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## Jobs

2005–present *Professor*, University of Massachusetts at Amherst  
2004 *Associate Professor*, McGill University  
1993–2004 *Associate Professor*, University of Massachusetts at Amherst  
1992–1993 *Assistant Professor*, University of California at Irvine  
1990–1992 *Assistant Professor*, University of Wisconsin at Madison  
1988–1990 *Visiting Assistant Professor*, University of California, Los Angeles  
1987–1988 *Sloan Post-Doctoral Fellow*, University of California at Irvine  
1986–1987 *Lecturer*, University of Connecticut at Storrs

## Education

1981–1985 PhD in Linguistics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Dissertation: *A Case for Movement*  
Supervisor: Noam Chomsky  
1977–1981 BA in Linguistics, University of California, Irvine  
BA in Psychology, University of California, Irvine

## Publications & Talks

### *Papers*

forthcoming Kyle Johnson (forthcoming) “Rethinking Linearization,” in *Festschrift*, Oxford University Press.  
forthcoming Kyle Johnson (forthcoming) “Deriving Principle B,” in the *McGill Working Papers in Linguistics*.  
forthcoming Kyle Johnson (forthcoming) “To give someone their innocence again,” in *A Festschrift for Peggy Speas*.

- forthcoming Kyle Johnson (forthcoming) "How to Strip and Gap," in *The Oxford Handbook of Ellipsis*, J. van Craenenbroeck and T. Temmerman (eds).
- 2016 Fox, Danny and Kyle Johnson (2016) "QR is NP Movement," in the Proceedings of WC-CFL 33.
- 2014 Johnson, Kyle (2014) "Gapping," in *The Blackwell Companion to Syntax*, eds. Martin Everaert, Henk C. van Reimsdijk, Rob Goedemans, and Bart Hollebrandse, Blackwell Publishers.
- Johnson, Kyle (2014) "Recoverability of Deletion," in *Identity Relations in Grammar*, eds. Kuniya Nasukawa and Henk C. van Reimsdijk, Mouton de Gruyter, pp. 255–288.
- 2013 Johnson, Kyle (2013) "Licensing Ellipsis," *Studies in Chinese Linguistics* 34:2, 71–98.
- Johnson, Kyle (2013) "Pronouns vs. Definite Descriptions," in *Generative Linguistics and Acquisition: Studies in Honor of Nina M. Hyams*, eds. Misha Becker, John Grinstead and Jason Rothman, John Benjamins Publishing Company, pp. 157–184.
- 2012 Johnson, Kyle (2012) "Toward Deriving Differences in How Wh Movement and QR are Pronounced," *Lingua* 122:6, 529–553.
- 2009 Johnson, Kyle (2009) "Gapping is not (VP) Ellipsis," *Linguistic Inquiry* 40:2.
- Johnson, Kyle (2009) "PEPPER and PF Movement: Reactions to Yamashita," in *Proceedings of the 2007 Workshop in Greek Syntax and Semantics at MIT*, MIT Working Papers in Linguistics 57, 409–425.
- 2008 Johnson, Kyle (2008) "A view of QR from Ellipsis" in *Topics in Ellipsis*, (ed.) Johnson, Kyle, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 69–94.
- 2007 Johnson, Kyle (2007) "In Search of Phases," in *Phrasal and Clausal Architecture*, (eds.) Simin, Karimi, Vida Samiian and Wendy K. Wilkins, John Benjamins Publishing Company, 146–166.
- 2006 Johnson, Kyle (2006) "Copies," *Proceedings of Console XV*, (eds.) Constantinescu, Camelia and Erik Schoorlemmer, 91–108.
- 2004 Johnson, Kyle (2004) "How to be Quiet," in *Proceedings of the Chicago Linguistic Society Conference: 39*, Chicago: University of Chicago.
- Johnson, Kyle (2004) "Clausal Edges and their Effects on Scope," in *Peripheries: Syntactic Edges and their Effects* (eds.) Adger, David, Cécile de Cat and George Tsoulas, Dordrecht: Kluwer Academic Publishers, 289–311.
- Beck, Sigrid and Kyle Johnson (2004) "Double Objects Again," *Linguistic Inquiry* 35:1, 97–123.
- 2002 Johnson, Kyle (2002) "Restoring Exotic Coordinations to Normalcy" *Linguistic Inquiry* 33:1, 97–156.
- 2001 Johnson, Kyle (2001) "What VP Ellipsis can do, and what it can't, but not why," in *The Handbook of Contemporary Syntactic Theory*, (eds.) Baltin, Mark and Chris Collins, Oxford: Blackwell Publishers, 439–479.

- Johnson, Kyle (2001) "Gapping," in the syncom electronic encyclopedia of Linguistics
- Johnson, Kyle (2001) "Sluicing and Constraints on Quantifier Scope," *GLOT International* 5:6.
- 2000 Johnson, Kyle (2000) "How Far will Quantifiers Go?" in *Step by Step*, (eds.) Michaels, David, Roger Martin and Juan Uriagereka, Cambridge: MIT Press, 187-210.
- Johnson, Kyle (2000) "Gapping Determiners," in *Ellipsis in Conjunction*, (eds.) Schwabe, Kerstin and Nina Zhang, Niemeyer Publishers, 95-115.
- Johnson, Kyle (2000) "Few dogs eat Whiskers or cats Alpo," in *University of Massachusetts Working Papers in Linguistics*, (eds.) Kusumoto, Kiyomi and Elisabeth Villalta, 47-60.
- Johnson, Kyle (2000) "When Verb Phrases go missing," in *The first GLOT International state-of-the-art book*, (eds.) Cheng, Lisa and Rint Sybesma, Mouton de Gruyter, 75-103.
- 1998 Johnson, Kyle and Satoshi Tomioka (1998) "Lowering and Midsized Clauses," in *Reconstruction: Proceedings of the Workshop on Reconstruction*, (eds.) Katz, Graham, Shin-Sook Kim and Heike Winhart, 185-206.
- 1997 Johnson, Kyle (1997) "Review of 'The Antisymmetry of Syntax'," *Lingua* 102:21-53.
- 1996 Johnson, Kyle (1996) "When verb phrases go missing," *GLOT International* 2.5:3-9.
- 1995 Bateman, Sarah, Deanna Moore, Kyle Johnson, Tom Roeper and Jill de Villiers (1995) "On the Acquisition of Word Order in Nominals" in *Proceedings of the Twentieth Annual Boston University Conference on Language Development*, Somerville: Cascadilla Press, 397-407.
- 1994 Johnson, Kyle and Sten Vikner (1994) "The Position of the Verb in Scandinavian Infinitives: In  $V^0$  or in  $C^0$  but not in  $I^0$ ," *Working Papers in Scandinavian Syntax*, 61-84.
- 1992 Johnson, Kyle (1991) "Head Movement, Word Order and Inflection," in *Proceedings of the Seoul International Workshop on Generative Grammar*.
- Johnson, Kyle (1992) "Binding Theory and Scope," in *Syntax and Semantics* 26, Academic Press.
- 1991 Johnson, Kyle (1991) "Object Positions," *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 9:577-637.
- Johnson, Kyle (1991) "Extraposition from NP isn't extraposition," in *Proceedings of the Formal Linguistics Society of MidAmerica* 2.
- 1989 Johnson, Kyle (1989) "Passive Arguments Raised," *Linguistic Inquiry* 20:219-251.
- 1988 Johnson, Kyle (1988) "Clausal Gerunds, the ECP and Government," *Linguistic Inquiry* 19:583-609.
- Johnson, Kyle (1988) "Some notes on Subjunctive Clauses and Binding in Icelandic," *MIT Working Papers in Linguistics* 6.
- "Verb Raising and *have*," in *McGill Working Papers in Linguistics: Special Issue on Comparative Germanic Syntax*, 156-167.
- Johnson, Kyle (1988) "Against the notion 'SUBJECT'," *Linguistic Inquiry* 18:354-361.

### *Books*

- 2008 Johnson, Kyle (ed.) (2008) *Topics in Ellipsis*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- 1999 Johnson, Kyle and Ian Roberts (eds.) (1999) *Beyond Principles and Parameters*, Kluwer Academic Publishers.

### *Selected Recent Talks*

- 2018 “Movement as Multidominance,” invited two week course at CreteLing, University of Crete.
- 2017 “Beyond Trees,” invited talk at Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, May 24.
- 2017 “QR and Hydras,” invited talk at Leipzig University, June 2.
- 2016 “On a Multidominant Theory of Movement,” 5 day class at the Advanced Core Training in Linguistics Summer School, University College London.
- 2015 “Three Dimensional QR,” invited talk at the West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics, Vancouver, Canada.
- 2013 “The Empty Category Principle and Linearization,” invited talk Workshop on Comparative Germanic Syntax, Leipzig.
- 2012 “An ellipsis without an antecedent: Andrews Amalgams,” invited talk at the New York University, December 7.
- “Ellipsis,” Four invited lectures at Leiden University, The Netherlands, March.
- “Some Problems with Amalgams,” Invited talk at Nantes University, France, November.
- 2011 “On Deriving Vehicle Change,” invited talk at the University of Groningen, The Netherlands, November 15.
- “Deriving the Covertness of QR from Rmerge,” invited talk at Universität Konstanz, German, June 16.
- “Towards a Typology of Movement,” Five invited lectures at Universidad del País Vasco, Spain, May.
- “Squashing Tangled Trees,” invited talk at Yale University, February 6.
- 2010 “A Rmerge Theory of Movement,” invited talk at the State University of New York, Stony Brook, September 3.
- “The Copy Theory of Movement,” Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar, August 17–20.
- 2009 “Wh Movement and QR: Deriving their Differences,” invited talk at Leiden University, March 17.
- “Ellipsis,” invited talks at Hogeschool-Universiteit, Brussels, April 21.
- 2008 “Fitting a Multidominant Model of Movement to Reconstruction Effects,” invited talk at Hiroshima University, June 9.

- “Fitting Islands to the Semantics of Movement,” invited talk at the University of Maryland’s *Mayfest*, May.
- 2007 “On The Copy Theory of Movement,” three lectures at the Fall *EALing* meeting, Paris, September.
- “Determiners,” invited talk at the *On Linguistic Interfaces* conference, University of Ulster, June.
- “LCA+Alignment=RNR,” invited talk at the *Workshop on Coordination, Subordination and Ellipsis*, Tübingen, Germany, June.
- “Copies in Multidominant Trees,” invited talk at Rutgers University, 30 November.
- “A Multidominant Analysis of Copies,” invited talk at the University of Connecticut at Storrs, December 7.
- “Fitting a Multidominant Model of Movement to Reconstruction Effects,” invited talk at the University of Southern California, April 14.
- 2006 “Copies,” invited talk at the annual Console Conference, Brussels, January.
- 2005 “The Size of Ellipsis,” invited talk at the *Identity in Ellipsis Workshop*, University of California at Berkeley, October.
- 2004 “How to Be Quiet,” invited paper at the Fortieth Meeting of the Chicago Linguistics Society, Chicago, April.

### Theses Supervised

- 2019 Bui, Thuy  
*Binding and Coreference in Vietnamese*, PhD Dissertation: University of Massachusetts committee co-chair (with Brian Dillon)
- 2019 Kusmer, Leland  
*Optimal linearization: prosodic displacement in Khoekhoegowab and beyond*, PhD Dissertation: University of Massachusetts committee co-chair (with Kristine Yu)
- 2019 Vostrikova, Ekaterina  
*Phrasal and Clausal Exceptive-Additive Constructions Crosslinguistically*, PhD Dissertation: University of Massachusetts committee member
- 2018 Erschler, David  
*Typology of Bizarre Ellipsis Varieties*, PhD Dissertation: University of Massachusetts committee chair
- 2018 Huang, Hsin-Lun  
*The Head-Quarters of Mandarin Arguments*, PhD Dissertation: University of Massachusetts committee chair

- 2017 Sloggett, Shayne  
*When Errors Aren't: How Comprehenders Selectively Violate Binding Theory*, PhD Dissertation: University of Massachusetts  
committee member
- 2017 Poole, Ethan  
*Movement and the Semantic Type of Traces*, PhD Dissertation: University of Massachusetts  
committee co-chair with Rajesh Bhatt
- 2016 Keine, Stefan  
*Probes and their Horizons*, PhD Dissertation: University of Massachusetts  
committee co-chair with Rajesh Bhatt
- 2015 Overfelt, Jason  
*Rightward Movement: A Study in Locality*, PhD Dissertation: University of Massachusetts  
committee chair
- 2014 Weir, Andrew  
*Fragments and Clausal Ellipsis*, PhD Dissertation: University of Massachusetts  
committee chair
- 2013 Farudi, Annahita  
*Gapping in Farsi: A Crosslinguistic Investigation*, PhD Dissertation: University of Massachusetts  
committee chair
- 2012 Temmerman, Tanja  
*Multidominance, ellipsis, and quantifier scope*, PhD Dissertation: Leiden University  
committee member
- 2011 Heizmann, Tanja  
*Child Acquisition of Exhaustivity*, PhD Dissertation: University of Massachusetts  
committee member
- Walkow, Martin  
*Goals, Big and Small*, PhD Dissertation: University of Massachusetts  
committee member
- 2009 Ussery, Cherlon  
*Optionality and Variability in Agreement: Syntactic Licensing Meets Morphological Spell-Out*, PhD Dissertation: University of Massachusetts  
committee co-chair with Ellen Woolford
- Moulton, Keir  
*Natural Selection: Issues in the Syntax and Semantics of Complementation*, PhD Dissertation: University of Massachusetts  
committee co-chair with Angelika Kratzer
- Deal, Amy Rose  
*Topics in the Nez Perce Verb*, PhD Dissertation: University of Massachusetts  
committee member

- 2008 Ha, Seungwan  
*Ellipsis, Righth Node Raising, and Across-the-Board Constructions*, PhD Dissertation: Boston University  
committee member
- 2006 Landman, Meredith  
*Variables in Natural Language*, PhD Dissertation: University of Massachusetts  
committee member
- Uchiumi, Tohru  
*Binding and Control: The unified approach*, PhD Dissertation: McGill University  
committee co-chair
- Grüter, Theres  
*Object clitics and null objects in acquisition of French* PhD Dissertation: McGill University  
committee member
- Takahashi, Shoichi  
*Decompositionality and Identity*, PhD Dissertation: MIT  
committee member
- 2004 Hammerman, Shaina  
*Partitives and Pseudo-partitives*, Senior Thesis: Hampshire College  
committee member
- Kim, Min-Joo  
*Event Structure and the Internally-Headed Relative Clause Construction in Korean And Japanese*,  
PhD Dissertation: University of Massachusetts  
committee chair
- 2003 Winkler, Susanne  
*Ellipsis at the Interfaces*, Habilitation: Univeristy of Tübingen  
outside committee member
- 2002 Morzycki, Marcin  
*Mediated Modification: Functional Structure and the Interpretation of Modifier Position*, PhD Dis-  
sertation: University of Massachusetts  
committee member
- Lin, Vivian  
*Coordination and Sharing at the Interfaces*, PhD Dissertation: MIT  
committee member
- 2001 Nordstrom, Barrett  
*Acquisition of Phonology*, Senior Thesis: University of Massachusetts  
committee member
- Shimoyama, Junko  
*Wh-constructions in Japanese*, PhD Dissertation: University of Massachusetts  
committee co-chair with Angelika Kratzer

- Schwarz, Bernhard  
*Topics in Ellipsis*, PhD Dissertation: University of Massachusetts  
 committee co-chair with Angelika Kratzer
- 1999 Kusumoto, Kiyomi  
*Tense in Embedded Contexts*, PhD Dissertation: University of Massachusetts  
 committee member
- Tamanji, Pius  
*Agreement and the Internal Syntax of Bafut DPs*, PhD Dissertation: University of Massachusetts  
 committee chair
- Yatsushiro, Kazuko  
*Case Licensing and VP Structure*, PhD Dissertation: University of Connecticut  
 committee member
- 1998 Lechner, Winfried  
*Comparative Deletion*, PhD Dissertation: University of Massachusetts  
 committee chair
- Tunstall, Susanne  
*The Interpretation of Quantifiers: Semantics and Processing*, PhD Dissertation: University of Massachusetts  
 committee member
- Romero, Maribel  
*Focus and Reconstruction Effects in wh-phrases*, PhD Dissertation: University of Massachusetts  
 committee member
- 1997 Rado, Janina  
*Processing Hungarian: The role of Topic and Focus in Language Comprehension*, PhD Dissertation: University of Massachusetts  
 committee member
- Ishii, Toru  
*An Asymmetry in the Composition of Phrase Structure and Its Consequences*, PhD Dissertation: University of California, Irvine  
 committee member
- 1996 Sakai, Hiromu  
*Derivational Uniformity*, PhD Dissertation: University of California, Irvine  
 committee member
- Takano, Yuji  
*Movement and Parametric Variation in Syntax*, PhD Dissertation: University of California, Irvine  
 committee member
- Lin, Jo-Wang  
*Polarity Licensing and Wh-Phrase Quantification in Chinese*, PhD Dissertation: University of Massachusetts  
 committee member



- Jónsson, Jóhannes  
*Clausal Architecture and Case in Icelandic*, PhD Dissertation: University of Massachusetts  
 committee member
- Kondrashova, Natalia  
*The Syntax of Existential Quantification*, PhD Dissertation: University of Wisconsin-Madison  
 committee chair
- 1995 Runner, Jeffrey  
*Noun Phrase Licensing and Interpretation*, PhD Dissertation: University of Massachusetts  
 committee member
- 1994 Park, Soonhyuck  
*A and A' Dependencies and Minimalism in Movement Theories: Scrambling and Binding*, PhD  
 Dissertation: University of Wisconsin-Madison  
 committee chair
- 1993 Kung, Hui-i  
*The Mapping Hypothesis and Postverbal Structures in Mandarin Chinese*, PhD Dissertation: Uni-  
 versity of Wisconsin-Madison  
 committee chair
- 1992 Hedlund, Cecilia  
*On Participles*, PhD Dissertation: Stockholm University  
 outside committee member
- 1991 Hoonchamlong, Yuphaphann  
*Issues in Thai Anaphora: A Government Binding Approach*, PhD Dissertation: University of  
 Wisconsin-Madison  
 committee chair
- Ahn, Hee-Don  
*Light Verbs, VP-Movement, Negation and Clausal Architecture in Korean and English*, PhD Dis-  
 sertation: University of Wisconsin-Madison  
 committee chair
- Lencho, Mark  
*The Syntax of Inflection*, PhD Dissertation: University of Wisconsin-Madison  
 committee member
- Park, Yoen-Mee  
*Head Movement: Inflectional Morphology and Complex Predicates in Korean*, PhD Dissertation:  
 University of Wisconsin-Madison  
 committee chair
- 1990 Yoon, Hang-Jin  
*Functional Categories and Complementation in English, Korean and Turkish*, PhD Dissertation:  
 University of Wisconsin-Madison  
 committee chair

## Service

- 2017–present    Admissions Chair  
Undergraduate Outreach Director
- 2011–2016    Department Personnel Committee Chair  
Member of Editorial Board:  
*Linguistic Inquiry*  
*Journal of Comparative Germanic Linguistics*  
*Language Acquisition*

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