226: Inter-
mediate Generative Grammar B

Lecturer: Sam Steddy

Teaching assistant

Spring 2015

Teaching assistant for PLIN1202: Introduction to
Generative Grammar B

Lecturer: Dr. Hans van de Koot

Teaching assistant for PLIN1302: Introduction to
Language

Lecturer: Prof. Andrew Nevins

Teaching assistant for Introduction to Semantics and
Pragmatics B

Lecturer: Dr. Nathan Klinedinst

Fall 2014

Teaching assistant for Advanced Core Training in
Linguistics: syntax strand

Lecturer: Dr. Klaus Abels

Teaching assistant for PLIN1201: Introduction to
Generative Grammar A

Lecturer: Dr. Klaus Abels

Spring 2014

Teaching assistant for Introduction to Semantics and
Pragmatics B

Lecturer: Dr. Nathan Klinedinst

Teaching assistant for PLIN1302: Introduction to
Language
Lecturer: Ezekiel Panitz

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Professional bodies

Chair of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain
Student Committee from 2016 to present.

Member of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain
Student Committee from 2014 to present.

Member of the Philological Society

Editorial work

Editorial assistant for Linguistic Inquiry Squibs and
Discussion section (paid): BLANK

Editor (joint with Ezekiel Panitz) of the University
College London Working Papers in Linguistics.

Paper reviewing

Linguistics in the Netherlands

Lingua

Journal of Pragmatics

Journal of Semantics

Abstract reviewing

25th Conference of the Student Organisation of Lin-
guistics in Europe (ConSOLE 25): 2016

47th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistics
Society (NELS 47): 2016

Linguistics Association of Great Britain annual meet-
ing: 2016, 2015

Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB) 21: 2016

Ellipsis Across Borders Conference (eab2016sa): 2016

Student Session of the 28th European Summer School
in Logic, Language and Information (ESSLLI StuS
2016): 2016

24th Conference of the Student Organisation of Lin-
guistics in Europe (ConSOLE 24): 2015

University College London Postgraduate Conference
in Linguistics

Organization

Organizer (joint with Elliot Murphy and Caterina
Paolazzi) of the University College London Syntax
Reading Group: 2015-present.

Organizer (joint with Luke Burke) of the London
Linguistics and Philosophy Seminar Series: 2014-
2015

Organizer (joint with Jessica Brown, Luke Burke,
and Tom Stanton) of the Grammatical Formalisms
Reading Group: October-December 2014

Organizer (joint with Luke Burke) of the London Linguistics and Philosophy Reading Group: 2013-2014

Organizer (joint with Ezekiel Panitz) of the workshop *Questions at the Syntax Semantics Interface*, University College London.

Organizer (joint with Luke Burke, Jessica Brown, and Tom Stanton) of the workshop *Interactions between Syntax and Semantics Across Frameworks*, University of Cambridge

LANGUAGES

English (native), German (advanced)

TECHNOLOGY EXPERIENCE

Languages: TeX, haskell, web (html, css, and javascript), nix, and shell script.

Extensive experience with linux/unix and GNU core utils.

REFERENCES

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