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Education: Degrees

2006-present: University of California, San Diego, Ph.D. program in Linguistics, advised by Ivano Caponigro and Rachel Mayberry

2002-2005: University of Pennsylvania, B.A. with majors in Mathematics and Linguistics *magna cum laude*, Honors thesis in Linguistics advised by Robin Clark

Education: Other

Fall 2009: Visiting Scholar at Harvard Linguistics department and the Institute for Quantitative Studies in the Social Sciences at Harvard

Summer 2009: European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information, Bordeaux

Summer 2007: Linguistics Society of America Summer Institute, Stanford University

2004-2005: University of Pennsylvania Graduate work in Mathematics

Papers

Kathryn Davidson, Ivano Caponigro, and Rachel Mayberry (to appear) “On the syntax and semantics of question-answer pairs in American Sign Language,” in Proceedings from Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) XVIII, held in Amherst, MA.

Kathryn Davidson, Ivano Caponigro, and Rachel Mayberry (2008) “Clausal question-answer pairs: Evidence from American Sign Language,” in N. Abner and J. Bishop (eds.), Proceedings of 27th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 27), pp. 108-115, Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project.

Alex del Guidice, Ryan Shosted, Kathryn Davidson, Mohammad Salihie, and Amalia Arvaniti (2007) “Comparing Methods for Measuring Pitch Elbows,” in J. Trouvain and W. Barry (eds.), Proceedings of the XVIth International Congress of Phonetic Sciences, 1117-1120. Saarbrücken: Universität des Saarlandes.

Presentations

Ivano Caponigro and Kathryn Davidson (2009) “Ask, and Tell as Well: Question-Answer Clauses in American Sign Language”, colloquium at the University of Mary-

land Linguistics Department, College Park, Maryland, October 30.

Kathryn Davidson (2009) “Scalar Implicatures in American Sign Language”, presented at the Gallaudet Department of Linguistics brown bag lunch, Washington D.C., October 29.

Kathryn Davidson, Ivano Caponigro, and Rachel Mayberry (2009) “Testing Calculation of Scalar Implicatures in English and American Sign Language”, presented at the ESSLLI workshop on Formal Approaches to Sign Languages, Bordeaux, France, May 23.

Kathryn Davidson, Ivano Caponigro, and Rachel Mayberry (2009) “Calculating Scalar Implicature in English and ASL: A New Experimental Methodology”, presented at California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics, Los Angeles, May 23.

Ivano Caponigro and Kathryn Davidson (2008) “On the semantics and pragmatics of Question-Answer Clauses in American Sign Language”, invited talk at the Linguistics Department Colloquium Series, University of California, Los Angeles, November 21.

Kathryn Davidson (2008) “Wh-Words in ASL Clausal Question-Answer Pairs,” presented at the 44th annual meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society, Chicago, Illinois, April 24-26.

Kathryn Davidson (2008) “Two Uses of Sentence-Final Doubles in American Sign Language,” presented at the 8th annual All-Grad Research Symposium, UCSD, January 8.

Research Employment

Research Assistant Summer 2007, 2008
Ivano Caponigro UCSD Linguistics
Organized typological data on the free relative construction from more than 20 languages

Research Assistant Jan - May 2006
Tony Kroch and Beatrice Santorini UPenn Linguistics
Tagged parts of speech in the Penn Parsed Corpus of Modern British English

REU: Research Experience for Summer 2005
Undergraduates in Math and Computer
Science Rutgers University
Endre Boros, DIMACS
Created a machine learning program to allow error tolerance in data
(See <http://dimax.rutgers.edu/~kadavids/>)

Research Assistant Summer 2004

Robin Pemantle

UPenn Math

Developed algorithms for probabilistic work using Maple math software

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant, Undergraduate Semantics, UCSD, Spring 2007, Spring 2008

Teaching Assistant, Gender and Language, UCSD, Winter 2008

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Linguistics, UCSD, Fall 2007

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Logic, University of Pennsylvania, Spring 2005 and Spring 2006

Tutor, Undergraduate Calculus (all levels), University of Pennsylvania, 2003-2004

Awards

Center for Research in Language at UCSD Pre-Doctoral Training Grant 2008-2009

UCSD Linguistics Department Award for TA Excellence, 2007-2008

UCSD Linguistics Department Research Grant Award, 2008

LSA Summer Institute Tuition Fellowship, 2007

Dean's Fellowship, UCSD, 2006-2007

Dean's Scholarship, University of Pennsylvania, 2002-2003

Service

Western Conference on Linguistics (WECOL) Organizing Committee and Proceedings Editor, 2007

Reviewer for the 18th International Conference of Linguists, 2007

Web Design and Updates, UCSD Linguistics Department, 2006-2009

UCSD Graduate Student Association, Linguistics Dept. Representative, 2006-2007

Languages

Native language: English

Other languages: American Sign Language (Intermediate Conversational), French and Latin (Beginning/Intermediate Reading)

Other Skills: Psyscope, LaTeX, Perl, HTML