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Current position

Associate professor and Director of Graduate Studies
Linguistics Department, University of California, San Diego, CA.
Affiliated faculty, Center for Research on Language (CRL).
Interdisciplinary Program in Cognitive Science.
Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies (CILAS).

Education

- 1993 – 2000 Ph.D. in Linguistics
Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.
Dissertation title: *Harmony, Dominance and Control*.
Committee: Alan Prince (advisor), Akinbiyi Akinlabi, Hubert Truckenbrodt, John McCarthy.
- 1989 – 1993 B.A. with Honors in the Linguistics Major
University of California, Santa Cruz, CA.

Professional experience

- 2009 – pres. Associate Professor II, Linguistics Department
University of California, San Diego, CA.
- 2007 – 2009 Associate Professor I, Linguistics Department
University of California, San Diego, CA.
- 2004 – 2007 Assistant Professor IV, Linguistics Department
University of California, San Diego, CA.
- 2002 – 2004 Assistant Professor III, Linguistics Department
University of California, San Diego, CA.
- 2000 – 2002 Assistant Professor II, Linguistics Department
University of California, San Diego, CA.
- 1999 – 2000 Assistant Professor, Department of Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese
The Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA.
- 1998 – 1999 Lecturer, Department of Linguistics
Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.
- 1993 – 1996 Lecturer, Dept. of Spanish and Portuguese / Instructor, Dept. of Linguistics
Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.
- 1990 – 1993 Undergraduate reader, Board of Study in Linguistics
University of California, Santa Cruz, CA.

Research articles

- 2009 “Opacity deconstructed.”
To appear in *The Blackwell Companion to Phonology*, Wiley-Blackwell, Malden, MA.
- 2009 “Assimilation, antigemination, and contingency optionality: the phonology of monoconsonantal proclitics in Polish.” (with Bożena Pająk)
To appear in *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*.
- 2009 “Abstractness and motivation in phonological theory.”
In *Studies in Hispanic and Lusophone Linguistics* 2.1.
- 2007 “A revised typology of opaque generalisations.”
In *Phonology* 24.2.

Research articles (continued)

- 2006 "Elsewhere effects in Optimality Theory."
In *Wondering at the Natural Fecundity of Things: Essays in Honor of Alan Prince*. University of California eScholarship Repository and BookSurge Publishing.
- 2006 "Local assimilation and constraint interaction."
In *The Cambridge Handbook of Phonology*. Cambridge UP, Cambridge.
- 2006 "Hiatus resolution and incomplete identity."
In *Optimality-Theoretic Studies in Spanish Phonology*. John Benjamins, Amsterdam.
- 2005 "Antigemination, assimilation and the determination of identity."
In *Phonology* 22.3.
- 2005 "Vowel harmony and stem identity."
In *Lingua(GEM) 2.2, Phonology: theory and analysis*.
- 2004 "Partial identity avoidance as cooperative interaction."
In *Proceedings of WECOL 2004*.
- 2004 "Unbounded stress and factorial typology."
In *Optimality Theory in Phonology: A Reader*. Blackwell, London.
- 2002 "On the logic of conditional grounding."
In *Proceedings of CLS 37*, Chicago Linguistic Society, Chicago, IL.
- 2002 "Vowel harmony and cyclicity in Eastern Nilotic."
In *Proceedings of BLS 27*, Berkeley Linguistics Society, Berkeley, CA.
- 2001 "Optionality and ineffability." (with Edward Keer)
In *Optimality Theoretic Syntax*. MIT Press, Cambridge, MA.
- 2001 "Transparency, strict locality, and targeted constraints." (with Colin Wilson)
In *Proceedings of WCCFL 19*, Cascadia Press, Somerville, MA.
- 1999 "Have FAITH in syntax." (with Edward Keer)
In *Proceedings of WCCFL 16*, CSLI Publications, Stanford, CA.
- 1998 "Optimality and inversion in Spanish."
In *Optimality and Competition in Syntax*. MITWPL and MIT Press, Cambridge, MA.
- 1998 "Spanish codas and overapplication"
In *Romance Linguistics: Theoretical Perspectives*. John Benjamins, Amsterdam / Philadelphia.
- 1997 "Quantitative adjustments In Yupik."
In *Proceedings of WCCFL 15*, CSLI Publications, Stanford, CA.
- 1995 "Geminate shortening in Fula."
In *Theoretical Approaches to African Linguistics*. Africa World Press, Princeton, NJ.

Books

- forthcoming *On 'elsewhere': disjunctivity and blocking in phonological theory*.
In the *Advances in Optimality Theory* book series. London: Equinox.
- 2006 *Wondering at the Natural Fecundity of Things: Essays in Honor of Alan Prince*.
Co-edited with Junko Ito and John McCarthy, University of California eScholarship Repository (<http://repositories.cdlib.org/lrc/prince/>) and BookSurge Publishing (ISBN: 1419646796).

Review articles

- in prep. "Review of *Markedness: Reduction and Preservation in Phonology*."
In *Language*.
- 2004 "Review of *Vowel Harmony and Correspondence Theory*."
On *LINGUIST List*, <http://linguistlist.org/issues/15/15-1267.html>.
- 2000 "Review of *The Prosody-Morphology Interface*." (with Edward Keer)
In *Phonology* 17.3.

Working papers

- 2003 "Vowel harmony and stem identity."
In *San Diego Linguistics Papers* 1 and ROA-540, Rutgers Optimality Archive.

Working papers (continued)

- 2001 “Nasal place neutralization in Spanish.”
In *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics* 7.1.
- 2000 “The conspiracy of Turkish vowel harmony.”
In *Jorge Hankamer Webfest* (<http://ling.ucsc.edu/Jorge/>).
- 2000 “Deletion, insertion, and symmetrical identity.”
In *Harvard Working Papers in Linguistics* 7.
- 1999 “Assimilation to the unmarked.”
In *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics* 6.1.
- 1998 “Unbounded stress and factorial typology.”
In *RuLing Papers* 1 (Working Papers for Rutgers University).
- 1997 “Complementizers, faithfulness, and optionality.”
ROA-212, Rutgers Optimality Archive.
- 1996 “Foot harmony and quantitative adjustments.”
ROA-96, Rutgers Optimality Archive.
- 1995 “A markedness subhierarchy in syntax: optimality and inversion in Spanish.”
ROA-80, Rutgers Optimality Archive.
- 1994 “Strong onsets and Spanish fortition.”
In *MIT Working Papers in Linguistics* 23.
- 1992 “Maiduan noun phrase structure.”
In *SIUC Occasional Papers on Linguistics* 17.

Grants, fellowships, awards

- 2008 “Border Spanish: Sociolinguistic and theoretical issues.” (with John Moore, Grant UCSD Academic Senate Research Grant (\$19,050). Goodall, and Ana Celia Zentella)
- 2008 Winter Quarter Faculty Fellow.
UCSD International House, Eleanor Roosevelt College.
- 2006 Distinguished Teaching Award.
UCSD Academic Senate (\$1500).
- 2004 – 2005 “Subcoronal assimilation in English.”
UCSD Academic Senate Research Grant (\$10,000).
- 2003 – 2004 “Eastern Bolivian Spanish phonology.”
UCSD Faculty Career Development Program Grant (\$15,000).
- 2002 – 2003 “Linguistic and psycholinguistic approaches to optionality.” (with Victor Ferreira)
UCSD Committee on Research Interdisciplinary Research Grant (\$14,054).
- 2001 “Spanish language database project.”
UCSD Civic Collaborative Award (\$5000), Chancellor’s Summer Faculty Fellowship (\$5000).
- 1996 – 1998 “Optimality theory in syntax: universal constraints and the lexicon.”
(NSF Grant #SBR-9511891, Principal investigator: Jane Grimshaw.)
- 1995 “Introducción al estudio del lenguaje.” (“Intro to the Study of Language” in Spanish.)
Rutgers University Dialogues Grant #2-09749 for course development.
- 1995 Award for Distinguished Contributors to Undergraduate Education.
Rutgers University Faculty of Arts and Sciences (\$1500).
- 1997 – 1998 Rutgers University Dissertation Fellowship. (\$10,000)
- 1995 – 1996 Rutgers University Excellence Fellowship. (\$10,000)
- 1993; 1997 LSA Linguistic Institute Student Fellowship. (Ohio State; Cornell)

Conference presentations

- 2009 “Local blocking and minimal violation.”
Chicago Linguistic Society 45, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. (April)
- 2008 “Why and how not to counterbleed.” (with Bożena Pająk)
Workshop on Phonological Voicing Variation, Amsterdam and Leiden. (September)

Conference presentations (continued)

- 2008 “Contingent optionality.” (with Bożena Pająk)
81st Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Chicago, IL. (January)
- 2006 “Phonological opacity and counterfactual derivation.”
29th GLOW Colloquium (Workshop 2: Approaches to phonological opacity),
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain. (April)
- 2005 “Anteriority assimilation in English.” (with Cynthia Kilpatrick)
1st ICLCE, University of Edinburgh, Scotland, UK. (June)
- 2004 “Partial identity as cooperative interaction.”
WECOL 2004, USC, Los Angeles, CA. (November)
- 2004 “Laryngeal markedness and the typology of repair.” (with Colin Wilson)
78th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Boston, MA. (January)
- 2003 “Conspiracies and morphophonological (a)symmetry.”
1st Old World Conference in Phonology, Leiden. (January)
- 2002 “The consequences of microvariation in Eastern Nilotic.”
25th GLOW Colloquium, Amsterdam. (April)
- 2001 “On the logic of conditional grounding.”
Chicago Linguistic Society 37, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. (April)
- 2001 “Vowel harmony and cyclicity in Eastern Nilotic.”
Berkeley Linguistics Society 27, University of California, Berkeley, CA. (February)
- 2000 “On the motivation for nasal place neutralization in Spanish.”
Penn Linguistics Colloquium 24, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. (February)
- 2000 “Transparency, strict locality, and targeted constraints.” (with Colin Wilson)
WCCFL 19, University of California, Los Angeles, CA. (February)
- 1999 “Assimilation to the unmarked.”
Penn Linguistics Colloquium 23, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. (February)
- 1997 “Have FAITH in syntax.” (with Edward Keer)
Hopkins Optimality Theory Workshop / Maryland Mayfest, Baltimore, MD. (May)
WCCFL 16, University of Washington, Seattle, WA. (February/March)
- 1997 “Spanish resyllabification and the breath group.”
LSRL 27, University of California, Irvine, CA. (February)
- 1996 “Quantitative adjustments in Yupik.”
WCCFL 15, University of California, Irvine, CA. (February/March)
- 1995 “A markedness subhierarchy in syntax: optimality and inversion in Spanish.”
Is the Best Good Enough? Workshop on Optimality in Syntax, MIT, Cambridge, MA. (May)
- 1994 “Strong onsets and Spanish fortition.”
SCIL 6, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY. (May)
- 1994 “Geminate shortening in Fula.”
ACAL 25, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ. (March)
- 1992 “Maiduan noun phrase structure.”
Hokan-Penutian Languages Conference, Santa Barbara, CA. (June)

Invited talks

- 2009 “On becoming more similar but avoiding identity.”
University of California, Santa Cruz, CA. (October)
University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC. (October)
- 2008 “What it means to be ‘sufficiently similar’.”
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. (March)
Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD. (March)
New York University, New York, NY. (March)
- 2008 “All languages are odd.”
International Affairs Group lecture, International House, UC San Diego. (January)
- 2007 “Sound patterns in the mind.”
Muir Freshman Honors Seminar lecture, Muir College, UC San Diego. (November)

Invited talks (continued)

- 2006 “Cross-derivational feeding and opacity.”
Guest seminar lecture, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ. (November)
- 2006 “‘Elsewhere’, disjunctivity and blocking.”
Rutgers Optimality Research Group, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ. (November)
- 2006 “Looks can be deceiving: transparency revisited.”
Current Perspectives on Phonology Workshop, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN. (June)
- 2006 “Phonological opacity and counterfactual derivation.”
University of California, San Diego, CA. (March)
- 2004 “Partial identity as cooperative interaction.”
University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC. (September)
- 2003 “Cycles, levels, and morphological edge asymmetry”
“Where are We Going? Phonology at the Edge” Workshop, USC, Los Angeles. (November)
- 2003 “Take your pick: options and the lack thereof.” (with Edward Keer)
Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ. (May)
- 2003 “Counterfactual considerations (in phonology).”
8th Southwest Workshop in Optimality Theory, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ. (April)
- 2003 “Electronic presentation, publication, and archiving.”
Academic Journal Publishing Symposium, LSA Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA. (January)
- 2002 “Conspiracies and morphophonological (a)symmetry.”
University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC. (September)
- 2002 “Newspeak and linguistic relativism.”
Guest class lecture, Department of Political Science, UC San Diego. (September)
- 2002 “The consequences of microvariation in Eastern Nilotic.”
7th Southwest Workshop in Optimality Theory, University of Texas, Austin, TX. (March)
- 2001 “Problems in Turkana vowel harmony.”
University of California, Santa Barbara, CA. (November)
- 2001 “Arguments for a cyclic approach to vowel harmony.”
University of California, Irvine, CA. (March)
University of California, Los Angeles, CA. (March)
- 2000 “Vowel harmony is cyclic.”
University of California, Santa Cruz, CA. (December)
University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA. (November)
University of California, San Diego, CA. (February)
- 1999 “Transparency, strict locality, and targeted constraints.”
Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ. (November)
- 1999 “Dominance and residual stem control.”
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. (October)
University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA. (February)
- 1999 “Vowel harmony and metaphony in Pasiego Spanish.”
The Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA. (January)
- 1998 “Dominance and markedness in Maasai.”
State University of New York, Stony Brook, NY. (November)
- 1998 “Inventories, grounding conditions, and featural identity.”
Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD. (April)
- 1997 – 1998 “Vowel harmony and structure preservation.”
Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. (February)
Universität Tübingen, Tübingen, Germany. (November)
- 1997 “Faithfulness and optionality.”
Universität Stuttgart, Stuttgart, Germany. (October)
- 1996 “Quantitative adjustments in Yupik.”
University of Maryland, College Park, MD. (May)
- 1996 “Complementizers and optionality.”
Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD. (May)

Invited talks (continued)

- 1995 “Optimality and inversion in Spanish.”
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. (October)
Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD. (September)

Professional service

- 2009 Screening of “The Linguists” followed by discussion with K. David Harrison
Planning, organization, and fundraising (\$1450) for an open-to-the-public documentary screening, University of California, San Diego, CA. (<http://ling.ucsd.edu/events/thelinguists/>)
- 2007 Native American Language Documentation and Development Workshop
Planning, organization, and fundraising (\$500) for the Fall 2007 California Native American Day Celebration, University of California, San Diego, CA.
- since 2004 Moderation of and regular contribution to *phonoblog*
A public weblog for discussions of interest to phonologists, <http://www.phonoblog.org/>.
- since 2004 Regular contribution to *Language Log*
A weblog for discussions about language and linguistics, written by linguists for the general public, <http://www.languageblog.org/>.
- 2004 External examiner in Phonology
Linguistics MPhil Essays, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK.
- 2003 23rd West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics
Planning and organization, University of California, San Diego, CA.
- since 2000 Moderation of the *Optimal List*
A mailing list for scholars interested in Optimality Theory, optimal@camba.ucsd.edu.
- since 1998 Ad hoc abstract reviewer
Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS), *Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW) Workshop*, *Western Conference on Linguistics (WECOL)*, *West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL)*, *North Eastern Linguistics Society (NELS)*, *Penn Linguistics Colloquium (PLC)*.
- 1997 Rutgers University / University of Maryland Phonology Workshop
Planning and organization, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.
- since 1996 Administration of the *Rutgers Optimality Archive*
A distribution point for work in, on, and about Optimality Theory, <http://roa.rutgers.edu/>.
- since 1995 Ad hoc article/book reviewer
Studies in Hispanic and Lusophone Linguistics, *Blackwell Publishers*, *Equinox Publishing (Advances in Optimality Theory series)*, *Cambridge University Press*, *Oxford University Press*, *The Linguistic Review*, *Phonology*, *Linguistic Inquiry*, *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*, *Southwest Journal of Linguistics*.
- 1993 – 1994 25th Annual Conference on African Linguistics
Organizational assistance and editing of proceedings, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.
- 1990 – 1991 1991 LSA Linguistic Institute
Organizational assistance, University of California, Santa Cruz, CA.
- 1990 A Festschrift for William F. Shipley
Manuscript editing, University of California, Santa Cruz, CA.

UCSD graduate courses

- LIGN 211A *Introductory Phonology* (F00, W07, W08)
LIGN 211B *Nonlinear Phonology* (W01, W03, W04, S05, W06, S07, W09, S10)
LIGN 213 *Issues in Phonology: The Cycle in Phonological Theory* (S02)
Issues in Phonology: Spanish Phonology (W04)
LIGN 215 *Topics in Phonology: Assimilation* (F05)
Topics in Phonology: Variation (S10)
LIGN 240 *Field Methods: Chuukese* (W02)
LIGN 270 *Topics in Psycholinguistics: Optionality in Language* (S03, with Vic Ferreira)

UCSD undergraduate courses

- LIGN 8 *Languages and Cultures of America* (S07, S08, S09)
- LIGN 87 *Freshman Seminar: The Linguistics of Invented Languages* (S03)
Freshman Seminar: The Threat of Texting and Other Language Myths (W09)
- LIGN 101 *Introduction to the Study of Language* (F02, F03)
- LIGN 110 *Phonetics* (F00, F03, F05)
- LIGN 111 *Phonology I* (W01, W05, W06, W07, W10)
- LIGN 143 *The Structure of Spanish* (F01, F02, F07)
- LIGN 175 *Sociolinguistics* (F07)
- INTL 101 *Culture and Society in International Perspective:
Languages in Competition* (F08, with Sharon Rose)