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Curriculum Vitae

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

1997-2003 Ph.D., Linguistics, University of California, Los Angeles
1997-1999 M.A., Linguistics, University of California, Los Angeles
1991-1994 "Laurea cum laude", Philosophy, University of Pavia, Italy
1990-1991 University of Milan, Italy

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

2006- Assistant Professor, Department of Linguistics, University of California San Diego, La Jolla, CA, USA
2005-2006 Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Milan-Bicocca, Milan, Italy
2003-2005 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Linguistics, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, USA

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Formal semantics and pragmatics crosslinguistically

Syntax-semantics-pragmatics interface

Semantics and pragmatics of wh-words and wh-constructions crosslinguistically (free relatives, pseudo-clefts, rhetorical questions)

PUBLICATIONS

- To appear “Almost everything is relative in the Caucasus.” With Maria Polinsky. In. T. Friedman and S. Ito (eds), *Proceedings from Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) XVIII*, pp. 158-175. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University.
- “On the syntax and semantics of question-answer pairs in American Sign Language.” With Kathryn Davidson (first author) and Rachel Mayberry. In. T. Friedman and S. Ito (eds), *Proceedings from Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) XVIII*, pp. 212-229. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University.
- 2009 “The nominal nature of *Where*, *When*, and *How*: Evidence from Free Relatives.” With Lisa Pearl. *Linguistic Inquiry* 40(1): 155-164.
- 2008 “Silent prepositions: Evidence from free relatives.” With Lisa Pearl. In Anna Asbury, Jakub Dotlačil, Berit Gehrke, and Rick Nouwen (eds), *The Syntax and Semantics of Spatial P*, pp.365-385. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
- “Relatively speaking (in Circassian).” With Maria Polinsky. In Natasha Abner and Jason Bishop (eds), *Proceedings of 27th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 27)*, pp. 81-89. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project.
- “Clausal question-answer pairs: Evidence from American Sign Language.” With Kathryn Davidson (first author) and Rachel Mayberry. In Natasha Abner and Jason Bishop (eds), *Proceedings of 27th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 27)*, pp. 108-115. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project.
- 2007 “The non concealed nature of free relatives: Implications for connectivity crosslinguistically.” With Daphna Heller. In Chris Barker and Pauline Jacobson (eds), *Direct Compositionality*, pp. 237-263. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.
- “Rhetorical questions as questions.” With Jon Sprouse. In Estela Puig Waldmüller (ed.), *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 11*, pp. 121-133. Barcelona: Universitat Pompeu Fabra.
- 2004 “The semantic contribution of wh-words and type shifts: evidence from free relatives crosslinguistically.” In Robert B. Young (ed.), *Proceedings from Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) XIV*, pp.38-55. Ithaca, NY: CLC Publications, Cornell University.
- 2003 “Parameterizing passive participle movement.” With Carson T. Schütze. *Linguistic Inquiry* 34 (2): 293-308.
- “Unbalanced coordination in Maasai.” In Jason Kandybowicz (ed.), *Papers in African Linguistics* 3, UCLA Working Papers in Linguistics 9, pp.1-16. Los Angeles, CA: Department of Linguistics, UCLA.

- 2002 “On the source of maximality in wh-constructions crosslinguistically.” In Mary Andronis, Erin Debenport, Anne Pycha & Keiko Yoshimura (eds), *Proceedings of the 38th Meeting of the Chicago Linguistics Society (CLS 38)*, pp.129-143. Chicago, IL: Chicago Linguistics Society.
- “Free relatives as DPs with a silent D and a CP complement.” In Vida Samiiian (ed.), *Proceedings of the Western Conference on Linguistics 2000 (WECOL 2000)*, pp.140-150, Fresno, CA: California State University.
- Report on the 38th Meeting of the Chicago Linguistics Society (CLS 38), Chicago, April 25-27, 2002. *GLOT International*, 6 (7).
- 2001 “On the semantics of indefinite free relatives.” In In Marjo van Koppen, Joanna Sio, and Mark de Vos (eds.), *Proceedings of the 10th Meeting of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE X)*, pp.49-62. Leiden: SOLE, 2001.
- 2000 “Is *essere* not *to be*? Evidence from acquisition.” In Jill Gilkerson , Misha Becker and Nina Hyams (eds), *Language Development and Breakdown*, UCLA Working Papers in Linguistics 5, pp.40-55. Los Angeles, CA: Department of Linguistics, UCLA.

DISSERTATION

- 2003 *Free Not to Ask: On the Semantics of Free Relatives and Wh-Words Cross-linguistically*. Department of Linguistics, University of California, Los Angeles. Committee members: Daniel Büring, Chair; Veneeta Dayal, Terence Parsons, Carson Schütze, Dominique Sportiche.

INVITED TALKS

- 2008 “On the semantics and pragmatics of Question-Answer Clauses in American Sign Language”, Linguistics Department Colloquium Series, University of California, Los Angeles, November 21.
- “Caucasian Relatives Galore”, Workshop on Semantics and Philosophy of Language, University of Chicago, June 13.
- 2007 “We know, therefore I ask”, Construction of Meaning - Stanford Semantics and Pragmatics Workshop, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA, April 20.
- “We know, therefore I ask”, Linguistics Department Colloquium Series, McGill University, Montreal, Canada, February 15.
- 2006 “The questionable nature of rhetorical questions”, Linguistics Department Colloquium Series, University of California, Santa Cruz, CA, October 27.
- “On the semantics of wh-words: Evidence from free relatives and other wh-constructions crosslinguistically”, Linguistics Department, University of California, San Diego, CA, February 15.
- “On the semantics of wh-words and rhetorical questions”, Linguistics Department, University of Maryland at College Park, MD, February 6.
- “The questionable nature of rhetorical questions”, Linguistics Department, University of Toronto, Canada, February 3.
- “The questionable nature of rhetorical questions”, BIL, Psychology Department, University of Milan-Bicocca, Milan, Italy, January 26.
- 2005 “Free relatives or what the semantic investigation of non-interrogative wh-constructions crosslinguistically can tell us about the meaning of wh-words”, MayFest., Linguistics

Department, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, May 13-15.

“On the semantics of free relatives crosslinguistically and related matters”, Linguistics Department Colloquium Series, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY, February 25.

“On the semantics of free relatives crosslinguistically and related matters”, BIL, Psychology Department, University of Milan-Bicocca, Milan, Italy, February 8.

2004 “The semantic contribution of *wh*-words and type shifts: Evidence from free relatives crosslinguistically”, SURGE, Linguistics Department, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, May 5.

“The semantic contribution of *wh*-words: Evidence from free relatives crosslinguistically”, Linguistics Department Colloquium Series, University of Delaware, Newark, DE, February 13.

2003 “Free not to ask: On the semantics of free relatives and *wh*-words cross-linguistically”, Tokyo University, Tokyo, Japan, December 26.

“Free not to ask: On the semantics of free relatives and *wh*-words cross-linguistically”, Linguistics Department Colloquium Series, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, September 12.

“The non concealed nature of free relatives: Implications for connectivity”, Workshop on Direct Compositionality, Brown University, Providence, RI, June 19-21.

“Free not to ask: On the semantic contribution of free relatives and *wh*-words crosslinguistically”, Linguistics Department Colloquium Series, University of California, Los Angeles, CA, May 22.

“Free not to ask: Free relatives and question words”, McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada., February 5.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2009 “On the syntax and semantics of temporal *when*-clauses.” With David Hall (first author). Moscow Syntax and Semantics (MOSS), Institute of Russian Language of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, October 7-9.

“Testing Calculation of Scalar Implicatures in English and American Sign Language.” With Kathryn Davidson (first author) and Rachel Mayberry. Formal Approaches to Sign Languages Workshop, European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information (ESSLLI). July 24-30.

“Exhaustivity and Pragmatic Properties in the Question-Answer Clause in American Sign Language.” With Kathryn Davidson (first author). Formal Approaches to Sign Languages Workshop, European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information (ESSLLI). July 24-30.

“On the syntax and semantics of temporal *when*-clauses.” With David Hall (first author). California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics (CUSP), University of California, Los Angeles, May 23-24.

“Calculating scalar implicatures in English and ASL.” With Kathryn Davidson (first author). California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics (CUSP), University of California, Los Angeles, May 23-24

“Negation as a commitment marker.” With Simone Hartung (first author). California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics (CUSP), University of California, Los Angeles, May 23-24.

- 2008 “Relatively speaking (in Circassian).” With Maria Polinsky. West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL) XXVII, University of California, Los Angeles, May 16-18.
- “On the Syntax and Semantics of Question-Answer Pairs in American Sign Language.” With Kathryn Davidson (first author) and Rachel Mayberry. West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL) XXVII, University of California, Los Angeles, May 16-18.
- “Everything is relative: Evidence from Northwest Caucasian.” With Maria Polinsky. 31st GLOW Colloquium. Newcastle University, Newcastle, UK, March 26-28.
- “Almost everything is relative in the Caucasus.” Talk. With Maria Polinsky. Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) XVIII, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Mass., March 21-23.
- “Clausal question-answer pairs: Evidence from American Sign Language.” Poster. With Kathryn Davidson (first author) and Rachel Mayberry. Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) XVIII, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Mass., March 21-23.
- 2006 “Rhetorical questions as questions”. With Jon Sprouse. Sinn und Bedeutung 11. Barcelona, Spain, September 21-23.
- “The questionable nature of rhetorical questions.” With Jon Sprouse. The 2006 Milan Meeting, Gargnano, Italy, June 15-17.
- “Silent (special) prepositions: evidence from free relatives.” With Lisa Pearl. Conference on the Syntax and Semantics of Spatial Preposition, UiL OTS, Utrecht University, Utrecht, Holland, June 2-4.
- 2004 “The semantic contribution of wh-words and type shifts: Evidence from free relatives crosslinguistically.” Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) XIV, Northwestern University, Chicago, May 14-16.
- “The semantic contribution of wh-words: Evidence from free relatives crosslinguistically.” (Poster). The Georgetown University Round Table on Languages and Linguistics (GURT), Washington, DC, March 26-29.
- 2003 “On the non-quantificational nature of wh-words: Evidence from free relatives crosslinguistically.” 77th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA), Atlanta, GE, January 3-5.
- 2002 “On the source of maximality in wh-constructions crosslinguistically.” 38th Meeting of the Chicago Linguistics Society (CLS 38), Chicago, IL, April 25-27.
- “The semantics of indefinite free relatives.” 76th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA), San Francisco, CA, January 3-6.
- “Parameterizing passive participle movement.” With Carson T. Schütze. 76th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA), San Francisco, CA, January 3-6.
- 2001 “On the semantics of indefinite free relatives.” 10th Meeting of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE X), Leiden, Netherlands, December 7-9.
- 2000 “Free relatives as DPs with a silent D and a CP complement.” Western Conference on Linguistics 2000 (WECOL 2000), Fresno, CA, October 27-29.

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Hellman Faculty Fellows Award, University of California, San Diego. 2009-2010
Faculty Career Development Program Award, University of California, San Diego. 2009-2010
Academic Senate Research Award, University of California, San Diego. 2009-2010
Latino Studies Research Initiative Summer Research Grant, University of California, San Diego. Summer 2009
Academic Senate Travel Expenses Award, University of California, San Diego. Winter 2008
Academic Senate Travel Expenses Award, University of California, San Diego. Fall 2006
Research Grant, University of Milan-Bicocca. With Gennaro Chierchia. 2006
Research Grant, University of Milan-Bicocca. With Gennaro Chierchia. 2005
Dissertation Year Fellowship, Graduate Division, University of California, Los Angeles. 2001-2002
Linguistics Department Fellowship, University of California, Los Angeles, Winter. 2001
Linguistics Department Fellowship, University of California, Los Angeles. Fall 1999
Dean's Fellowship, University of California, Los Angeles. 1997-1998

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

In the Linguistics Department, University of California, San Diego:

2009 Linguistics 230 – Semantics (graduate; Spring)
 Linguistics 130 – Semantics (undergraduate; Spring)
 Linguistics 247 – Pragmatics seminar (graduate; Winter)
 Linguistics 101 – Introduction to the Study of Language (undergraduate; Winter)
2008 Linguistics 230 – Semantics (graduate; Spring)
 Linguistics 130 – Semantics (undergraduate; Spring)
2007 Linguistics 235 – Semantics seminar (graduate; Fall)
 Linguistics 101 – Introduction to the Study of Language (undergraduate; Fall)
 Linguistics 230 – Semantics (graduate; Spring)
 Linguistics 130 – Semantics (undergraduate; Spring)
 Linguistics 101 – Introduction to the Study of Language (undergraduate; Winter)

At the University of Milan-Bicocca:

2006 Linguistica Generale ('Introduction to Linguistics'; undergraduate; Spring)
2005 Linguistica Generale ('Introduction to Linguistics'; undergraduate; Fall)
 Introduction to Linguistics (for graduate students in psychology; in English; Fall)
 Linguistica Generale ('Introduction to Linguistics'; undergraduate; Spring)

In the Linguistics Department, University of Maryland at College Park:

- 2004 Linguistics 689A/889A – Psychosemantics seminar. Co-taught with Stephen Crain (graduate; Fall)
Linguistics 410 – Grammar and Meaning/Linguistics 660 – Introduction to Semantics (undergraduate/graduate; Fall)
Linguistics 311 – Syntax I (undergraduate; Fall)
Linguistics 689A/879A – Semantics seminar (graduate; Spring)
Linguistics 312 – Syntax II (undergraduate; Spring)
- 2003 Linguistics 311 – Syntax I (undergraduate; Fall)

GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ADVISING

- 2008-2009 Research co-advisor of Kathryn Davidson (graduate student, UCSD, Linguistics)
Research co-advisor of Shin Fukuda (graduate student UCSD, Linguistics)
Research co-advisor of David Hall (graduate student, UCSD, Linguistics)
Research co-advisor of Simone Hartung (graduate student, UCSD, Linguistics)
Co-chair of the dissertation committee of Shin Fukuda (UCSD, Linguistics)
Chair of the comprehensive paper committee of David Hall (graduate student, UCSD, Linguistics)
Chair of the comprehensive paper committee of Simone Hartung (graduate student, UCSD, Linguistics)
Co-chair of the comprehensive paper committee of Kathryn Davidson (graduate student, UCSD, Linguistics)
Member of the dissertation committee of Henry Beecher (UCSD, Linguistics)
Member of the dissertation committee of Daniel Vallieres (UCSD, Mathematics)
- 2007-2008 Co-chair of the dissertation committee of Shin Fukuda (UCSD, Linguistics)
Research advisor of Kathryn Davidson (graduate student, UCSD, Linguistics)
Member of the dissertation committee of Henry Beecher (UCSD, Linguistics)
Member of the dissertation committee of Daniel Vallieres (UCSD, Mathematics)
Member of the dissertation committee of Hannah Rohde (UCSD, Linguistics). Ph.D. 2008.
Member of the comprehensive paper committee of Patricia Yu (graduate student, UCSD, Linguistics)
- 2006 Member of the comprehensive paper committee of Henry Beecher (graduate student, UCSD, Linguistics)
- 2005 Undergraduate senior thesis advisor of Jacopo Romoli (Milan)
Undergraduate thesis advisor of Rachele Bianchi-Porro (Milan)
- 2004 Member of the qualifying paper committee of Tomohiro Fuji (graduate student, UMD)
Member of the qualifying paper committee of Lydia Grebenyova (graduate student, UMD)
Member of the qualifying paper committee of Hajime Ono (graduate student, UMD)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2009 Paper reviewer for *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*
Abstract reviewer for Sinn und Bedeutung 14. Vienna, Austria, September 28-30.
Abstract reviewer for Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) XIX, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, April 3-5.
- 2008 Paper reviewer for *Linguistic Inquiry*
Paper reviewer for *Linguistics in the Netherlands 2008*, Johns Benjamins
Abstract reviewer for Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) XVIII, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Mass., March 21-23.
Session chair at the West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL) XXVII, University of California, Los Angeles, May 16-18.
- 2007 Paper reviewer for *Linguistics and Philosophy*
Paper reviewer for *Language Acquisition*
Paper reviewer for *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*
Translator into English of Andrea Moro's *I confini di Babele*. With Daniel B. Kane
Session chair at the Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA, January 4-7.
Abstract reviewer for the Western Conference on Linguistics (WECOL), University of California, San Diego, November 30-December 2, 2007
- 2006 Abstract reviewer for Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) XVII, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Conn., May 11-13, 2007
Abstract reviewer for The 2006 Milan Meeting, Gargnano, Italy, June 15-17.
Session chair at Sinn und Bedeutung 11. Barcelona, Spain, September 21-23.
- 2005 Collaborator to Chapter 5 "The meaning of meaning", in V. Fromkin, R. Rodman, and N. Hyams, *An Introduction to Language*, 8th ed., Thomson-Heile, 2006
Grant reviewer for National Science Foundation
Paper reviewer for *Linguistics and Philosophy*
Paper reviewer for *Language Acquisition*
Abstract reviewer for Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) XVI, University of Tokyo, March 22-24, 2006
- 2004 Paper reviewer for Daniel Hole, Werner Abraham, and Andre Meinunger (eds), *Datives and Other Cases: Between Argument Structure and Event Structure*, Amsterdam: Benjamins, 2006.
Abstract reviewer for Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) XV, University of California, Los Angeles, March 25-27, 2005
Paper reviewer for UMDWPL (University of Maryland Working Papers in Linguistics) XV, Department of Linguistics, University of Maryland, College Park, MD

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- 2008-2009 Curriculum Committee, Department of Linguistics, UCSD
Research/Travel Grant Committee, Department of Linguistics, UCSD
SemanticsBabble organizer, Department of Linguistics, UCSD
- 2007-2008 Chair of the Colloquium Committee, Department of Linguistics, UCSD
External Relations Committee, Department of Linguistics, UCSD
SemanticsBabble organizer, Department of Linguistics, UCSD
- 2006-2007 External Relations Committee, Department of Linguistics, UCSD
Research/Travel Grant Committee, Department of Linguistics, UCSD
SemanticsBabble organizer, Department of Linguistics, UCSD
- 2005-2006 Linguistics Colloquium Series (BIL) organizer, Department of Psychology, University of Milan-Bicocca
Adviser for Communication Studies students enrolled in the ERASMUS/SOCRATES European exchange program, Department of Psychology, University of Milan-Bicocca
- 2001-2002 Linguistics Colloquium Committee. Department of Linguistics, UCLA
Linguistics Department Admissions Committee, Department of Linguistics, UCLA
- 1999-2000 Student representative on the Semantics Job Search Committee, Department of Linguistics, UCLA
Co-organizer, 19th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL XIX), Department of Linguistics, UCLA
Linguistics Colloquium Committee, Department of Linguistics, UCLA.