

Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Positions

- 2007–present Associate Professor, University of Delaware.
2002–2007 Assistant Professor, University of Delaware.
2001–2002 Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of Delaware.
08/2000–01/2001 Japan Science and Technology/MIT Research Associate.

Education

- 1995–2001 Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass. Ph.D. in Linguistics. Dissertation: *Syntax at the Edge: Cross-Clausal Phenomena and the Syntax of Passamaquoddy*.
1991–1995 University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah. BA *cum laude* in Linguistics; BA *cum laude* in Middle East Studies: Arabic.

Grants

- 09/2005–08/2008 NSF Grant No. BCS-0518308. Funded creation of materials for investigating quantification in field research, and using them to investigate quantification in the Algonquian language Passamaquoddy.
06/2005–06/2006 University of Delaware General University Research grant. Funded a comparative study of Chinese and Passamaquoddy.
08/2000–09/2001 NSF Dissertation Grant No. BCS-0081003. Funded fieldwork on the syntax of the Algonquian language Passamaquoddy.
Fall 2000 Ken Hale Fellowship for Linguistic Field Research. Funded research into the syntax, semantics, and morphology of preverbs in Passamaquoddy.
Summer 1999 Phillips Fund for Native American Research, American Philosophical Society. Grant to complete Wampanoag Text Database, an electronic database of all extant sources for the Eastern Algonquian language formerly spoken in Massachusetts.

Publications

- 2008 Quantification in Passamaquoddy. To appear in L. Matthewson (ed.), *Cross-Linguistic Perspectives on the Semantics of Quantification*. Amsterdam: Elsevier.

- 2007 Algonquian Languages Have A-Movement and A-Agreement. Submitted to *Linguistic Inquiry*.
- 2007 Passamaquoddy as a Split Ergative Language and Its Consequences for Marantz's Ergative Case Generalization. Submitted to *Linguistic Inquiry*.
- 2007 Wh-in-Situ Does Not Correlate with Wh-Indefinites or Question Particles. *Linguistic Inquiry* 38(1): 139–166.
- 2006 Wh-conditionals in Vietnamese and Chinese: Against Unselective Binding. With Thuan Tran (University of Delaware and University of California, San Diego). To appear in *Proceedings of BLS 32*.
- 2006 Differences Between the Wh-Scope-Marking and Wh-Copy Constructions in Passamaquoddy. *Linguistic Inquiry* 37(1): 25–49.
- 2006 Wh-Questions in Vietnamese. With Thuan Tran (University of Delaware). *Journal of East Asian Linguistics* 15(4): 319–341.
- 2004 Verbal Reciprocals. In T. Solstad, B. Lyngfelt, and M. F. Krave (eds.), *Demoting the Agent: Proceedings of the Oslo Workshop on Passive and Other Voice-Related Phenomena*. Oslo: University of Oslo, 3–12.
- 2004 Two Types of Wh-Scope Marking in Passamaquoddy. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 22(2): 229–305.
- 2001 QR Obeys Superiority: ACD and Frozen Scope. *Linguistic Inquiry* 32(2):233–273.
- 2001 Constraints on Dependencies in Passamaquoddy. In John D. Nicols, ed., *Papers of the 32nd Algonquian Conference*. Winnipeg: The University of Manitoba, 37–62.
- 2001 Configurationality and Object Shift in Algonquian. With Andrea Rackowski (MIT). In *Proceedings of the Workshop on Structure and Constituency in the Languages of the Americas*. Vancouver: UBCWPL, 71–83.
- 2001 Discontinuous QPs and LF Interference Effects. With Vivian Lin (MIT). In *Proceedings of SULA: The Semantics of Under-represented Languages of the Americas*. UMOP 25. Amherst, Mass.: GLSA, 20–28.
- 2001 An MEG Study of Tone Processing Asymmetries in English versus Mandarin Speakers. With Vivian Lin and Elissa Flagg (MIT). In *Proceedings of NELS 31*. Amherst, Mass.: GLSA, 42–56.
- 1999 Review of the Phonology 2000 Symposium. *GLOT International* 6(2).
- 1999 Editor, with K. Arregi, C. Krause, and V. Lin. *Papers on Morphology and Syntax, Cycles One and Two*. MIT Working Papers in Linguistics vols. 33 and 34. Cambridge, MA: MITWPL.
- 1997 Abkhaz-Mabkhaz: M-Reduplication in Abkhaz, Weightless Syllables, and Base-Reduplicant Correspondence. In B. Bruening, M. McGinnis, and Y. Kang (eds.), *PF: Papers at the Interface*. MIT Working Papers in Linguistics vol. 30. Cambridge, MA: MITWPL.
- 1997 What are Secondary Predicates? Evaluating the Syntax of Adjunction. In *Proceed-*

ings of the North West Linguistics Conference. University of British Columbia Linguistics Department, 49–65.

1997 Editor. *Proceedings of the Eighth Student Conference in Linguistics*. MIT Working Papers in Linguistics vol. 31. Cambridge, MA: MITWPL.

1997 Editor, with M. McGinnis and Y. Kang. *PF: Papers at the Interface*. MIT Working Papers in Linguistics vol. 30. Cambridge, MA: MITWPL.

Invited Talks

March 2007 On the Word Order of Quantificational Elements in Passamaquoddy. University of California, Los Angeles.

February 2007 On Diagnostics of Structural Case and the Nature of Ergative Case. University College London.

February 2007 On the Word Order of Quantificational Elements in Passamaquoddy. Invited workshop presentation, Queen Mary, University of London.

September 2006 What is the Right Binding Theory? Invited colloquium talk, State University of New York at Stony Brook.

September 2006 Discrepancies between Projection and Selection: Split Coordination and Raising to Object in Passamaquoddy. Invited colloquium talk, City University of New York.

November 2004 There is No Relation Between Wh-in-Situ and Wh-Indefinites or Question Particles. Invited colloquium talk, Northwestern University.

November 2004 Verbal Reciprocals and the Interpretation of Reciprocals. Invited colloquium talk, University of Chicago.

November 2004 The Algonquian Inverse is Syntactic: Scope and Binding in Passamaquoddy. Invited colloquium talk, Georgetown University.

February 2004 On Wh-Indefinites and Wh-In-Situ: Bare Conditionals in Chinese and Passamaquoddy. Invited colloquium talk, Harvard University.

February 2004 Split Coordination in Passamaquoddy. UMass Amherst.

February 2004 On Wh-Indefinites and Wh-In-Situ: Bare Conditionals in Chinese and Passamaquoddy. UMass Amherst.

April 2003 Indefinites and Wh-in-situ. Invited colloquium talk, Pennsylvania State University.

October 2002 Wh-Variables and Wh-Movement Parameters. Invited colloquium talk, University of Pennsylvania.

March 2002 Successive Cyclic Wh-Movement and Agreement. Invited colloquium talk, University of Maryland.

October 2001 Wh-Scope Marking in Passamaquoddy. Invited colloquium talk, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania.

September 2001 Two Types of Wh-Scope Marking in Passamaquoddy. Invited colloquium talk, University of Delaware.

- February 2001 Scope Rigidity and Scope Taking in Passamaquoddy. New York University, New York.
- June 2000 Resource Gathering, Evaluation, and Language Correspondence (Algonquian). Invited talk presented at Language for Seven Generations, MIT, Cambridge, Mass.
- September 1999 Tiberian Hebrew and the “Problem of Opacity.” Phonology Circle, MIT, Cambridge, Mass.

Refereed Talks

- January 2008 Algonquian (and Other Polysynthetic) Languages are not Unusual. Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting, Chicago.
- December 2007 There is a Dedicated Reciprocal Semantics Cross-Linguistically. Workshop on Reciprocals Cross-Linguistically, Berlin.
- February 2006 Wh-Conditionals in Vietnamese and Chinese: Against Unselective Binding. With Thuan Tran (University of Delaware and University of California, San Diego). BLS 32, University of California, Berkeley.
- October 2004 Wh-Questions in Vietnamese. With Thuan Tran (University of Delaware). NELS 35, University of Connecticut.
- November 2003 Unselective Binding in Chinese and Passamaquoddy. Poster presented at NELS 34, SUNY Stony Brook.
- September 2003 Split Coordination and Successive-Cyclic Movement in Passamaquoddy. WECOL, University of Arizona.
- August 2003 Investigating Gap-Filler Dependencies in Chinese: Is There an “Active Gap”? With Chun-chieh Natalie Hsu (University of Delaware). Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing, University of Glasgow.
- March 2003 Wh-Variables and Wh-Movement Parameters. Semantics of Under-represented Languages of the Americas 2, UBC, Vancouver.
- April 2002 Raising to Object and Improper Movement. WCCFL 21, UC Santa Cruz.
- January 2002 Two Types of Wh-Scope Marking. Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting, San Francisco.
- October 2001 Raising to Object and Phase Edges. Poster presented at NELS 31, NYU and CUNY, New York City.
- April 2001 Discontinuous QPs and LF Interference Effects. With Vivian Lin (MIT). Semantics of Under-Represented Languages in the Americas, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Mass.
- January 2001 Configurational Dependencies in a Polysynthetic Language. Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- October 2000 Constraints on Dependencies in Passamaquoddy. The 32nd Algonquian Conference, McGill University, Montreal.
- October 2000 An MEG Study of Tone Processing Asymmetries in English versus Mandarin Speakers. With Vivian Lin and Elissa Flagg (MIT). NELS 31, Georgetown University,

- Washington, D.C.
- March 2000 Configurationality and Object Shift in Algonquian. With Andrea Rackowski (MIT). The Workshop on Structure and Constituency in the Languages of the Americas, Toronto.
- September 1999 Morphological Templates and Phonological Opacity. The Second Mediterranean Morphology Conference, Malta.
- March 1999 Imposing Order on QR. Kanda Move and Interpret Alpha Workshop, Kanda University, Japan.
- February 1999 ACD, QR, and Frozen Scope. BLS 25, Berkeley Linguistics Society, UC Berkeley.
- January 1998 Abkhaz-Mabkhaz: M-Reduplication in Abkhaz, Weightless Syllables, and Base-Reduplicant Correspondence. GLOW Colloquium (extraordinary), Hyderabad, India.
- June 1997 What are Secondary Predicates? Evaluating the Syntax of Adjunction. North West Linguistics Conference, University of British Columbia, Vancouver.
- January 1997 Abkhaz-Mabkhaz: M-Reduplication in Abkhaz. With Bert Vaux (Harvard University). Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois.

Courses Taught

- U. of Delaware Structure of Albanian. Fall 2007.
- U. of Delaware Syntax 3. Fall 2004, fall 2006, fall 2007.
- U. of Delaware Language Typology and Documentation. Spring 2004.
- U. of Delaware Topics in Syntax. Fall 2003, fall 2005.
- U. of Delaware Syntax-Semantics Interface (topic: specificity in syntax and semantics). Fall 2002.
- U. of Delaware Introduction to Linguistics. Fall 2002, fall 2003, fall 2004, fall 2005, fall 2006.
- U. of Delaware Introduction to Psycholinguistics. Spring 2002, spring 2003.
- U. of Delaware Syntax II (second half of introductory graduate course). Spring 2002, spring 2003, spring 2004, spring 2006, spring 2007.
- U. of Delaware Syntax Seminar: Proper and Improper Movement. Fall 2001.

Dissertations Supervised

- In progress Thuan Tran (*Quantification in Vietnamese*)
- 2006 Chun-chieh Hsu (*Issues in Head-Final Relative Clauses in Chinese—Derivation, Processing, and Acquisition*)
- 2005 Heejong Yi (*Exploring the Formal Representation of Discourse Units with Korean Noun Anaphors and Null Pronouns*)

Dissertation Committees Served On

- 2006 Yurie Hara (*The Grammar of Knowledge Representation: Japanese Discourse Items at the Interfaces*)

- 2006 Ngee Thai Yap (*Modeling Syllable Theory with Finite-State Transducers*)
- 2006 Min-jeong Son (*Causation and Syntactic Decomposition of Events*)
- 2005 Al-Waleed Al-Suhaibani (*An Experimental Investigation of Prosodic Domain Circumscription in the Arabic Broken Plurals*)
- 2005 Chonghyuck Kim (*Plurality in Korean*)
- 2005 Chang-yong Sim (*Syntactic Structure and Case Morphology*)
- 2005 Yassir Tjung (*Relative Clause Formation in Jakarta Indonesian*)
- 2003 Baris Kabak (*The Perceptual Processing of L2 Consonant Clusters*)
- 2002 Patcharee Imsri (*The Perception of English Stop Consonants by Thai Children and Adults*)

Professional Affiliations

- 1997–present Member, Linguistic Society of America

Academic Service

- 03/2003–present Editorial Board, *Syntax*
- 10/2001–present Editorial Board, *Linguistic Inquiry*
- 09/2002–present Referee, *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*
- 09/2007–present Referee, *Lingua*
- 06/2000–present Referee, *Syntax*
- 06/1997–present Referee, *Linguistic Inquiry*
- 2003–present Referee, National Science Foundation
- 2006–present Referee, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada
- 2002–present Referee, NELS
- 2006, 2007 Referee, Penn Linguistic Colloquium
- 2006 Referee, *Linguistic Analysis*

University Service

- U. of Delaware Graduate Advisor and chair of Graduate Committee; Undergraduate Committee, Faculty Senate Representative, AAUP Representative
- U. of Delaware Faculty organizer, colloquium series (2001–2005)
- U. of Delaware Served on faculty search committees in 2003, 2004, and two in 2006

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