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**Research interests:** degree semantics; the semantics/pragmatics interface; philosophy of language; implicature; illocutionary content; expressives; semantic typology; applied semantics

## Education

- 2004–2008 **PhD**, *Rutgers University*, New Brunswick, NJ.  
*Degree Modification in Natural Language*
- 2006 **Certificate in Cognitive Science**, *Rutgers University*, New Brunswick, NJ.
- 2002–2004 **MA**, *Rutgers University*, New Brunswick, NJ.  
*Prenominal vs. determiner wh-words: evidence from the copy construction*
- 1999–2001 **BA**, *University of Michigan*, Ann Arbor, MI, High honors.  
*Japanese Numeral Classifiers: The Effect of Linguistic Configurations on Category Membership*

## Employment

- 2020–present **Full Professor**, *University of California, Los Angeles*, Los Angeles, CA.  
2020 **parental leave**, *University of California, Los Angeles*, Los Angeles, CA.  
2015 **parental leave**, *University of California, Los Angeles*, Los Angeles, CA.  
2014–2020 **Associate Professor**, *University of California, Los Angeles*, Los Angeles, CA.  
2008–2014 **Assistant Professor**, *University of California, Los Angeles*, Los Angeles, CA.

## Books

- 2019 **The semantics of focus, plurals, degrees, and times: essays in honor of Roger Schwarzschild**, *Springer*, co-edited with D. Altshuler.
- 2015 **The semantics of evaluativity**, *Oxford University Press*.

## Papers

### Journal articles

- in progress **Agentive meaning**, *Linguistics & Philosophy*.
- in progress **Hypothetical posing**, *Semantics & Pragmatics*, with W. Starr.
- 2021 **The semantics of emotive markers and other illocutionary content**, *Journal of Semantics*, 38, 305–340.
- 2020 **Manner implicatures and how to spot them**, *International Review of Pragmatics*, 12: 44–79.

- 2018 **The semantics of *many, much, few, and little***, *Language & Linguistic Compass*, 12: 1-18, DOI: 10.1111/LNC3.12269.
- 2017 **Evaluativity across adjective and construction types: An experimental study**, *Journal of Linguistics*, 54(2): 263-329, doi:10.1017/S0022226717000123.  
with A. Brasoveanu
- 2015 **Measure phrase equatives and modified numerals**, *Journal of Semantics*, 32(3):425-475.
- 2014 **The polysemy of measurement**, *Lingua*, 143:242-266.
- 2014 **The acquisition of syntactically encoded evidentiality**, *Language Acquisition* 21:1-27, with N. Hyams.
- 2013 **Similatives and the degree arguments of verbs**, *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory*, 31(4): 1101-1137.
- 2011 **Exclamatives, degrees and speech acts**, *Linguistics & Philosophy*, 34(5): 411-442.
- 2006 **Context, compositionality and calamity**, *Mind & Language*, 21: 541-552.

#### Conference proceedings

- 2022 **Decomposing 'as if'**, *Proceedings of SALT 32*, Cornell University Press, (with W. Starr), 872-890.
- 2021 **Prosodically marked mirativity**, *Proceedings of WCCFL 38*, Cascadilla Press, (with Beth Sturman), 1-20.
- 2021 **Rationalizing manner-driven evaluativity inferences**, *Sinn und Bedeutung* 25, (with Dylan Bumford), 187-204.
- 2020 **Eliminating 'EARLIEST': a general semantics for *before* and *after***, *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung* 24, 201-218.
- 2015 **Antonymy in space and other strictly-ordered domains**, *Perspectives on Spatial Cognition, vol. 10 of The Baltic International Yearbook of Cognition, Logic and Communication*, eds. M. Glanzberg, P. Svenonius, J. Skilters, 1-33.
- 2015 **Children's comprehension of syntactically encoded evidentiality**, *Proceedings of NELS 45*, with L. Winans, N. Hyams and L. Kalin, vol. 3, 189-202.
- 2013 **A semantic account of mirative evidentials**, *Semantics and Linguistic Theory XXIII*, with S. Murray, 453-472.
- 2013 **The effects of syntax on the acquisition of evidentiality**, *Proceedings of BUCLD 37*, with N. Hyams and L. Winans, vol. 1, 345-357.
- 2010 **Equatives, measure phrases and NPIs**, *Proceedings of the 17th Amsterdam Colloquium*, Logic, Language and Meaning: Lecture Notes in Computer Science vol. 6042, eds. Aloni, Bastiaanse, de Jager & Schulz, 364-373.
- 2009 **A degree account of exclamatives**, *Semantics and Linguistic Theory XVIII*, eds. Friedman & Ito, 601-618.
- 2008 **Antonymy and evaluativity**, *Semantics and Linguistic Theory XVII*, eds. Gibson & Friedman, 210-227.
- 2007 **How *many* maximizes in the Balkan Sprachbund**, *Semantics and Linguistic Theory XVI*, eds. Gibson & Howell, 190-207.

- 2006 **Prenominal vs. determiner *wh*-words: evidence from the copy construction**, *Empirical Issues in Syntax and Semantics vol.6*, eds. Bonami & Cabredo-Hofherr, 355–374.

### Book chapters

- 2022 **A typology of semantic entities**, *Linguistics meets Philosophy*, ed. Daniel Altshuler, Cambridge University Press, 277–301.
- 2021 **A comparison of expressives and miratives**, *Expressive Meaning Across Linguistic Levels and Frameworks*, eds. A. Trotzke and X. Villalba, Oxford University Press, 191–215.
- 2020 **Separate but equal: a typology of equative constructions**, *Degree and Quantification*, ed. Peter Hallman, Brill, 163–204.
- 2019 **Processing individual/degree polysemy**, *Grammatical approaches to language processing – essays in honor of Lyn Frazier*, eds. Carlson, Clifton, and Frazier. with M. Grant and S. Michniewicz
- 2016 **On a shared property of deontic and epistemic modals**, *Deontic Modality*, eds. N. Charlow and M. Chrisman, Oxford University Press, 200–229.
- 2012 **On modal subjectivity**, *UCLA Working Papers in Linguistics 16*, ed. Denis Paperno, 131–150.

### Book reviews

- 2016 ***Elements of Formal Semantics*, by Yoad Winter**, *Glossa*, 1(1): 42. 1–3, <http://doi.org/10.5334/gjgl.231>.

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## Presentations

### Peer-reviewed

- April 26, 2024 **Linguistic framing in ‘cancer’ and ‘cancer’-adjacent terms**, with Grace Shoemaker, Semantics & Philosophy of ‘Cancer’, UCLA.
- April 26, 2024 **Expert variation in the understanding of ‘cancer’**, with Allison Rulli, Rajam Raghunathan, and Joseph Crompton, Semantics & Philosophy of ‘Cancer’, UCLA.
- Nov. 5, 2022 **Hypothetical posing**, with W. Starr, Philosophical Linguistics and Linguistical Philosophy (PhLiP) VI, Princeton University/Barnard University/University of Chicago.
- June 10, 2022 **Decomposing ‘as if’**, *Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 32*, Colmex & UNAM, México City.
- Sep. 3, 2020 **Rationalizing manner-driven evaluativity inferences**, *Sinn und Bedeutung 25*, University College London and Queen Mary University.
- Sep. 4, 2019 **Explaining EARLIEST: a general semantics for ‘before’ and ‘after’**, *Sinn und Bedeutung 24*, Osnabrück University, Germany.
- Nov. 30, 2018 **A typology of semantic entities**, *Philosophical Linguistics and Linguistical Philosophy (PhLiP) IV*, Princeton University/Barnard University/University of Chicago.

- Mar. 7, 2017 **Immediate commitment, but no evidence for a coercion cost, in individual/degree polysemy**, with *M. Grant, S. Michniewicz*, Coercion Across Linguistic Fields (CALF), Universität des Saarlandes, Saarbrücken.
- Sep. 24, 2016 **Conversational implicature in degree semantics**, Philosophical Linguistics and Linguistical Philosophy (PhLiP) III, Columbia University and Princeton University.
- Mar. 4, 2015 **Incremental interpretation in cases of individual/degree polysemy**, with *M. Grant, S. Michniewicz*, 29th Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, University of Florida.
- Jan. 10, 2015 **The production/comprehension lag in evidential systems crosslinguistically**, with *L. Winans, N. Hyams, and L. Kalin*, 89th LSA Annual Meeting, Portland, OR.
- Nov. 1, 2014 **Children's comprehension of syntactically encoded evidentiality**, with *L. Winans, N. Hyams, and L. Kalin*, North East Linguistics Society 45, MIT.
- July 25, 2013 **The effects of syntax on the acquisition of evidentiality**, with *N. Hyams and L. Winans*, The 19th International Congress of Linguistics, Université de Genève, Switzerland.
- May 13, 2013 **The acquisition of evidentiality in English**, with *N. Hyams*, 25th Scandinavian Conference of Linguistics, University of Iceland, Reykjavík.
- May 3, 2013 **A semantic account of mirative evidentials**, with *S. Murray*, Semantics and Linguistic Theory XXIII, University of California, Santa Cruz.
- Nov. 23, 2012 **Locative Ps and scale structure**, The Meaning of P, Ruhr-Universität, Bochum, Germany.
- Nov. 4, 2012 **The effects of syntax on the acquisition of evidentiality**, with *N. Hyams and L. Winans*, Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD), Boston University.
- Oct. 27, 2012 **Mirativity across constructions and theories**, California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics (CUSP) 5, University of San Diego.
- June 22, 2012 **Equation constructions and argument structure**, Workshop on Aspect and Argument Structure of Adjectives and Participles, University of Greenwich, London.
- Feb. 3, 2012 **Verbs, scales and manners**, California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics (CUSP) 4, University of Southern California.
- Dec. 18, 2009 **Equatives, measure phrases and NPIs**, The 18th Amsterdam Colloquium, University of Amsterdam.
- Nov. 20, 2009 **Measuring difference**, California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics (CUSP) 2, UC Santa Cruz.
- Mar. 21, 2008 **A degree account of exclamatives**, SALT XVIII, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
- May 11, 2007 **Antonymy and evaluativity**, SALT XVII, University of Connecticut.
- April 20, 2007 **Comments on "Donkey sentences and quantifier variability"**, Central APA Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- May 22, 2006 **The African Anaphora project**, (with *K. Safir, A. Angheliescu and S. Murray*), Language Resources and Evaluation Conference (LREC), Genoa, Italy.
- April 22, 2006 **Exclamatives are degree constructions**, Rutgers Linguistics Conference 1 (RUL-ing), Rutgers University.
- Mar. 23, 2006 **How many maximizes in the Balkan Sprachbund**, SALT XVI, University of Tokyo.

- Oct. 15, 2005 **Different agreement morphemes for different agreement configurations: evidence from complementizer agreement in West Germanic**, Michigan Linguistics Society Annual Meeting, Michigan State University.
- Oct. 1, 2005 **Pronominal vs. determiner *wh*-words: evidence from the copy construction**, Colloque de Syntaxe et Sémantique à Paris (CSSP), Campus Jussieu, Paris.
- April 6, 2001 **Unpacking metalinguistic metaphor: A cross-linguistic study of language-as-conduit semantics**, (with A. Burke), Research and Applying Metaphor (RAAM) IV, Tunis, Tunisia.

### Invited

- Feb. 7, 2025 **Title TBA**, *Linguistics Circle*, Harvard University.
- Feb. 6, 2025 **Title TBA**, *Linguistics Colloquium*, Brown University.
- Nov. 13, 2024 **Title TBA**, *Linguistics Colloquium*, University College London.
- Nov. 11, 2024 **Title TBA**, *General Linguistics Seminar*, Oxford University.
- Aug. 7, 2024 **Mild-Mannered: the relationship between markedness and politeness**, *Osnabrück–Irvine Workshops on the Role of Loopholes in Polite Communication*, University of California, Irvine.
- July 3, 2024 **The semantics of cancer**, *Department of Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine Grand Rounds*, UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine.
- May 29, 2024 **Characterizing illocutionary content**, *Keynote*, Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT), University of Rochester.
- Feb. 26, 2024 **A one-dimensional typology of semantic content**, *Research Seminar*, University of British Columbia.
- Nov. 17, 2023 **Hijacked terms and lexical metasemantics**, *LinguisticsNOW*, University of British Columbia and Simon Fraser University.
- Oct. 8, 2023 **Illocutionary content and the top of the spine**, *Issues in contemporary semantics and ontology (ISCO) VI*, The Buenos Aires Linguistics and Philosophy of Language Group.
- Sept. 7, 2023 **What ‘means’ means**, *Philosophy of Linguistics and Language*, Inter-University Centre Dubrovnik.
- Apr. 12, 2023 **The semantics of cancer**, *General Medicine Grand Rounds*, UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine.
- Oct. 12, 2022 **The semantics of cancer**, *General Surgery Grand Rounds*, UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine.
- Sep. 21, 2022 **The semantics of cancer**, *General Surgery Residents Rounds*, UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine.
- Sep. 21, 2022 **Defying expectation: a taxonomy of mirativity**, *The Buenos Aires Linguistics and Philosophy of Language Group*, University of Buenos Aires.
- March 14-16, 2022 **The semantics of similarity**, *CRISP Invited Lecture Series*, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven.
- May 28, 2021 **On the local calculation of manner implicatures**, *Scales, degrees and implicature: Novel synergies between Semantics and Pragmatics*, University of Potsdam.
- Dec. 10, 2020 **Prosody and exclamation**, *Conversation Analysis Working Group*, UCLA.

- Dec. 4, 2020 **Properties of exclamation intonation**, *Linguistics Colloquium*, Boston University.
- Mar. 6, 2020 **Prosodically marked mirativity**, *West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics 38*, University of British Columbia.
- Sept. 9, 2019 **A comparison of expressives and miratives**, *Functional categories and expressive meaning*, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona.
- Aug. 9, 2019 **Separate but equal: a typology of equative constructions**, *Department Seminar*, Melbourne University.
- May 24, 2019 **Rationalizing evaluativity inferences**, *Southern California Philosophy of Language Working Group*, with Dylan Bumford.
- May 7, 2019 **Rationalizing evaluativity inferences**, *UCLA Semantics Tea*, with Dylan Bumford.
- Mar. 6, 2019 **Emotive markers as encoders of illocutionary content**, *Workshop on Encoding Emotive Attitudes in Non-truth-conditional Meaning*, 41st Annual Conference of the German Linguistics Society (DGfS), University of Bremen.
- Mar. 2, 2019 **Emotive markers as encoders of illocutionary content**, *Second UC Irvine Workshop in Logical Semantics*, University of California, Irvine.
- June 28, 2018 **Individual/degree polysemy**, *The Emergence of Number*, The Ohio State University.
- Oct. 16, 2017 **Consequences of an implicature-based account of evaluativity**, *The New York Philosophy of Language Workshop*, New York University.
- Sep. 22, 2017 **Explaining 'earliest'**, *Logic Colloquium*, University of Connecticut.
- Sep. 21, 2017 **Explaining 'earliest'**, *LingLunch*, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
- Nov. 12, 2016 **The semantics of attitude markers and other illocutionary content**, *6th Cornell Workshop in Linguistics and Philosophy*, Cornell University.
- Oct. 14, 2016 **Conversational implicature in degree semantics**, *Colloquium*, University of Arizona.
- April 28, 2016 **Conversational implicature in degree semantics**, *Colloquium*, Michigan State University.
- Nov. 19, 2015 **Attitude markers and sincerity conditions in a compositional semantics**, *Berkeley Meaning Sciences Club*, University of California, Berkeley.
- Mar. 30, 2015 **The production and comprehension of syntactically encoded evidentiality**, *Developmental Lunch*, University of California, San Diego.
- Sep. 12, 2014 **Antonymy in space and other strictly ordered domains**, *The 10th International Symposium of Cognition, Logic and Communication*, University of Latvia.
- Sep. 10, 2014 **Manner implicature in modified numerals**, *"Two days at least": a workshop on scalarity*, Utrecht University.
- May 9, 2014 **Sincerity conditions in a Stalnakerian update semantics**, *Philosophy Colloquium Series*, University of California, Davis.
- April 5, 2014 **Children are expert semanticists**, *Michigan Linguistics 50th Anniversary Symposium*, University of Michigan.
- Nov. 24, 2013 **Illocutionary mood and speaker attitude**, *Michigan Philosophy and Linguistics Workshop*, University of Michigan.
- Oct. 13, 2012 **Expressing exceeded expectations in exclamatives and other constructions**, *Cornell Workshop on Speech Acts*, Cornell University.

- Sep. 29, 2012 **Space, time and antonymy**, *Rutgers Semantics Workshop*, Rutgers University Cognitive Science Center.
- April 11, 2012 **The surprisingly similar ways in which languages express similarity**, *Undergraduate Linguistics Club*, University of California, Los Angeles.
- May 28, 2010 **Equatives and Scale Subjectivity**, *Comparative Constructions Crosslinguistically*, University of Tübingen.
- May 15, 2010 **Degree quantifiers & NPIs**, *Semantics Babble*, University of California, San Diego.
- Apr. 17, 2009 **Scales and the equative**, *Scales Fest*, Stanford University.
- Nov. 14, 2008 **Exclamatives, Degrees and Speech Acts**, *Colloquium*, University of California, Santa Cruz.
- Nov. 4, 2007 **Quantum Semantics**, *Seminar on Measures and Parts*, University of Southern California.
- April 13, 2007 **The distribution of evaluativity**, *Linguistics Colloquium*, University of California, Los Angeles.
- Mar. 6, 2007 **The distribution of evaluativity**, *Research on Language at Princeton (ROLAP)*, Princeton University.
- Feb. 9, 2007 **The distribution of evaluativity**, *Linguistics Colloquium*, UMass, Amherst.
- Feb. 8, 2007 **On exclamatives**, *Semantics Seminar*, UMass, Amherst.

## Teaching

### Graduate courses taught

- Fall 2023 **Graduate Semantics 1**, *UCLA*, Ling 200C.
- Fall 2022 **Graduate Semantics 1**, *UCLA*, Ling 200C.
- Spring 2022 **Graduate Semantics 3**, *UCLA*, Ling 222.
- 2020-2021 **MA Thesis Prep and Professional Development**, *UCLA*, Ling 444.
- Winter 2021 **Graduate Semantics 2**, *UCLA*, Ling 201C.
- Fall 2019 **Seminar: The semantics of temporal relations**, *UCLA*, Ling 252.
- Fall 2018 **Graduate Pragmatics**, *UCLA*, (with J. Harris), Ling 207.
- 2018-2019 **MA Thesis Prep and Professional Development**, *UCLA*, Ling 444.
- Fall 2017 **Graduate Semantics 1**, *UCLA*, Ling 200C.
- Spring 2017 **Graduate Semantics 2**, *UCLA*, Ling 201C.
- Winter 2017 **Graduate Semantics 1**, *UCLA*, Ling 200C.
- Spring 2016 **Seminar: The semantics of degrees**, *UCLA*, Ling 252.
- Winter 2015 **Mathematical Linguistics 2**, *UCLA*, Ling 218.
- Fall 2014 **Seminar: The semantics of speech acts**, *UCLA*, Ling 252.
- Winter 2014 **Graduate Semantics 1**, *UCLA*, Ling 200C.
- Fall 2013 **Seminar: The semantics of irrealis**, *UCLA*, with G. Greenberg, Ling 252.
- Winter 2013 **Graduate Semantics 1**, *UCLA*, Ling 200C.
- Spring 2012 **Seminar: The Acquisition of Semantics**, *UCLA*, with N. Hyams, Ling 252.
- Spring 2011 **Graduate Semantics 2: Dynamic Theories**, *UCLA*, Ling 207C.
- Spring 2011 **Seminar: The Semantics of Evidentiality**, *UCLA*, Ling 252.

- Spring 2010 **Seminar: The Semantics of Sums & Scales**, *UCLA*, Ling 252.
- Winter 2010 **Graduate Semantics 1**, *UCLA*, 200C.
- Winter 2009 **Topics in Semantics: The Semantics of *Wh*-Phrases**, *UCLA*, Ling 252.
- Winter 2009 **Graduate Semantics 1**, *UCLA*, Ling 200C.

### Undergraduate courses taught

- Winter 2024 **Undergraduate Semantics 1**, *UCLA*, Ling 120C.
- Winter 2023 **Undergraduate Semantics 1**, *UCLA*, Ling 120C.
- Spring 2019 **Undergraduate Semantics 1**, *UCLA*, Ling 120C.
- Spring 2018 **Language and Identity**, *UCLA*, Ling 7.
- Winter 2018 **Undergraduate Semantics 1**, *UCLA*, 120C.
- Fall 2016 **Undergraduate Semantics 1**, *UCLA*, Ling 120C.
- Fall 2014 **Language in context**, *UCLA*, Ling 8.
- Spring 2014 **Undergraduate Semantics 2**, *UCLA*, Ling 165C.
- Winter 2014 **Undergraduate Semantics 1**, *UCLA*, Ling 120C.
- Winter 2013 **Introduction to Linguistics**, *UCLA*, Ling 20.
- Fall 2012 **Undergraduate Semantics 1**, *UCLA*, Ling 120C.
- Winter 2012 **Undergraduate Semantics 2**, *UCLA*, Ling 165C.
- Fall 2011 **Fiat Lux: Facts and Gossip Across Languages**, *UCLA*.
- Fall 2009 **Introduction to Language**, *UCLA*, Ling 1.
- Fall 2008 **Introduction to Language**, *UCLA*, Ling 1.
- Spring 2005 **Introduction to the Study of Language**, (*TA*), *Rutgers University*, Ling 101.
- Fall 2004 **Introduction to the Study of Language**, (*TA*), *Rutgers University*, Ling 101.
- Summer 2004 **Introduction to the Study of Language**, *Rutgers University*, Ling 101.
- Spring 2004 **Introduction to the Study of Language**, (*TA*), *Rutgers University*, Ling 101.
- Fall 2003 **Introduction to the Study of Language**, (*TA*), *Rutgers University*, Ling 101.

### Courses created

- 2018 **Internships in Linguistics**, *Linguistics 195*, *UCLA*.
- 2018 **Graduate Professional Development**, *Linguistics 445*, *UCLA*.
- 2018 **Graduate Semantics Seminar**, *Linguistics 263*, *UCLA*.
- 2017 **Graduate Pragmatics**, *Linguistics 207*, *UCLA*.
- 2017 **Graduate Semantics III**, *Linguistics 222*, *UCLA*.
- 2016 **Language & Identity**, *Linguistics 7*, *UCLA*.  
Diversity course
- 2014 **Language & Context**, *Linguistics 8*, *UCLA*.  
General Education course

### Grants & awards

- 2023 **Special Grant**, *Vice Chancellor for Research & Creative Activities*, Communicating Cancer, \$15,000.



- 2023 **Luskin Conference Award**, *Luskin Endowment for Thought Leadership*, The Semantics of Cancer, \$7,000.
- 2023 **Humanities Small Grant**, *UCLA Dean of Humanities*, Communicating Cancer, \$12,000.
- 2023 **Faculty Research Grant**, *UCLA Council on Research*, The Semantics of the Determination of Cancer, \$8,858.
- 2022 **Transdisciplinary Research Acceleration Grant**, *UCLA Office for Research*, The Semantics of Cancer, \$29,200 (with Dr. Joseph Crompton).
- 2021 **UCLA Council on Research**, *Faculty Research Grant*, Exclamation Cross-Linguistically, \$2,200.
- 2020 **Linguistic Service Award**, *Linguistic Society of America*, awarded to the Pop-Up Mentoring Program Committee.
- 2019 **Faculty Research Grant**, *UCLA Council on Research*, Investigating Exclamation Intonation, \$8,000.
- 2018 **Research Enabling Grant**, *UCLA Council on Research*, A Cross-Linguistic Study of the Semantics of Temporal Relations, \$1,500.
- 2015 **Faculty Research Grant**, *UCLA Council on Research*, The Interaction of Meta-Content and Focus, \$5,000.
- 2013 **Faculty Research Grant**, *UCLA Council on Research*, Measuring Space in Natural Language Semantics, \$6,000.
- 2012 **Faculty Research Grant**, *UCLA Council on Research*, \$6,000.
- 2011 **Faculty Research Grant**, *UCLA Council on Research*, The Acquisition of Evidentiality, \$7,000 (with Nina Hyams).
- 2011 **UCLA Faculty Diversity & Development**, *Faculty Career Development Award*.
- 2010 **UCLA Council On Research**, *Faculty Summer Research Program*, \$6,000.
- 2009 **UCLA Council On Research**, *Research Enabling Grant*, A Cross-Linguistic Survey of wh-phrases: equatives and exclamatives, \$1,000.
- 2001 **University of Michigan Leadership Awards**, *Tapestry Award Recipient*.

## Advising

### Faculty mentoring

- 2022-2024 **Mentor**, *Ben Eischens*, UCLA Linguistics.  
 Fall 2022 **Mentor**, *Stefan Keine*, UCLA Linguistics.  
 Fall 2021 **Mentor**, *Stefan Keine*, UCLA Linguistics.  
 2018–2022 **Mentor**, *Dylan Bumford*, UCLA Linguistics.  
 2017–2019 **Mentor**, *Jesse Harris*, UCLA Linguistics.  
 2016–2018 **Mentor**, *Tim Hunter*, UCLA Linguistics.

### Dissertation committees

- ongoing **Member**, *T.B.A.*, Boram Kim.  
 ongoing **Chair**, *T.B.A.*, Noah Coen.

- 2022 **Co-chair**, *Subclausal quotation intonation*, Beth Sturman.
- 2022 **Member**, *Communication and the world/discourse boundary*, Christian de Leon, UCLA Philosophy.
- 2022 **Member**, *Learning scalar items*, Mia Teixiera.
- 2022 **Chair**, *About time: Lexical, Structural, and Discourse Constraints on the Temporal Interpretation of Nominal Predicates*, Maura O'Leary.
- 2020 **Member**, *Expressing ignorance with determiner phrases*, Maayan Abenina-Adar.
- 2018 **Member**, *Aspect and evidentiality*, Margit Bowler.
- 2016 **Co-chair**, *Counterfactuals in discourse*, Jos Tellings.
- 2016 **Co-chair**, *Inferences of will*, Lauren Winans.
- 2016 **Member**, *Voice and valence in Q'anjob'al*, Niki Foster.
- 2014 **Member**, *Making the most of It: word sense annotation and disambiguation in the face of data sparsity and ambiguity*, David Jurgens, UCLA Computer Science.
- 2014 **Member**, *Backtracking and have to: Maintaining a Unified Analysis of Conditionals*, Kaeli Ward.
- 2014 **Member**, *Evaluating the future: modal verbs, negation, and free choice*, Melanie Bervoets.
- 2012 **Member**, *Semantics and syntax of non-standard coordination*, Denis Paperno.
- 2012 **Member**, *The grammar of tolerance: On vagueness, context-sensitivity, and the origin of scale structure*, Heather Burnett.
- 2011 **Chair**, *Question embedding and the semantics of answers*, Benjamin George.
- 2010 **Member**, *The generation of implicit propositions by alleged Korean topics*, Jieun Kim.
- 2010 **Member**, *Polarity and modality*, Vincent Homer.

#### MA thesis committees

- 2024 **Chair**, *The pragmatics of Cinyungwe object marker doubling*, Hannah Lippard.
- 2023 **Chair**, *Reconceptualizing nominal polysemy*, Noah Coen.
- 2022 **Member**, Amanda Grein.
- 2021 **Member**, *Tense and aspect in Bamiléké-Dschang*, Matthew Czuba.
- 2021 **Member**, Dylan Ross.
- 2019 **Chair**, *Reconstruction and resumptive pronouns in Cairene Arabic*, Madeleine Booth.
- 2018 **Chair**, Neda Rumi Vesselinova.
- 2017 **Member**, *Contrastive topic and word order in Estonian*, Marju Kaps.
- 2017 **Member**, Kane Wheelock.
- 2016 **Member**, *Two types of quantity expressions in Serbo-Croatian*, Daniela Culinovic.
- 2016 **Member**, *Even-NPIs in embedded polar questions*, Maayan Abenina-Adar.
- 2014 **Member**, *Getting rid of number features*, John Gluckman.
- 2014 **Member**, *Conjunction and disjunction in a language without 'and'*, Margit Bowler.
- 2012 **Chair**, *Dynamic binding of split antecedents*, Jos Tellings.
- 2012 **Chair**, *The perfect of evidentiality in Georgian*, Natalia Korotkova.
- 2012 **Co-Chair**, *Too*, Ivan Kapitonov.

- 2012 **Chair**, *Alternative disjunctions in Egyptian Arabic*, Lauren Winans.
- 2012 **Chair**, *A micro-typology of pluractionality*, Kaeli Ward.
- 2011 **Member**, *Multidominant Minimalist Grammars*, Meaghan Fowlie.
- 2011 **Chair**, *An investigation into patterns of syntactic island repair in TP ellipsis*, Melanie Bervoets.
- 2010 **Member**, *Not just emphatic reflexives themselves: their syntax, semantics and prosody*, Byron Ahn.
- 2010 **Member**, *A corpus study of switch-reference markers in Chickasaw*, Niki Foster.

### Research advising

- 2023 **Exploration of Linguistic Concepts and Understanding of Language Use in Written Pathology Reports for Effective Communication of Diagnostic Uncertainties**, Sandhya Seetharaman, Linguistics 99.  
*finalist for UCLA's Undergraduate Research & Creativity Showcase*
- 2023 **Evaluating cancer terms**, Grace Shoemaker, Linguistics 197.
- 2023 **Hallmarks of the hallmarks of cancer**, Allison Rulli, Linguistics 197.
- 2019 **A pragmatic analysis of passive sentences in Arabic and English**, Maddy Booth, Graduate Summer Research Mentorship.
- 2018 **A semantic analysis of Modern Standard Arabic and Cairene Arabic verb classes**, Maddy Booth, Graduate Summer Research Mentorship.
- 2017 **The semantics of serial verb constructions**, Lisa Bohm, Linguistics 199.
- 2016 **The semantics of diminutives**, Jordan Innabi, Linguistics 199.
- 2014 **The semantics of reduplicated classifiers in Mandarin**, Ann Zeng, Linguistics 199.
- 2012 **Actually, actually is all around**, Hannah Bower, Linguistics 189HC.
- 2012 **Vector semantics and adpositions**, Dana Kleifield, Linguistics 197.
- 2011-12 **Plurality in Bole**, Kaeli Ward, Graduate Research Mentorship Program.
- 2011 **Disjunctive questions in Egyptian Arabic**, Lauren Winans, Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Program.
- 2011 **Action at a distance in Bole**, Kaeli Ward, Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Program.
- 2010 **Pluractionality in Pomo**, Kaeli Ward, Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Program.
- 2009 **A cross-linguistic study of equatives**, Natasha Abner.
- 2005-07 **GradFund, Rutgers University**, Research Mentor.

## Service

### Research service

- 2020 **External expert for appointment as Assistant Research Fellow**, *Institute of Linguistics, Academia Sinica*, Taiwan.
- 2017 **External expert for appointment as Researcher of Linguistics**, *University of Gothenburg*, Germany.

- 2012–2018 **Editorial Board, Member**, Semantics & Pragmatics.  
 2007 **Young Investigator Award Committee, Member**, New York Academy of Sciences.

### Research review

**Journal articles**, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (2022); *Erkenntnis* (2023); *Glossa* (2016–2018, 2022-3); *Journal of Linguistics* (2013–2014, 2017–2019); *Journal of Logic, Language, and Information* (2014); *Journal of Pragmatics* (2022); *Journal of Semantics* (2009–2019, 2023); *Language* (2016–2018, 2021-2023); *Language & Linguistics Compass* (2019); *Lingua* (2014); *Linguistic Inquiry* (2015); *Linguistic Variation* (2014); *Linguistics* (2015); *Linguistics & Philosophy* (2010–2013, 2018–2021, 2023); *Mind & Language* (2022); *Natural Language Semantics* (2007–2012, 2016); *Semantics & Pragmatics* (2013–2016); *Studia Linguistica* (2008).

**Conference abstracts and proceedings**, *Amsterdam Colloquium* (2013–2019, 2022); *Chicago Linguistics Society (CLS)*, 2023; *Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW)*, 2013, 2019, 2022; *Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages (LSRL)*, 2006; *Logic and Engineering of Natural Language Semantics (LENLS)*, 2009; *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* (2009); *North East Linguistics Society (NELS)*, 2007–2019, 2021–2024; *Ontology As Structured by the Interfaces with Semantics conference (OASIS)*, 2019; *Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT)*, 2008–2024; *Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB)*, 2009–2014, 2018–2024; *TripleA* (2024); *West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL)*, 2008–2011, 2018–2024).

**Book manuscripts**, Cambridge University Press (2004, 2017); Edinburgh University Press (2016); MIT Press (2010, 2012, 2017); Oxford University Press (2016–2017).

**Grant proposals**, Council for the Humanities of the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO, 2009); Funds for Scientific Research, FNRS, Brussels (2014); Research Grants Council (RGC) of Hong Kong (2016); Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia (SRNSFG, 2018–2019); Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC, 2014–2015).

### Conference organizing

- 2024 **Philosophical Linguistics and Linguistic Philosophy (PhLiP)**, Member.  
 2022 **California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics (CUSP) 13**, Co-organizer.  
 2022 **Semantics and Linguistic Theory Equity and Diversity (SALTED)**, Chair.  
 2021 **Semantics and Linguistic Theory Equity and Diversity (SALTED)**, Member.  
 2021 **Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT)**, Chair, Steering Committee.  
 2020 **Semantics and Linguistic Theory Equity and Diversity (SALTED)**, Founding Chair.  
 2020-2022 **Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT)**, Member, Steering Committee.  
 2019 **Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 29**, Co-organizer.  
 2017 **European Summer School for Logic, Language, and Information (ESSLLI) 2017, Toulouse**, Member, Program Committee.  
 2014 **California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics (CUSP) 7**, Co-organizer.  
 2014–2015 **The Eleventh Tbilisi Symposium on Logic, Language, and Computation (TbiLLC)**, Member, Program Committee.

2009 **California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics (CUSP) 1**, *Co-Founder and Organizer*.

#### University Administration

- 2023-2024 **Cabinet member**, *North Campus Leadership Cabinet*, UCLA.
- 2015-2022 **Legislative Assembly**, *Department Representative*, UCLA.
- Spring 2021 **Search Committee, Dean of Graduate Education**, *Member*, UCLA Office of the Chancellor.
- Winter 2021 **Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Review Committee**, *Member*, Graduate Division.
- 2020-2021 **Ad-hoc Task Force on Dependent Carers in the Pandemic**, *Member*, UCLA.
- 2018-2020 **College Faculty Executive Committee**, *Group II Representative*, UCLA.
- Winter 2019 **Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Review Committee**, *Member*, Graduate Division.
- 2017-2018 **Committee on Continuing and Community Education**, *Member*, UCLA.
- 2017-2018 **Graduate Research Mentorship Review Committee**, *Member*, UCLA Graduate Division.
- 2017-2018 **Ad-hoc Review Committee, Foundation Area of Arts and Humanities**, *Member*, UCLA.
- 2017 **UCLA Humanities Welcome**, *Invited Faculty Speaker*.
- 2015-2017 **Committee on Diversity and Inclusion**, *Member*, UCLA Humanities Division.
- 2011-2014 **Humanities Residential College**, *Faculty Representative*, UCLA.
- 2010-2012 **UCLA Regent Scholarship Mentorship Program**, *Faculty Mentor*.

#### Departmental administration

- 2018-2024 **Vice Chair and Director of Graduate Studies**, *UCLA Linguistics*.
- 2021-2024 **Climate Committee**, *Chair*, UCLA Linguistics.
- Fall 2022 **Ad Hoc Research Review Committee**, *Member*, UCLA Linguistics.
- Winter 2022 **Ad Hoc Research Review Committee**, *Chair*, UCLA Linguistics.
- 2021-2022 **Hiring Committee**, *Member*, UCLA Linguistics.
- 2021-2022 **Ad Hoc Climate Survey Committee**, *Chair*, UCLA Linguistics.
- Fall 2020 **Ad Hoc Rising to the Challenge Committee**, *Member*, UCLA Linguistics.
- Fall 2019 **Ad Hoc Research Review Committee 2**, *Member*, UCLA Linguistics.
- Fall 2019 **Ad Hoc Research Review Committee 1**, *Chair*, UCLA Linguistics.
- June 2019 **Ad Hoc Adjunct Hiring Committee 2**, *Member*, UCLA Linguistics.
- June 2019 **Ad Hoc Adjunct Hiring Committee 1**, *Member*, UCLA Linguistics.
- 2017-2018 **Bruin Undergraduate Linguistics Club (BLing)**, *Faculty Representative*, UCLA Linguistics.
- 2017-2018 **Ad Hoc Research Review Committee**, *Member*, UCLA Linguistics.
- 2017-2018 **Graduate Fellowships and Awards Committee**, *Member*, UCLA Linguistics.
- 2017-2018 **Undergraduate Fellowships and Awards Committee**, *Member*, UCLA Linguistics.
- 2016-2018 **Vice Chair and Director of Undergraduate Studies**, *UCLA Linguistics*.

- 2016–2017 **Chair, Hiring Committee**, *UCLA Linguistics*.
- 2015–2016 **Chair, Website Committee**, *UCLA Linguistics*.
- 2015–2016 **Steering Committee**, *Member*, *UCLA Linguistics*.
- 2015–2016 **Undergraduate Awards Committee**, *Member*, *UCLA Linguistics*.
- 2014–2015 **Fellowships and Awards Committee**, *Member*, *UCLA Linguistics*.
- 2014–2015 **Graduate Admissions Committee**, *Member*, *UCLA Linguistics*.
- 2013–2014 **Hiring Committee**, *Member*, *UCLA Linguistics*.
- 2012–2015 **Merits Committee**, *Member*, *UCLA Linguistics*.
- 2010–2011 **Fellowship and Awards Committee**, *Member*, *UCLA Linguistics*.
- 2010–2011 **Hiring Committee**, *Member*, *UCLA Linguistics*.
- 2009–2010 **Hiring Committee**, *Member*, *UCLA Linguistics*.
- 2009–2010 **Graduate Admissions Committee**, *Member*, *UCLA Linguistics*.
- 2008–2010 **Visiting Scholar Committee**, *Member*, *UCLA Linguistics*.

### Community

- 2021–2022 **First-Gen Linguistics**, *Member*, the LSA Committee on Gender Equity in Linguistics.
- 2021–2022 **Committee on Gender Equity in Linguistics (formerly the Committee on the Status of Women in Linguistics)**, *Chair*, Linguistic Society of America.
- 2020–2021 **Resources on Equity and Inclusion in Linguistics (REIL)**, *Chair*, the LSA Committee on Gender Equity in Linguistics.
- 2019–2020 **Committee on the Status of Women in Linguistics**, *Junior co-chair*, Linguistic Society of America.
- 2018–2020 **Pop-Up Mentoring Program**, *Chair and founding member*, Committee on the Status of Women in Linguistics, Linguistic Society of America.
- Oct. 29, 2019 **Graduate School Information Panel, Humanities and Social Sciences**, *Member*, UCLA Humanities Career Panel Series.
- June 2019 **Code-switching in Los Angeles**, *Panel co-organizer*, Santa Monica Public Library.
- 2018–2020 **First To Go Mentorsh1p Program**, *Mentor for Student B*, UCLA.
- 2018–2020 **First To Go Mentorsh1p Program**, *Mentor for Student A*, UCLA.
- 2018 **The Humanities and Social Science Majors**, *Invited faculty panel member*, UCLA Bruin Day.
- 2017–present **Committee on Gender Equity in Linguistics**, *Member*, Linguistic Society of America.
- 2015–2017 **American Association of University Women**, *Member*.
- 2009–2010 **Fulfillment Fund of Los Angeles**, *Mentor*.
- 2005–present **Linguistics Society of America**, *Member*.

### Media

- June 28, 2024 **Consult**, *HuffPost*, Are You 'Oomf'? This Gen Z Affectionate Slang Is Taking Over.
- Aug. 24, 2023 **Consult**, *NPR*, From the inbox: Should we cut 'tape'?
- Feb. 17, 2023 **Op-Ed**, *Los Angeles Times*, Gen Z's lingo might be difficult to understand, but there's a reason for that.

- Dec. 3, 2022 **Op-Ed**, *Los Angeles Times*, The term 'gaslighting' is everywhere, but are we using it correctly?.
- June 14, 2021 **Guest interview**, *American Refugee*, Invasive Species!, Occupy Democrats (OD) Action.
- Nov. 16, 2020 **Guest interview**, *Marketplace*, What you need to know about "austerity", American Public Media.
- Sep. 22, 2020 **Consult**, *NBC News*, Change or keep your name? For 'Kamala,' 'Nikki' and others, a story of identity, culture and power, Deepa Shivaram.
- July 30, 2020 **The Code of Conduct Conundrum**, *Medium*.
- July 20, 2020 **Open letter regarding Steven Pinker & the LSA**, *Medium*.
- Mar. 3, 2020 **Feature interview**, *Marketplace*, "What central banks were really saying about their response to COVID-19", American Public Media.
- Oct. 23, 2019 **Guest interview**, *Marketplace*, "Rural America is an internet desert", American Public Media.
- July 11, 2019 **Guest interview**, *Marketplace*, "How tax cuts get 'paid for' ", American Public Media.
- Feb. 20, 2019 **Feature interview**, *Marketplace*, "What's the Fed saying about interest rates? We asked a linguist", American Public Media.
- Nov. 20, 2018 **Feature interview**, *Getting Curious with Jonathan Van Ness*, Episode 83: "How do we know what words mean?", Earwolf.