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Academic Appointments

2017–2019 **Contractually Limited Term Assistant Professor**
University of Toronto, Department of Linguistics

2016–2017 **Visiting Lecturer**
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Department of Linguistics

Education

2010–2016 **University of Massachusetts Amherst (UMass)**
Amherst, Massachusetts, USA
PhD, Linguistics · Conferred 1 September 2016
Thesis: *Anaphora, Inversion, and Focus* · Defended 15 August 2016
Committee: Kyle Johnson (chair), Luiz Amaral, Jeremy Hartman, and Ellen Woolford

2008–2010 **University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC)**
Santa Cruz, California, USA
M.A., Linguistics · Conferred 10 June 2010
Thesis: *Verbal Ellipsis in the Nominal Domain* · Defended 6 May 2010
Committee: Jorge Hankamer and James McCloskey

August 2009 **Faroese Language Institute**
University of the Faroe Islands, Tórshavn, Faroe Islands

Summer 2009 **Swedish Language and Culture Program**
Folkuniversitetet / Lund University, Lund, Sweden
via University of California Education Abroad Program

- 2004–2008 **University of California, Santa Cruz**
 Santa Cruz, California, USA
 B.A., Linguistics, with Department Honors · Conferred 12 June 2008
- 2006–2007 **The University of York**
 Heslington, England
 Visiting Student, Department of Language and Linguistic Science
 via University of California Education Abroad Program

Papers & Publications

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- In prep. C-command and Local Dislocation in the Danish DP: A reply to Hankamer and Mikkelsen
 In preparation for *Linguistic Inquiry*
- In prep. Predicate clefts and the theory of head movement
 In preparation.
- 2016 Evidence for deletion in *as*-parentheticals
 In *The Linguistic Review* 33:579–610. DOI: 10.1515/tlr-2016-0016

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

- Under review On the movement of licensing heads and the timing of ellipsis
 Submitted to volume on the timing of ellipsis, eds. Anikó Lipták and Güliz Güneş
- 2015 Inversion, deletion, and focus in *as*-parentheticals
 In *Parenthesis and Ellipsis. Cross-linguistic and Theoretical Perspectives*, eds. Marlies Kluck, Dennis Ott, and Mark de Vries. Berlin: De Gruyter/Mouton. DOI: 10.1515/9781614514831.219

PAPERS IN CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- 2016 Verb phrase movement as a window into head movement
Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America 1, 17:1-14. DOI: 10.3765/plsa.v1i0.3714
- 2012 Predicate *which*-Appositives
 In *Proceedings of the Poster Session of the West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL), held April, 2011*, eds. Jaehoon Choi, E. Alan Hogue, Jeffrey Punske, Deniz Tat, Jessamyn Schertz, and Alex Trueman. Tucson: Coyote Papers.
 URL: <http://arizona.openrepository.com/arizona/handle/10150/253419>

PAPERS IN OTHER VOLUMES

- 2017 Multiple *wh*-movement and extraction from VPE sites
 In *A Schrift to Fest Kyle Johnson*, Nicholas LaCara, Keir Moulton, and Anne-Michelle Tessier (eds.). Amherst, Mass.: *Linguistics Open Access Publications*. 1, 207–218.
 URL: http://scholarworks.umass.edu/linguist_oapubs/1.

- 2011 *A Definite Problem: The Morphosyntax of Double Definiteness in Swedish*
 In *Morphology at Santa Cruz: Papers in Honor of Jorge Hankamer*, Nicholas LaCara, Anie Thompson, and Matthew A. Tucker (eds.). Santa Cruz, Calif.: Linguistics Research Center, 55–83. URL: <http://escholarship.org/uc/item/90m74985>

VOLUMES EDITED

- 2017 *A Schrift to Fest Kyle Johnson*
 Nicholas LaCara, Keir Moulton, and Anne-Michelle Tessier (eds.). Amherst, Mass.: Linguistics Open Access Publications. 1. DOI: 10.7275/R57D2S95
- 2013 *The Proceedings of The 41st Annual Meeting of North East Linguistic Society*,
 Yelena Fainleib, Nicholas LaCara, and Yangsook Park (eds.). Amherst, Mass.: GLSA Publications
- 2011 *Morphology at Santa Cruz: Papers in Honor of Jorge Hankamer*,
 Nicholas LaCara, Anie Thompson, and Matthew A. Tucker (eds.). Santa Cruz, Calif.: Linguistics Research Center. URL: http://escholarship.org/uc/lrc_masc

MANUSCRIPTS

- 2019 Ellipsis in competition
 Ms., University of Toronto.
- 2018 The inflectional poverty of the Faroese past tense
 Ms., University of Toronto.
- 2018 Freezing head movement
 Ms., University of Toronto
- 2017 Ellipsis is not Spell-Out: What Scandinavian tells us about ellipsis and phases
 Ms., University of Massachusetts
- 2014 Inflectional displacement and iteration: An Optimality Theoretic account of multiple agreement suffixes in Spanish verbs. General Paper, UMass

Talks

INVITED

- 6 July 2018 *Modal complement anaphora and the distribution of parenthetical gaps*
 Workshop in memory of Luis Vicente, Universiteit Leiden
- 15 Sept. 2016 *A Germanic verb movement paradox*
 Workshop on the Status of Head Movement in Linguistic Theory, Stanford University
- 5 June 2009 *Verbal Ellipsis in the Nominal Domain*
 Distinguished Alumnus Guest Speaker
 UCSC Linguistics Undergraduate Research Conference

REFEREED

- 31 Aug. 2018 *Head movement does not feed ellipsis*
51st Annual Meeting of the *Societas Linguistica Europaea*, Tallinn University, Estonia
- 28 April 2018 *Anaphoric one: When ellipsis is blocked*
Pronouns in Competition · University of California, Santa Cruz
- 7 March 2018 *Anaphoric one: When ellipsis is blocked*
Deutschen Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft · Universität Stuttgart, Germany
- 5 Jan. 2018 *Head movement and ellipsis licensing*
92nd Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America · Salt Lake City, UT
- 19 Nov. 2017 *The inflectional poverty of the Faroese past tense*
Morphologie à Montréal, Ottawa et Toronto · Université du Québec à Montréal
- 8 Jan. 2016 *Verb phrase movement as a window into head movement* (Poster)
90th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America · Washington, DC
- 5 May 2015 *Ellipsis is not Spell-out: What Scandinavian tells us about ellipsis and phases*
Grasping Ellipsis · Universidade Estadual de Campinas, Brazil
- 26 Sept. 2014 *Why there is no verb stranding in (Mainland) Scandinavian*
Comparative Germanic Syntax Workshop · University of York, England
- 15 March 2013 *Inversion, deletion, and focus in as-parentheticals*
Deutschen Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft · Universität Potsdam, Germany
- 4 Jan. 2013 **On the table lay a book, and on the sofa did too.*
Ellipsis, locative inversion, and why they are bad together. (Poster)
87th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America · Boston, Mass.
- 10 Nov. 2012 *Comparative deletion in as-parentheticals*
International Workshop ‘Ellipsis2012’ · University of Vigo, Spain
- 24 April 2011 *Predicate Which Appositives* (Poster)
29th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics · University of Arizona

NON-REFEREED

- 3 May 2013 *VP Fronting and Verb movement*
Syntax Reading Group · Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
- 30 March 2013 *Remarks on Genericity and Aspect in Middles*
East Coast Workshop on Syntax (ECO5) · University of Connecticut
- 7 April 2012 *Deletion in as-parentheticals: Subject pseudogapping?*
East Coast Workshop on Syntax (ECO5) · University of Massachusetts Amherst
- 16 April 2010 *A Definite Problem: The Morphosyntax of “Double” Definition in Swedish*
Invited Speaker · Syntax Circle, University of California, Berkeley

Student supervision

PHD THESES

- 2019 Dan Milway, *Explaining the Resultative Parameter*, defense committee member, UofT

MASTERS THESES

- 2018 Ryan Pidhayny, *Definitely Morphological or Just Semantically Definite: The Search for the Missing Definite Marker in Icelandic Possessed Relational Nouns*, Supervisor, UofT
- 2018 Matthew Riopelle, *The emergence of the Romance periphrastic perfect in Latin* 2nd reader, UofT

GENERALS PAPER COMMITTEES

- 2019 Sahar Taghipour, *Definiteness in Laki; its contributions to the DP structure*, 3rd reader, UofT
- 2018 Kazuya Bamba, *Japanese Sentence-Final Particles and Null Subject Referent*, 3rd reader, UofT
- 2018 Hong-yan Liu, *Topicalized and affected: A layered event configuration approach to the ba-construction*, 3rd reader, UofT

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SUPERVISION

- 2019 Anissa Baird, *Clitic Left-Dislocation and Contrastive Left-Dislocation as Clausal Ellipsis*, Supervisor, UofT

GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANTS

- Fall 2017 Kinza Mahoon, UofT

Teaching

COURSES TAUGHT

- Winter 2019 LIN 333: Morphological patterns in language · UofT
- Fall 2018 LIN 232: Syntactic patterns in language · UofT
LIN 439: Research in syntax · UofT
- Summer 2018 LIN 204: English Grammar · UofT
LIN 331: Syntactic Theory · UofT
- Winter 2018 LIN 102: Introduction to Linguistics: Sentence structure and meaning · UofT
LIN 331: Syntactic Theory · UofT
- Fall 2017 LIN 1231: Advanced Syntax I (seminar) · UofT
LIN 432/1133: Advanced Morphology/Morphosyntactic Issues · UofT
- Spring 2017 LINGUIST 752: Topics in Syntax (seminar) · UMass
- Fall 2016 LINGUIST 401: Introduction to Syntax · UMass
LINGUIST 201: Intro to Linguistic Theory · UMass
- Spring 2016 LINGUIST 201: Intro to Linguistic Theory · UMass
- Fall 2013 LINGUIST 201: Intro to Linguistic Theory · UMass
- Spring 2013 LINGUIST 201: Intro to Linguistic Theory · UMass
- Fall 2012 LINGUIST 201: Intro to Linguistic Theory · UMass

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

- Fall 2015 LINGUIST 401: Introduction to Syntax · Instructor: Ellen Woolford · UMass
 Spring 2015 LINGUIST 101: People and their Language · Instructor: Lisa Green · UMass
 Fall 2014 LINGUIST 101: People and their Language · Instructor: Margaret Speas · UMass
 Spring 2014 LINGUIST 101: People and their Language · Instructor: Margaret Speas · UMass
 Summer 2012 LINGUIST 101: People and their Language · Instructor: Margaret Speas · UMass Online
 Spring 2012 LINGUIST 201: Intro to Linguistic Theory · Instructor: Lisa Green · UMass
 Fall 2011 LINGUIST 101: People and their Language · Instructor: Margaret Speas · UMass
 Spring 2010 LING 55: Syntactic Structures · Instructor: Judith Aissen · UCSC
 Winter 2010 LING 120: Structure of English · Instructor: Vera Griбанова · UCSC
 Fall 2009 LING 52: Syntax I · Instructor: Jorge Hankamer · UCSC
 Spring 2009 LING 113: Syntax II · Instructor: James McCloskey · UCSC
 Winter 2009 LING 52: Syntax I · Instructor: Judith Aissen · UCSC
 Fall 2008 LING 101: Phonology I · Instructor: Armin Mester · UCSC


Service

ARTICLE REVIEWING

- 2019 *Glossa (ad hoc)*, *Linguistic Inquiry (ad hoc)*, *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory (ad hoc)*,
The Derivational Timing of Ellipsis
 2018 *Linguistic Inquiry (ad hoc)*, *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory (ad hoc)*, *Proceedings of
 Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics*
 2017 *Linguistic Inquiry (ad hoc)*, *Perspectives on Arabic Linguistics*
 2016 *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory (ad hoc)*
 2015 *Lingua (ad hoc)*, *Linguistic Inquiry (ad hoc)*
 2013 *Lingua (ad hoc)*

CONFERENCE ABSTRACT REVIEWING

- 2019 Canadian Linguistic Association
 2018 NELS49, Linguistic Society of America, Morphology in Montreal–Ottawa–Toronto
 2017 NELS48
 2016 NELS47
 2015 ConSOLE xxiv

DEPARTMENT

- Fall 2018 Junior Forum graduate student professionalization seminar · UofT, with Derek Denis
 2013–2014 Colloquium dinner coordinator · Department of Linguistics, UMass
 2011–2012 Manager, Graduate Linguistics Student Association · Department of Linguistics, UMass
 2011–2012 Graduate student representative to the faculty · Department of Linguistics, UMass
 2009–2010 Colloquium organizing committee member · Department of Linguistics, UCSC

Languages

English	Native Speaker (United States)
Spanish	Strong reading, writing, and conversational ability
Portuguese	Good reading, fair writing, fair conversational ability
Swedish	Certificate European Level A2+ (Beginning Level), 31 July 2009
Faroese	Certificate 10 ECTS Units (Research Language), 21 August 2009

Professional Organizations

2019	Canadian Linguistic Association
2018	<i>Societas Linguistica Europaea</i>
2009–Present	Linguistic Society of America

Grants and Honors

2008	Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society · Member
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