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Germanic & Slavic Studies / Linguistics Program
The University of Georgia
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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Associate Professor, University of Georgia, August 2015-present
Assistant Professor, University of Georgia, 2010-2015
Visiting Assistant Professor, Swarthmore College, 2006-2010
Visiting Assistant Professor, Northwestern University, 2005-2006

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Linguistics, University of California, Santa Cruz, June 2005
Ed.M. Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL), Boston University, May 1998
B.S. Modern Foreign Language Education, Boston University, May 1997, Summa cum laude
B.A. French Language and Literature, Boston University, May 1997, Magna cum laude

DISSERTATION

“Beyond Coherence: The Syntax of Opacity in German”
Committee: Judith Aissen (Co-chair), James McCloskey (Co-chair), Sandra Chung, Jorge Hankamer

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

University of Georgia Online Learning Fellowship (co-recipient, \$2,500): 2016-2017
Leibniz Universität Hannover, Germany, Fund for Internationalization (\$3,352): June 15-July 24, 2015
Leibniz Universität Hannover, Germany, Visiting Scholars Program (\$6,419): June 1-12, 2015
University of Georgia Ctr for Teaching and Learning Sarah Moss Fellowship (\$1,800): Summer 2013
University of Georgia Provost’s Summer \$5000 Research Grant: Summer 2012, 2013
University of Georgia Franklin International Faculty Exchange with Gabriele Diewald, Leibniz Universität Hannover (\$2,552): Spring 2013
University of Georgia Ctr for Teaching and Learning Lilly Teaching Fellowship: 2011-2013
Swarthmore College Research Support Grant: 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2009-2010
UC Santa Cruz Department of Linguistics Graduate Student Research (GSR)-ship: Winter 2005
UC Santa Cruz Institute for Humanities Research (IHR) Dissertation Fellowship: Fall 2004
UC Santa Cruz Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award: 2004
UC Santa Cruz Doctoral Student Sabbatical Fellowship: Winter 2004
UC Santa Cruz IHR Research and Travel Grant: 2004, 2003
UC Santa Cruz Department of Linguistics Research and Travel Grant: 2005, 2004, 2003
UC Santa Cruz Graduate Student Association Travel Fund: 2003
UC Regents Fellowship: 2000-2001
National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Post-Graduation Scholarship: 1997
Boston University Department of Modern Foreign Languages and Literatures Barbara Argote Senior Award in French: 1997

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Language Matters: A Guide to Everyday Questions about Language, 2nd edition (with Donna Jo Napoli) (2010). Oxford University Press.
Beyond Coherence: The Syntax of Opacity in German. *Linguistik Aktuell/Linguistics Today* 114 (2007). Amsterdam: Benjamins.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

“German inalienable possession constructions – a corpus-informed study on variations and their motives” (with Gabriele Diewald). Under review by *Linguistics*.

- “The syntax, information structure, and prosody of German ‘VP’-fronting” (with Anya Lunden). Under review by *Glossa*.
- “Case and affectedness in German inalienable possession constructions.” *Linguistische Berichte* 232 (2012): 399-416.
- “Binding, phases, and locality.” *Syntax* 11:3 (2008): 281-298.
- “German possessor datives: Raised *and* affected.” *Journal of Comparative Germanic Linguistics* 9.2 (2006): 101-142.
- “Binding by phase: (Non-)complementarity in German.” *Journal of Germanic Linguistics* 16.2 (2004): 111-171.

BOOK REVIEWS

- Review of D. Hole, A. Meinunger, and W. Abraham (eds.), “Datives and Other Cases.” *Studies in Language* 32.1 (2008): 237-244.

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES AND PROCEEDINGS

- “Infiniheit”, “Erweiterung der Verbalphrase”, and “Telizität”. In S. Schierholz & P. Uzonyi (eds.), *Syntax (=Wörterbücher zur Sprach- und Kommunikationswissenschaft ‘Dictionaries of Linguistics and Communication Sciences’)*. Berlin/New York: de Gruyter (to appear in 2018).
- “The syntax of external and internal possessor variation in German inalienable possession”. In G. Diewald (ed.), *Non-Central Usages of Datives* (guest-edited volume in *Language Typology and Universals*). De Gruyter (2016): 113-129.
- “The syntax of external and internal possessor variation in German inalienable possession”. In E. Potsdam (ed.), *Proceedings of FLYM 2 / Florida Linguistics Papers Volume 2* (2015): <http://journals.fcla.edu/floridalinguisticspapers/article/view/85093/82091>.
- “Sufficient exposure and beyond: Creating minority-language contexts”. In I. Pittman (ed.), *Eins, two, tres, patru: Raising children bilingually in the US*. Cambridge Scholars Publishing. (2015): 99-112.
- “The pragmatics and syntax of German inalienable possession constructions (with Gabriele Diewald). In H. Leung et al. (eds.), *Proceedings of the 40th Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society* (2014): 286-310.
- “Explaining case variation in German inalienable possession constructions” (with Gabriele Diewald). In S. Huber (ed.), *Tampa Papers in Linguistics* Volume 4 (2013): 31-43.
- “Case and affectedness in German inalienable possession constructions.” In S. Huber & S. Ramírez Wohlmuth (eds.), *Tampa Papers in Linguistics* Volume 2 (2011): 65-79.
- “From Clause Union to Restructuring to Beyond Coherence.” In R. Gutiérrez-Bravo, L. Mikkelsen, & E. Potsdam (eds.), *Representing Language: Essays in Honor of Judith Aissen*. California Digital Library eScholarship Repository. Linguistic Research Center, University of California, Santa Cruz (2011): 181-197.
- “Sandhi sans derivation: Third tone patterns in Mandarin Chinese” (with Jason Kandybowicz). *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics* Volume 15.1 (2009).
- “Third tone patterns in Mandarin Chinese: A new perspective” (with Jason Kandybowicz). *Proceedings of the 27th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics Poster Session* (2008).
- “Agentivity vs. auxiliary choice: Evidence from pronominal binding in German AcI-constructions.” In R. Aranovich (ed.), *Split Auxiliary Systems: A Cross-Linguistic Perspective* (2007): 121-141. Amsterdam: Benjamins.

PRESENTATIONS

CONFERENCES

- “The parameters of VP-fronting: Introduction to the session” (organized session with Dennis Ott). Linguistic Society of America (LSA) annual meeting, Austin, TX, January 7, 2017.
- “Phonological structure of I-Topics in German” (with Anya Lunden). LSA annual meeting, Austin, TX, January 7, 2017.

- “Passivization possibilities in double-accusative constructions” (with Gabriele Diewald). LSA annual meeting, Austin, TX, January 6, 2017.
- “Phonetic realization of two-argument VP I-Topics in German” (2nd author, with Anya Lunden & David Kilpatrick). 7th International Conference on Tone and Intonation in Europe, University of Kent. September 1, 2016.
- “Correlating pragmatic and syntactic markedness in German inalienable possession constructions” (with Gabriele Diewald). Florida Linguistics Yearly Meeting (FLYM 3). Florida International University, Miami, FL. March 10, 2016.
- “The syntax of external and internal possessor variation in German inalienable possession”. FLYM 2. Eckert College, St. Petersburg, FL. March 7, 2015.
- “The syntax and pragmatics of German inalienable possession constructions” (with Gabriele Diewald). 38th Annual Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC), University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. March 29, 2014.
- “The pragmatics and syntax of German inalienable possession constructions” (with Gabriele Diewald). Berkeley Linguistics Society (BLS) 40th Annual Meeting, University of California, Berkeley. February 8, 2014.
- “Explaining case variation in German inalienable possession constructions” (with Gabriele Diewald). 4th Annual Tampa Workshop in Linguistics (TAW), University of South Florida, Tampa, March 21, 2013.
- “Incorporating linguistic theory into a language curriculum: Effective design of cross-listed classes” (organized session with Chad Howe). LSA annual meeting, Boston, MA, January 3-6, 2013.
- “The Syntax and prosody of German ‘VP’-fronting” (with Anya Lunden). Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft (DGfS) annual meeting, Frankfurt, Germany, March 7, 2012.
- “The Syntax, prosody, and semantics of German ‘VP’-fronting” (with Anya Lunden). LSA annual meeting, Portland, OR, January 7, 2012.
- “Case and affectedness in inalienable possession constructions” TAW 2, University of South Florida, Tampa, March 11, 2011.
- “A theoretical look at the Person Agreement Marker in German Sign Language” (poster with Charles Bradley). Theoretical Issues in Sign Language Research Conference (TISLR) 10. Purdue University, Indiana, October 1, 2010.
- “VP-fronting: A matter of syntax?” DGfS annual meeting, Berlin, Germany, February 25, 2010.
- “Third tone patterns in Mandarin Chinese: A new perspective” (poster with Jason Kandybowicz). West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL) 27, May 2008. “Third tone patterns in Mandarin Chinese: A new perspective” (with Jason Kandybowicz). Penn Linguistics Colloquium 32, February 2008.
- “Sandhi sans derivation: Third tone patterns in Mandarin Chinese” (with Jason Kandybowicz). LSA annual meeting, Chicago, IL, January 2008.
- “A-movement out of control clauses: Evidence for VO order in Dutch and German” (with Janneke ter Beek). LSA annual meeting, Anaheim, CA, January 2007.
- “Introducing possessor datives: High or low?” LSA annual meeting, Oakland, CA, January 2005.
- “What moves in German VP-‘topicalization’?” (with Jorge Hankamer). LSA annual meeting, Oakland, CA, January 2005.
- “Binding, possessor raising, and the typology of clause size.” Comparative Germanic Syntax Workshop (CGSW)-19, CUNY, New York, June 2004.
- “Possessor raising: A diagnostic for restructuring”. Berkeley Germanic Linguistics Roundtable, University of California, Berkeley, April 2004.
- “German possessor datives: Raised *and* affected.” Comparative Germanic Syntax Workshop (CGSW)-18, University of Durham, UK, September 2003.
- “Agentivity vs. auxiliary choice: Evidence from pronominal binding in German AcI-constructions”. Workshop on Cross-Linguistic Variation in Auxiliary Selection, UC Davis, May 2003.
- “Agentivity and pronominal binding in German AcI-constructions”. Germanic Linguistics Annual Conference (GLAC)-9, SUNY, Buffalo, April 2003.

“The elimination of opacity in German truncation”. Linguistics at Santa Cruz (LASC), March 2002 and Trilateral Phonology Weekend (TREND), Berkeley, April 2002.

INVITED TALKS

“A trans-theoretical approach to argument structure: An interim report on a successful experiment” (with Gabriele Diewald). Plenary talk, 1st Interdisciplinary Linguistics Conference, University of Georgia, October 25, 2014.

“German possessor datives: A raising account and its limitations.” Public lecture, Leibniz Universität Hannover, Germany, May 29, 2013.

“Evaluating corpus and questionnaire-based studies on German inalienable possession constructions.” Graduate seminar guest lecture, Leibniz Universität Hannover, Germany, May 29, 2013.

“Case and affectedness in inalienable possession constructions”. Guest lecture, Syntax Seminar at the University of Groningen. June 2011.

“Third tone patterns in Mandarin Chinese: A new perspective”. UC Santa Cruz Alumni Conference. September 2008.

“German VP-fronting revisited”. Guest lecture, Syntax Circle at the University of Groningen. March 2007.

“Beyond coherence: The syntax of opacity in German”. Guest lecture in Jason Merchant’s Comparative Germanic Syntax class. University of Chicago, April 2006.

“What moves in German VP-fronting?” University of Chicago Linguistics Colloquium, April 2006.

“The syntax of opacity in German: Evidence from possessor raising and binding”. Stuttgart Workshop on Binding Theory and Reflexivity, October 2005.

“Beyond coherence: The syntax of opacity in German”. Northwestern Linguistics Colloquium, September 2005.

“What moves in German VP-fronting?” (with Jorge Hankamer). Berkeley Syntax/Semantics Circle, February 2005.

“German VP-topicalization” (with Jorge Hankamer). UC Santa Cruz Linguistics Colloquium, November 2004.

TEACHING

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA LINGUISTICS PROGRAM/GERMANIC & SLAVIC STUDIES

The Study of Language (LING 2100E, co-taught online with Trevor Ramsey). Summer 2017
 Generative Syntax (LING 3150). Fall 2010, Fall 2011, Spring 2012, Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017

Generative Syntax (LING 8150). Fall 2010, Fall 2011, Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Fall 2016

Advanced Generative Syntax (LING 8160). Spring 2011, Spring 2014, Spring 2016

Language Acquisition and Chomsky’s Universal Grammar (LING 8080/GRMN 8510). Spring 2012, Spring 2014, Spring 2017

Topics in German Syntax (LING/GRMN 8510). Spring 2013

Compositional Semantics (LING 6160/4160). Spring 2011

First-Year Odyssey Seminar “Language Matters.” Fall 2011, Fall 2013

SWARTHMORE COLLEGE LINGUISTICS DEPARTMENT (as Visiting Assistant Professor)

Introduction to Linguistics. Fall 2006, Spring 2008, Spring 2009, Fall 2009

Phonetics & Phonology (including Acoustic Phonetics lab component). Fall 2007, Fall 2008

Syntax. Spring 2007

Semantics. Fall 2006, Fall 2008, Fall 2009, Spring 2010

Morphology and the Lexicon. Spring 2008 (independent study), Spring 2007

Historical and Comparative Linguistics. Fall 2008

Syntax/Semantics middle-level course on anaphora. Spring 2007

Seminar on topics in Germanic syntax. Spring 2010

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS (as Visiting Assistant Professor)
Syntactic Analysis I-II (graduate syntax). Winter-Spring 2006
Formal Analysis of Words and Sentences (undergrad morphology/syntax). Winter, Spring 2006
Meaning (undergraduate semantics). Fall 2005

UC SANTA CRUZ DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS (as Teaching Fellow/Instructor of Record)
Introduction to Linguistics. Spring 2005
Phonetics. Fall 2003, Summer 2004

UC SANTA CRUZ DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS (as Teaching Assistant)
Syntactic Structures, Syntax 2, and Language Change. Fall 2002-Spring 2003
Phonetics, Phonology 1, and Structure of Romance. Fall 2001-Spring 2002

UC SANTA CRUZ EXTENSION, ENGLISH LANGUAGE INTERNATIONAL (as Instructor of Record)
Academic and Oral Presentation Skills, 3-week class in Humphrey Fellowship Pre-Academic
Orientation Program. Summer 2003, 2005
Presentation Skills, 3-week class in Fulbright Pre-Academic Training Program. Summer 2002

BOSTON UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND ORIENTATION PROGRAMS (as
Teaching Associate and Student Teacher)
Reading/Speaking elective for high-intermediate to low-advanced ESL students. Spring 1999
Core class for high-intermediate to low-advanced ESL students. Fall 1998
Core class for beginning ESL students. Fall 1997

**BOSTON UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND TUFTS UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF GERMAN, RUSSIAN & ASIAN LANGUAGES** (as Lecturer)
First, second, and third-semester German. Fall 1998-Spring 2000
Fourth semester German. Spring 2000

ADVISING

Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities: Faculty Mentor for Nicholas Twiner (Spring 2016-present), Rachel Schwartz (Fall 2014-Spring 2015), and McKinley Alden (Spring 2013-Fall 2014); Honors Thesis Reader for Ai Taniguchi (Fall 2011-Spring 2012)

Department of Germanic & Slavic: Collaborative Creative Research Grant Faculty Advisor for Eva-Christine Hall and Allyson Reyer (Fall 2014-Spring 2015)

Dissertation Committee Chair: Hüseyin Öztürk (Fall 2015-present), Kihoon Kim (Spring 2014-present), Lindsey Antonini (Fall 2012-present), Sandra McGury (Fall 2012-present), Jennimaria Palomäki (Fall 2012-Spring 2016)

Dissertation Committee Member: Tyler Kelly (Fall 2016-present), Fenton Gardner (Spring 2016-present), Trevor Ramsey (Fall 2015-present), Wonbin Kim (Fall 2015-present), Martin Macak (Spring 2012-present), Andrew Paczkowski (Fall 2012-Spring 2016), Moses Katz (Spring 2012-Spring 2016), Judith Oliver (Spring 2012-Spring 2016), Mark Wenthe (Fall 2010-Spring 2012)

M.A. Thesis Committee Chair: Madeline Jones (Fall 2016-present), Sara Carter (Spring 2014-present), Luke Smith (Fall 2014-Spring 2015), Travis Schneider (Fall 2012-Spring 2013), Ekarina Winarto (Fall 2012-Spring 2013), Marcus Berger (Fall 2011-Spring 2012)

M.A. Thesis Committee Member: Ryan Hearn (Fall 2013-Spring 2014), Julia Sturm (Fall 2013-Spring 2014), Cameron van den Heuvel (Fall 2012-Spring 2013), Kelly Dugan (Fall 2011-Spring 2012), Renee Kemp (Fall 2010-Spring 2011)

M.A. Non-Thesis Committee Chair: Lauren Tweedy (Spring 2014-Spring 2015), Joshua Hanna (Spring 2011-Spring 2014)

M.A. Non-Thesis Committee Member: Audrey Waldecker (Fall 2015-Spring 2016), Alexander Byrnes (Fall 2014-Spring 2015), Thomas Koon (Fall 2014-Spring 2015), Ellen (Kim)Waters (Spring-Fall 2012)

REFEREEING AND CONSULTING

Member of Lilly Teaching Fellow Selection Committee. 2016
 Abstract reviewer for Linguistic Society of America (LSA) annual meeting. 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2017
 Abstract reviewer for West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL). 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016
 Manuscript reviewer for *Linguistic Inquiry*. 2015
 Member of campus interview committee for U.S. Student Fulbright Program. 2015
 Manuscript reviewer for *Lingua*. 2014
 Manuscript reviewer for *The Companion to Syntax*, 2nd Edition. 2013
 Abstract Reviewer for Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS). 2013.
 Abstract Reviewer for Annual Tampa Workshop in Linguistics (TAW). 2012, 2013.
 Manuscript reviewer for *Journal of Linguistics*. 2012
 Manuscript reviewer for *Journal of Comparative Germanic Linguistics*. 2012
 Instructor of Graduate Proseminar workshops “Abstract Writing” and “Conference Presentations” at UGA, Fall 2012-present
 Abstract reviewer for Comparative Germanic Syntax Workshop (CGSW) 27. 2011
 Honors Thesis Examiner for linguistics major at Haverford College. Spring 2009
 Honors Thesis Examiner for three linguistics majors at Bryn Mawr College. Spring 2008
 Phonetics Lab Coordinator. In charge of class and faculty use of lab, department technology support, and faculty research support (video processing). 2007-2008
 Reviewer for conference volume of CGSW 21+22. *Advances in Comparative Germanic Syntax*.
 Linguistik Aktuell 141. Amsterdam/Philadelphia: John Benjamins
 Manuscript reviewer for *Linguistic Inquiry*. 2007
 Abstract reviewer for the Western Conference on Linguistics (WECOL). 2007
 Abstract reviewer for Penn Linguistics Colloquium (PLC). 2006
 Co-instructor of job workshop series for graduate students at Northwestern University. Winter-Spring 2006
 Organizing committee member for CGSW 21 held at UCSC. 2006
 Teaching Assistant Training instructor for UCSC graduate students. 2004-2005
 Peer reviewer for proceedings of Workshop on Cross-Linguistic Variation in Auxiliary Selection, published by John Benjamins. 2004
 Reviewer of Ladefoged’s *A Course in Phonetics* for Wadsworth/Thomson Learning, Boston, MA. 2004
 Manuscript reviewer for *Phonology*. 2003
 SLUG Pubs member. In charge of publishing and distributing UCSC linguistics dissertations. 2002-2005

LANGUAGES

German (native), English (native-like), French (conversational), Classical Greek, Latin

ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Athletic Hall of Fame, Boston University. 2002
 All-time leading scorer, Boston University Division 1 Field Hockey. 1996-present
 Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year, Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC), New England College Athletic Conference (NECAC), and Massachusetts Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (MAIAW). 1996-1997
 Outstanding Female Student Athlete, Boston University Gretchen Schuyler Award. 1996-1997
 Female Athlete of the Year, Boston University Mildred Barnes Award. 1995-1996
 German Field Hockey Junior National Team. 1987-1989, 1992