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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. Brasvoveanu

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 evalutivity**, *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.

Presentations

Peer-reviewed

Nov. 5, 2022 **Hypothetical posing**, *with W. Starr*, Philospohical 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 Linguisitics 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. Anghelescu and S. Murray)*, Language Resources and Evaluation Conference (LREC), Genoa, Italy.

April 22, 2006 **Exclamatives are degree constructions**, Rutgers Linguistics Conference 1 (RULing), 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

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**, *CRISSP 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 Stalnakarian 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 irreality**, *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	**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

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**, *Emphasis with object marking*, 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 **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); Glossa (2016–2018, 2022); Journal of Linguistics (2013–2014, 2017–2019); Journal of Logic, Language, and Information (2014); Journal of Pragmatics (2022); Journal of Semantics (2009–2019); Language (2016–2018, 2021-2022); Language & Linguistics Compass (2019); Lingua (2014); Linguistic Inquiry (2015); Linguistic Variation (2014); Linguistics (2015); Linguistics & Philosophy (2010–2013, 2018-2021); 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, 2021–2023); Ontology As Structured by the Interfaces with Semantics conference (OASIS, 2019); Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT, 2008–2023); Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB, 2009–2014, 2018–2022); West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL, 2008–2011, 2018–2023).*

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

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

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–present **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

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.