

## Curriculum Vitae

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### *Employment*

#### **University of Massachusetts, Amherst**

Department of Linguistics  
Assistant Professor (2007 – Present)

#### **University of British Columbia**

Department of Linguistics  
Postdoctoral Research Fellow (2007 – 2008)

### *Education*

#### **Massachusetts Institute of Technology (2002 – 2007)**

Department of Linguistics and Philosophy  
PhD, September 2007

Dissertation: *The Grammar of Q: Q-Particles and the Nature of Wh-Fronting, as Revealed by the Wh-Questions of Tlingit.*

#### **Universiteit van Amsterdam [University of Amsterdam] (2001 – 2002)**

Institute for Logic, Language and Computation  
Master of Science in Logic with Honors, August 2002  
Thesis: *Stand Over There, Please: The Dynamics of Vagueness.*

#### **Rutgers University (1997 – 2001)**

Rutgers College  
Bachelor of Arts, June 2001  
Thesis: *The Eventuality Types: Their Nature and Grammatical Characteristics*

## ***Grants, Fellowships and Awards***

### Awards

- 2012 Linguistic Society of America Early Career Award
- 2001-2002 Spinoza Scholarship (University of Amsterdam)

### Grants

- Jacobs Research Funds Individual Grant, supporting fieldwork on Tlingit (2011).
- Local Co-PI for National Science Foundation Grant awarded to Chris Potts (Stanford) [#BCS-0642752], “Expressive Content and the Semantics of Contexts” (2009-2012).
- Nominal PI for NSF Dissertation Improvement Grant awarded to Andrew McKenzie [#BCS-0843901], “Kiowa Switch-Reference and the Nature of Topichood” (2008-2010).
- National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant [#BCS-0632431], supporting fieldwork on Tlingit (2006 - 2007)

### Fellowships

- Killam Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, University of British Columbia (2007 - 2008)
- Visiting Scholar at the Sealaska Heritage Institute (2005, 2006, 2007, 2008)
- National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow (2002 – 2005)
- Andrew W. Mellon Fellow in Humanistic Studies (declined)
- Fulbright Fellow (2001 – 2002)

## ***Publications***

### Books

- (2010) *The Grammar of Q: Q-Particles, Wh-Movement and Pied-Piping*. Oxford University Press. Oxford.
- (2006) *Syncope in the Verbal Prefixes of Tlingit: Meter and Surface Phonotactics*. Lincom Studies in Native American Linguistics. Lincom Europa. München.

### Journal Articles

- (under review) “Pied-Piping: Introducing Two Recent Approaches.” Invited submission to *Language and Linguistics Compass*.
- (under review) “Pied-Piping: Comparing Two Recent Approaches.” Invited submission to *Language and Linguistics Compass*.
- (under review) “Between Tense and Adverbs: The Semantics of Temporal Remoteness in Kikuyu.” Under review by *Natural Language Semantics*.
- (under revision) “Reflexives, Reciprocals and Contrast.” Under revision for *Journal of Semantics*.
- (to appear) “The Optionality of EPP in Dholuo.” *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 31(1) (print publication expected 2013; on-line availability in early 2012)
- (2011) “Insubordination in Tlingit: An Areal Effect?” *Northwest Journal of Linguistics* 5(1): 1-38
- (2011) “A New Argument for Lexical Decomposition: Transparent Readings of Verbs.” *Linguistic Inquiry* 42(1): 131-138

- (2010) “Against the Existence of Pied-Piping: Evidence from Tlingit.” *Linguistic Inquiry* 41(4): 563-594.
- (2009) [with Christopher Potts, Luis Alonso-Ovalle, Ash Asudeh, Rajesh Bhatt, Christopher Davis, Yurie Hara, Angelika Kratzer, Eric McCready, Tom Roeper and Martin Walkow] “Expressives and Identity Conditions.” *Linguistic Inquiry* 40(2): 356-366

#### Papers Contributed to Edited Volumes

- (2011) [with Jesse Harris] “On the Grammatical Status of PP-Pied-Piping in English: Results from Sentence-Rating Experiments.” In Grant, Margaret and Jesse A. Harris (eds) *University of Massachusetts Occasional Papers in Linguistics 38: Processing Linguistic Structure*. GLSA Publications. Amherst, MA.
- (2009) “The Syntax of the Tibetan Correlative.” In Liptak, Aniko (ed) *Correlatives Cross-Linguistically*. John Benjamins. Amsterdam.
- (2008) “Question Particles and the Nature of Wh-Fronting.” In Matthewson, Lisa (ed) *Quantification: A Cross-Linguistic Perspective*. North Holland Linguistic Series: Linguistic Variations Volume 64. Emerald. Bingley, UK.
- (2004) “The Optional Infinitive Stage in Afrikaans: Evidence for Phonologically Neutralized Rich Agreement.” In Csirmaz, Aniko, Andrea Gualmini and Andrew Nevins (eds) *Plato’s Problems: Papers on Language Acquisition*. pp. 1 – 32. MIT Working Papers in Linguistics. Cambridge, MA.

#### Papers Appearing in Peer-Reviewed Conference Proceedings

- (to appear) “Commentary on Déchaine & Wiltschko (2010)” In *Proceedings of the 40<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Northeast Linguistics Society*. Graduate Linguistic Student Association. Amherst.
- (2011) “Insubordination in Tlingit: An Areal Effect?” In Tuttle, Siri, and Olga Lovick (eds) *Proceedings of the 2010 Dene (Athabaskan) Languages Conference*. Alaska Native Language Center. Fairbanks, AK.
- (2009) “Covert A-Scrambling in Tlingit.” In Lyon, John (ed) *Proceedings of the 43<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Salish and Neighboring Languages*. University of British Columbia Working Papers in Linguistics. Vancouver.
- (2008) “Wh-Fronting as a By-Product of Q-Movement: Evidence from Tlingit.” In Elfner, Emily and Martin Walkow (eds) *Proceedings of the 37<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Northeast Linguistics Society*. Graduate Linguistic Student Association. Amherst, MA.
- (2007) “Wh-Fronting as Q-Fronting in Tlingit.” In Tuttle, Siri, Leslie Saxon, Suzanne Gessner and Andrea Berez (eds) *Proceedings of the 2006 Dene (Athabaskan) Languages Conference*. Alaska Native Language Center. Fairbanks, AK.
- (2007) “Rule Replacement in Lingít (Tlingit): The Importance of Morphosyntax to Morphophonology.” In Frederick Hoyt, Nikki Seifert, Alexandra Teodorescu, Jessica White, and Stephen Wechsler (eds) *The Proceedings of the Texas Linguistic Society IX Conference: The Morphosyntax of Underrepresented Languages*. pp. 59 – 78. CSLI Publications. Stanford, CA.
- (2006a) “Wh-Movement (in Tlingit) Does Not Target Wh-Words.” In Fujimori, Atsushi and Maria Amelia Reis Silva (eds) *Proceedings of WSCLA 11: The Eleventh Workshop on*

*Structure and Constituency in Languages of the Americas*. pp. 26 – 39. UBC Working Papers in Linguistics. Vancouver.

- (2006b) “Tlingit Portmanteau Allomorphy: Evidence for Fusion Operations.” In Davis, Christopher, Amy Rose Deal, and Youri Zabbal (eds) *Proceedings of 36th Meeting of the Northeast Linguistics Society*. Graduate Linguistic Student Association. Amherst, MA.
- (2005) “Tlingit Portmanteau Allomorphy Requires Fusion.” In Armoskaite, Solveiga and James J. Thompson (eds) *Proceedings of WSCLA 10: The Tenth Workshop on Structure and Constituency in Languages of the Americas*. pp. 70 – 83. UBC Working Papers in Linguistics. Vancouver.

### ***Invited Talks***

- (2012) “Between Tense and Adverbs: The Semantics of Temporal Remoteness in Kikuyu.” (to be) Presented at Harvard University, April 20<sup>th</sup> 2012.
- (2011) “Understudied and Endangered Languages at the Semantics/Syntax Interface.” Presented at 50 Years of Linguistics at MIT: A Scientific Reunion, December 10<sup>th</sup>.
- (2011) “The Optionality of Subject Movement and EPP in Dholuo.” Presented at the Moscow Syntax and Semantics Conference. April 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- (2010) “The Optionality of Movement and EPP in Dholuo.” Presented at Rutgers University. November 19<sup>th</sup>.
- (2010) “Radically Discontinuous Exponence in the Inflectional Morphology of Na-Dene Languages.” Presented at the Special Session *The Analysis of Morphological Phenomena in the Indigenous Languages of the Americas*, at the 2010 meeting of the Linguistic Society of America and the Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas. Baltimore, MD. January 9<sup>th</sup>.
- (2009) “Intervention Effects, Superiority Effects and Pied-Piping: Evidence from Tlingit.” Presented at McGill University. November 20<sup>th</sup>.
- (2009) “Commentary on Déchaine & Wiltschko (2009)” Presented at the 40<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Northeast Linguistic Society (NELS 40). MIT. November 15<sup>th</sup>.
- (2009) “Wh-Questions, Q-Particles and Pied-Piping in Tlingit.” Presented at *Arctic Languages: Syntax, Morphology, Lexicon*. University of Tromsø. September 25<sup>th</sup>.
- (2009) “Commentary on Nichols (2009).” Presented at *Recursion: Structural Complexity in Language and Cognition*. University of Massachusetts, Amherst. May 28<sup>th</sup>.
- (2009) “Intervention Effects, Superiority Effects and Pied-Piping: Evidence from Tlingit.” Presented at *Semantics of Underrepresented Languages of the Americas (SULA 5)*. MIT. May 17<sup>th</sup>.
- (2009) “Insubordination in the Languages of the Pacific Northwest.” Presented at the Special Session *Inflectional Contrasts in the Languages of the Northwest Coast*, at the 2009 meeting of the Linguistic Society of America and the Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas. San Francisco, CA. January 10<sup>th</sup>.
- (2008) “Pied-Piping Does Not Exist.” Presented at the University of Maryland. November 21<sup>st</sup>.
- (2008) “Pied-Piping Does Not Exist.” Presented at Cornell University. October 30<sup>th</sup>.
- (2008) “Q-Particles and the Nature of Wh-Fronting: Evidence from Tlingit.” Presented at

- University of Victoria. March 28th.
- (2007) “Q-Particles and the Nature of Wh-Fronting: Evidence from Tlingit.” Presented at the University of British Columbia. October 5th.
- (2007) “Q-Particles and the Nature of Wh-Fronting: Evidence from Tlingit.” Presented at the University of Ottawa. February 7th.
- (2007) “Q-Particles and the Nature of Wh-Fronting: Evidence from Tlingit.” Presented at the University of California, Los Angeles. February 28th.

### ***Refereed Conference and Workshop Presentations***

- (2010) “The Optionality of EPP in Dholuo. “Presented at the 41<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Northeast Linguistic Society (NELS 41). University of Pennsylvania. October.
- (2010) “Insubordination in Tlingit: An Areal Effect?” Presented at the 2010 Athabaskan/Dene Languages Conference. Eugene, OR. June.
- (2008) “Covert A-Scrambling in Tlingit.” Presented at the 43rd International Conference on Salish and Neighboring Languages (ICSNL 43). Capilano University. July.
- (2006a) "Wh-Fronting is a By-Product of Q-Movement: Evidence from Tlingit." Presented at the 37th Meeting of the Northeast Linguistic Society (NELS 37). University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. October.
- (2006b) "Wh-Movement in Tlingit Does Not Target Wh-Words." Presented at the 11th Annual Workshop on Structure and Constituency in Languages of the Americas. University of British Columbia, Vancouver. March.
- (2005a) "'Rule Replacement' in Tlingit: The Importance of Morphosyntax to Morphophonology." Presented at TLS 9: The Morphosyntax of Underrepresented Languages. University of Texas, Austin. November.
- (2005b) "'Rule Replacement' in Tlingit Portmanteau Allomorphy Requires Fusion Operations." Poster Presented at the 36th Meeting of the Northeast Linguistic Society (NELS 36). University of Massachusetts, Amherst. October.
- (2005c) "Tlingit Portmanteau Allomorphy Requires Fusion." Presented at the 10th Annual Workshop on Structure and Constituency in Languages of the Americas. University of Toronto. March.

### ***Professional Service***

#### Reviewing for Journals and Conferences

I have served on the Editorial Board of the following journals:

- *Semantics and Pragmatics* 2010 –
- *Journal of Semantics* 2011 –

I have acted as an anonymous reviewer for the following journals:

- *Journal of Semantics* 2011
- *Language* 2011
- *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 2008, 2010, 2011
- *Natural Language Semantics* 2010

- *International Journal of American Linguistics* 2010, 2011
- *Linguistics and Philosophy* 2009, 2010
- *Semantics and Pragmatics* 2010
- *Linguistic Inquiry* 2008, 2009, 2011
- *Syntax* 2004, 2008, 2009, 2011
- *Phonology* 2002

I have acted as an anonymous reviewer for the following conferences:

- *Semantics and Linguistic Theory* 2011, 2012
- *Sinn und Bedeutung* 2009, 2010, 2011
- *North East Linguistic Society* 2009
- *West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics* 2008, 2011
- *The Amsterdam Colloquium* 2011
- *ConSOLE* 2011
- *Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW)* 2011

#### Conference Organization

I have worked to organize the following conferences:

- 16<sup>th</sup> Workshop on the Structure and Constituency of Languages of the Americas; UMass Amherst; February 2011; Organized with Peggy Speas.

#### Advising

I have been a member of the following dissertation committees:

- Noah Constant (in progress)
- Anisa Schardl (in progress)
- Masashi Hashimoto, Chair (in progress)
- Andrew McKenzie (Co-chair), 2011
- Martin Walkow, 2011
- Kathryn Merriam [History Department], 2010

I have been a member of the following General Paper committees:

- Seda Kan (in progress)
- Andrew Weir, 2011
- Anisa Schardl, 2011
- Suzi Lima, 2011
- Noah Constant, 2010
- Chloe Gu, 2009, 2010
- Meg Grant, 2009
- Masashi Hashimoto, 2009
- Emerson Loustau, 2009
- Pasha Siraj, 2009
- Martin Walkow, 2009

Professional Societies

- Linguistic Society of America
- Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas

University Committees

- Student Affairs and University Life Council 2011-2014
- Research Library Council 2009-2011