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## Education:

- 2003 to present PhD Candidate, Linguistics, University of California, San Diego  
Thesis: *Rethinking Ellipsis: An Experimental Approach to Theory Construction*  
Expected graduation June 2010
- 2002 M.A., Liberal Studies, City University of New York Graduate Center
- 1996 B.A. with highest honors, Linguistics, University of Texas at Austin

## Research Appointments:

- 2009 to present Graduate Student Researcher, Department of Linguistics, UC San Diego  
Moro Language Project, PIs Sharon Rose and Farrell Ackerman  
NSF Grant No. BCS-0745973
- 2006 to 2008 Pre-Doctoral Fellow, Center for Research in Language, UC San Diego  
Interdisciplinary Training in Language, Communication, and the Brain  
NIH Grant No. 5-T32-DC0041
- 2004 to 2006 Graduate Student Researcher, Department of Linguistics, UC San Diego  
Variation in Control Structures, PI Maria Polinsky  
NSF Grant No. BCS-0131946
- summer 2004 Graduate Student Researcher, Department of Linguistics, UC San Diego  
Pronoun Interpretation and Discourse Coherence  
PIs Andrew Kehler and Jeff Elman  
funded by a grant from the UCSD Academic Senate

## Teaching Experience:

*Teaching Assistant, Department of Linguistics, UC San Diego*

- spring 2006 Pidgins and Creoles, with Maria Polinsky
- winter 2006 Making and Breaking Codes, with Andrew Kehler
- fall 2005 Language Acquisition, with Farrell Ackerman
- winter 2004 Introduction to Human Development, with Farrell Ackerman

*Instructor, Language Learning Program, UC San Diego*

- spring 2004 Spanish Grammar Instruction A
- fall 2003 Spanish Grammar Instruction B

## Professional Experience:

- 2001 to 2003 Project Manager, Privacy Knowledge Inc., Hackensack, NJ
- 2000 to 2001 Researcher, Strategy Group, Visual Radio, New York, NY
- 1999 to 2000 Associate Producer, Web Lab, New York, NY
- 1998 to 1999 Marketing Manager, Premier POS, Austin, TX
- 1997 to 1998 Editorial Assistant, Dept of Computer Science, UT Austin

### **Journal Publication:**

Andrew Kehler, Laura Kertz, Hannah Rohde, and Jeffrey L. Elman. (2008) Coherence and coreference revisited. *Journal of Semantics* 25(1):1-44.

### **Peer-Reviewed Conference Proceedings:**

Kertz, Laura. (2008) Focus structure and acceptability in verb phrase ellipsis. In Natasha Abner and Jason Bishop (eds.), *Proceedings of the 27th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, 283-291. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project.

Laura Kertz, Andrew Kehler, and Jeffrey L. Elman. (2006) Evaluating a coherence-based model of pronoun interpretation. In Ron Artstein and Massimo Poesio (eds.), *Proceedings of the Ambiguity in Anaphora Workshop, ESSLLI 2006*, 49-56.

Laura Kertz, Andrew Kehler, and Jeffrey L. Elman. (2006) Grammatical and coherence-based factors in pronoun interpretation. In *Proceedings of the 28th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society*, 1605-10.

Laura Kertz. (2006) Evaluative predicates: An adjunct control analysis. In Donald Baumer, David Montero, and Michael Scanlon (eds.) *Proceedings of the 25th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics* 229-35. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project.

### **Manuscripts:**

Laura Kertz. (in prep) Verb phrase ellipsis: The view from information structure.

Laura Kertz. (submitted) The argument structure of evaluative adjectives: A case of pseudo-raising. To appear in Maria Polinsky and Norbert Hornstein (eds.) *Control as Movement and Related Issues*.

### **Peer-Reviewed Presentations:**

Laura Kertz. (2009) An experimental approach to verb phrase ellipsis. To be presented at the 12th Annual Conference of the Texas Linguistics Society. University of Texas at Austin, Nov 13-15, 2009.

Laura Kertz. (2009) Information structure and ellipsis. Presented at the First Annual Meeting of California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics (CUSP). University of California, Los Angeles, May 23-24, 2009.

Farrell Ackerman, George Gibbard, Peter Jenks, Laura Kertz and Sharon Rose. (2009) The Morphosyntax of Filler-Gap Constructions in Moro. Presented at the 40th Annual Conference on African Linguistics. University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Apr 9-11, 2009.

Farrell Ackerman, George Gibbard, Peter Jenks, Laura Kertz and Sharon Rose. (2009) Balancing Description, Typology, and Theory in Thetogovela Moro. Presented at the 40th Annual Conference on African Linguistics. University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Apr 9-11, 2009.

Laura Kertz. (2009) Early parallelism effects in ellipsis. Poster presented at the CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing. University of California, Davis, Mar 26-28, 2009.

Laura Kertz. (2009) Ellipsis effects without ellipsis. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Society of America. San Francisco, CA, Jan 8-11, 2009.

Laura Kertz. (2008) Focus structure and acceptability in verb phrase ellipsis. Presented at the 27th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics. University of California, Los Angeles, May 16-18, 2008.

Laura Kertz. (2008) Information structural constraints on verb phrase ellipsis. Poster presented at the CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Mar 13-15, 2008.

- Laura Kertz. (2008) VP ellipsis in context. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Society of America. Chicago, IL, Jan 3-6, 2008.
- Laura Kertz, Andrew Kehler, and Jeffrey L. Elman. (2006) Coherence, inference, and pronoun interpretation. Poster presented at the OSU Workshop on Presupposition Accommodation. The Ohio State University, Oct 14, 2006.
- Laura Kertz, Andrew Kehler, and Jeffrey L. Elman. (2006) Evaluating a coherence-based model of pronoun interpretation. Presented at the Ambiguity in Anaphora Workshop held at the 18th European Summer School in Logic Language and Information. University of Málaga, Spain, Aug 7-11, 2006.
- Laura Kertz, Andrew Kehler, and Jeffrey L. Elman. (2006) Grammatical and coherence-based factors in pronoun interpretation. Poster presented at the 28th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society. Vancouver, BC, Canada, Jul 26-29, 2006.
- Laura Kertz. (2006) Evaluative predicates: An adjunct control analysis. Presented at the 25th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics. University of Washington, Apr 28-30, 2006.

### **Invited Talk:**

- Laura Kertz. (2009) Information structural effects on ellipsis processing. Presented to the UCLA Psycholinguistics Group. University of California, Los Angeles, Oct 21, 2009.

### **Intramural Presentations:**

- Laura Kertz. (2008) Toward a discourse model of ellipsis. Presented to the Center for Research in Language. UCSD, Apr 15, 2008.
- Laura Kertz. (2008) Modeling grammar: Competence/performance revisited. Presented to the Institute for Neural Computation/Center for Research in Language Fellows. UCSD, Apr 3, 2008.
- Laura Kertz. (2007) What is experimental linguistics anyway? Presented to the Institute for Neural Computation/Center for Research in Language Fellows. UCSD, Mar 23, 2007.
- Laura Kertz. (2007) Gradient acceptability in verb phrase ellipsis. Presented at the Center for Research in Language. UCSD, Mar 13, 2007.
- Laura Kertz, Andrew Kehler, and Jeffrey L. Elman. (2006) The psycholinguistics of pronoun interpretation: 'Preferences' and coherence. Presented at the Center for Research in Language. UCSD, Feb 21, 2006.
- Maria Polinsky, Shin Fukuda, and Laura Kertz. (2004) Variation in control structures. Presented at the Linguistics Department Colloquium. UCSD, Nov 22, 2004.

### **Honors and Awards:**

- 2007 Tuition fellowship  
Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute
- 2006 Teaching Assistant Excellence Award  
Department of Linguistics, UC San Diego
- 2006 NSF-funded travel award  
OSU Workshop on Presupposition Accommodation
- 1996 Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, UT Austin
- 1992 to 1996 Terry Foundation Scholarship, UT Austin
- 1994 to 1995 Normandy Foundation Scholar, UT Austin/Caen, France
- 1993 Phi Eta Sigma Freshman Honor Society, UT Austin

**Peer Review (ad hoc):**

- 2009 Natural Language and Linguistic Theory
- 2007 18th International Conference of Linguists
- 2007 Journal of Pragmatics
- 2007 Second European Cognitive Science Conference

**Service:**

- 2006 to 2008 Academic Information Technology Standing Committee, UC San Diego
- 2006 to 2007 Faculty Search Committee, Department of Linguistics, UC San Diego
- 2006 to 2007 Planning Committee, CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing
- 2003 to 2006 External Relations Committee, Department of Linguistics, UC San Diego
- 2004 Tutor, Sudanese English Project, San Diego

**Languages:**

Spoken and written proficiency in Spanish and French.  
Informant-based research on Moro (Kordofanian).