

Curriculum Vitae

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Contact Information

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Employment

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Department of Linguistics
Assistant Professor (2007 – 2013)
Associate Professor (2013 – present)
Head of Linguistics Department [Interim] (2016 – 2017)

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

- National Science Foundation Project Grant [#BCS-1322770], The Verbal Morpho- semantics and Clausal Architecture of Tlingit (2013-2018)
- Jacobs Research Funds Individual Grant, supporting fieldwork on Tlingit (2012).
- HFA Research Council Project Funds Grant, supporting fieldwork on Tlingit (2012).
- 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

- (submitted) “A Choice Functional Semantics for *De Re* Attitudes.” Under Review by *Semantics & Pragmatics*.
- (submitted) “Describing Future Eventualities in Tlingit: The Storyboards *Hawaii Trip* and *Imagining the Future*. Under Review by *Semantic Fieldwork Methods*.
- (2018) “The Good, the ‘Not Good’, and the ‘Not Pretty’: Negation in the Negative Predicates of Tlingit.” *Natural Language Semantics* 26: 281-335.
- (2017) “The Expression of Modality in Tlingit: A Paucity of Grammatical Devices.” *International Journal of American Linguistics*, 83(4): 619-678.
- (2017) “The Implicatures of Optional Past Tense in Tlingit and the Implications for ‘Discontinuous Past’.” *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*, 35(3): 635-681.

- (2014) “Distributive Numerals and Distance Distributivity in Tlingit (and Beyond).” *Language* 90(4): 562-606.
- (2014) “Reflexives, Reciprocals and Contrast.” *Journal of Semantics* 31: 1-41.
- (2013) “Beyond the Past, Present and Future: Towards the Semantics of ‘Graded Tense’ in Gikūyū.” *Natural Language Semantics* 21: 219-276.
- (2013) “Pied-Piping: Comparing Two Recent Approaches.” *Language and Linguistics Compass* 7(2): 123-140.
- (2012) “Pied-Piping: Introducing Two Recent Approaches.” *Language and Linguistics Compass* 6(12): 816-832.
- (2012) “The Optionality of Movement and EPP in Dholuo.” *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 30(3): 651-697.
- (2011) “Insubordination in Tlingit: An Areal Effect?” *Northwest Journal of Linguistics* 5: 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

- (2017) “Some Observations on the Plural Pronoun Construction of Tlingit, Polish, and Russian.” In Halpert, Claire, Hadas Kotek, and Coppe van Urk (eds) *A Pesky Set: Papers for David Pesetsky*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Working Papers in Linguistics.
- (2015) “Average Conditional Entropy of the Tlingit Verbal Inflection Paradigm: A Brief Report.” In Backovic, Eric (ed) *Short ‘Schrift for Alan Prince*. Available online: <https://princeshortschrift.wordpress.com/>
- (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

- (2015) “Commentary on Déchaine & Wiltschko (2012)” In *Proceedings of the 40th Meeting of the Northeast Linguistics Society: Semantic Workshop on Pronouns*. Graduate Linguistic Student Association. Amherst.

- (2011) “Insurbordination 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 43rd 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 37th 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 Lingit (Tlingit): The Importance of Morphosyntax to Morphophonology.” In Frederick Hoyt, Nikki Seifert, Alexandra Teodorescu, Jessica White, Stephen Wechsler (eds) *Proceedings of the Texas Linguistic Society IX: The Morphosyntax of Underrepresented Languages*. pp. 59 – 78. CSLI. 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

- (2017) “Negation and Antonymy in Tlingit.” Presented at the University of Tübingen. Nov. 9th.
- (2017) “Negation and Antonymy in Tlingit.” Presented at University of Washington. May 5th.
- (2017) “Negation and Antonymy in Tlingit.” Presented at UCLA. April 14th.
- (2017) “Negation and Antonymy in Tlingit.” Presented at Brown University. February 22nd.
- (2017) “Focusing in on Wh-Words, Focus, and Focus Movement.” Presented at David Pesetsky @ 60 (Surprise Workshop in Honor of David Pesetsky). MIT. February 11th.
- (2017) “Negation and Antonymy in Tlingit.” Presented at the 25th Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE XXV). University of Leipzig. January 5th.
- (2016) “The Curious Implicatures of Optional Past Tense in Tlingit (and Other Languages).” Presented at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. February 19th.
- (2015) “The Curious Implicatures of Optional Past Tense in Tlingit (and Other Languages).” Presented at the University of Connecticut. October 9th.
- (2015) “Graded Tenses in Complement Clauses: Evidence that Future is Not a Tense.” Presented at Formal Approaches to the Semantics of African, Asian, and Austronesian Languages (Triple A). University of Tübingen. June 5th.

- (2014) “The Tlingit Decessive and the Nature of ‘Discontinuous Past’.” Presented at the Semantics of Under-Represented Languages in the Americas 8 (SULA 8). University of British Columbia. May 16th.
- (2013) “Distributive Numerals and Quantification over Events in Tlingit (and Beyond).” Presented at the University of Utah. April 19th.
- (2012) “Distance Distributivity and Pluractionality in Tlingit (and Beyond).” Presented at Yale University. October 1st.
- (2012) “Beyond the Past, Present and Future: Towards the Semantics of ‘Graded Tense’ in Gikūyū.” Presented at Harvard University, April 20th.
- (2011) “Understudied and Endangered Languages at the Semantics/Syntax Interface.” Presented at 50 Years of Linguistics at MIT: A Scientific Reunion, December 10th.
- (2011) “The Optionality of Subject Movement and EPP in Dholuo.” Presented at the Moscow Syntax and Semantics Conference. April 23rd.
- (2010) “The Optionality of Movement and EPP in Dholuo.” Presented at Rutgers University. November 19th.
- (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 9th.
- (2009) “Intervention Effects, Superiority Effects and Pied-Piping: Evidence from Tlingit.” Presented at McGill University. November 20th.
- (2009) “Commentary on Déchaine & Wiltschko (2009)” Presented at the 40th Meeting of the Northeast Linguistic Society (NELS 40). MIT. November 15th.
- (2009) “Wh-Questions, Q-Particles and Pied-Piping in Tlingit.” Presented at *Arctic Languages: Syntax, Morphology, Lexicon*. University of Tromsø. September 25th.
- (2009) “Commentary on Nichols (2009).” Presented at *Recursion: Structural Complexity in Language and Cognition*. University of Massachusetts, Amherst. May 28th.
- (2009) “Intervention Effects, Superiority Effects and Pied-Piping: Evidence from Tlingit.” Presented at the Semantics of Under-Represented Languages of the Americas 5 (SULA 5). MIT. May 17th.
- (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 10th.
- (2008) “Pied-Piping Does Not Exist.” Presented at the University of Maryland. November 21st.
- (2008) “Pied-Piping Does Not Exist.” Presented at Cornell University. October 30th.
- (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

- (2016) “Negation and Negative Antonyms in Tlingit.” Presented at Semantics of Under Represented Languages in the Americas 9 (SULA 9). University of California, Santa Cruz. May.
- (2015) “The Curious Implicatures of Optional Past Tense in Tlingit (and Other Languages).” Presented at 46th Meeting of the Northeast Linguistic Society (NELS 46). Concordia University. October.
- (2014) “Graded Tenses in Complement Clauses: Evidence that Future is Not a Tense.” Presented at 45th Meeting of the Northeast Linguistic Society (NELS 45). Massachusetts Institute of Technology. October.
- (2012) “Distance Distributivity and Pluractionality in Tlingit (and Beyond).” Presented at the 43rd Meeting of the Northeast Linguistic Society (NELS 43). City University of New York. October.
- (2012) “Distributive Numerals in Tlingit: Pluractionality and Distributivity.” Presented at Semantics of Under-Represented Languages in the Americas 7 (SULA 7). Cornell University. May.
- (2010) “The Optionality of EPP in Dholuo.” Presented at the 41st 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

Editing / Reviewing for Journals, Conferences, and Book Publishers

I have served as an Associate Editor for the following journals:

- *Journal of Semantics* 2012 – 2016
- *International Journal of American Linguistics* 2016 –

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

- *Journal of Semantics* 2011 – 2012
- *Semantics and Pragmatics* 2010 –
- *Linguistic Inquiry* 2012 –

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

- *Glossa* 2017, 2018
- *Language* 2011
- *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 2008, 2010, 2011
- *Natural Language Semantics* 2010 - 2016
- *International Journal of American Linguistics* 2010, 2011, 2014
- *Linguistics and Philosophy* 2009, 2010, 2018
- *Linguistic Inquiry* 2008 - 2015
- *Journal of Semantics* 2011, 2017-2018
- *Language and Linguistics Compass* 2018
- *Syntax* 2004 - 2015
- *Morphology* 2014
- *Phonology* 2002
- *Linguistic Fieldwork Methods* 2016

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

- *Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT)* 2011 - 2015
- *Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB)* 2009 - 2018
- *North East Linguistic Society (NELS)* 2009 - 2016
- *West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL)* 2008 - 2016
- *The Amsterdam Colloquium (AC)* 2011, 2013
- *Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW)* 2011
- *Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting (LSA)* 2013
- *Semantics of Underrepresented Languages in the Americas (SULA)* 2014
- *Semantics of African, Asian, and Austronesian Languages (TripleA)* 2014, 2016
- *ConSOLE* 2011 - 2016
- *European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information (ESSLLI)* 2014 - 2016
- *Semantics of African, Asian, and Austronesian Languages (Triple-A)* 2016 – 2017
- *Conference on Syntax, Phonology, and Language Analysis (SinFonIJA)* 2018

I have reviewed book length manuscripts submitted to the following publishers:

- *Oxford University Press* 2012
- *Alaska Native Language Center* 2015, 2018

I have reviewed grant proposals submitted to the following organizations:

- *National Science Foundation* 2008
- *Jacobs Research Funds* 2015, 2017

Conference Organization

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

Participation in Sponsored Research

I have served as an official collaborator on the following grant:

- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Insight Grant awarded to Lisa Matthewson and Hotze Rullman, “Talking About Time and Possibility in Pacific Languages.” (2016-2021)

I have served as senior personnel on the following grant:

- National Science Foundation (NSF) Grant awarded to Elizabeth Selkirk, “The Effects of Syntactic Constituency on the Phonology and Phonetics of Tone.” (2012-2016)

Advising

I have been a member of the following doctoral dissertation committees:

- Ekaterina Vostrikova (in progress)
- Petr Kusliy (in progress)
- Rodica Ivan (in progress)
- James Crippen [University of British Columbia] (in progress)
- Denis Kavlakoglu [Philosophy Department], (in progress)
- Jordan Kroll [Philosophy Department], (in progress)
- Cameron Gibbs [Philosophy Department], (in progress)
- Hsin-Lun Huang, 2018
- Pengbo Liu [Philosophy Department], 2018
- Majed Al Dalham [Education Department], 2018
- Yangsook Park, 2017
- Jeremy Pasquereau, 2017
- Jon Ander Mendia, 2017
- Miles Tucker [Philosophy Department], 2017
- Jesse Fitts [Philosophy Department], 2017
- Luis Oliveira [Philosophy Department], 2016
- Elizabeth Bogal-Allbritten, 2015
- Masashi Hashimoto (Chair), 2014
- Rosmin Mathew [University of Tromsø], 2014 [participated in mock defense]
- Noah Constant, 2013
- Suzi Lima, 2013
- Casey Knight [Philosophy Department], 2013
- Andrew McKenzie (Co-chair), 2011
- Martin Walkow, 2011
- Kathryn Merriam [History Department], 2010

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

- Leah Chapman, 2018
- Alex Goebel, 2018
- Kimberly Johnson, 2018
- Zahra Mirrazi, 2018
- Michael Wilson, 2018
- Carolyn Anderson, 2017
- Deniz Ozyildiz, 2017
- Thuy Bui, 2017
- Jyoti Iyer, 2017
- Petr Kusliy, 2016
- Ekaterina Vostrikova, 2016
- Hsin-Lun Huang, 2016
- Leland Kusmer, 2015
- Jeremy Pasquereau, 2013 and 2015
- Yangsook Park, 2014
- Hannah Greene, 2014
- Elizabeth Bogal-Allbritten, 2012
- 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

I have advised the following undergraduate Honors Theses:

- Christopher Baron, 2015

I have advised the following graduate students as Research Assistants:

- Jesse Harris, 2009-2010
- James Crippen, 2014
- Elizabeth Bogal-Allbritten, 2015
- Jeremy Pasquereau, 2016
- Carolyn Anderson, 2017

I have advised the following undergraduate students as Undergraduate Research Assistants:

- Matthew Rolka, 2014
- Rose Underhill, 2015
- Nancy Clarke, 2016
- Alicia LeClair, 2017

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 - present
- Research Library Council 2009 - present

Departmental Service Positions

- Library Liaison 2008 – 2013
- Newsletter Manager 2011 – 2012
- Website Manager 2014 – 2015
- Admissions Committee Member 2011, 2016
- Undergraduate Advisor 2013 – 2016
- Interim Department Head 2016 – 2017
- Course Scheduler 2017 –
- Chair of Semantics Search Committee 2017 – 2018