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EMPLOYMENT

2023–	Associate Professor University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Linguistics
2017–	Assistant Professor University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Linguistics

EDUCATION

2017	Ph.D. Linguistics, New York University Dissertation: Split-scope effects in definite descriptions Chair: Chris Barker
2014–15	Visiting Researcher, Stanford University
2010	B.S. Psychology, University of Texas
2010	B.A. Mathematics, Linguistics, and Plan II Liberal Arts Honors, University of Texas

BOOKS

In prep.	Effect-driven interpretation: Functors for natural language composition. With Simon Charlow. Under contract for *Cambridge University Press*.

PUBLICATIONS († = journal article)

	In prep.	Dynamic semantics with static types. With Simon Charlow.
†	2022	Polymorphic distributivity. *Natural Language Semantics* 30(3), 239–268. http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s11050-022-09195-5
†	2022	Composition under distributive natural transformations: Or, When Predicate Abstraction is impossible. *Journal of Logic, Language, and Information* 31(3), 287–307. http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s10849-022-09361-2

† 2022 Negative Polarity Items in definite superlatives.
        With Yael Sharvit.
        Linguistic Inquiry 53(2), 255–293.
        http://dx.doi.org/10.1162/ling_a_00409

2021   Rationalizing Evaluativity.
        With Jessica Rett.
        Sinn und Bedeutung 25, 187–204.
        http://dx.doi.org/10.18148/sub/2021.v25i0.931

† 2019 Donkeys under discussion.
        With Lucas Champollion and Robert Henderson.
        Semantics & Pragmatics 12(1), 1–50.
        http://dx.doi.org/10.3765/sp.12.1

2018   Binding into superlative descriptions.
        Semantics and Linguistic Theory 28, 325–344.
        http://dx.doi.org/10.3765/salt.v28i0.4412

2017   Parsing with Dynamic Continuized CCG.
        With Michael White, Jordan Needle, and Simon Charlow.
        13th International Workshop on Tree-Adjoining Grammar and Related Formalisms, 71–83.
        http://www.aclweb.org/anthology/W17-6208

† 2017 Split-scope definites: Relative superlatives and Haddock descriptions.
        Linguistics & Philosophy 40(6), 549–93.
        http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s10988-017-9210-2

† 2015 Incremental quantification and the dynamics of pair-list phenomena.
        Semantics & Pragmatics 8(9), 1–70.
        http://dx.doi.org/10.3765/sp.8.9

2015   A cross-linguistic study of the non-at-issueness of exhaustive inferences.
        With Emilie Destruel, Dan Velleman, Edgar Onea, Jingyang Xue, and David Beaver.
        In Florian Schwarz (ed.) *Experimental Perspectives on Presuppositions*. Springer, Dordrecht.
        http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-07980-6_6

2014   Universal quantification as iterated dynamic conjunction.
        19th Amsterdam Colloquium, 67–74.
        http://www.illc.uva.nl/AC/AC2013/uploaded_files/inlineitem/09_Bumford.pdf

† 2013 Association with distributivity and the problem of multiple licensors for singular *different*.
        With Chris Barker.
        Linguistics & Philosophy 36(5), 355–369.
        http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s10988-013-9139-z

2012   It-clefts are IT (inquiry-terminating) constructions.
        With Dan Velleman, David Beaver, Emilie Destruel, Edgar Onea, and Elizabeth Coppock.
        Semantics and Linguistic Theory 22, 441–460.
        http://dx.doi.org/10.3765/salt.v22i0.2640

PRESENTATIONS

2021   Rationalizing evaluativity. *Sinn und Bedeutung*.

2020   Superlative updates. Invited talk, NYU.

2019   Superlative scope, comparison classes, and negative polarity. Invited colloquium, USC.

2019   Superlative scope, comparison classes, and negative polarity. Invited colloquium, UC Irvine.

2019   Superlative scope, comparison classes, and negative polarity. Invited colloquium, University of Arizona.

2018   Effectful composition in natural language. With Simon Charlow. Invited talk, *North American Summer School of Logic, Language, and Information*, CMU.

2018   Binding into superlative descriptions. *Semantics and Linguistic Theory 28*, MIT.

2017   Proofs as programs (and programs as proofs). Invited lecture, "Computational Semantics" graduate seminar (Simon Charlow, instructor), Rutgers University.

2017   Parsing with Dynamic Continuized CCG. With Michael White, Jordan Needle, and Simon Charlow. *13th International Workshop on Tree-Adjoining Grammar and Related Formalisms*, Umeå.

2017   Split-scope effects in definite descriptions. Invited colloquium, Boston University.

2017   Split-scope effects in definite descriptions. Invited colloquium, UCLA.

2016   Polyadicity in descriptions. Invited talk, University of Pennsylvania.

2016   Monadic dynamic semantics: Side effects and scope. With Simon Charlow. *Natural Language and Computer Science 4*, Columbia University.

2016   The rabbit in the hat is back: Definites with joint uniqueness presuppositions. With Lucas Champollion and Linmin Zhang. *Definiteness Across Languages*, UNAM.

2016   Decomposing definiteness: Effects of delayed quantification in descriptions. *Semantics and Linguistic Theory 26*, UT Austin.

2016   Split-scope definites. Invited talk, Queen Mary University.

2015   Temporal modification without pronouns. Invited talk, NYU Continuations Workshop.

2015   Adjectives of comparison. With Chris Barker. Invited talk, UCSC S-Circle.

2014   Incremental quantification and the dynamics of pair-list phenomena. Invited talk, Stanford Construction of Meaning Workshop.

2013   Universal quantification as iterated dynamic conjunction. *19th Amsterdam Colloquium*.

2013   Generalized association with distributivity. With Chris Barker. *Semantics and Linguistic Theory 23*, UCSC.

2012	It-clefts are IT (inquiry-terminating) constructions. With Dan Velleman, David Beaver, Emilie Destruel, Edgar Onea, and Elizabeth Coppock. *Semantics and Linguistic Theory 22*, University of Chicago.
2011	"Yes, but…" — Exhaustivity and at-issueness across languages. With Dan Velleman, David Beaver, Emilie Destruel, and Edgar Onea. *Workshop on Projection, Entailment, Presupposition, and Assertion*.
2009	Effects of grammatical form and familiarity on metaphor comprehension. With Lauretta Reeves. *Metaphor Festival*, Stockholm.

TEACHING

Primary instructor at UCLA

| 2024 | Ling 185a: Computational Linguistics I (undergraduate) |
| 2023 | Ling 208: Mathematical Structures in Language (graduate)
Ling 222: Semantic Theory III, Dynamic Semantics (graduate)
Ling 165c: Semantics II (undergraduate)
Ling 185a: Computational Linguistics I (undergraduate) |
| 2022 | Ling 252: English as a programming language (graduate seminar) |
| 2021 | Ling 200c: Semantic Theory I (graduate)
Ling 120c: Semantics I (undergraduate)
Ling 252: New issues for the semantics of questions (graduate seminar) |
| 2020 | Ling 200c: Semantic Theory I (graduate)
Ling 222: Semantic Theory III, Dynamic Semantics (graduate)
Ling 120c: Semantics I (undergraduate) |
| 2019 | Ling 200c: Semantic Theory I (graduate)
Ling 165c: Semantics II (undergraduate)
Ling 252: Relative clauses (graduate seminar) |
| 2018 | Ling 200c: Semantic Theory I (graduate)
Ling 180: Mathematical Structures in Language (undergraduate)
Ling 252: Definiteness and Degrees (graduate seminar)
Ling 165c: Semantic Theory II (graduate)
Ling 201c: Semantics II (undergraduate) |
| 2017 | Ling 20: Introduction to Linguistic Analysis (undergraduate) |

Primary instructor elsewhere

| 2022 | Effectful composition in natural language semantics (European Summer School in Logic, Language, and Information), co-taught with Simon Charlow |
| 2015 | Monads and Natural Language (European Summer School in Logic, Language, and Information), co-taught with Chris Barker |

Teaching assistant

2016	Introduction to Semantics (NYU, Chris Barker)
2015	Introduction to Semantics (NYU, Chris Barker)
2013	Language and Mind (NYU, Anna Szabolcsi and Brian McElree)
2013	Grammatical Analysis (NYU, Mark Baltin)
2009	Mind and Reason (UT, David Beaver)
2008	Punishment in Society (UT, Robert Pitman)

ADVISING

Faculty mentor

2022	Laurel Perkins, UCLA Linguistics

PhD dissertation chair

ongoing	Kalen Chang, *Semantics as a metric for strong generative capacity*
2020	Maayan Abenina-Adar, *Expressing ignorance with determiner phrases*

MA thesis chair

ongoing	Anand Abraham, *Donkey anaphora is complicated, but quantifiers don't have to be*
2022	Kalen Chang, *Restrictiveness and the scope of adjectives*

Committee member

ongoing	Arthur Mateos, *Disjunction, plurality, and agreement*, PhD
ongoing	Huilei Wang, *Not All Quantifiers are Alike: Exceptional Behaviors of EVERY*, PhD
2023	Christian Muxica, *On the role of semantic priming in selecting contextually relevant focus-alternatives during comprehension*, MA
2022	Bethany Sturman, *The semantics of quotation intonation*, PhD
2022	Maura O'Leary, *The Evaluation Times of Nominal Predicates*, PhD
2021	Deborah Wong, *Wh-in situ sluicing in Minimalist Grammars*, PhD
2021	Yang Wang, *Regular languages extended with reduplication: Formal models, proofs and illustrations*, MA
2020	Iara Mantenuto, *Alternate Particles in San Sebastián del Monte Mixtec and Beyond*, PhD
2020	Richard Stockwell, *The contrast condition on ellipsis*, PhD
2020	Mia Teixeira, *Against Exclusion-Based Counterfactuality*, MA
2020	Phillip Barnett, *Arc-Eager Effects on Probabilistic Left-Corner Language Models*, MA
2019	Madeleine Booth, *Reconstruction and Resumptive Pronouns in Cairene Arabic*, MA

Research project supervisor

2023   Anand Abraham, *The formal learnability of meaning representations*, UCLA Graduate Research Mentorship

2023   Ian White, *Permutation Power in MGs and CCGs*, UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship

2022   Kalen Chang, *Nonrestrictive Adjective Modification and Not-At-Issue Meaning*, UCLA Graduate Research Mentorship

Other advising

2022   Pop-up mentor, North American Summer School of Logic, Language, and Information

2020   Florence Verity, *Implicatures in continuation-based dynamic semantics by reasoning in the context*, External examiner, ANU MPhil thesis

2019–20   Isabel Zhou, CollegeBoard AP Research Course, Expert Advisor

HONORS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

2018   Dean's Discretionary Fund, $1,000

2013–16   National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
    – 3-year grant covering tuition, research expenses, and living stipend

2013   NYU Curricular Development Challenge Fund (with Lucas Champollion, PI)
    – $4,800 grant to develop pedagogical software for semantics courses

2011–16   Henry M. MacCracken Fellowship
    – 5-year funding package from NYU, including tuition and stipend

2011   George H. Mitchell Grand Prize for Academic Research
    – $20,000 prize awarded to one UT undergraduate per year for thesis research

SERVICE AND EXPERIENCE

Journal reviewing

ongoing   *Journal of Logic, Language, and Information*; *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory*; *Glossa*; *Linguistic Inquiry*; *Language*; *Synthese*; *Semantics & Pragmatics*; *Linguistics & Philosophy*; *Natural Language Semantics*; *Journal of Semantics*; *Journal of Language Modelling*

Conference reviewing

ongoing   *Chicago Linguistic Society*; *Society for Computation in Linguistics*; *Computational and Experimental Explanations in Semantics and Pragmatics*; *Semantics and Philosophy in Europe*; *North East Linguistic Society*; *West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*; *Semantics and Linguistic Theory*; *Sinn und Bedeutung*; *Logic and Engineering of Natural Language Semantics*; *Amsterdam Colloquium*

Professional service

2022–	Technology Coordinator, *Semantics and Linguistic Theory*
2022–22	Co-organizer, *California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics 13*
2019–	Steering Committee, *Semantics and Linguistic Theory*
2018–19	Co-organizer, *Semantics and Linguistic Theory 29*
2017–18	Program Committee, *West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics 36*
2013–14	Program Committee, *Semantics and Linguistic Theory 24*

Departmental service

2023	Chair, Graduate Admissions Committee, UCLA Linguistics
2022	Teaching Evaluations Committee, UCLA Linguistics
2021	Climate Survey Committee, UCLA Linguistics
2021	Iranian Post-Doc Search Committee, UCLA Linguistics
2020–21	Visiting Students and Scholars Committee, UCLA Linguistics
2019–20	Computational Linguistics Job Search Committee, UCLA Linguistics
2019–20	Merit Review Committee, UCLA Linguistics
2018, 21	Linguistics and Computer Science Faculty Advisor, UCLA Linguistics
2018–20	Website Committee, UCLA Linguistics
2013–16	Organizer, NYU Semantics Group

University service

2023	Holistic Evaluation of Teaching working group

Other employment

2013–15	Software development, The Lambda Calculator
2012	Research Assistant, Stephanie Harves
2009–11	Research Assistant, David Beaver