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Education

- 2002 – present Ph.D. Program in Linguistics
University of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA
- Ph.D. anticipated in July 2007
- Thesis:
Testing One, Two, Three: The Syntax and Semantics of Numeral Expressions
- Committee: Dr. Angelika Kratzer (Co-Chair)
Dr. Rajesh Bhatt (Co-Chair)
Dr. Christopher Potts
Dr. Margaret Speas
Dr. Jonathan Schaffer
- 2000 – 2002 M.A. in Linguistics (Formal Semantics)
University of Calgary, Canada
- Thesis: *The Semantics of Number in the Arabic Noun Phrase*
- Committee: Dr. Hotze Rullmann (Chair)
Dr. Elizabeth Ritter
Dr. Nicole M. Wyatt
- 1988 – 1993 B.A. Major in Logic (Mathematical Logic)
University of Toronto, Canada
- 1988 – 1993 B.Sc. 4-Year Specialist in Physics
University of Toronto, Canada

Publications

- To appear A Semantics for Free Choice Indifference in French. In Emily Elfner and Martin Walkow, eds., *Proceedings of the thirty-seventh meeting of the North Eastern Linguistics Society*, Amherst, MA: GLSA.
- To appear *Proceedings of the thirty-sixth meeting of the North Eastern Linguistics Society*, Amherst, MA: GLSA. [edited with Christopher Davis and Amy Rose Deal]

Presentations

- Fall 2006 A Semantics for Free Choice Indifference in French.
NELS 37. October 15, 2006. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- Fall 2005 How to Deal with Cardinals and Ordinals
SNEWS. October 25, 2005. UConn.
- Fall 2003 The Semantics of the French Indeterminate Expression ‘N’Importe’
MIT/UConn/UMass/Brown Semantics Workshop. October 25, 2003. UMass.
- Fall 2002 The Semantics of Number in the Arabic Noun Phrase
MIT/UConn/UMass Semantics Workshop. November 23, 2002. MIT.
- Spring 2002 The Semantics of Number in the Arabic Noun Phrase
Departmental Presentation. April 17, 2002. University of Calgary.

Teaching

- Spring 2006 Ling 201: Introduction to Linguistic Theory
Spring 2005 Teaching Associate
Fall 2004 University of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA
Spring 2004 *Instructor of the course. Full Responsibility. Designed all aspects of the course:
preparing material, teaching, advising, and grading.*
[<http://people.umass.edu/yzabbal/ling201/spring2006/index.html>]
- Fall 2005 Teaching Assistant for Prof. Margaret Speas
Ling 101: People and Their Language
University of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA
*Responsibility for conducting two discussion sections: providing weekly
tutorials and grading assignments and tests.*
- Summer 2004 Teaching Associate
Ling 101: People and Their Language (On-line)
University of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA
*Instructor of the course. Online materials prepared by Prof. John McCarthy.
Responsible for leading daily discussion, advising, and grading.*
- Fall 2003 Teaching Assistant for Prof. Kyle Johnson
Ling 201: Introduction to Linguistic Theory
University of Massachusetts, USA
*Responsibility for conducting two discussion sections: providing weekly
tutorials and grading assignments and tests.*

- Spring 2002 Teaching Assistant for Prof. Hotze Rullman
Ling 319: Semantics
University of Calgary, Canada
- Spring 2002 Teaching Assistant for Prof. Hotze Rullman
Ling 203: Introduction to Linguistics II
University of Calgary, Canada
- Spring 2002 Teaching Assistant for Prof. Martha McGinnis
Ling 401: Syntactic Analysis
University of Calgary, Canada
Graded assignments and ran a weekly tutorial
- Fall 2001 Teaching Assistant for Prof. Elizabeth Ritter
Ling 201: Introduction to Linguistics I
University of Calgary, Canada
*Responsible for creating and maintaining the course website, and compiling
new workbook solutions (with Jennifer Abel)*
- Fall 2000 Teaching Assistant for Prof. Martha McGinnis
Ling 301: English Syntax
University of Calgary, Canada
Ran two weekly tutorials
- 1999 - 2000 ESL Teacher
HANSA Language Centre
Toronto, Canada
*Prepared and taught classes in grammar, writing, pronunciation, and
perception/comprehension.*

Research

- Summer 2006 - 2007 Research Assistant
Profs. Margaret Speas and Thomas Roeper, Formal Semantics & Acquisition
*NSF grant BCS-0527509: The Project on Epistemology and Indexicality in
Navajo, Tibetan and English.*
- Summer 2005 Research Assistant
Prof. Barbara Partee, Formal Semantics
*NSF grant BSC-0418311: The Russian Genitive of Negation: Integration of
Lexical & Compositional Semantics*
- Fall 2001 Research Assistant
Prof. Hotze Rullmann, Formal Semantics
SSHRC grant 410-2001-1545 on the Semantics and Typology of Number
- Summer 2001 Research Assistant
Prof. Martha McGinnis, Syntactic Theory
Research and general assistance with work on applicative constructions

Service

- 2002 - Present Web Design and Administration: GLSA Website
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Currently responsible for updating and trouble-shooting the GLSA website.
- Spring 2006 Student Member of Semantics Search Committee
- 2002 - 2005 System Administrator (Computer Czar): Linguistics Department Computers
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Professors John Kingston and John McCarthy, Supervisors
Installed and maintained departmental computers and network in computer lab; provided technical support; maintained department website. Setup of computers and network in the new wing of the linguistics department.
- Fall 2004 Web Design: Current Linguistics Department Website
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Co-designed and implemented the new department website for the UMass, Amherst Department of Linguistics with Jan Anderssen and Sarah Vega-Liros
- Summer 2004 Web Programming and Design: Barbara Partee Doctoral Genealogy
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Prof. Christopher Potts, Supervisor
Co-designed, coded, and implemented the on-line doctoral genealogy for Prof. Barbara Partee's retirement party with Jan Anderssen. Programmed in Perl.
[<http://www.umass.edu/linguist/partee-phd-genealogy/>]
- Spring 2004 Experiment Sign-up Database
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Prof. John Kingston, Supervisor
Designed and implemented the on-line experiment database for experimenters to post experiments so that students can sign-up on-line.
- Fall 2003 Programming and Web Design: GLSA Website
Min-Joo Kim, Supervisor
Designed and recoded the new GLSA website using Perl.
- 2001 Website Design: Linguistics Department Website
University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada
Profs. Elizabeth Ritter and Robert Murray, Supervisors
- 2001 Website Design: Ling 201 courses
University of Calgary
Profs. Elizabeth Ritter and Michael Dobrovolsky, Instructors
- 2000 Web Design: Germanic Linguistics Annual Conference 7
University of Calgary
Profs. Robert Murray and Amanda Pounder, Conference Organizers

Other Professional Experience

- 1995 – 2000 Contract Consultant: Training and Technical Support
Silver Snail Comics Inc.,
Toronto, Canada
Built and maintained store computers and trained staff
- 1996 – 1998 Contract Consultant: Technical Support
Machanik & Stone Public Relations
Toronto, Canada
Created and maintaining office network and provided support
- 1994 – 1997 Junior Programmer
Timelog Systems Inc.
Concord, Canada
Programmed medical database interface for Windows using C++, Pascal, and Delphi; copy-editing help files and manuals.

Research Interests

- Semantics Cardinals, ordinals, factions, distributives, and multiplicatives, number as it relates to plurality, collectivity, distributivity, and cumulativity, free choice and indeterminate phrases, compositionality in the noun phrase, the relationship between meaning and overt morphological markers of meaning
- Syntax-Semantics Syntactic number and semantic number, the locus of evidential markers, evidentials and modality, double objects and frozen scope effects
- Syntax The internal organization of the noun phrase, agreement in the noun phrase

Languages

English (Native), French (Native), Modern Standard Arabic (Basic grammatical knowledge)
Programming languages: Turbo Pascal, Delphi, Perl, C/C++, Assembler