Syntax 2 (20500/30500)/ Proseminar on wh-movement (43750)

Goals and course description:
This proseminar explores recent work on the nature of A'-dependencies in a wide variety of languages. Topics include wh-movement and nonmovement in interrogatives, relatives, and comparatives, partial wh-movement, wh-expletives, resumptivity, islands (selective and strong), reconstruction effects, intervention effects, and the nature of successive cyclic movement. The course will have a strong cross-linguistic aspect to it, examining data from Korean, Irish, Hungarian, Turkish, Tzotzil, Swahili, Chinese, Japanese, Greek, Slavic, Romance, and Germanic languages, Chamorro and other Austronesian languages, and varieties of Arabic, among others.


Coursework:
Coursework will consist of reading and discussion of the assigned papers, one homework, writing a ca. 4-5 (double-spaced) page squib (which may contain gaps, as a paper outline, to be filled in later) on a topic related to this course (topic to be chosen in consultation with me by the end of week 5, squib due week 7), making a 15-20 minute presentation (with handout) of one of the readings, and submitting a final paper of 10-15 pp. based on the squib.

Evaluation:
Your evaluation for this course will be based on the above coursework as well as on class participation.

Readings:
[Rough weekly overview; readings may be added/dropped, and order may change slightly]

3. [Homework 1 due] Multiple A'-movement languages, wh-in-situ languages: Richards chs 2-3, Beck and Kim
4. Richards chs 4-5, papers from Boeckx and Grohmann 2003
5. more Slavic: Bošković, Pesetsky, Grewendorf, Sabel
6. Relative clauses, resumptive pronouns, correlatives: Aoun and Li [1st draft, squib due]
7. Internally headed relatives: Basilico
8. Comparatives: Kennedy
9. wh-scope marking, partial wh-movement: Lutz et al
10. Other: Bouma et al, Simpson, Simpson and Bhattacharya

References