

Curriculum Vitae

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Contact Information

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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 and Fellowships

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

- (to appear) “The Optionality of EPP in Dholuo.” *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 31:1 (print publication expected 2013; on-line availability in late 2011)
- (2011) “A New Argument for Lexical Decomposition: Transparent Readings of Verbs.” *Linguistic Inquiry* 42:1
- (2010) “Against the Existence of Pied-Piping: Evidence from Tlingit.” *Linguistic Inquiry* 41: 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.

Papers Contributed to Edited Volumes

- (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) “Insurbordination in Tlingit: An Areal Effect?” In *Proceedings of the 2010 Dene (Athabaskan) Languages Conference*. ANLC Publications. Fairbanks, AK.
- (to appear) “Commentary on Déchaine & Wiltschko (2010)” In *Proceedings of the 40th Meeting of the Northeast Linguistics Society*. Graduate Linguistic Student Association. Amherst.
- (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 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

- (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 *Semantics of Underrepresented Languages of the Americas (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

- (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

Reviewing for Journals and Conferences

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

- *Semantics and Pragmatics* 2010 -

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

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

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

- *Semantics and Linguistic Theory* 2011
- *Sinn und Bedeutung* 2009, 2010, 2011
- *North East Linguistic Society* 2009
- *West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics* 2008, 2011

Conference Organization

I have worked to organize the following conferences:

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

Advising

I have been a member of the following dissertation committees:

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

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

- Seda Kan (in progress)
- Andrew Weir (in progress)
- Anisa Schardl 2011
- Suzi Lima 2011, in progress
- 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

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