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EDUCATION

- 2001 PhD in Linguistics, University of California, Los Angeles
Dissertation: *The clause structure of Malagasy: A minimalist approach*
Co-advisers: Edward L. Keenan, Timothy Stowell
- 1996 MA in Linguistics, University of California, Los Angeles
Thesis: *Raising and restructuring in Malagasy existentials*
Adviser: Anoop Mahajan
- 1992 BA in Linguistics, Reed College
Thesis: *On the peculiar behaviour of the Swedish s-passive: Relation-changing operations and the analysis of multifunctional surface markers*
Adviser: Paul Kroeber

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2016–*pres.* Professor of Linguistics, Reed College
- 2007–2016 Associate Professor of Linguistics, Reed College
- 2006–2007 Assistant Professor of Linguistics, Reed College
- 2001–2006 Visiting Assistant Professor of Linguistics, Reed College
- Courses taught at Reed: *LING 211 Introduction to Linguistic Analysis, LING 311 General Linguistics, LING 312 Advanced Linguistics, LING 321 Phonology, LING 323 Introductory Syntax, LING 324 Advanced Topics in Syntax, LING 328 Morphosyntactic Typology, LING 329 Morphology, LING 336 Linguistic Field Methods, LING 341 Semantics, LING 344 Historical Linguistics, LING 481 Independent Reading: Optimality Theory and OT Syntax, HUM 411 Senior Symposium*
- 2001 Instructor, Watts Labor Community Action Center, Watts, California
Taught: *Introduction to Linguistics* (UCLA outreach program)
- 2001 Lecturer in Linguistics, University of California, Los Angeles
Taught: *LING 20 Introduction to Linguistics* (spring quarter)
- 1999–2000 Adjunct Lecturer in Linguistics, University of Wisconsin, Madison
Taught: *LING 101 Human Language, LING 301 Introduction to Linguistics: Theoretical and Descriptive, LING 302 Introduction to Linguistics: Historical, LING 330 Syntax*
- 1999 Graduate Instructor in Linguistics, University of California, Los Angeles
Taught: *LING 10 The Structure of English Words* (summer session)
- 1998 Graduate Instructor in Linguistics, University of California, Los Angeles

Taught: *LING 20 Introduction to Linguistics* (summer session)

- 1998–1999 Graduate Teaching Assistant in Linguistics, University of California, Los Angeles
 1994–1996 Graduate Teaching Assistant in Linguistics, University of California, Los Angeles

Courses TA'd at UCLA: *LING 1 Introduction to Language*, *LING 10 The Structure of English Words*, *LING 20 Introduction to Linguistics*, *LING HC56 Honors Collegium: Language as a Window to the Mind*, *LING 110 Historical Linguistics*, *LING 120B Syntax I*, *LING 127 Morpho-syntactic Typology*, *LING 165B Syntax II*

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

- 2005 The Malagasy subject/topic as an A'-element. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 23(2): 381-457.
 2000 Two types of VO languages. *The Derivation of VO and OV*, ed. P. Svenonius, pp. 327-363. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2012 Aspect and voice selection in Malagasy: Initial observations. *Theories of Everything: In Honor of Ed Keenan*, ed. T. Graf, D. Paperno, A. Szabolsci, and J. Tellings, pp. 337-347. UCLA Working Papers in Linguistics 17, UCLA Department of Linguistics.
 2009 Another look at *no*: Pseudo-clefts and temporal clauses in Malagasy. *Proceedings of the Sixteenth Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA)*, ed. S. Chung, D. Finer, I. Paul, and E. Potsdam, pp. 165-179. University of California, Santa Cruz [electronic publication: <http://westernlinguistics.ca/afla/meetings/afla16/proceedings.htm>].
 2008 Tense-marked obliques in Malagasy. *Studies in Philippine Languages and Cultures* (vol. 18): 10-ICAL Austronesian Papers, ed. S. McQuay, pp. 142-158. SIL Philippines.
 2007 Review of Di Sciullo (2005) "Asymmetry in Morphology". *Journal of Linguistics* 43(2): 434-440.
 2005 Tense (mis)matches between verbs and obliques in Malagasy. *Proceedings of AFLA 12*, ed. J. Heinz and D. Ntelitheos. UCLA Working Papers in Linguistics, UCLA Department of Linguistics.
 2005 Voice morphology, case, and argument structure in Malagasy. *Proceedings of AFLA 11*, ed. P. Law, pp. 229-243. Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, Berlin.
 2002 Evidence for clausal pied-piping in Malagasy long distance extraction. *MIT Working Papers in Linguistics* 44, ed. A. Rackowski and N. Richards, pp. 241-256. MIT.
 2001 T-marking on Malagasy obliques: Tense, aspect, and the position of PPs. *UCLA Working Papers in African Languages*, ed. H. Torrance, pp. 14-39. UCLA Department of Linguistics.
 2000 'Tense' marking on Malagasy obliques and the syntax of telic events. *Proceedings of AFLA VI*, ed. C. Smallwood & C. Kitto, pp. 279-296. Toronto Working Papers in Linguistics. University of Toronto.
 1999 Feature inheritance and remnant movement: Deriving SOV order under the LCA. *Syntax at Sunset 2* [UCLA Working Papers in Linguistics 3], ed. G. Storto, pp. 133-173. UCLA Department of Linguistics.
 1998 Predicate raising and 'VOS' order in Malagasy. *The structure of Malagasy*, vol. II [UCLA Occasional Papers in Linguistics 20], ed. I. Paul, pp. 94-110. UCLA Department of Linguistics.
 1998 Rightward object shift and the syntax of adverbs. *The structure of Malagasy*, vol. II [UCLA Occasional Papers in Linguistics 20], ed. I. Paul, pp. 34-49. UCLA Occasional Papers in Linguistics 20, UCLA

Department of Linguistics.

- 1997 Pied-piping into the left periphery. *Proceedings of NELS 27*, ed. K. Kusumoto, pp. 321-335. GLSA, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
- 1996 Domain phrases and topic arguments in Malagasy existentials. In Pearson & Paul (eds.) 1996, pp. 113-141.

EDITED VOLUMES

- 1998 *Recent papers in Austronesian linguistics: Proceedings of the third and fourth meetings of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA)*. UCLA Occasional Papers in Linguistics 21, UCLA Department of Linguistics.
- 1996 (with Ileana Paul) *The structure of Malagasy*, vol. I. UCLA Occasional Papers in Linguistics 17, UCLA Department of Linguistics.

WORKS IN PREPARATION AND UNDER REVIEW

- Predicate raising and perception verb complements in Malagasy. (submitted to *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*, currently being revised for resubmission)
- What's *no*? The Malagasy focus particle as a clause linker. (unpublished paper)
- Predicate fronting and constituent order in Malagasy. (unpublished paper)

INVITED TALKS, PANELS, SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- 2017 Panelist: Teaching linguistics with invented languages. Linguistics Society of America Annual Meeting, Austin, Texas (7 January).
- 2016 Panelist: Prospects for syntactic research over the next decade. UCLA Linguistics Department 50th Anniversary celebration (14 June).
- 2016 Social guidance: Classroom films 1945-1970. Paideia presentation, Reed College (20 January).
- 2015 Social guidance: Classroom films 1945-1970. Paideia presentation, Reed College (23 January).
- 2014 Social guidance: Classroom films 1945-1970. Paideia presentation, Reed College (24 January).
- 2009 Panelist: Relationships within the institution, how to fund summer and term research and laboratories. Mellon 23 Workshop in Linguistics, Swarthmore College (3 October).
- 2009 Complements of perception verbs in Malagasy. Department of Linguistics, University of Toronto, Toronto (19 May).
- 2008 Focus and temporal clauses in Malagasy. Department of Linguistics colloquium series, University of Washington, Seattle (25 April).
- 2006 What's *no*? The Malagasy focus particle as a clause linker. Workshop on Comparative Austronesian Syntax, Center for Research in Language, UCSD (6 October).
- 2003 The Malagasy subject as an A'-topic: Evidence and implications. Department of Linguistics, Harvard University (14 March).
- 2002 Malagasy isn't VOS after all: Evidence and consequences. Department of Linguistics, University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand (18 February).

- 2000 Deriving mirror-image word orders in Malagasy. Workshop on Antisymmetry Theory, Cortona, Italy (15 May).
- 1999 Deriving ‘inverted’ word orders in Malagasy. University of Wisconsin Linguistics Department colloquium series (9 December).
- 1999 X(P)-movement and word order typology: Direct and inverse languages. Massachusetts Institute of Technology (25 February).
- 1998 Tense marking on Malagasy PPs and the syntax of aspect. UCLA Workshop on Tense and Aspect, Lake Arrowhead, CA (18 May).
- 1997 Feature inheritance, head movement, and pied-piping: Deriving head-final structures. Workshop on Japanese Syntax in a Comparative Context, LSA Summer Institute, Cornell University (30 July).

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- 2016 Voice and aspectual focus in Malagasy. AFLA XXIII (Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association annual conference), Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Japan (10 June).
- 2016 Voice selection and aspectual focus in Malagasy. Berkeley Linguistics Society 24, University of California, Berkeley (7 February).
- 2016 (with Ileana Paul and Eric Potsdam) An argument for predicate fronting in Malagasy from SVO contexts. Berkeley Linguistics Society 24, University of California, Berkeley (6 February).
- 2012 More on perception verb complements as evidence for predicate fronting in Malagasy. AFLA XIX, Academia Sinica, Taiwan (26 June).
- 2009 Another look at *no*: Pseudo-clefts and temporal clauses in Malagasy. AFLA XVI, University of California, Santa Cruz (1 May).
- 2008 Complements of perception verbs in Malagasy. AFLA XV, University of Sydney, Australia (2 July).
- 2006 Tense marked obliques in Malagasy. 10th International Conference on Austronesian Linguistics, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan, Philippines (17 January).
- 2006 Arguments for predicate fronting in Malagasy. Linguistics Society of America Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, New Mexico (6 January).
- 2005 Left- and right-peripheral topics: Verb-second versus predicate-first. 38th Conference of the Societas Linguistica Europaea: “Formal, Functional, and Typological Perspectives on Discourse and Grammar”, Valencia, Spain (7 September).
- 2005 Tense (mis)matches between verbs and obliques in Malagasy. AFLA XII, UCLA (29 April).
- 2004 Voice morphology, case, and argument structure in Malagasy. AFLA XI, Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, Berlin (23 April).
- 2003 Malagasy voice morphology as wh-agreement. AFLA X, University of Hawai’i at Manoa (28 March).
- 2001 The Malagasy pivot as topic: Evidence from long-distance dependencies. AFLA VIII, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (28 April).
- 2001 (with Marianne Milligan) Agreement and hierarchies in Distributed Morphology: Menominee verbal inflection. 4th Workshop on the Structure and Constituency of the Languages of the Americas, University of Newfoundland (22 March).
- 1999 Tense(?)-marking on Malagasy PPs: An argument/non-argument asymmetry. AFLA VI, University of Toronto (24 April).

- 1999 X(P)-movement and word order typology: ‘Direct’ versus ‘inverse’ languages. GLOW 99 (Generative Linguistics of the Old World), Berlin, Germany (30 March).
- 1998 Two types of VO languages. 2nd Syntax Workshop, University of Tromsø, Norway (22 May).
- 1998 Resultative complements and ‘non-active’ voice morphology in Malagasy. AFLA V, University of Hawai’i at Manoa (27 March).
- 1997 Adjunct placement and object shift in Malagasy. AFLA IV, UCLA (25 April).
- 1996 Pied-piping and expanded COMP in Malagasy. ConSOLE V (Conference of Students of Linguistics in Europe), University College London and SOAS, London (17 December).
- 1996 Pied-piping into the left periphery. NELS 27 (North Eastern Linguistics Society), McGill University, Montréal (20 October).
- 1996 Domain phrases: Overt topics in Malagasy existentials. AFLA III, UCLA (27 April).

THESIS PROJECTS SUPERVISED

- 2016 Shannon Pearson, [title TBD]. (with Katy McKinney-Bock)
- 2016 Sarah Allen, “Adjectives and multiple modification in Malagasy”.
- 2016 Manon Gilmore, “Dislocation in French: Sociolinguistic character and discourse-pragmatic function”.
- 2016 Emma Rennie, “Functions of the discourse markers *so* and *but* in turn-final position”.
- 2015 Kendra Chalkley, “Applied asymmetries: Syntax of applicative constructions in *Tukang Besi*”.
- 2015 Gabriella Chronis, “Structural aspects of figurative and literal word senses within a vector space model of semantics”.
- 2015 Allesandra Geffen, “Haitian Creole genesis: Language contact and language creation”.
- 2015 Molly Waggett, “The use of presupposition triggers in improv comedy.”
- 2014 Manuel Abreu, “Accusative clitic doubling in Dominican Spanish”.
- 2014 Winifred Conrad, “Mirativity and evidentiality in Lhasa Tibetan”.
- 2014 Gabriele Slaughter, “It is known: Evidentiality and mirativity in Tajik Persian”.
- 2013 Eugenia Plascencia, “Using psycholinguistics to investigate the syntactic structure of the dative alternation in Mexican Spanish”. (with Enriqueta Canseco-González)
- 2013 Rebecca Kleinberg, “Structure and function in stand-up comedy”.
- 2013 Ian Strahan, “Word order variation in Mandarin directional complement constructions”.
- 2013 Daniel Vedensky, “Georgian medial verb nominalizations”.
- 2012 Laura Backus, “*Mish mash(i)*: The syntax of *sh* and negative polarity items in Moroccan and Egyptian Arabic”.
- 2012 Ruth Linehan, “*Is* upper-brown *raidió anseo*: An analysis of the use of English discourse markers in Irish-language radio”.
- 2012 David Mondello, “Variation of primary stress placement in Southern East Cree”.
- 2012 Stephen Paulsen, “Case and the causee argument: A minimalist approach”.
- 2011 Margit Bowler, “The spray/load verbal alternation: Syntax and subclasses”.

- 2011 Mattias Lehman, "The semantic underpinnings of syntactic subcategorization: A lexically decompositional approach to distinguishing classes of ambitransitives".
- 2011 JinYoung Park, "Microvariation in ergative alignment of Lhasa Tibetan and Amdo Tibetan".
- 2011 Laura Sard, "Emphasis in Moroccan Arabic loanwords from French".
- 2011 Samuel Shemitz, "Extending the relative clause extended complement model".
- 2011 Henry White, "Villain, victim, rescuer: *Government* according to the President of the United States".
- 2011 Katherine Wu, "Lost in translation: A study of the difference between linguistic relativity and framing".
- 2010 Lauren Banister, "Linguistic representation of ideology and identity in the context of creative communities and interactive art".
- 2010 Jennifer Hawkins, "Retrying scopes: A study of genre in the revision of the Texas science curriculum, 2008-09, or: How to fight the Culture Wars". (with Steve Hibbard)
- 2010 Matthew Hensley, "True north: Programmatic desiderata for contact linguistics based on studies of French in Canada".
- 2010 Sarah Kantrowitz, "Rhythm and synchrony: Mechanisms of engagement, collectivity, and cooperation".
- 2008 Roslyn Burns, "Gender stability in Germanic languages: An investigation of Plautdietsch in North America and Ingvaemonic languages".
- 2008 Sarah Mitteldorf, "Where to find the missing: Ellipsis, syntax, semantics and context".
- 2008 Eavan Moore, "English and identity: Native language, global language".
- 2008 Erin Price, "Evidentiality in Quechua: A systemic functional analysis".
- 2007 Sahar Baharloo, "Words in space: Is *word* a formal unit in American Sign Language?".
- 2007 Susan Barlow, "An alignment analysis of high tone spreading in Shona".
- 2007 Justin Holguín, "The status of ergative case in Basque: A minimalist approach".
- 2006 Aurora Davis, "The function of *-mlš* in Turkish".
- 2006 Jesse Hallett, "Lexical semantics for natural language processing".
- 2006 Eliah Hecht, "The syntax and semantics of focuser *like*".
- 2005 Roshni Gohil, "Possessive constructions and the morphology and syntax of noun phrases in Turkish".
- 2005 Laura Jean Long, "Non-configurational word order in Russian".
- 2005 Kate Paddock, "The prosodic structure of free verse, focusing on the poetry of William Carlos Williams".
- 2005 Annelise Uhlig, "Language acquisition, creolization, and the language evolution debate: A critique of Derek Bickerton's 'proto-language' hypothesis".
- 2004 Rene Acosta, "Case conflation and case attrition in Indo-European languages".
- 2004 Hannah Lynn, "Wh-questions in American Sign Language".
- 2004 Hester Serebrin, "Topic, focus, and object-verb order in Mandarin".
- 2003 Jaiva Larsen, "Merge, move, and mae: Is syntax an evolutionary epiphenomenon?".

- 2003 Nicholas Thornton, “Performative differences of gender in the prosody of American English speech”.
- 2003 Richard von Duerckheim, “Information structure in Egyptian Arabic”.
- 2002 Chris Flink, “*A’unaš a’t’sexsa nemi’ a’t’ssiin*: Some topics in the inflectional morphology of Sahaptin and some topics in linguistics”.
- 2002 Andrew Wallace, “Indexicality and syntactic register variation in English”.

SERVICE TO REED COLLEGE

- 2013–2016 Chair, Fellowships and Awards Committee
- 2015–2016 Chair, Division of Philosophy, Religion, Psychology, and Linguistics
- 2016 Chair, search committee, visiting position in Linguistics (Swan)
- 2016 Chair, search committee, visiting position in Linguistics (McKinney-Bock)
- 2015 Appeals Board, acting chair for an out-of-session appeal
- 2012–2015 Chair, Department of Linguistics
- 2015 Student marshal, Reed Commencement: read names of graduating seniors
- 2015 Chair, search committee, visiting position in Linguistics (Gruber)
- 2013 Chair, evaluation committee, Target of Opportunity candidate in Linguistics (Khan)
- 2013 Chair, search committee, visiting position in Linguistics (McKinney-Bock)
- 2012–2013 Chair, search committee, visiting position in Linguistics (Zimman)
- 2012–2013 Appeals Board
- 2012–2013 Honor Council
- 2011–2012 Chair, search committee, visiting position in Linguistics (Khan)
- 2011–2012 Committee on Advancement and Tenure
- 2011–2012 Chair, Division of Philosophy, Religion, Psychology, and Linguistics
- 2011–2012 Search committee, tenure-track position in Theater: costume design (Schlachtmeyer) (CAT rep.)
- 2011 Search committee, adjunct position in Anthropology (CAT rep.)
- 2010–2011 Chair, search committee, visiting position in Linguistics (Nycz)
- 2010–2011 Search committee, tenure-track position in Theater: costume design (failed search)
- 2010–2011 Search committee, tenure-track position in Theater: set and lighting design (Ksander)
- 2009–2011 Chair, Department of Linguistics
- 2009–2011 Human Subjects Review Committee (IRB)
- 2009–2010 Chair, search committee, tenure-track position in Linguistics (K. Becker)
- 2009–2010 Committee on Gifted Secondary Students (TAG)
- 2008–2009 Chair, search committee, visiting position in Linguistics (Antonyuk-Yudina)
- 2008 Chair, search committee, visiting position in Linguistics (Sabbagh)

- 2008 Chair, search committee, visiting position in Linguistics (M. Becker)
- 2007–2008 Chair, Division of Philosophy, Religion, Psychology, and Linguistics
- 2006–2008 Chair, Department of Linguistics
- 2006–2008 Fellowships and Awards Committee: Fulbright liaison
- 2006–2008 Library Board
- 2005–2006 Acting chair, Interdisciplinary Program in Linguistics
- 2001–2004 Acting chair, Interdisciplinary Program in Linguistics

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE, MEMBERSHIPS

- 2002–*pres.* Member, Linguistic Society of America
- 2002–*pres.* Journal referee: *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* (7 articles), *Lingua* (4 articles), *Oceanic Linguistics* (2 articles), *Linguistic Inquiry* (3 articles), *Syntax* (2 articles), *Language* (1 article), *Linguistic Variation* (1 article)
- 2007–*pres.* Malagasy consultant to the Oxford English Dictionary
- 1996–*pres.* Member, Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association
- 2016 Co-chair, organizing committee for the Twenty-fourth annual meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association, University of Washington (to be held April 2017)
- 2015 Manuscript referee for Springer: J. Nuger, *Architecture of the Palauan Verb Complex* (read and reviewed complete manuscript submission for possible publication in *Studies in Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* series)
- 2014 External reviewer for tenure/promotion candidate, Linguistics Department, United Arab Emirates University
- 2013 Chapter referee for Academia Sinica edited volume: *New Advances in Formosan Linguistics*
- 2013 External reviewer for tenure candidate, Linguistics Department, Carleton College
- 2013 Manuscript referee for MIT Press: J. Legate, *Voice and v: Lessons from Acehnese* (read and reviewed complete manuscript submission for possible publication in MIT linguistic monographs series)
- 2012 External reviewer for a 3rd year faculty review, Linguistics Department, Pomona College
- 2011 Local planning committee, Linguistics Society of America annual meeting
- 2011 Manuscript referee for Cambridge University Press: E. Moravcsik, *Introducing Language Typology* (read and reviewed selected chapters of a draft textbook)
- 2010 External program review committee, Linguistics Department, Macalester College
- 2009 Reviewer for a National Science Foundation grant proposal
- 2006 Chapter referee for Mouton de Gruyter: H.-M. Gärtner, P. Law, and J. Sabel (eds.), *Clause Structure and Adjuncts in Austronesian Languages*
- 2005 Chapter referee, John Benjamins: Jason Merchant (ed.), *Sluicing: Cross-Linguistic Perspectives*
- 1996–1997 Planning committee, Third and fourth annual meetings of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association, UCLA

CURRICULUM VITAE — PEARSON

- 1995–1996 President, Graduate Linguistics Circle, UCLA
1994–1995 Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Studies Program Task Force and Coordinating Council, UCLA
1993–1994 Graduate Admissions Committee, UCLA Linguistics Department

GRANTS, AWARDS, DISTINCTIONS

- 2016–2017 Franklin Research Grant, American Philosophical Society
2016–2017 Reed College Sabbatical Fellowship
2016 Reed College Faculty Summer Research Grant
2008–2009 Reed College Stillman-Drake Fund grant
2004 Reed College Faculty Summer Research Grant
1997–1998 UCLA Dissertation Fellowship
1996–1997 UCLA Pauley Fellowship
1993–1994 UCLA Pauley Fellowship
1992 Phi Beta Kappa