

# Patrick David Elliott's CV

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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 (Universität Leipzig), Andreea Nicolae (Zentrum für 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 Honours

- 2016
  - 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

- Under revision
  - “There is no island repair”  
with Matt Barros and Gary Thoms  
Draft on LingBuzz
  - “Predicates of relevance and theories of question embedding”  
with Nathan Klinedinst, Yasutada Sudo, and Wataru Uegaki
- Under review
  - “Do superiority-violating multiple questions have pair-list readings?”  
with Andreea Nicolae and Yasutada Sudo
- 2015
  - “Pair-list readings of conjoined singular *which*-phrases”  
with Andreea Nicolae and Yasutada Sudo
- In prep.
  - “Nested *wh*-questions and the locality of scope taking”
  - “Remarks on superiority and economy”  
with Klaus Abels
- Unpublished manuscripts
- “Sorting out multiple questions”  
Upgrade paper, University College London

### Proceedings papers

- In prep
  - “Embedded declaratives as modifiers” Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 21
  - “Nested *wh*-questions and the locality of scope taking”  
Proceedings of ConSOLE XXIV
- To appear
  - “Explaining DPs vs CPs without syntax”  
Proceedings of the 52nd annual meeting of the Chicago Linguistics

- Society
- Draft on LingBuzz and Semantics Archive
- “List readings of conjoined singular *which*-phrases”  
with Andreea Nicolae and Yasutada Sudo  
Proceedings of NELS 46
- 2016
  - “E-type readings of quantifiers under ellipsis”  
with Yasutada Sudo  
Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 20
  - “QR out of control”  
with Gary Thoms Proceedings of WCCFL 33
- 2015
  - “More variation in island repair: the clausal/non-clausal distinction”  
with Matt Barros and Gary Thoms  
Proceedings of CLS 49

## Presentations

### Refereed conference presentations

- 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 Linguistics 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, Universität Tübingen, 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 (WCCFL) 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, Universität 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 workshop, 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 Technology, June 2014.
- 2013
  - “Island evasion explains variability in island repair”  
with Matt Barros and Gary Thoms

- Edinburgh Ellipsis Workshop, University of Edinburgh, 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 plurality
  - Teaching assistant for PLIN2203/PLING226: Intermediate 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
- Abstract reviewing
  - 25th Conference of the Student Organisation of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE 25): 2016
  - 47th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistics Society (NELS 47): 2016
  - Linguistics Association of Great Britain annual meeting: 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 Linguistics 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

- Available upon request.