

# Richard Stockwell

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## Employment

### Ulster University, Belfast

Lecturer in Linguistics: January 2023 –

### University of Oxford, Christ Church

Junior Research Fellow: July 2020 – January 2023

## Education

### University of California, Los Angeles

**PhD** Linguistics: September 2015 – September 2020

Dissertation: *Contrast and verb phrase ellipsis: triviality, symmetry, and competition.*

Co-Chairs: Yael Sharvit, Tim Stowell

Committee members: Dylan Bumford, Tim Hunter, Carson T. Schütze

**MA** Linguistics: June 2019

Thesis: *Participant switching verb phrase ellipsis.*

Co-Chairs: Yael Sharvit, Tim Stowell

Committee members: Nina Hyams, Dominique Sportiche

**CPhil** Linguistics: June 2017

### University of Cambridge, Pembroke College

**MPhil**: October 2014 – July 2015

Linguistics: Distinction

Thesis: *Emergent syntax – insights from imperatives.* Supervisor: Theresa Biberauer

**BA**: October 2010 – June 2014; **MA**: March 2017

Linguistics Part II: Class I with a mark of distinction

Thesis: *On labelling in syntax.*

Supervisor: David Willis

Classics Part I: Class I

## Research

### Journal articles

- Stockwell, Richard, & Matthew Tyler. accepted. Causative VP-omission, agency, and Null Complement Anaphora in English. Accepted with minor revisions at *Linguistic Inquiry*.
- Stockwell, Richard. accepted. Elliptical *why not*. ~~*Syntax*~~ *Syntactic Theory & Research*.
- Stockwell, Richard. 2024. Ellipsis, contradiction and voice mismatch. *Glossa: a journal of general linguistics* 9(1). pp. 1-21. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.16995/glossa.8382>
- Stockwell, Richard. 2023. Small clause predicates and sluicing. *Canadian Journal of Linguistics/Revue Canadienne De Linguistique* 68(2): 304-306.
- O’Leary, Maura, & Richard Stockwell. 2022. Implementing Skills-Based Grading in a linguistics course. *Teaching American Speech* 97(2): 247-262.
- Stockwell, Richard. 2022. Contrast and verb phrase ellipsis: the case of tautologous conditionals. *Natural Language Semantics* 30: 77-100.
- Stockwell, Richard, & Carson T. Schütze. 2022. The puzzling nuanced status of *who* free relative clauses in English: A follow-up to Patterson and Caponigro (2015). *English Language and Linguistics* 26(1): 185-202.

### Book chapters

- Stockwell, Richard. 2025. Metalinguistic ellipsis: playful silence in adverts, titles, and slogans. In Maria Arche, Jan-Wouter Zwart, Hamida Demirdache and Hagit Borer (eds.), *Footprints of Phrase Structure. Studies in Syntax in honour of Tim Stowell*, pp. 199-218. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
- Stockwell, Richard, Carson T. Schütze & Anke Himmelreich. in press. An extraction restriction with complement-less prepositions in British English but not dialectal German. To appear in Ermenegildo Bidese & Federica Cognola (eds.), *Germanic syntax from a comparative perspective*. Language Science Press.

### Manuscripts

- Stockwell, Richard. resubmitted. The dissociability of recoverability and identity in double ellipsis. Submitted to *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory*.
- Stockwell, Richard. in revision. BE and the domain of matching in ellipsis. Squib submitted to *Linguistic Inquiry*.
- Stockwell, Richard. in revision. Symmetrical predicates in verb phrase ellipsis. For resubmission to *Journal of Linguistics*.

## Proceedings papers

- Stockwell, Richard. 2025. Recoverability and identity are dissociable in double ellipsis. In Shweta Akolkar, Amber Galvano, Akil Ismael, Kang Franco Liu, and Line Mikkelsen (eds.), *Proceedings of the 42<sup>nd</sup> West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, pp. 364-373. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project.
- Stockwell, Richard, Aya Meltzer-Asscher & Dominique Sportiche. 2025. Condition C, pronoun strength, and the raising analysis of relative clauses. In Shweta Akolkar, Amber Galvano, Akil Ismael, Kang Franco Liu, and Line Mikkelsen (eds.), *Proceedings of the 42<sup>nd</sup> West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, pp. 374-381. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project.
- Stockwell, Richard, Aya Meltzer-Asscher & Dominique Sportiche. 2022. Experimental evidence for the Condition C argument-adjunct asymmetry in English questions. In Özge Bakay, Breanna Pratley, Eva Neu and Peyton Deal (eds.), *NELS 52: Proceedings of the Fifty-Second Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society, Volume 3*, pp. 145-158. GLSA.
- Stockwell, Richard, & Matthew Tyler. 2022. Causative VP-omission in English. In Özge Bakay, Breanna Pratley, Eva Neu and Peyton Deal (eds.), *NELS 52: Proceedings of the Fifty-Second Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society, Volume 3*, pp. 135-144. GLSA.
- Stockwell, Richard. 2022. Contradiction and ellipsis licensing with voice mismatch and symmetry. In Daniel Gutzmann & Sophie Repp (eds.), *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 26*, pp. 809-823. Universität zu Köln.
- Stockwell, Richard, Aya Meltzer-Asscher & Dominique Sportiche. 2021. There is reconstruction for Condition C in English questions. In Alessa Farinella and Angelica Hill (eds.), *NELS 51: Proceedings of the Fifty-First Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society, Volume Two*, pp. 205-214. GLSA.
- Major, Travis, & Richard Stockwell. 2021. Say-ing without a Voice. In Alessa Farinella and Angelica Hill (eds.), *NELS 51: Proceedings of the Fifty-First Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society, Volume Two*, pp. 77-90. GLSA.
- O’Leary, Maura, & Richard Stockwell. 2021. Skills-based grading: a novel approach to teaching formal semantics. In Patrick Farrell (ed.), *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America* 6(1): 869-881.
- Stockwell, Richard, & Deborah J.M. Wong. 2020. Sprouting and the structure of except-phrases. In Mariam Asatryan, Yixiao Song and Ayana Whitmal (eds.), *Proceedings of the Fiftieth Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 50), Volume Three*, pp. 169-182. GLSA.
- Stockwell, Richard. 2019. Free relatives, feature recycling, and reprojection in Minimalist Grammars. In Jennifer Sikos and Eric Pacuit (eds.), *At the Intersection of Language, Logic, and Information. ESSLLI 2018. Lecture Notes in Computer Science, vol 11667*, 157-170. Springer, Berlin, Heidelberg.

- Stockwell, Richard, & Carson T. Schütze. 2019. Dialects “haven’t got” to be the same: modal microvariation in English. In Patrick Farrell (ed.), *Proceedings of 93rd Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America*, Volume 4, 31: 1-15.
- Schütze, Carson T., & Richard Stockwell. 2019. Transparent free relatives with *who*: Support for a unified analysis. In Patrick Farrell (ed.), *Proceedings of 93rd Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America*, Volume 4, 40: 1-6.
- Stockwell, Richard, & Carson T. Schütze. 2019. Objectless locative prepositions in British English. In Patrick Farrell (ed.), *Proceedings of 93rd Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America*, Volume 4, 48: 1-15.
- Stockwell, Richard. 2019. Emergence of the faithful by consonant copying in a Tagalog language game. In Matt Pearson (ed.), *Papers from the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association 24*, special publication of the *Journal of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society*, Volume 12, 3: 68-81.
- Stockwell, Richard. 2018. Ellipsis in tautologous conditionals: the contrast condition on ellipsis. In Sireemas Maspong, Brynhildur Stefánsdóttir, Katherine Blake and Forrest Davis (eds.), *Proceedings of the 28<sup>th</sup> Semantics and Linguistic Theory Conference*, pp. 584-603.
- Stockwell, Richard. 2018. Quotative *dip* in Kazan Tatar. In Betül Erbaşı, Sozen Ozkan & Iara Mantenuto (eds.), *Proceedings of the 3rd Workshop on Turkish, Turkic and the Languages of Turkey (Tu+3)*. UCLA Working Papers in Linguistics, Vol. 19, article 5.
- Stockwell, Richard. 2017. VP ellipsis with symmetrical predicates. In Andrew Lamont & Katerina Tetzlof (eds.), *NELS 47: Proceedings of the Forty-Seventh Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society*, Volume 3, pp. 141-154. GLSA.
- Stockwell, Richard. 2017. Possessive preproprial determiners in North-West British English. In Julia Nee, Margaret Cychosz, Dmetri Hayes, Tyler Lau & Emily Ramirez (eds.), *Proceedings of the forty-third annual meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society*, pp. 301-315. Berkeley Linguistics Society.
- Stockwell, Richard. 2016. Gerund imperatives. In Kate Bellamy, Elena Karvovskaya & George Saad, (eds.), *ConSOLE XXIV: Proceedings of the 24<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe*, pp. 282-296. Leiden: Leiden University Centre for Linguistics.
- Stockwell, Richard. 2016. Labelling in syntax. In András Bárány & Jessica Brown (eds.), *Cambridge Occasional Papers in Linguistics*, Vol. 9 (COPIL 9), pp. 130-155. Department of Theoretical and Applied Linguistics, University of Cambridge.

### Other conference presentations

- Stockwell, Richard. 2025. *BE and the domain of matching in ellipsis*. Talk at the 34th Colloquium on Generative Grammar, UNED, Madrid, 7-9 May.

- Stockwell, Richard. 2024. *Warner's Generalization and the domain of matching in sluicing*. Talk at the North East Syntax Seminar, Newcastle University, 16 December.
- Stockwell, Richard. 2022. *Recoverability and identity are dissociable in double ellipsis*. Talk at the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain (LAGB 2022), Ulster University, 12-15 September.
- Stockwell, Richard, & Matthew Tyler. 2022. *Causative VP-omission in English*. Talk at the 96th annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 2022), Washington, D.C., 6-9 January.
- Stockwell, Richard. 2021. *Contradiction and ellipsis: voice mismatch and symmetry*. Talk at the 2021 Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain (LAGB 2021), online, 6-9 September.
- Stockwell, Richard. 2021. *'Why not?' and ellipsis*. Talk at the 2021 Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain (LAGB 2021), online, 6-9 September.
- Stockwell, Richard, Carson T. Schütze & Anke Himmelreich. 2021. *An extraction restriction with complement-less prepositions in British English but not dialectal German*. Talk at the 35th Comparative Germanic Syntax Workshop (CGSW35), University of Trento (online), 23-25 June.
- Stockwell, Richard, & Deborah Wong. 2019. *Elided antecedents: sprouting with except-phrases*. Poster presented at the Sluicing and Ellipsis at 50 workshop (Sluicing+@50), University of Chicago, 12-13 April.
- Stockwell, Richard. 2019. *Intensionality, contrast and ellipsis*. Talk at the 43rd Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC 43), University of Pennsylvania, 22-24 March.
- Stockwell, Richard. 2018. *A view of free relatives from Minimalist Grammars*. Talk at the Workshop on Long-distance Dependencies, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, 4-5 October.
- Stockwell, Richard. 2018. *Deriving free relatives in Minimalist Grammars: feature recycling and Reproject*. Poster presented at the 2018 North American Summer School on Logic, Language, and Information, Carnegie Mellon University, 23-29 June.
- Stockwell, Richard. 2017. *Ellipsis isn't trivial*. Talk at the tenth California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics Workshop (CUSP 10), University of California, Irvine, 21-22 October.
- Stockwell, Richard, & Carson T. Schütze. 2017. *Objectless Locative Prepositions in British English*. Talk at the Language at the University of Essex Postgraduate Conference 2017 (LangUE 2017), University of Essex, 15 June.

### Invited presentations

#### TBC

Experimental and Corpus-Based Approaches to Ellipsis, Tübingen, 19-20 August 2026.

*The dissociability of recoverability and identity in double ellipsis.*

Boundaries of Ellipsis Mismatch, Tsuda University, 1-3 September 2023.

“You’re on mute!” online ellipsis seminar series, 31 March 2023.

University of Geneva, 29 March 2022.

*Contrast and verb phrase ellipsis: triviality, symmetry, and competition.*

“You’re on mute!” online ellipsis seminar series, 12 November 2021.

Tel Aviv, Philosophy and Linguistics Interdisciplinary Colloquium, 13 May 2021.

Oxford, General Linguistics Seminar, 8 February 2021.

Leiden, ComSyn, 26 November 2020.

Cambridge, SyntaxLab, 24 November 2020.

*Causative VP-omission in English.* With Matt Tyler.

Cambridge, SyntaxLab, 23 November 2021.

Yale, Syntax Reading Group, 21 May 2021.

**External funding**

British Academy/Leverhulme Small Research Grant: *The role of focus in dislocated disjoint reference effects*, June 2025 – May 2027.

**Stipendiary research**

Research Assistant to Carson Schütze, UCLA; Fall 2019, Summer 2019, Winter 2019, Fall 2018, Summer 2017, Spring 2017.

Graduate Summer Research Mentorships with Tim Stowell; UCLA, 2017, 2016.

Researcher reporting to Theresa Biberauer, University of Cambridge Humanities Research Grant, *Learning from questions and commands: probing the nature and origins of native-speaker knowledge*, Summer 2015.

**Teaching****Higher Education Academy**

Fellow (FHEA), June 2025.

Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education Practice, Ulster University, 2023-25.

**Lecturer – Ulster**

Semantics and Pragmatics, Masters: Spring 2023, 2024.

Investigating Ellipsis, Year 3: Autumn 2023, 2024, 2025.

Semantics, Year 2: Spring 2023, 2024, 2025.

Varieties of English, Year 1: Spring 2023, 2024, 2025.

**Advising – Ulster**

Gianluca Porta, PhD, 2023-. Extraction from adverbial clauses.

Lindsay Bell, PhD, 2025-. Evolution of syntactic features in Belfast English.

Ridho Tyas Pratama, PhD, 2025-. Investigating passive constructions in Indonesian.

Aduragbemi Lydia Odukoya, MSc, 2023. A Sociolinguistic study of the language attitude and language choice of the Ijebu community.

Undergraduate dissertations: x6 2023-24, x4 2024-25; x2 LAGB Outstanding Undergraduate Dissertation in Linguistics nominees.

**Tutor – Oxford**

Lecturer at Somerville College, 2021-22.

Syntax, second and third years, 2021, 2021-22.

Grammatical Analysis, first years, 2020-21, 2021-22.

**Instructor – UCLA**

Semantics I, Summer 2020 (online, co-taught with Maura O’Leary).

Syntax I, Summer 2019 (co-taught with Sözen Özkan).

**Teaching Assistant – UCLA**

Syntax I: Spring 2018, Ethan Poole; Fall 2017, Carson Schütze; Fall 2016, Carson Schütze.

Semantics I: Winter 2017, Jos Tellings.

Introduction to Study of Language: Summer 2018, Phil Duncan and Harold Torrence (online); Winter 2018, Yael Sharvit.

**Service****Programme Director**

BSc Language & Linguistics, Ulster University, October 2023-.

**External Examiner**

BA Linguistics, University College London, September 2024-.

**Editorial Board**

*Innovations in Linguistics Education*, 2025-.

**Conference organisation**

Student organizer for Semantics and Linguistic Theory 29 (SALT 29), 17-19 May 2019,  
Department of Linguistics, University of California, Los Angeles.

Organizing Committee for the 36<sup>th</sup> West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL  
36), 20-22 April 2018, Department of Linguistics, University of California, Los  
Angeles.

**Proceedings editor**

Stockwell, Richard, Maura O'Leary, Zhongshi Xu, and Z.L. Zhou (eds.). 2019. *Proceedings  
of the 36th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*. Cascadilla Proceedings  
Project, Somerville, MA.

**Reviewing**

*Acta Linguistica Academica* (2024).

*Cambridge University Press* (2023).

*Canadian Journal of Linguistics* (2022).

*Generative Linguistics in the Old World* (2025, 2024).

*Glossa* (2025, 2023).

*Journal of Linguistics* (2025, 2022).

*Language* (2025).

*Linguistic Inquiry* (2024, 2023, 2022, 2021).

*Linguistics Association of Great Britain* (2025, 2024, 2023).

*Natural Language Semantics* (2025).

*North East Linguistics Society* (2025).

**Representation**

Graduate Linguistics representative on the UCLA Graduate Students Association Humanities  
Council, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20.

President of the Pembroke College Junior Parlour Committee, 2011-12.

**Admissions**

Christ Church, Oxford, Modern and Medieval Languages – Linguistics, 2021.

**Seminar convening**

Oxford Syntax-Semantics Workshop, 2022.



Oxford English Dialect Syntax Reading Group, 2021-22.

## **Grants and Awards**

Student Abstract Award, third place, for O’Leary & Stockwell (2021, Linguistic Society of America)

Dissertation Year Fellowship: \$20,000 (2019-20, UCLA)

Abstract prize, 43rd Penn Linguistics Conference: \$250 for being among the three best-reviewed abstracts submitted by graduate students (2019, University of Pennsylvania)

Diebold Humanities Fellowship: \$17,000 (2018-19, UCLA)

Mellon Pre-Dissertation Fellowship: \$8,000 (2018-19, UCLA)

North American Summer School in Language, Logic and Information: accommodation waiver and travel grant (2018, Carnegie Mellon University)

European Summer School in Language, Logic and Information: fee waiver and accommodation grant (2018, European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics)

Crete Summer School of Linguistics: accommodation fellowship (2017, University of Crete)

Graduate Summer Research Mentorship: \$6,000 (2016, 2017, UCLA)

A. Richard Diebold, Jr. Graduate Fellowship: \$17,000 (2015-16, UCLA)

Cambridge Arts and Humanities Research Council Doctoral Training Partnership AHRC-Pembroke Studentship: £14,000 per annum (2015-18) – declined

Queen Mary University of London Arts and Humanities Studentship: £12,000 per annum (2015-18) – declined

Newton Trust Award: £12,000 (2014-15, University of Cambridge)

Sidney Allen Prize – top mark in the Linguistics Tripos (2014, University of Cambridge)

Peter de Somogyi Prize – most distinguished performance in Arts (2014, Pembroke College)

Foundress Prize – very strong First Class performance (2013, 2014, Pembroke College)

Foundation Scholarship – a First in Tripos examinations (2012, Pembroke College)

Ginsberg Award – a First in Classics (2012, Pembroke College)

## **Summer Schools**

European Summer School in Language, Logic and Information (ESSLLI), 6-17 August 2018, Sofia University.

Crete Summer School in Linguistics, 16-27 July 2018, University of Crete.

North American Summer School in Language, Logic and Information (NASSLLI), 23-29 June 2018, Carnegie Mellon University.

Crete Summer School in Linguistics, 10-21 July 2017, University of Crete.

Netherlands Graduate School of Linguistics (LOT), 11-15 July 2016, Utrecht University.

### **References**

Prof. Tim Stowell (stowell@humnet.ucla.edu)      Prof. Yael Sharvit (ysharpit@gmail.com)

Prof. Carson T. Schütze (cschutze@humnet.ucla.edu)      (More on request.)