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### EMPLOYMENT

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 at Austin

2010      B.A. Mathematics, Linguistics, and Plan II Liberal Arts Honors, University of Texas at Austin

### PUBLICATIONS

In prep.    Effect-driven interpretation.  
              With Simon Charlow.  
              Under contract for *Cambridge University Press*.

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](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.v25io.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.v28io.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](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/o9\\_Bumford.pdf](http://www.illc.uva.nl/AC/AC2013/uploaded_files/inlineitem/o9_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.v22io.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. *10th 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 Laretta Reeves. *Metaphor Festival*, Stockholm.

## TEACHING

### Primary instructor at UCLA

- 2022 Ling 252: English as a programming language (graduate seminar)
- 2021 Ling 200C: Semantic Theory I (graduate)
- 2021 Ling 120C: Semantics I (undergraduate)
- 2021 Ling 252: New issues for the semantics of questions (graduate seminar)
- 2020 Ling 200C: Semantic Theory I (graduate)
- 2020 Ling 222: Semantic Theory III, Dynamic Semantics (graduate)
- 2020 Ling 120C: Semantics I (undergraduate)
- 2019 Ling 200C: Semantic Theory I (graduate)
- 2019 Ling 165C: Semantics II (undergraduate)
- 2019 Ling 252: Relative Clauses (graduate seminar)
- 2018 Ling 200C: Semantic Theory I (graduate)
- 2018 Ling 180: Mathematical Structures in Language (undergraduate)
- 2018 Ling 252: Definiteness and Degrees (graduate seminar)
- 2018 Ling 165C: Semantic Theory II (graduate)
- 2018 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)
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- 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**

2020 Maayan Abenina-Adar, *Expressing ignorance with determiner phrases*, UCLA Linguistics

### **MA thesis chair**

ongoing Ian White, UCLA Linguistics

2022 Kalen Chang, *Restrictiveness and the scope of adjectives*, UCLA Linguistics

### **Committee member**

ongoing Matthew Czuba, PhD

ongoing Huilei Wang, PhD

ongoing Yang Wang, PhD

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**

2022 Kalen Chang, *Nonrestrictive Adjective Modification and Not-At-Issue Meaning*, UCLA Graduate Student 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 *Glossa, Linguistic Inquiry, Language, Synthese, Semantics & Pragmatics, Linguistics & Philosophy, Natural Language Semantics, Journal of Semantics, Journal of Language Modelling*

### Conference reviewing

- ongoing *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

- 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

### Other employment

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