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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. in press. Metalinguistic ellipsis: playful silence in adverts, titles, and slogans. In Maria Arche, Hamida Demirdache and Jan-Wouter Zwart (eds.), *Footprints of Phrase Structure: Studies in Syntax for Tim Stowell*. 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. Symmetrical predicates in verb phrase ellipsis. For resubmission to *Journal of Linguistics*.
- Stockwell, Richard. submitted. BE and the domain of matching in ellipsis. Squib submitted to *Linguistic Inquiry*.

Proceedings papers

- Stockwell, Richard, Aya Meltzer-Asscher & Dominique Sportiche. accepted. Condition C, pronoun strength, and the raising analysis of relative clauses. *Proceedings of the 42nd West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*.
- Stockwell, Richard. accepted. Recoverability and identity are dissociable in double ellipsis. *Proceedings of the 42nd West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*.
- 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 28th 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 24th 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

- 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.

Lecturer – Ulster

Semantics and Pragmatics, Masters: Spring 2023, 2024.

Investigating Ellipsis, Year 3: Autumn 2023, 2024.

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

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

Advising – Ulster

Gianluca Porta, PhD, 2023–25 (expected September). Extraction from adverbial clauses.

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**Course Director**

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

External Examiner

BA Linguistics, University College London, September 2024-.

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 36th 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.)