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Research Interests

Theoretical syntax, Austronesian languages, Typology, the Interface between Syntax and Phonology and Semantic, Clause structure and word order, Argument structure, Existential constructions, Right Node Raising.

Positions

2015-present	Associate Professor, Department of Linguistics, UT Arlington
2009-2015	Assistant Professor, Department of Linguistics, UT Arlington
2008-2009	Visting Assistant Professor, Department of Linguistics, Reed College
2007-2008	Visiting Lecturer, Department of Linguistics, UC Berkeley
2005-2007	Richard H. Tomlinson Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Linguistic, McGill University

Education

2005	**Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)** PhD in Linguistics Thesis: *Non-verbal argument structure: Evidence from Tagalog* (Advisors: David Pesetsky, Norvin Richards, Sandra Chung, and Sabine Iatridou)
2000	**University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC)** BA in Linguistics Honors Thesis: *Free Inversion and Other Clauses in Hebrew* (Advisor: Sandra Chung)

Non-Degree Study

2005 July	**LSA Summer Institute** Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT): Cambridge, MA
1998 July	**LSA Summer Institute** University of Illinois: Urbana-Champaign, IL

Academic Honors

2017	Nominee, College of Liberal Arts Outstanding Teaching Award, UT Arlington
2015	Nominee, Academy of Distinguished Teachers, UT Arlington
2011	"Recognized Professor", The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, UT Arlington Chapter
2000	Highest Honors in the Major, Department of Linguistics, UC Santa Cruz
2000	Steck Family Award for Most Worth Undergraduate Senior Thesis, UC Santa Cruz
1999-2000	University of California Regents Scholarship, UC Santa Cruz

Grants & Fellowships

2011(April)-2013(May)	National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Research: *Clauses and Clause Types in Jarai* (#1052964) (co-PI with Joshua Jensen)
2005-2007	Richard H. Tomlinson Postdoctoral Fellowship, McGill University
1998 (July)	President's Fellowship, Linguistic Society of America

Publications

Peer-reviewed

2016	Specificty and Objecthood in Tagalog, *Journal of Linguistics* (First View:) DOI: http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/S0022226716000025, (50 pages)
2014a	'Right Node Raising'. *Language & Linguistic Compass*, Volume 8:1, pp. 24—35.
2014b	'Word order and prosodic structure constraints in Tagalog'. *Syntax: A journal of theoretical, experimental, and interdisciplinary research*, Volume 17:1, pp. 40—89.
2011	'Adjectival Passives and the structure of VP in Tagalog'. *Lingua*, Volume 121, pp. 1424–1452.
2009	'Existential Sentences in Tagalog'. *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory*, Volume 27:4, pp. 675–719.
2008	'Right Node Raising and Extraction in Tagalog'. *Linguistic Inquiry*, Volume 39:3, 505–511.
2007	'Ordering and Linearizing Rightward Movement'. *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory*, Volume 25:2, pp. 349–401.

Other Publications (Invited Submissions, Editorial Work)

2017   *Asking the right questions: Essays in honor of Sandra Chung*, Cited as: Ostrove, Jason; Kramer, Ruth; & Sabbagh, Joseph (eds.) (2017). *Asking the Right Questions: Essays in Honor of Sandra Chung.* UC Santa Cruz: Retrieved from: http://escholarship.org/uc/item/8255v8sc

2009   'The category of predicates and predicate phrases in Tagalog'.
Invited submission to *Theoretical Linguistics*, Volume 35:1, pp. 153-166.

2005   *Minimalist Approaches to Clause Structure*
MIT Working Papers in Linguistics (MITWPL) 52, co-edited with Ken Hiraiwa.

2005   'Ordering and linearizing rightward movement'
In *Proceedings of the West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics* (WCCFL) 22, Gina Garding, Mimu Tsujimur (eds.), Cascadilla Press, pp. 436-449.

2003   'Existentials, Locatives, and Possessives in Zazaki.'
Studies in Zazaki Grammar, Michael Kenstowicz (ed.), pp. 59-76 (with Rebecca L. Norris).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Peer-reviewed

2016	Inivited, 'Syntactic and prosodic adjunction in Tagalog', Invited keynote speaker, *Berkeley Linguistics Society* (BLS) 42 (February 2016).
2015	Invited, 'Prosody and Verb Initial Word order in Tagalog'. Invited keynote speaker, *Annual Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association* (AFLA) 22, McGill University (May 2015).
2014	Invited, 'Intonation, adjunction, and verb-initial word order in Tagalog', Invited keynote speaker, *Exploring the Interfaces* (ETI) 3: *Prosody and Constituent Structure*, McGill University (May 2014).
2012	'Specificity and objecthood in Tagalog'. Presented at the LSA Annual Meeting (January 2012, Portland, OR)
2011	'Word order and prosodic structure constraints in Tagalog'. Presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association* (AFLA) 18, (March 5, Harvard University).
2009	Invited, 'How to evade a universal or two in Tagalog'. Presented at the DFW Metroplex Linguistics Conference, UT Arlington (October 2009).
2008	'Subject initial sentences in a verb initial language'. Presented at the LSA Annual Meeting (San Francisco, January 2008).
2006a	'Unaccusative adjectives and the structure of VP'. Presented at the *West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics* (WCCFL) 25, University of Washington (April 2006)
2006b	Invited, 'The syntax of existential sentences in Tagalog'. Presented at the *Comparative Austronesian Syntax Workshop*, UC San Diego (October 2006).
2005a	'Existential constructions in Tagalog'. Presented at the *12th Annual Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association* (AFLA) 12. UCLA (April 2005).
2005b	'Existential constructions and Case assignment in Tagalog'. Presented at the LSA Annual Meeting (Oakland, CA, January 2005).
2004a	'Stress shift and prosodic correspondence in Tagalog'. Presented at the WESTERN CONFERENCE ON LINGUISTICS (WECOL) 2004, USC (February 2004).
2004b	Invited, 'Ordering and Linearizing Rightward Movement'. *Linguistics Undergraduate Conference*, UC Santa Cruz (Invited alumnus speaker, March 2004).
2003	'Rightward movement is sometimes movement before, and sometimes movement after, spell-out'. Presented at the *West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics* (WCCFL) 22, UC San Diego (April 2003).

Invited Colloquium

2013	'Specificity and objecthood in Tagalog'. UC Santa Cruz (February 2013).
2011a	'The languages of Asia and the Pacific'. UT Arlington, for Endangered Languages Week (October 2011).
2011b	'A Brief introduction to the Minimalist approach to Syntax'. Graduate Institute of Applied Linguistics (GIAL, May 6, 2011).
2011c	'Word order and prosodic structure constraints in Tagalog'. Harvard University (March 4, 2011).
2009a	'Individual and event existentials in Tagalog'. Harvard University (November 2009).
2009b	'Predicate initial and predicate final word order in Tagalog'. UT Arlington (February 2009).
2008a	'Word order in copular clauses in Tagalog'. San Francisco State University (May 2008).
2008b	'Copular clauses in Tagalog'. Reed College (April 2008).
2008c	'Copular clauses and predicate final word order in Tagalog'. UC Berkeley (March 2008).
2008d	'Predicate initial and predicate final word order in Tagalog'. UC San Diego (February 2008).
2006a	'The syntax of existential sentences in Tagalog'. City University of New York (CUNY), Syntax Supper (November 2006).
2006b	'The grammatical ingredients of existence in Tagalog'. Concordia University (October 2006).
2006c	'A cross-linguistic difference among adjectives: Implications for the theory of argument structure'. Reed College (March 2006).
2006d	'The syntax of the internal (theme) argument: Evidence from Tagalog'. Cornell University (February 2006).
2006e	'The syntax of the internal argument: Evidence from Tagalog'. McGill University (January 2006).

Courses Taught

Since appointment at UT Arlington

Linguistics 5380	Field Methods. (Graduate; Spring 2017)
Linguistics 3311	Introduction to Linguistic Science. (Undergraduate, Summer 2010; Fall 2011, Fall 2017)
Linguistics 3330	Phonetics & Phonology. (Undergraduate, Spring 2014)
Linguistics 3340	Grammar & Morphology [=Syntax 1]. (Undergraduate, Spring 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016)
Linguistics 4303	Formal Syntax [=Syntax 2]. (Undergraduate, Fall 2009, 2010, 2013, 2014, 2015) *Cross-listed as Undergraduate/Graduate through 2013*
Linguistics 4335/5335	Language Typology & Linguistic Universals. (Undergraduate/Graduate, Fall 2011)
Linguistics 4389	Language & Mind. (Undergraduate, Spring 2014)
Linguistics 5330	Formal Syntax (Graduate, Fall 2009, 2010, 2014, 2015; Spring 2013, Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2017) *Cross-listed as Undergraduate/Graduate through 2013*
Linguistics 5331	Advanced Formal Syntax. (Graduate, Spring 2010, 2011, 2012, 2015; Fall 2013,)
Linguistics 5361	Non-Western Linguistic Structure. (Graduate, Fall 2009)
Linguistics 6393	Seminar in Syntax: The syntax-phonology interface. (Graduate, Fall 2010)
Linguistics 6390	Graduate Research Seminar. (Graduate, Spring 2016)
Linguistics 5334	Morphology. (Graduate, Fall 2016)

Prior to appointment at UT Arlington

	Morphology. (Undergraduate/Graduate, McGill University; UC Berkeley; Reed College)
	Field Methods. (Undergraduate, Reed College)

STUDENTS SUPERVISED

Since appointment at UT Arlington

As PhD Supervisor

Samantha Cornelius
Graduation: Spring 2017 (expected)
Current PhD Title: *The syntax and phonology of Cherokee clitics*

Daniel Amy
Graduation: Spring 2017 (expected)
Current PhD Title: *Explaining Massive Pied-Piping in English*

Joshua Jensen
Graduated: Spring 2012
The structure of Jarai Clauses and Noun Phrases
(Published as: Jensen, Joshua. 2014. *Jarai clauses and noun phrases: Syntactic structures in an Austronesian language*. Berlin, Boston: De Gruyter Mouton.)

As PhD Committee Member

Kent Rasmussen
In progress (graduation expected Spring 2017)
Retrieval process in subject-verb agreement computation

Iya Kelm Price
Graduated: Spring 2016
Independent sources of relative clause processing difficulty: Evidence from Russian

Nathan Eversole
Graduated: Summer 2017
Retrieval process in subject-verb agreement computation

Lori Pierce
In progress

Mohammed Mwanzandi
Graduated: Spring 2014
Word order and information structure: Insights from Swahili

Vitaly Voinov
Graduated: Spring 2012
Linguistic Aspects of Politeness in Tuvan
Sok-Hun Kim
Graduated: Spring 2012
A corpus based analysis of discourse anaphora in English and Korean

Deborah King
Graduated: Fall 2010
Voice and valence alternating operations in Falam Chin

Prior to UT Arlington

Dustin Bowers
Graduate: 2009 (BA, Reed College)
Ojibwe Gender and Derivation: A Final Analysis

Peter Farago (April Montheith)
Graduated: 2009 (BA, Reed College)
To Have and Have Note: Unifying Possession in the Sentential and Nominal Domains

Katherine Judson
Graduated: 2009 (BA, Reed College)
The Legal Performative, Race, and the Modern Civil Rights Movement: A Study of the Battle Over Semiotic Production of Identity

Aviva Raskin
Graduated: 2009 (BA, Reed College)
The Japanese Women?s Language as a Covert Standard on the Speech of the Gothic-Lolita

Lily Scheyhing
Graduated: 20019 (BA, Reed College)
Diexis: A Meaningful Interface Between Reality and Our Interpretive World-Views

SERVICE

Department & University Service

2016-present	Member, UTA Faculty Senate (University level)
2016-present	Budget Liaison Committee (2016-present, appointed through UTA Faculty Senate)
2016-present	Committee on Academic Freedom & Tenure (2016-present, appointed through UTA Faculty Senate)
2015-2016	Chair, Search Committee (Department level).
2015-present	Chair, Department ACTP (Academic Committee on Tenure & Promotion, Department level)
2014-present	Chair, Graduate Students Committee (Department level)
2015-2016	Chair, Chair Review Committee (Department/College level)
2015-present	Member, CoLA CCTP (College Committee on Tenure & Promotion, College level)
2015-2016	Member, CoLA Research Committee (College level)
2015-present	Graduate Advisor, PhD program in Linguistics (Department level)
2012-2014	Member, CoLA Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (College level)
2010-2012	Member, Faculty Senate (University level)

Professional Service

Panelist, National Science Foundation, Winter 2016

Member, Committee on Linguistic Institutes and Fellowships (Linguistic Society of America), Fall 2015.

Organizer, 20th Annual Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association, Held at UT Arlington May 17-19, 2013.

Grant reviewer, National Science Foundation (NSF, US) Grant proposal for Linguistics (Spring 2011 cycle, Fall 2013 cycle, Spring 2017 cylcle); Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC, Canada) Grant proposal for Linguistics (Fall 2010 review cycle).

Member, Editorial board for *Syntax: A journal of theoretical, experimental, and interdisciplinary research* (2012-present).

Conference reviewer, LSA Annual Meeting (continuous since 2008); Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (continuous since 2006); West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL) (2011, 2013, 2015); North East Linguistics Society (continuous since 2013)

Journal ad-hoc reviewer, *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory, Language, Lingua, Glossa, Linguistic Inquiry, Journal of Linguistics, The Linguistic Review, Philippine Social Science Review, Journal of East Asian Linguistics, Language & Linguistics*

Co-organizer, 14th Annual Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA 14), McGill University, 2006.