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Professional areas

Specialization: Syntax

Subspecialties: Ellipsis (sluicing, VP-ellipsis, antecedent-contained deletion, the varieties of comparative deletion/ellipsis, fragments), A'-movement, islands, resumptives, case, semantics, the syntax-semantics interface, syntactic typology, Germanic languages, Greek

Current position

Professor, Department of Linguistics and the College, University of Chicago (7/2010--)

Previous positions

Associate Professor, Department of Linguistics and the College, University of Chicago (7/2005-6/2010)

Assistant Professor, Department of Linguistics and the College, University of Chicago (1/2001-6/2005)

Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Linguistics, Northwestern University (1999-2000; 2000-2001 declined)

NWO (Nederlandse Organisatie voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek; Dutch Organization for Scientific Research) Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Dutch, Frisian, and Low Saxon, University of Groningen (2000-2001; 2001-2003 declined)

Education

- 1999 Ph.D. in Linguistics, University of California, Santa Cruz. June 1999.
Thesis: *The syntax of silence: Sluicing, islands, and identity in ellipsis*.
Committee: James McCloskey (co-chair), William Ladusaw (co-chair), Sandra Chung
- 1997-98 Universiteit Utrecht, Utrecht, The Netherlands. Fulbright scholar.
- 1997 Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute, Cornell University.
- 1996 M.A. in Linguistics, University of California, Santa Cruz.
- 1991-92 Karl-Eberhards-Universität, Tübingen, Germany. Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) scholar.
- 1991 B.A. *summa cum laude*, Yale University. Linguistics with Honors. Phi Beta Kappa.
Senior thesis: *The impersonal passive in Dutch and German*.
Advisor: Laurence Horn

Publications

BOOKS

1. *Sluicing: Cross-linguistic explorations*. 2012. Edited volume. With Andrew Simpson. Oxford University Press: Oxford.

2. *The syntax of silence: Sluicing, islands, and the theory of ellipsis*. 2001. Oxford University Press: Oxford. (Chapter 1, pp. 10-38, is reprinted in *Syntax: Critical concepts in linguistics (Vol. 3: Transformations (2))*, pp. 372-411), Howard Lasnik and Robert Freidin (eds.), Routledge, London, 2006.) [Reviewed by Jeffrey Runner, *The LinguistList* 13.1210 (13 June 2005), Howard Lasnik, *Language* 81.1: 259-265 (March 2005).]

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

1. Phrasal and clausal comparatives in Greek and the abstractness of syntax. 2009. *Journal of Greek Linguistics* 9:49-79.
2. An asymmetry in voice mismatches in VP-ellipsis and pseudogapping. 2008. *Linguistic Inquiry* 39.1: 169-179.
3. Why no(t)? 2006. *Style* 40.1-2:20-23.
4. Fragments and ellipsis. 2004. *Linguistics and Philosophy* 27.6:661-738.
5. Islands and LF-movement in Greek sluicing. 2001. *Journal of Greek Linguistics* 1.1:41-64.
6. Antecedent-contained deletion in negative polarity items. 2000. *Syntax* 3.2:144-150.
7. Economy, the copy theory, and antecedent-contained deletion. 2000. *Linguistic Inquiry* 31.3:566-575.
8. Attributive comparative deletion. 2000. With Christopher Kennedy. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 18.1:89-146.
9. Reverse sluicing in English and Greek. 1998. With Anastasia Giannakidou. *The Linguistic Review* 15.2-3:233-256.
10. Alignment and fricative assimilation in German. 1996. *Linguistic Inquiry* 27.4:709-719.

OTHER ARTICLES

1. Ellipsis phenomena. To appear. With Jeroen van Craenenbroeck. In Marcel den Dikken (ed.), *The Cambridge Handbook of Generative Syntax*. Cambridge University Press: Cambridge.
2. Diagnosing ellipsis. To appear. In *Diagnosing syntax*, Lisa L.-S. Cheng and Norbert Corver (eds.). Oxford University Press: Oxford.
3. Polarity items under ellipsis. To appear. In *Diagnosing syntax*, Lisa L.-S. Cheng and Norbert Corver (eds.). Oxford University Press, Oxford. Revised 2011.
4. Ellipsis. To appear. *Handbook of Contemporary Syntax*, 2nd edition, Artemis Alexiadou, Tibor Kiss, and Miriam Butt, eds. Walter de Gruyter: Berlin. Revised 2011.
5. Aleut case matters. 2011. In Etsuyo Yuasa, Tista Bagchi, and Katharine Beals (eds.), *Pragmatics and Autolexical Grammar: In honor of Jerry Sadock*, 193-210. John Benjamins: Amsterdam.
6. Three kinds of ellipsis. 2010. In François Recanati, Isidora Stojanovic, Neftalí Villanueva (eds.), *Context-Dependence, Perspective, and Relativity*, 141-192. Walter de Gruyter: Berlin.
7. Variable island repair under ellipsis. 2008. In Kyle Johnson (ed.), *Topics in ellipsis*, 132-153. Cambridge University Press: Cambridge.
8. Polyvalent case, geometric hierarchies, and split ergativity. 2006. In Jackie Bunting, Sapna Desai, Robert Peachey, Chris Straughn, and Zuzana Tomkova (eds.), *Proceedings of the 42nd annual meeting of the Chicago Linguistics Society, Vol. 2: The parasessions*, 47-67. Chicago, Ill.
9. ‘Small structures’: A sententialist perspective. 2006. In Ljiljana Progovac, Kate Paesani, Eugenia Casielles, and Ellen Barton (eds.), *The Syntax of Nonsententials: Multidisciplinary Perspectives*, 73-91. John Benjamins: Amsterdam and Philadelphia.
10. Sluicing. 2006. In Martin Everaert and Henk van Riemsdijk (eds.), *The Blackwell Companion to Syntax*, 269-289. Blackwell: London. [Also published in Blackwell Reference Online.]

11. Ellipsis and ‘nonsentential speech’. 2005. In Marina Mattheoudakis and Angeliki Psaltou-Joycey (eds.), *Selected papers on theoretical and applied linguistics*, 175-189. Aristotle University of Thessaloniki: Thessaloniki.
12. Resumptivity and non-movement. 2004. *Studies in Greek Linguistics* 24, 471-481. Aristotle University of Thessaloniki: Thessaloniki.
13. Subject-Auxiliary Inversion in comparatives and PF output constraints. 2003. In Kerstin Schwabe and Susanne Winkler (eds.), *The interfaces: Deriving and interpreting omitted structures*, 55-77. John Benjamins: Amsterdam.
14. Preliminary fragmentary thoughts. 2003. In Ayumi Ueyama (ed.), *Theoretical and empirical studies of ellipsis*, 110-148. Report of the Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, Kyushu University: Fukuoka.
15. Swiping in Germanic. 2002. In C. Jan-Wouter Zwart and Werner Abraham (eds.), *Studies in Comparative Germanic Syntax*, 289-315. John Benjamins: Amsterdam.
16. PF output constraints and elliptical repair in SAI comparatives. 2002. In Line Mikkelsen and Christopher Potts (eds.), *Proceedings of the 21st West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, 292-305. Cascadia Press: Somerville, Mass.
17. The case of the ‘missing CP’ and the secret Case. 2000. With Chris Kennedy. In Chung, Sandra, James McCloskey, and Nathan Sanders (editors), *The Jorge Hankamer WebFest*, University of California, Santa Cruz; http://ling.ucsc.edu/Jorge/kennedy_merchant.html.
18. On the extent of trace deletion in antecedent-contained deletion. 1999. In Elly van Gelderen and Vida Samiian (eds.), *Proceedings of the Twenty-seventh Western Conference on Linguistics (WECOL 98)*, 327-335. California State University: Fresno, Ca.
19. E-type A'-traces under sluicing. 1999. In Kimary Shahin, Susan Blake, and Eun-Sook Kim (eds.), *Proceedings of the Seventeenth West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, 478-492. CSLI Publications: Stanford, Ca.
20. Why Giannis can't scrub his plate clean: On the absence of resultative secondary predication in Greek. 1999. With Anastasia Giannakidou. In Amalia Mozer (ed.) *Greek Linguistics '97: Proceedings of the 3rd International Conference on Greek Linguistics*, 93-103. Ekdotis Ellinika Grammata: Athens.
21. Attributive comparatives and the syntax of ellipsis. 1999. With Chris Kennedy. In Francis Corblin, Carmen Dobrovie-Sorin, and Jean-Marie Marandin (eds.) *Empirical issues in formal syntax and semantics 2 (Selected papers from the Colloque de syntaxe et sémantique à Paris)*, 233-253. Thesus: The Hague.
22. ‘Pseudosluicing’: Elliptical clefts in Japanese and English. 1998. In Artemis Alexiadou, Nanna Fuhrhop, Paul Law, and Ursula Kleinhenz (eds.), *ZAS Papers in Linguistics* 10, 88-112. Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, Berlin.
23. An asymmetry in asymmetric donkey anaphora. 1998. With Anastasia Giannakidou. *Studies in Greek Linguistics* 18, 141-154. Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.
24. Attributive comparatives and bound ellipsis. 1997. With Chris Kennedy. Linguistics Research Center Report LRC-97-3. University of California, Santa Cruz.
25. Sympathetic devoicing and continuancy in Catalan. 1997. In Rachel Walker, Motoko Katayama, and Dan Karvonen (eds.), *Phonology at Santa Cruz*, Vol. 5, 57-62. University of California, Santa Cruz.
26. On the interpretation of null indefinite objects in Greek. 1997. With Anastasia Giannakidou. *Studies in Greek Linguistics* 17, 290-303. Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.
27. Object scrambling and quantifier float in German. 1996. In Kiyomi Kusumoto (ed.), *Proceedings of North East Linguistic Society* 26, 179-193, Graduate Linguistic Student Association, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

28. An Alignment solution to bracketing paradoxes. 1995. In Haruo Kubozono, Ove Lorentz, and Rachel Walker (eds.), *Phonology at Santa Cruz*, Vol. 4, 57-68. University of California, Santa Cruz.
29. German fricative assimilation, ambisyllabicity, and noncrisp alignment. 1994. In Jason Merchant, Jaye Padgett, and Rachel Walker (eds.), *Phonology at Santa Cruz*, Vol. 3, 65-77. University of California, Santa Cruz.

REVIEWS

1. Book notice of David Holton, Peter Mackridge, and Irene Philippaki-Warbuton (1997), *Greek: A comprehensive grammar of the modern language*, Routledge and Bruce Donaldson (1997), *Dutch: A comprehensive grammar*, Routledge. 2001. *Language* 77: 194-195.
2. Book notice of Peter Ludlow (ed.) (1997), *Readings in the philosophy of language*, MIT Press. 1999. *Language* 75: 862-863.

WORKING PAPERS VOLUME

1. *Phonology at Santa Cruz*, Vol. 3. 1994. (Edited volume) With Jaye Padgett, Rachel Walker. Linguistics Research Center: University of California, Santa Cruz.

WORK UNDER REVISION

1. Not all genders are created equal: Evidence from nominal ellipsis in Greek. 2011. Article for special issue of *Lingua*, ed. by Mark Baltin.
2. Voice and ellipsis. Submitted to *Linguistic Inquiry*, accepted pending revisions.
3. WCO, ACD, and the positions of subjects. Submitted to *Lingua*, accepted pending revisions.

WORK UNDER SUBMISSION

1. Fragment answers to questions: A case of inaudible syntax. Ms., 2009. Lyn Frazier, Jason Merchant, Thomas Weskott, and Charles Clifton, Jr. Submitted to Laurence Goldstein, ed., *Brevity*, Oxford University Press: Oxford.

WORK IN PROGRESS, UNPUBLISHED MANUSCRIPTS, AND SOLICITED CHAPTERS

1. Genitives of comparison in Greek. 2011. For K. Chatzopoulou, A. Ioannidou, and S. Yoon (eds.), *Proceedings of the 9th International Conference on Greek Linguistics* (2009).
2. Spurious coordination in Vlach multiple wh-questions. 2009. In progress.
3. A grammatical sketch of Mt. Olympus Vlach (Aromanian). 2009. In progress.
4. Two ways of measuring time: Can Keats have done anything before Shakespeare? 2008.
5. Invited review for *Language* of Jeroen van Craenenbroeck, *Ellipsis in Dutch dialects*, Oxford University Press (2010).
6. Book notice of John Marangozis, *An introduction to Vlach grammar*, Lincom: Munich (2010), for *Language*.
7. Invited review for *Language* of Melita Stavrou and Arhonto Terzi (eds.), *Advances in Greek generative syntax*, John Benjamins: Amsterdam/Philadelphia (2006).

Presentations

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES

1. TBA. Invited talk. Workshop on ellipsis. Universidade de Vigo, Spain. 9-11 November 2012.
2. TBA. Invited colloquium talk. Stony Brook University. 14 September 2012.
3. TBA. Invited week-long course. Linguistics Summer School. Research Institute for Linguistics, Hungarian Academy of Sciences. Budapest, Hungary. 27-31 August 2012.
4. Meaning without form: Abstractness and the linguistics of ellipsis. Invited colloquium talk, Department of Cognitive Sciences, University of California, Irvine. 11 April 2012.
5. More comparatives than you can shake a stick at: The case of Greek. Invited colloquium talk. McGill University, Montreal. March 2012.
6. Voice and implicit arguments: The view from ellipsis. Invited talk. Leverhulme workshop on brevity, organized in conjunction with the meeting of American Philosophical Association. Chicago, Ill. 19 February 2012.
7. Where's gender? Evidence from Greek. Invited talk. Workshop on quirky ellipsis, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen. 15 November 2011.
8. (In)delibility of features under agreement with nominal predicates. Invited colloquium talk. Rutgers University. 4 November 2011.
9. Isotopes of gender in Greek. Cornell University. 15 September 2011.
10. Derivational and nonderivational approaches to Greek NPE. Invited talk. Ellipsis workshop, Université de Paris 7. 22 June 2011.
11. Not all genders are created equal: Evidence from Greek nominal ellipsis. Invited talk at Ellipsis workshop, Stanford University. 29-30 April 2011.
12. Gender disagreements (in Greek NPE). Invited colloquium talk. MIT. 11 March 2011.
13. Meaning without form: The linguistics of ellipsis. With Karlos Arregi. Presentation at Humanities Day, University of Chicago, 23 October 2010.
14. Vocal and argumentative oppositions. Invited lecture. Workshop: Morphological Voice and its Grammatical Interfaces: Theoretical Modelling and Psycholinguistic Validation. University of Vienna. 25-27 June 2010.
15. LF, PF, and representationalist Minimalism. Minicourse (four lectures) at Syntaxfest 2010, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, 15-18 June 2010.
16. Linguistic interfaces and the architecture of grammar. Minicourse on syntax (5 lectures, four hours each). University of the Basque Country, Vitoria/Gasteiz, Spain. 17-21 May 2010.
17. Comparing comparatives: An argument against surfacism. Invited colloquium talk. Harvard University. 7 May 2010.
18. Against surfacism: Evidence from Greek. Invited colloquium talk. Yale University. 22 February 2010.
19. Vocal debates. Guest lecture. Yale University. 22 February 2010.
20. Elliptical repair and nonrepair in Greek comparatives. Invited colloquium talk. University of California, Los Angeles. 5 February 2010.
21. Ways to account for things not said. Invited colloquium talk. University College London. 11 November 2009.
22. What price ellipsis? Invited keynote talk. Brussels Conference on Generative Linguistics 4: Ellipsis. Center for Research in Syntax, Semantic and Phonology, Hogeschool-Universiteit Brussels, Belgium. 9-10 November 2009.
23. Context and types of ambiguity. Invited talk. Interdisciplinary symposium: Dimensions of ambiguity. Eberhard-Karls-University, Tübingen, Germany. 5-7 November 2009.
24. Inaudible syntax. With Lyn Frazier. Invited talk. Context and communication network; Leverhulme Foundation workshop series. San Francisco, 15 September 2009.

25. Abstractness in syntax (with special reference to ellipsis). LOT (Landelijke Onderzoeksschool Taalwetenschap, National research school in linguistics; 5 day mini-course), Leiden. June 2009.
26. Sprache bzw. Dialekt: Neuere aus der Dialektforschung im germanischen Gebiet (mit evtl. Anwendung auf die Balkansprachen). [Language or dialect: Recent approaches in dialectology in Germanic (with potential application to the Balkan languages).] Invited talk. Department of German, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. Thessaloniki, Greece. 3 June 2009.
27. Why move? On the inadequacy of n-gram models. Invited presentation. Department of English, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. Thessaloniki, Greece. May 22, 2009.
28. Περί μετακινήσεως των στοιχείων μη-A. [On movement of A'-elements.] Invited presentation. Department of Greek, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. Thessaloniki, Greece. May 19, 2009.
29. There's less to words than meets the eye. Invited colloquium. University of Illinois at Chicago. 20 February 2009.
30. Diagnosing syntax. Invited talk. Workshop: Diagnosing Syntax: Perspectives, procedures, and tools. Leiden University and Utrecht University. 29-31 January 2009.
31. Silencing voice. Invited talk. Princeton University. 8 December 2008.
32. Multiple wh-fronting and spurious coordination. Invited talk. Graduate Alumni Conference. University of California, Santa Cruz. 12-13 September 2008.
33. On distinguishing among the missing: Intuitions and evidence from syntax, semantics, and pragmatics. Invited talk. Context and communication network; Leverhulme Foundation workshop series. Canterbury, England, 19-21 September 2008.
34. Implicit arguments. Invited talk. 10th Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar (SICOGG 10). Seoul, Korea. 31 July-2 August 2008.
35. Why ellipsis is a problem for surface lexicalism. Invited talk. Workshop on elliptical constructions. Université Jussieu, Paris, 20 June 2008.
36. PF and LF locality: Evidence from Greek comparatives. Invited talk. Maryland Mayfest: Islands and wh-movement. University of Maryland, College Park. 9-11 May 2008.
37. Aleut case matters. Pragmatics, Grammatical Interfaces, and Jerry Sadock Conference. University of Chicago, 2-3 May 2008.
38. Explorations of the dark side of ellipsis. Invited talk. University of Massachusetts, Amherst. April 4, 2008.
39. Consequences of voice mismatch asymmetries in ellipsis: Bad news for strict lexicalism. Invited talk. Syntax Circle, Leiden University (Meertens Institute, Universities of Amsterdam, Utrecht and Leiden). March 28, 2008.
40. Syntax is simple, but also abstract. Invited talk, Northeastern Illinois University. 5 March 2008.
41. Three kinds of ellipsis: syntactic, semantic, pragmatic? Invited talk, Semantics workshop. Rutgers University. 5-6 October 2007.
42. Voice and ellipsis. Invited departmental talk, New York University. 4 October 2007.
43. The syntax of voice and implicit indefinite arguments. Invited talk, 'Funny indefinites: Workshop on different kinds of specificity across languages'. Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft (Center for General Linguistics), Berlin. 7 July 2007.
44. Metalinguistic comparison in Greek. With Anastasia Giannakidou. Invited talk, Universität Potsdam. 6 July 2007.
45. On varieties of abstractness in syntax. Invited talk, Universität Tübingen. 4 July 2007.
46. What's in a name? On the syntax of names, NPs, and pronouns. Keynote lecture, Linguistics at Santa Cruz, March 3, 2007.
47. Lectures on sluicing and ellipsis (8 hours). EALing (École d'Automne Linguistique) 4, Department of Cognitive Studies, École Normale Supérieure. Paris, 18-22 September 2006.
48. On the identity conditions in ellipsis: Evidence from voice mismatches and islands in VPE, sluicing, and comparatives. Ellipsis workshop, University of Stuttgart, Germany. 24 July 2006.

49. Voice heads, multiple case, and the abstractness of syntax. Invited speaker. 41st meeting of the Chicago Linguistics Society, Parasession on case and voice. Chicago, Ill. April 2006.
50. LF redux? Invited colloquium talk, University of Michigan. November 2005.
51. The genetic and neural bases of language. Humanities Open House, University of Chicago. October 2005.
52. Revisiting syntactic identity conditions. Invited speaker. Workshop on ellipsis. University of California, Berkeley. October 2005.
53. Lectures on ellipsis and grammatical theory (16 hours). Invited keynote speaker, 7th Seoul International Conference On Generative Grammar (SICOGG 7). Seoul, Korea. August 2005.
54. On the role of unpronounced syntactic structures. Invited talk, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. March 2005.
55. On the role of unpronounced syntactic structures. Invited talk, Stanford University. March 2005.
56. Do we need unpronounced syntactic structures? Invited colloquium talk, Harvard University. December 2004.
57. Do we need unpronounced syntactic structures? Invited colloquium talk, University of California at Los Angeles. November 2004.
58. Towards a taxonomy of elliptical repair. Workshop on morphosyntax, Buenos Aires, Argentina. July 2004. (Invited presentation.)
59. How to say nothing. Invited colloquium talk, Michigan State University. April 2004.
60. Fragments and ellipsis. Invited colloquium talk, Indiana University. December 2003.
61. Fragments and ellipsis. 'Small structures: Sentential and nonsentential analyses' workshop, Wayne State University. September 2003. (Invited presentation.)
62. Fragmentarische Ausdrücke: Ellipse oder Anlass zu einer neuen Theorie der Syntax-Semantik-Schnittstelle? Workshop on ellipsis and focus, Tübingen University, Germany. July 2003. (Invited presentation.)
63. Fragments and ellipsis. Invited colloquium talk, University of Patras, Greece. May 2003.
64. Linguistic and philosophical implications of fragments. Ellipsis workshop. University of California, Santa Cruz. January 2003. (Invited presentation.)
65. Fragmentary thoughts. Kaken workshop on ellipsis. Kyushu University, Fukuoka, Japan. December 2002. (Invited presentation.)
66. Fragments and the syntax-semantics interface. Invited colloquium talk, University of Maryland, College Park. September 2002.
67. Modularity in the Minimalist Program. With Anastasia Giannakidou. Maryland Mayfest, University of Maryland at College Park. May 2002. (Invited presentation.)
68. Grammar *sous rature*. Invited colloquium talk, University of Massachusetts, Amherst. April 2002.
69. Illuminating the black hole of PF. Invited colloquium talk, University of Southern California. April 2002.
70. Repair by deletion: Some puzzles from ellipsis. Invited colloquium talk, University of Connecticut. March 2002.
71. On selected repair effects. Kaken workshop on ellipsis, University of Kyoto. December 2001. (Invited presentation.)
72. Chomsky's theory of language. Humanities Open House, University of Chicago. October 2001.
73. The syntax of silence, or Why silence is even more golden than we thought. Franke Institute New Faculty Series, University of Chicago. May 2001.
74. The saving graces of ellipsis. Invited colloquium talk, Massachusetts Institute of Technology. May 2001.
75. Delete and ye shall be saved! Kaken workshop on ellipsis, University of Kyoto. December 2000. (Invited presentation.)

76. Much ado about nothing, or, the story of E. Kaken workshop on ellipsis, University of Kyoto. December 2000. (Invited presentation.)
77. Guess what about? The syntax of ellipsis and islandhood (or, How to delete your way out of an island). Invited talk, Northwestern University. May 2000.
78. Showdown on the semantics-phonology frontier: On saying nothing. Invited talk, University of Chicago. February 2000.
79. PF islands? Evidence from left-branch extractions and ellipsis. Invited colloquium talk, University of Leiden. February 2000.
80. e-GIVENness and the semantic constraints on identity in ellipsis. Invited talk, University of Groningen. June 2000.
81. On the saving graces of ellipsis. Invited colloquium talk, University of Groningen. January 2000.
82. e-GIVENness vs. LF-identity in ellipsis. Workshop on ellipsis, Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, Berlin. November 1999. (Invited presentation.)
83. Ellipsis and the nature of islands. Invited colloquium talk, University of Chicago. October 1999.
84. Deletion, sluicing, and the nature of islands. Invited colloquium talk, University of California, San Diego. May 1999.
85. Sluicing out of islands? Syntactic and semantic explorations. Invited talk, University of California, Los Angeles. March 1999.
86. Sluicing and the nature of islands or, the syntax of silence. Invited talk, University of Texas at Austin. March 1999.
87. Attributive comparatives, left branch extraction, and PF-deletion. With Chris Kennedy. Workshop on comparatives. Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, Berlin. November 1998. (Invited presentation.)
88. Islands, sluicing, and form-identity. Workshop on Coordination in Ellipsis. Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, Berlin. October 1998. (Invited presentation.)
89. Deviant 'identity' in ellipsis: Vehicle change and the copy theory. Invited colloquium talk, Universität Tübingen. June 1998.
90. Unbound variables under ellipsis and the syntax of sluicing. Invited colloquium talk, UiL/OTS, University of Utrecht. March 1998.
91. Unbound variables under ellipsis and the syntax of sluicing. Invited colloquium talk, University of Leiden. February 1998.
92. 'Pseudosluicing': Elliptical clefts. Workshop on Syntax and Semantics of (Pseudo)Clefts. Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, Berlin. December 1997. (Invited presentation.)
93. Pronominal variables under ellipsis. Invited colloquium talk, Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, Berlin. November 1997.
94. The structure of sluices and the interpretation of wh-traces. Interfaces workshop, University of Thessaloniki. September 1997. (Invited presentation.)
95. Deviance from identity under ellipsis: The case of (multiple) sluicing. Invited colloquium talk, University of Groningen. October 1996.
96. Cyclic stress domains and MCat-PCat alignment. Phonology Workshop, University of California, Santa Cruz. April 1995.
97. Noncrisp alignment: German [ç] and [x]. Trilateral Phonology Weekend (TREND), Stanford University. November 1994.

CONFERENCE, WORKSHOP, AND MEETING PRESENTATIONS (NONINVITED)

1. Deep properties of surface pronouns: Pronominal predicate anaphors in Germanic. Kristine Bentzen, Jason Merchant, and Peter Svenonius. Comparative Germanic Syntax Workshop 27. Yale University. 31 May 2012.

2. A new standard of comparison. Peter Alrenga, Chris Kennedy, Jason Merchant. West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics 30. University of California, Santa Cruz. 14 April 2012.
3. Accounting for voice mismatch in ellipsis. Steve SanPietro, Ming Xiang, and Jason Merchant. Poster presented at the 30th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics. University of California, Santa Cruz. 14 April 2012.
4. Standard of comparison/scope of comparison. Peter Alrenga, Chris Kennedy, Jason Merchant. 86th annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Portland, Ore. 6 January 2012.
5. Silent structures in ellipsis: Priming and anti-priming effects. Ming Xiang, Jason Merchant, and Julian Grove. Poster presented at the 86th annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Portland, Ore. 6 January 2012.
6. Gender and number in Greek nominal ellipses. 10th International Conference on Greek Linguistics, Democritus University of Thrace. 3 September 2011.
7. Some genders are more equal than others. 87th annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Pittsburgh, Penn. 7 January 2011.
8. Ενας ψηλότερός της άντρας: Implications of clitic standards of comparison in Greek. 9th International Conference on Greek Linguistics, University of Chicago. October 30, 2009.
9. Case, agreement, and null arguments in Aleut. With Jerrold Sadock. 85th annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, San Francisco, Calif. January 2009.
10. Nonsententials and moderate contextualism. Workshop on Context-dependence, perspective and relativity in language and thought, École Normale Supérieure, Paris. November 9-11, 2007.
11. Spurious coordination in Vlach multiple *wh*-fronting. Mid-America Linguistics Conference. University of Kansas, Lawrence. October 26-28, 2007.
12. Greek comparatives: Implications for the architecture of grammar. 8th International Conference on Greek Linguistics, University of Ioannina, Greece. August 29, 2007.
13. VP-ellipsis is VP ellipsis; pseudogapping is vP ellipsis. 83rd annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Anaheim, Calif. January 2007.
14. Variable island sensitivity in Greek phrasal and clausal comparatives. With Anastasia Giannakidou. 82nd annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Albuquerque, New Mexico. January 2006.
15. A deletion solution to the ‘sloppy ellipsis’ puzzle. 80th annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Boston, Mass. January 2004.
16. Resumptivity and non-movement. 24th Annual Meeting on Greek Linguistics, University of Thessaloniki, Greece. May 2003.
17. Ellipsis and ‘nonsentential speech’. 16th international symposium of theoretical and applied linguistics. Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece. April 2003.
18. Eliminating modules in Minimalism. With Anastasia Giannakidou. Theoretical and experimental approaches to normal and impaired language. European Science Foundation, Corinth, Greece. June 2002.
19. PF output constraints and elliptical repair in SAI comparatives. 21st West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL). University of California, Santa Cruz. April 2002.
20. Sluicing and swiping in Germanic. 15th Comparative Germanic Syntax Workshop (CGSW). University of Groningen. May 2000.
21. The EPP as a PF-condition: Evidence from extraction out of subjects in sluicing. Taalkunde in Nederland (TIN)-Dag, Annual meeting of the Algemene Vereniging voor Taalwetenschap. University of Utrecht. February 2000.
22. Resumptive operators, case, and sluicing. 75th annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America; Los Angeles, California. January 1999.
23. Case and identity in comparatives. With Chris Kennedy. 75th annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America; Los Angeles, California. January 1999.

24. On the extent of trace deletion in ACD. Presented at TABU-Dag, University of Groningen. June 1998.
25. E-type A'-traces under sluicing. 17th annual West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL). University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada. February 1998.
26. Antecedent-contained deletion in negative polarity items. Taalkunde in Nederland (TIN)-Dag, Annual meeting of the Algemene Vereniging voor Taalwetenschap. University of Utrecht. January 1998.
27. Aspectual effects on donkey anaphora. With Anastasia Giannakidou. Sinn und Bedeutung (2nd annual meeting of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Semantik). Humboldt University and Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, Berlin. December 1997.
28. Attributive comparatives and bound ellipsis. With Chris Kennedy. Colloque de syntaxe et sémantique à Paris (CSSP 2), University of Paris-7. October 1997.
29. Why Giannis can't scrub his plate clean: On the absence of resultative secondary predication in Greek. With Anastasia Giannakidou. 3rd International Conference on Greek Linguistics, Athens, Greece. September 1997.
30. An asymmetry in asymmetric donkey anaphora. With Anastasia Giannakidou. [Presented by A. Giannakidou] TABU-Dag, University of Groningen, the Netherlands. June 1997.
31. Anaphoric destressing and scrambling in Dutch and English. Poster, Hopkins Optimality Theory workshop/Maryland Mayfest. Johns Hopkins University and University of Maryland. May 1997.
32. An asymmetry in asymmetric donkey anaphora. With Anastasia Giannakidou. 18th Annual Meeting on Greek Linguistics, University of Thessaloniki, Greece. April 1997.
33. Pronominal wh-traces under sluicing. 73rd annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Chicago, Illinois. January 1997.
34. Reverse sluicing in English and Greek. With Anastasia Giannakidou. 19th annual meeting of the Generative Linguists of the Old World (GLOW), University of Athens, Greece. April 1996.
35. On the interpretation of null indefinite objects in Greek. With Anastasia Giannakidou. 17th Annual Meeting on Greek Linguistics, University of Thessaloniki, Greece. April 1996.
36. Scrambling and quantifier float in German. 26th annual meeting of the Northeastern Linguistic Society (NELS), Harvard University and MIT. October 1995.

ORGANIZED SESSION

1. *Ellipsis*. With Christopher Kennedy. Invited speakers: Howard Lasnik, Peter Culicover, Sandra Chung, James McCloskey, William Ladusaw, Ivan Sag. 80th annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Albuquerque, New Mexico. January 2006.

Teaching

COURSES

Linguistics Department, University of Chicago

2011-2012

Language and the human
Syntax seminar: Agreement
Syntactic analysis 2

2010-2011

Syntactic analysis 1
Language and the human
Syntax seminar: Comparatives

- Introduction to linguistics*
- 2009-2010
Language and the human (Humanities 17000)
Syntactic analysis 2 (Ling 30202)
Graduate research seminar (Ling 47900)
Syntax seminar: Topics in comparative Romance (Ling 46000)
- 2008-2009 [on research leave; Onassis Fellow]
- 2007-2008
Syntax 1 (Ling 20400/30400)
Language and the human (Humanities 17000) (Core course; Core coordinator)
Syntax 2 (Ling 20500/30500)
Graduate syntax seminar: Abstractness in syntax (Ling 46000)
- 2006-2007
Syntax 2 (Ling 20500/30500)
Syntax/semantics seminar: Greek (Ling 42200)
Language myths and realities (Ling 23910)
Informal course on ellipsis (Ling 60000, Fall)
- 2005-2006
Syntax 1 (Ling 20400/30400)
Syntax seminar: Case and voice (Ling 46000)
Mind III: Language and communication (Social Sciences 14300-05)
Comparative syntax of the Germanic languages (Ling 25500/35500)
Informal course on intervention effects (Ling 60000, Fall)
Informal course on Korean case-stacking (Ling 60000, Winter)
Informal course on pro-drop (Russian vs. Italian) (Ling 60000, Fall)
Reading course (Ling 29900?)
- 2004-2005
Syntax 1 (Ling 20400/30400)
Syntax 2 (Ling 20500/30500)
Mind III: Language and communication (Social Sciences 14300-06)
Informal course on Object Shift in Scandinavian (Ling 60000)
Informal course on CP nominalizations (Ling 60000)
- 2003-2004
Syntax 1 (Ling 20400/30400)
Graduate research seminar (Ling 46000)
- 2002-2003:
Syntax 1 (Ling 20400/30400)
Introduction to Linguistics (Ling 20100/301000)
Languages of the world (Ling 23900/33900)
Syntax seminar: The syntax of comparison (Ling 47100)
- 2001-2002:
Syntax seminar: A¹-dependencies (Ling 43700)
Languages of the world (Ling 23900/33900)
Syntax 1 (Ling 20400/30400)
Syntax 2 (Ling 20500/30500)
- 2000-2001:
Semantics and pragmatics (Ling 207/307)
Informal course on Aleut syntax (Ling 600)
Syntax 2 (Ling 205/305)
Syntax seminar: Ellipsis and repair phenomena (Ling 471)

Linguistics Department, Northwestern University

1999-2000:

Fundamentals of syntax

Advanced syntax

Linguistics Department, University of California, Santa Cruz

1997: *Languages of the World*

OTHER TEACHING

Concordia Language Villages, Concordia College; Bemidji, Minn.

German language credit program [Summer intensive language immersion program]

1994, 1995 *Credit facilitator* (approx. 180 students; 18 teachers)

1988, 1991, 1993 *Counselor/senior counselor/credit teacher*

Degree committees:

- PhD Adams, Nikki. 2010 (chair). *The Zulu ditransitive verb phrase*.
- Aelbrecht, Lobke. 2009. Catholic University of Brussels (external member). *You have the right to remain silent: The syntactic licensing of ellipsis*.
- Bilbiie, Gabriela. 2011. Université de Paris 7 (external member). *Gapped clauses in Romanian*.
- Bochnak, M. Ryan. Expected 2012. *Cross-linguistic variation in the semantics of comparatives*
- Boyle, John. 2007 (chair). *Syntactic Morphology in Hidatsa Clause Structure*.
- Bulatovic, Andjelka Gina. 2008. *Modality, futurity and temporal dependency: The semantics of the Serbian perfective nonpast and future II*.
- Chatzopoulou, Katerina. Expected 2012. *Negation in the history of Greek*.
- van Craenenbroeck, Jeroen. 2004. Leiden University (external member). *Ellipsis in Dutch dialects*.
- Fortin, Catherine. 2007. University of Michigan (external member). *Indonesian sluicing and Verb Phrase ellipsis: Description and explanation in a Minimalist framework*.
- Goldberg, Lotus. 2005. McGill University (co-chair). *V-stranding VP-ellipsis: A cross-linguistic study*.
- Grano, Tommy. Expected 2012. *Control and restructuring at the syntax-semantics interface*.
- Kluck, Marlies. 2011. *Amalgams*. Rijksuniversiteit Groningen. (External member.)
- Lee, Jung-Hyuck. 2006. *Ability modality in Korean and English*.
- McNabb, Yaron. Expected 2012. *The syntax and semantics of degree modification*.
- Mizuta, Yoko. 2002. *A discourse-semantic analysis of tense and aspect in English and Japanese*.
- Park, Eun-hae. 2009. *Korean disjunction and free choice*.
- Staraki, Eleni. Expected 2012. *On mood and tense: Na in Greek*.
- Stensrud, Kjersti. 2009 (chair). *Aspects of event composition in English and Norwegian*.
- Suzuki, Hisami. 2002. *Multi-modularity in computational grammar*.
- Waterfall (née Elston), Heidi. 2006. *A little change is a good thing: Feature Theory, Language Acquisition, and Variations Sets*.
- Yoon, Suwon. 2010 (co-chair). *'Not' in the mood: The syntax and semantics of evaluative negation*.

Yoshimura, Keiko. 2007. *Focus and Polarity: 'even' and 'only' in Japanese*.
 Yuhara, Ichiro. 2008. *A multi-modular approach to Japanese case phenomena*.

- MA Boccio, Alexander. Chair, 2009. *Null pronominal subject phenomena in Russian*.
 Han, Hye-Jin (chair, 2007), *A DP-shell analysis of clausal arguments*.
 Harris, Jesse (co-chair, 2003), *Semantic and syntactic constraints on adverbial placement*.
 Martinovic, Martina. 2011. *The subject/non-subject asymmetry in Wolof*.
 Yoon, Younglee. 2010. *Numeral floated quantifiers in Korean*.
 Stensrud, Kjersti (chair, 2005), *Norwegian shifts and Holmberg's Generalization*.
 Yoshihara, Mayu. Co-chair, 2008. *Alternative semantics and universal quantification: A reanalysis of Japanese -mo*.

BA (honors theses)

Glass, Lelia. Co-advisor, 2012. *Contextually creating gradience*.
 Grubitz, Kenzie. 2004. *The acquisition of French sentential negation by French 201 students*.
 Harris, Jesse. Co-advisor, 2003. *What this is is a pseudocleft: Reference, demonstratives, and lists in specificational pseudoclefts*.
 Nee, Julia. 2012. *Spanish/Zapotec code-switching and the theory of ellipsis*.
 Turon, Jessica (née Clapp). 2007. *Right node raising and VP-ellipsis*.

Service and administrative experience

Departmental service

2012 (winter-spring) Interim chair, Department of Linguistics
 2010 (spring) Interim chair, Department of Linguistics
 2001-2008 Director of Undergraduate Studies
 2001-03, 05-08, 10-11 Member, graduate admissions
 2003, 2008 Chair, job search committees

University service

2011-2012 President, Phi Beta Kappa, Beta of Illinois
 2010-2011 Fellow, ALP/CIC (Academic Leadership Program/Committee on Institutional Cooperation)
 7/2008-7/2011 Policy Committee, Humanities Division
 2007-08, 2010- Coordinator, Humanities Core course 'Language and the human'
 2009-10 Member, Harper-Schmidt selection committee
 2006-2009 Member, University committee on academic fraud
 1/2007-12/2007 Member, Faculty Advisory Board, MAPH (Master of Arts Program in the Humanities)
 2006 Chair, Humanities Division dissertation fellowships committee (Whiting, Franke, Mellon, Harper)
 2005 Member, Neubauer fellowship committee
 2002-05 Member, College Council
 2002 Member, Committee on the Whiting Postdoctoral Fellowships in the Humanities

Professional service

Linguistic Society of America, Nominating committee (2006-2009; chair, 2008-2009)
National Research Council (U.S.), Survey of Program Quality, program rater (2007)

Editorial boards

Biolinguistics (2006-2010), *Language* (associate editor, 2009-2012), *Linguistic Inquiry* (2009--),
Linguistic Variation Yearbook (2007--), *Semantics and Pragmatics* (2008--), *Journal of Comparative
Germanic Linguistics* (2009--), *Syntax* (2003--), *Studies in Generative Grammar* (2006--)

Reviewing for journals

Biolinguistics, *Brain and Language*, *Canadian Journal of Linguistics*, *Semantics and Pragmatics*, *Journal
of Comparative Germanic Linguistics*, *Journal of East Asian Linguistics*, *Journal of Linguistics*, *Journal
of Semantics*, *Journal of Slavic Linguistics*, *Language*, *Language and Computation*, *Language Learning
and Development*, *Lingua*, *Linguistic Analysis*, *Linguistic Inquiry*, *Linguistics*, *Linguistics and
Philosophy*, *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*, *Natural Language Semantics*, *Pragmatics and
Cognition*, *Probus*, *Syntax*, *Theoria*, *The Linguistic Review*

Reviewing for publishers

Blackwell, *Edinburgh University Press*, *Elsevier*, *John Benjamins*, *Kluwer*, *MIT Press*, *Mouton de
Gruyter*, *Oxford University Press*, *Routledge*, *University of Thessaloniki Press*

Reviewing for organizations

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation/American Council of Learned Societies (Dissertation Completion
Fellowship, Early Career Fellowship Program), *European Research Council*, *Hungarian Scientific
Research Fund (Országos Tudományos Kutatási Alapprogramok; OTKA)*, *Israel Science Foundation*,
John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, *Katholieke Universiteit Brussel* (internal grant review),
National Science Foundation, *Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research*, *Shota Rustaveli
National Science Foundation of Georgia*, *Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada*,
*University of Western Ontario (Academic Development Fund, New Research and Scholarly Initiatives
Award)*

Reviewing for conferences and workshops

Brussels Conference on Generative Linguistics (BCGL); *Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS)*; *Colloquium
on Generative Grammar*; *Comparative Germanic Syntax Workshop (CGSW)*; *Conference on Syntax,
Phonology and Language Analysis*; *European Summer School on Logic, Language, and Information
(ESSLLI)*; *Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW)*; *Japanese/Korean Linguistics*; *Linguistic
Society of America (LSA)*; *Moscow Syntax and Semantics (MOSS)*; *North East Linguistic Society (NELS)*;
Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT); *Sinn und Bedeutung*; *Ways of structure building workshop*,
University of the Basque Country; *West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL)*; *Western
Conference on Linguistics (WECOL)*

Other

2010, 2011 Co-organizer, Annual Midwest Workshop on Greek Linguistics
2009 Co-organizer, 9th *International Conference on Greek Linguistics* (Chicago)

- 1999-2000 Organizer, colloquium series, Linguistics Department, Northwestern University.
 1998-99 Program committee, *Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 9*, UC Santa Cruz.
 1996 Program committee, *Western Conference on Linguistics (WECOL) 1996*, UC Santa Cruz.
 1994-95 Co-organizer, colloquium series, Linguistics Department, UC Santa Cruz.

Academic honors

- 1998 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, University of California, Santa Cruz.
 1997-98 Fulbright Student Full Grant, Universiteit Utrecht, The Netherlands.
 1991-92 Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) Full Grant, Universität Tübingen.

Other fellowships, grants, and honors

- 2009 Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation Foreigner Fellowship, Greece
 2003-04 Franke Fellowship, Franke Institute for the Humanities, University of Chicago.
 1998-99 President's Dissertation Fellowship, University of California, Santa Cruz.
 1997 Linguistic Society of America, Fellowship for the Linguistic Institute, Cornell University.
 1997 Phi Beta Kappa Northern California Association graduate scholarship.
 1993-94 University of California Regents Fellowship.
 1990-91 Vice-president, Phi Beta Kappa, Yale University (Alpha of Connecticut).
 1990 Richter Undergraduate Research Grant; German Consulate Book Prize for Excellence in German, Yale University.
 1987 Gold Medal, National Written Russian Olympiad, American Association of Teachers of Russian; National Merit Scholar; National Honor Society; Presidential Scholar Semi-Finalist.

Research visits

- 2009 Department of Greek Philology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. March-May.
 2008 Department of Linguistics, University of Massachusetts, Amherst. March/April.
 2004 Department of Linguistics, University of Maryland, College Park. May.
 2003 Department of English Linguistics, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. May-June.
 2000 Department of Dutch Linguistics, University of Groningen. January-March.
 1999 Department of Dutch Linguistics, University of Groningen. June-August.
 1998 Department of Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies, University of Cyprus, Nicosia. September.
 1997 Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, Berlin. November-December.

Other work experience

- 1999 Linguistic consultant, Glaxo-Wellcome (pharmaceuticals); Research Triangle Park, NC.
 1996-1997 Project manager and language consultant, International Accessibility Corporation (software localization); Santa Cruz, Ca.
 1992-1993 Associate consultant, The Wilkerson Group [now a division of IBM Consulting] (health care management consulting); New York, NY.
 1988-1990 Anwendungsspezialist (application specialist), Data Sciences Inc. (computer systems for monitoring laboratory animals) [now Transoma Inc.]; Frankfurt, Germany and St. Paul, Minn.

Languages (in decreasing order of proficiency)

English (native), German, Dutch, (modern) Greek, French, Spanish, Russian.

Coursework in: Turkish, Latin, classical Greek, Old English, Gothic, Middle High German.

Fieldwork on: Vlach (Arumanian)