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Current position

Lecturer in Linguistics, University College London

Areas of specialization

Linguistics, Syntax, Semantics, Movement Theory

Appointments held

since 2007 Lecturer in Linguistics, University College London, UK
2004-2007 Lecturer (Førsteamanuensis), Universitet i Tromsø, Norway
2003-2004 Post doctoral researcher, Universität Leipzig, Germany

Education

2003 PhD in Linguistics, University of Connecticut, U.S.A.
2001 MA in Linguistics, University of Connecticut, U.S.A.
2001 MA in Translation, Humboldt University Berlin, Germany

Grants, honors & awards

2008 University of Connecticut 40-under-40 laureate
1999-2003 Predoctoral Fellowship at the University of Connecticut
1999 Quadrille Ball Scholarship of the American Germanistic Society
1998-1999 Fulbright Grant
1987 Third Prize in the German Federal Mathematics Competition (Bundeswettbewerb Mathematik)

Publications & Talks

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- under review The Italian Left Periphery: A view from locality. *Linguistic Inquiry*.
to appear Left-right asymmetries and the LCA. *Syntax*. (with Ad Neeleman)
in press Reaction to: The Myth of Language Universals and cognitive science. *Nihilism masquerading as progress*. *Lingua*. (with Ad Neeleman)
in press A unified approach to Split Scope. *Natural Language Semantics*. (with Luisa Martí)
2010 Factivity in Exclamatives is a presupposition. *Studia Linguistica*. 64(1), pp. 141–157.
2010 Introduction: Exclamatives in North Germanic and beyond. *Studia Linguistica*. 64(1), pp. 1–15. (with Øystein Vangsnes)
2009 A note on the punctuated nature of movement paths. *Catalan Journal of Linguistics* 8, pp. 19–40. (with Kristine Bentzen)
2008 The Focus Particle in Kĩitharaka: Syntax and Semantics. *Lingua* 118(5), pp. 687–731. (with Peter Muriungi)
2007 Towards a restrictive theory of (remnant) movement. *Linguistic Variation Yearbook* 7, pp. 53–120.
2005 ‘Expletive Negation’ in Russian: A Conspiracy Theory. *Journal of Slavic Linguistics* 13(1), pp. 5–74
2005 Review of Marcus Kracht (2003): *The Mathematics of Language*. *Linguistlist* 16(2247).

BOOKS & BOOKCHAPTERS

- to appear *Successive Cyclicity, Anti-locality, and Adposition Stranding*. *Linguistische Arbeiten*, Niemeyer Verlag.
in press Are movement paths punctuated or uniform. In Alexiadou, A., Kiss, T., Müller, G. (ed.) *Local Modelling of Non-Local Dependencies in Syntax*. *Linguistische Arbeiten*. Tübingen: Max Niemeyer. (with Kristine Bentzen)
in press Chapter 40: Word Order. In *Handbook of Contemporary Syntactic Theory*. A. Alexiadou and T. Kiss (eds). DeGruyter, Berlin.
2009 Some implications of improper movement for cartography. In J. van Craenenbroek (ed.). *Alternatives to Cartography*. deGruyter, Berlin. 325–359
2009 Universal 20 without the LCA. In *Merging Features: Computation, Interpretation and Acquisition*. Brucart, Josep M, Gavarró, Anna, and Solà, Jaume (eds.) Oxford University Press, Oxford. 60–79 (with Ad Neeleman)
2007 Deriving selectional properties of ‘expletive’ predicates. In *Interfaces and Interface conditions*. Späth, Andreas (ed) pp. 115–140. DeGruyter, Berlin.
2006 *Successive Cyclicity, Anti-locality, and Adposition Stranding*. In *Minimalism – The Essential Readings*. Bošković, Željko and Lasnik, Howard (eds) Malden, Blackwell Publishing. pp. 219–223.

WORKING PAPERS, PROCEEDINGS, & MANUSCRIPTS

- 2006 The focus particle in Kĩtharaka. In *ZAS Papers in Linguistics* 46:1-20. (with Peter Muriungi)
- 2005 Revolution #9 – Not by the Beatles. In *University of Connecticut Working Papers in Linguistics*. pp. 1-32
- 2005 Remarks on Grimshaw's Clausal Typology. In Emar Maier, Corien Bary, and Janneke Huitink, editors, *Proceedings of SuB9*. pp. 1-15.
- 2004 Deriving Selectional properties of 'exclamative' predicates. In *ESSLLI XVI, workshop on Syntax, Semantics, and Pragmatics of Questions*.
- 2004 Why surprise-predicates do not embed polar interrogatives. In *Linguistische Arbeitsberichte*. Leipzig. pp. 203-222.
- 2004 Right Node Raising: Ellipsis or Across the Board Movement? In *Proceedings of NELS 34*, eds. Keir Moulton and Matthew Wolf. Amherst, Mass: GLSA. pp. 45-60.
- 2003 *[P clitic] – Why? In *Proceedings of FDSL 4*.
- 2003 Auxiliary Adverb Word Order Revisited. In *Proceedings of the 26th UPenn Colloquium*.
- 2003 A note on clitics and P-stranding. In *Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics 11*. pp. 1-22.
- 2003 Who gives a damn about minimizers in questions? In *Proceedings of SALT 13*, eds. Young, R.B., Zhou, Y. Cornell University: CLC Publications
- 2002 Expletive (?) Negation. In *Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics 10*, ed. Jindrich Toman. Bloomington, ID: Michigan Slavic Publications. pp. 1-21.
- 2002 On an alleged argument for the Proper Binding Condition. In *Proceedings of the Second HUMIT Conference*, eds. Tania Ionin, Heejeong Ko, and Andrew Nevins. Cambridge, MA: MIT Working papers in linguistics. pp. 1-16.
- 2001 The Predicate Cleft Construction in Russian. In *Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics 9*, eds. Steven Franks and Michael Yadroff, 1-19. Bloomington, ID: Michigan Slavic Publications.
- 2001 On a Modular View of Head Movement. Ms. Univ. of Connecticut, Storrs.
- 1999 'Simple' and 'Collective' Cardinals in Russian. Ms. Univ. of Connecticut, Storrs.

INVITED TALKS

- 2010 Antilocality, roll-ups, and their relation to a theory of word order. Invited speaker at the GIST 1 Conference: Antilocality and Snowballing Movement, Ghent, Belgium.
- 2010 You must answer exactly one question correctly to pass. Talk given at SWIGG:KWIGG, Universität Konstanz, Germany. (with Luisa Martí)
- 2010 Should locality predict the left-peripheral template? Talk given at the second UCL/Potsdam workshop on information structure, UCL, UK.
- 2010 Your talk may last exactly 60 minutes. Colloquium, University of Edinburgh, UK. (with Luisa Martí)
- 2009 More thoughts on higher order quantification. Invited Presentation, University of Tromsø/CASTL, Norway. (with Luisa Martí)
- 2009 U20, Verb Clusters, and Fractals. Colloquium, Cambridge, UK.
- 2009 How to use e-learning to focus teaching. Special session on teaching in linguistics at LAGB 50, Edinburgh.
- 2009 Where does left-peripheral order come from? Colloquium, University of Essex, UK.
- 2008 Towards an account of linearization in a theory without global word-order parameters. Invited talk given at Meertens Instituut, Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- 2008 Hierarchy/order relations in the noun phrase and the verb cluster. LingLunch given at the University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT.
- 2008 On Improper Movement. Colloquium MIT, Cambridge, Mass.
- 2008 Discourse on the method of rightly conducting the reason, and seeking truth about left-peripheral templates. Colloquium QMUL.
- 2007 Warum es zwar rückläufiges Deutsch – aber kein rückläufiges Kîtharaka gibt. Talk given at Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, Germany.
- 2007 On improper Movement. Talk given at University College London, England.
- 2007 The focus particle in Kîtharaka: Syntax and Semantics. (with Peter Muriungi) Talk given at the Information Structure and Syntax Workshop, Queen Mary, London.
- 2007 On improper movement and a(anti)symmetric ordering of operations in grammar. Talk given at the University of Geneva.
- 2007 How the a(anti)symmetric ordering of operations restricts the power of remnant movement. Talk given at the University of Geneva.
- 2007 How COOL! Talk given at the University of Utrecht.
- 2007 On the ingredients of exclamation. Invited talk given at the NORMS workshop on Exclamatives, Tromsø, Norway.
- 2006 Warum es keine rückläufigen gekreuzten Abhängigkeiten gibt. Colloquium talk given at University Leipzig.
- 2005 Antisymmetrie als Erklärung? Colloquium talk given at University Leipzig.
- 2004 One generalization about preposition stranding and its consequences. Talk given at the University of Tromsø, Norway.
- 2004 Antilocality: when shortest move goes awry. Colloquium given at the University of the Basque Country in Vitoria, Spain.
- 2004 Preposition Stranding and the Limits of Locality Theory. Colloquium given at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
- 2004 Zur Selektion von Fragen durch 'exklamative' Prädikate und von Exklamativen durch

- Frageprädikate. Talk given at ZAS, Berlin.
- 2003 Successive Cyclicity, Economy, and Immobility. Colloquium given at the University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa.
- 2001 How many basic relations does the grammar need? Colloquium given at the University of Leipzig, Germany.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2010 CGSW 25: You may submit exactly one single-authored abstract. Tromsø, Norway. (with Luisa Martí)
- 2008 DGfS 30: Is there any evidence for punctuated paths? Bamberg, Germany. (with Kristine Bentzen).
- 2008 GLOW 31 – Workshop on Linearization: Cross-Serial Dependencies and Linearization. Newcastle, UK.
- 2008 NORMS Workshop on Root Phenomena and the Left Periphery: Templates vs. the grabbag theory of the left periphery. Tromsø, Norway.
- 2008 CGSW 23: German Negative Indefinites are Semantically Negative. Edinburgh, UK. (with Luisa Martí).
- 2008 Sinn und Bedeutung 13: All Split Scope is not Alike. Stuttgart, Germany. (with Luisa Martí).
- 2007 GGS 2007: Keine falsche Bewegung! Konstanz, Germany.
- 2007 BCGL 2 – Alternatives to Cartography: Some implications of improper movement for Cartography. Brussels, Belgium.
- 2006 GLOW 29: Universal 20 without the LCA (with Ad Neeleman, UCL). Barcelona, Spain.
- 2005 Colloquium on Generative Grammar XV: Resumptive Pronouns and the Copy Theory of Movement. Barcelona, Spain.
- 2005 Focus in African Languages: The Focus Particle in Kitharaka. Berlin, Germany. (with Peter Muriungi).
- 2004 Annual Workshop of the Forschergruppe Sprachtheoretische Grundlagen der Kognitionswissenschaft – sprachliches und konzeptuelles Wissen: Zur Debatte um den Satztyp ‘Exklamativ’. Universität Leipzig, Germany.
- 2004 Workshop Interface and Interface Conditions: Zur Kompatibilität von Frageprädikaten und eingebetteten Exklamativen. Universität Leipzig, Germany.
- 2004 Workshop Syntax, Semantics, and Pragmatics of Questions at ESSLLI XVI: Deriving selectional properties of ‘exclamative’ predicates. Nancy, France.
- 2004 Sinn und Bedeutung IX: Remarks on Grimshaw’s Clausal Typology. Nijmegen, Holland.
- 2003 IAP workshop on Phases and the EPP, January 17, 2003: Phases, cyclicity, and stranding, Cambridge, MA.
- 2003 27 UPenn Colloquium: Who gives a damn about the environment? – Minimizers in Questions, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2003 Ninth Germanic Linguistics Annual Conference: On the category and base position of R-words, Buffalo, NY.
- 2003 Semantics and Linguistic Theory 13: Who gives a damn about minimizers in questions?, Seattle, WA.
- 2003 NELS 34: Right Node Raising: Ellipsis or Across the Board Movement?, Stony Brook,

- NY.
- 2002 26 UPenn Colloquium: Auxiliary-Adverb Word Order Revisited, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2002 XII Colloquium on Generative Grammar: Auxiliary-Adverb Word Order Revisited, Lisbon, Portugal.
- 2002 FASL 11: A note on clitics and P-stranding (poster), Amherst, MA.
- 2002 NELS 33: On the Rhetorical Effect of Minimizers in Questions (poster), Cambridge, MA.
- 2001 24th GLOW Colloquium: On How Phrase Structure Constrains Linearization, Braga, Portugal.
- 2001 ACME Balkanica Conference: Clitics as complements of prepositions - What Serbo-Croatian tells us about preposition stranding, Montreal, Canada.
- 2001 FASL 10: Expletive (?) Negation, Ann Arbor, MI.
- 2001 TiLT: On a Modular View of Head Movement, Utrecht, The Netherlands.
- 2001 HUMIT: On an alleged argument for the Proper Binding Condition, Cambridge, MA.
- 2001 UConn/UMass/MIT Semantics workshop: Is there any reason why NPI are licensed in questions?, Storrs, CT.
- 2001 FDSL 4: *[P clitic]! – Why?, Potsdam, Germany.
- 2000 FASL 9: The Predicate Cleft Construction in Russian, Bloomington, IN.
- 2000 FASL 9: Collective Numerals - a wrongly named, half forgotten, and endangered species (poster), Bloomington, IN.

Teaching

CLASSES TAUGHT

- 2010 PLIN 3202: Readings in Syntax A (UCL)
2010 PLIN 2203: Intermediate Generative Grammar B (UCL).
2010 Four lectures on two classic papers by Chomsky. Advanced syntax course at ACTL.
(with David Adger)
2009 PLIN1201/SPSC1001: Introduction to Generative Grammar A (UCL).
2009 PLIN 3202: Readings in Syntax A (UCL)
2009 PLIN 2203: Intermediate Generative Grammar B (UCL).
2008 PLIN1201/SPSC1001: Introduction to Generative Grammar A (UCL).
2008 PLIN 3202: Readings in Syntax A (UCL)
2008 “Order, Structure, Derivations” taught at EALING 6, Paris.
2008 “Introduction to Generative Syntax” taught at the Central European Summerschool of
Generative Linguistics (Debrecen, Hungary).
2008 “Restricting Remnants” taught at the Central European Summerschool of Generative
Linguistics (Debrecen, Hungary).
2007 HIF 3011: Syntax II co-taught with Gillian Ramchand (Tromsø, Norway)
2007 ENG 2080: English and its closest relatives (Tromsø, Norway)
2006 LIN 8051: Advanced Seminar in Theoretical Linguistics: Greenberg’s Universal 20
(Tromsø, Norway).
2006 ENG 1010: English Grammar I (Tromsø, Norway).
2006 LIN 1011: Syntax (Tromsø, Norway).
2006 HIF 3011: Syntx II co-taught with Gillian Ramchand (Tromsø, Norway).
2006 “Remnant Bewegung und rechts-links Asymmetrien” Ph.D. program University Leipzig
(Germany) .
2006 HIF 3010: Syntax I co-taught with Gillian Ramchand (Tromsø, Norway).
2006 Mathematics for Linguists PhD-level course (Tromsø, Norway).
2006 Philosophy of Science PhD-level course co-taught with Rani Lil-Anjum (Tromsø, Nor-
way).
2005 HIF 3011: Syntax II co-taught with Gillian Ramchand (Tromsø, Norway).
2005 ENG 1010: English Grammar I (Tromsø, Norway).
2005 LIN 1011: Syntax (Tromsø, Norway).
2005 “Introduction to Generative Grammar” taught at the Central European Summerschool
of Generative Linguistics (Wroclaw, Poland).
2005 HIF 3010: Syntax I co-taught Gillian Ramchand (Tromsø, Norway).
2005 ENG 2080: English and its closest relatives (Tromsø, Norway).
2005 “Antisymmetrie als Erklärung?” Ph.D. program University Leipzig (Germany).
2004 “Einführung in den Minimalismus für Fortgeschrittene” Ph.D. program University Leipzig
(Germany).
2004 Advanced Seminar: Anatomie der Bewegung co-taught with Luka Szucsich (Leipzig,
Germany).
2004 HIF 3010: Syntax I co-taught with Gillian Ramchand (Tromsø, Norway).
2004 ENG 2080: English and its closest relatives (Tromsø, Norway).
2003 “Dominance for Phonologists and Precedence for Syntacticians” co-taught with An-

- drew Nevins (MIT) at the 10th Central European Summerschool of Generative Linguistics (Lublin, Poland).
- 2003 Research Seminar in Syntax “Anti-Locality and Successive Cyclicity” taught at the University of the Witwatersrand (Johannesburg, South Africa).
- 2000-2003 Teaching assistant for undergraduate introduction to linguistics, University of Connecticut.
- 2002 “Linguistics is Biology – Introduction to Basic Issues and Concepts” and “The Syntax of P-stranding” taught at the 9th Central European Summerschool of Generative Linguistics (Novi Sad, Yugoslavia).
- 2001 “Introduction to Locality” and “The Syntax of Linearization” taught at the 8th Central European Summerschool of Generative Linguistics (Niš, Yugoslavia).
- 2001 English 104 (Basic Writing). Freshman introduction to academic writing, University of Connecticut.
- 2000 “Introduction to Locality” taught at the 7th Central European Summerschool of Generative Linguistics (Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria).
- 1999-2000 Teaching assistant for graduate level introduction to semantics with Sigrid Beck.

THESES SUPERVISED

- 2010 Stanton, Tom: Are reduced relatives reduced relatives? BA Thesis.
- 2009 Muriungi, Peter: Decomposing Lexical Categories – Morpheme Order and Functional Structure in Kĩĩtharaka. Ph.D. Thesis. (Co-supervision with Michal Starke).
- 2009 Weir, Andrew: Article drop in English headlines. MA Thesis
- 2009 Fau, Amélie: A French remark on Bruge. MA Thesis
- 2009 Galanou, Eirini: Indirect Transfer in the Morphosyntactic Expression of Progressive Aspect in Present Time. MRes Thesis
- 2007 Yamato, Naoyuki: A comparative study of embedded V2 in Northern Norwegian and embedded topic-marking in Japanese. MA Thesis.
- 2006 Arylova, Aysa: Infinitival Complementation in Russian. MA Thesis.
- 2006 Glushan, Zhanna: Japanese Style Scrambling in Russian – Myth and Reality. MA Thesis.

Enabling roles & Service to the profession

- since 2010 Member of the review board of Snippets
- since 2009 Convener of the LingLunch (with Nathan Klinedinst)
- since 2008 Chair of the Staff Student Consultative Committee for degree programs in linguistics and in phonetics.
- since 2008 Responsible organizer of the Advanced Core Training in Linguistics (ACTL), joint post-graduate training program with Cambridge University, University of Essex, Oxford University, Queen Mary University London, the School of Oriental and African Studies, and University College London.
- since 2008 Member of the editorial board of the Journal of Comparative Germanic Linguistics.
- since 2008 Member of the editorial board of Syntax.
- since 2001 Member of the Organizing Committee of the Central European Summerschool in Generative Linguistics.
- 2006-2007 Responsible for the CASTL Colloquium series at the Universitetet i Tromsø (Norway)
- 2003 Organization of the First joint UConn, UMass, MIT, UMD Graduate Student Syntax workshop (February 2003, Storrs, CT).
- 2001-2002 Assistant to the editor of the journal *The Linguistic Review*

In addition I have reviewed abstracts for various books and journals (Proceedings of TiLT, Proceedings of SCL 19, *Lingua*, *Linguistic Inquiry*, *Linguistics and Philosophy*, *Morphology*, *Nordic Journal of Linguistics*, *Syntax*, *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*, *Journal of Comparative Germanic Linguistics*, *Studia Linguistica*, *English Language and Linguistics*) and frequently review conference abstracts (e.g., 25th, 27th-30th GLOW Colloquia, NELS 34-37, CONSOLE XIII, 2nd Student Conference on Formal Linguistics).