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Employment

2017–2018 Postdoctoral Fellow. Language, Logic, and Cognition Center.
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Education

2017 Ph.D. Linguistics, Stanford University.
2010 B.A. (Hons.) in Linguistics, University of Sydney.
2010 B.Commerce, University of Sydney.

Honors

2019 Faculty Research Grant, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, for fieldwork in Samoa.
2017–2018 Lady Davis Postdoctoral Fellowship, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
2015–2017 Graduate Fellowship, Department of Linguistics, Stanford University.
2011–2015 William R. and Sara Hart Kimball Stanford Graduate Fellowship, Stanford University.
2010 Gerhardt Laves Scholarship, Australian Linguistics Society, for fieldwork in Samoa.

Refereed Papers

accepted Definiteness determined by syntax: A case study in Tagalog. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*.

2016 Samoan predicate initial word order and object positions. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*, 35(1): 1–59. Doi: [10.1007/s11049-016-9340-1](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11049-016-9340-1).

2014 Sluicing and the inquisitive potential of appositives (w/ Daria Popova, Ivan A. Sag, Thomas Wasow). In *Parenthesis and Ellipsis*, M. Kluck et al (eds.). Berlin: De Gruyter. ISBN: [978-1-61451-483-1](https://www.degruyter.com/item/978-1-61451-483-1)

2014 The distribution of unmarked cases in Samoan. In *Argument Realisations and Related Constructions in Austronesian Languages*, I. W. Arka and N. L. K. Mas Indrawati (eds.). Canberra: Asia-Pacific Linguistics. ISBN: [9781922185129](https://www.apl.org.au/item/9781922185129)

Conference Proceedings

2016 Reasoning about definiteness in a language without articles. *Semantics and Linguistic Theory* 26, 82–102. Doi: [10.3765/salt.v26i0.3821](https://doi.org/10.3765/salt.v26i0.3821)

2016 Composition and definiteness without articles: A case study in Tagalog. *North East Linguistics Society* 46, 227–240.

- 2016 Definiteness and implicature in Tagalog. *Berkeley Linguistics Society* 42, 273–292.
- 2016 Ilokano free relatives with *man*. *Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association* 21, 33–50.
- 2015 Diagnosing predicate fronting in Samoan. *West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics* 32, 228–237.
- to appear Pseudo noun incorporation in discourse. *Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association* 20.

Manuscripts

- 2010 Syntactic derivations of Samoan predicates. Honors thesis, University of Sydney.

Conference Presentations

- 2018 The polarity of clauses embedded under neg-raising predicates. *Sinn und Bedeutung* 23, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona.
- 2016 Reasoning about definiteness in a language without articles. *Semantics and Linguistic Theory* 26, UT Austin.
- 2016 Word order and definiteness in Tagalog. *Berkeley Linguistics Society* 42. UC Berkeley.
- 2016 The scope of futures. *Linguistics Society of America* 90, Washington DC.
- 2015 Composition and opacity in a language without articles: A case study in Tagalog. *North East Linguistics Society* 46. Concordia University.
- 2015 *be about to* and the proximal future. *Linguistic Society of America* 89. Portland, OR.
- 2014 *be about to* and the proximal future. *California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics* 7. UCLA.
- 2014 Marking uncertainty in Ilokano free relatives. *Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association* 21. University of Hawai‘i, Mānoa.
- 2014 Diagnosing predicate fronting in Samoan. *West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics* 32. University of Southern California.
- 2014 Samoan VSO: New evidence for predicate fronting. *Linguistic Society of America* 88. Minneapolis, MN.
- 2013 Context updates with narrow scope indefinites. *California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics* 6. UC Berkeley.
- 2013 Pseudo noun incorporation in discourse. *Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association* 20. UT Arlington.
- 2013 Sluicing and salience (w/ Ivan A. Sag, Daria Popova, Thomas Wasow). *Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft* 35. University of Potsdam.
- 2012 Deriving ergativity in Samoan. *International Conference on Austronesian Linguistics* 12. Udayana University, Indonesia.
- 2012 Accusative in an ergative language: Case in Samoan. *Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association* 19, Academia Sinica, Taiwan.

Invited Presentations

- 2018 The semantics of Samoan case: Optimality in lexicalization. *Workshop on Polynesian Syntax* (Keynote Speaker). Department of Linguistics, University of Toronto.
- 2018 How syntax feeds interpretation: The view from Tagalog NPs. *Department Colloquium*. Department of Linguistics, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.
- 2018 Reasoning about definiteness and syntactic structure. *Department Colloquium*. Department of Linguistics, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
- 2017 Samoan predicate fronting: Constructing word order alternations. *Department Colloquium*. Department of Linguistics, University of Florida.
- 2015 The mysterious case of disappearing indefiniteness. *Syntax and Semantics Circle*. Department of Linguistics, UC Berkeley.
- 2013 The morphosyntax of ergativity in Samoan. *Syntax and Semantics Circle*. Department of Linguistics, UC Berkeley.
- 2013 The morphosyntax of ergativity in Samoan. *Syntax and Semantics Circle*. Department of Linguistics, UC Santa Cruz.

Teaching

at Hebrew University of Jerusalem

- 2017 (Aut/Spr) Co-instructor (w/ Todd Snider), Seminar: Varieties of Approaches to Implicatures.

at Stanford University

- 2017 (Winter) TA, Introduction to Semantics and Pragmatics, Cleo Condoravdi (instructor).
- 2016 (Autumn) TA, Introduction to Linguistics, Meghan Sumner (instructor).
- 2016 (Summer) Program coordinator, Undergraduate internship program, Center for the Study of Language and Information.
- 2016 (Spring) Grader, African American English, John Rickford (instructor).
- 2015 (Winter) TA, Crosslinguistic Syntax, Boris Harizanov (instructor).
- 2014 (Winter) TA, Introduction to Semantics and Pragmatics, Christopher Potts (instructor).
- 2014 (Winter) Co-instructor (w/ Lelia Glass), Logic Lab.
- 2013 (Winter) TA, Introduction to Linguistics, Asya Pereltsvaig (instructor).

at the University of Sydney

- 2010 (Autumn) TA, Structure of Language, Jason Johnston (instructor).

Reviewing

- Journals Glossa, Laboratory Phonology, Lingua, The Linguistic Review, Syntax
- Conferences IATL 34, SALT 25

Service

- 2016 Organizer. Undergraduate Cognitive Science Conference, Stanford, August 8.
- 2014–2015 Organizer. Semantics Discussion Group.
- 2014–2015 Member. Graduate Studies Committee.
- 2013–2015 Organizer. Syntax-Morphology Circle.
- 2013–2015 Member. Organizing/Program Committee, Semantics and Linguistic Theory 25.
- 2012–2013 Graduate Student Representative (elected).
- 2012–2013 Organizer. Semantics Discussion Group.
- 2012–2013 Member. Graduate Studies Committee.
- 2011–2013 Member. Colloquium Committee.
- 2011–2012 Member. Social Committee.