Jason Merchant

curriculum vitae: July 2026

Academic and service appointments

7/2026-	Searcy Family Dean of the College of Arts and Science, Vanderbilt University Professor, Department of Philosophy, Vanderbilt University
1/2018-6/2026	Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, University of Chicago
2022-	Lorna Puttkammer Straus Distinguished Service Professor, Department of Linguistics and the College, University of Chicago
2016-2022	Lorna Puttkammer Straus Professor, Department of Linguistics and the College, University of Chicago
2013-2016	Deputy Dean, Division of the Humanities, University of Chicago
2010-2016	Professor, Department of Linguistics and the College, University of Chicago
2005-2010	Associate Professor, Department of Linguistics and the College, University of Chicago
2001-2005	Assistant Professor, Department of Linguistics and the College, University of Chicago
2000-2001	NWO (Nederlandse Organisatie voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek; Dutch Organization for Scientific Research) Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Dutch, Frisian, and Low Saxon, University of Groningen
1999-2000	Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Linguistics, Northwestern University

Education

1999	Ph.D. in Linguistics, University of California, Santa Cruz. June 1999. Thesis: *The syntax of silence: Sluicing, islands, and identity in ellipsis.* Committee: James McCloskey (co-chair), William Ladusaw (co-chair), Sandra Chung
1997-1998	Universiteit Utrecht, Utrecht, The Netherlands. Fulbright scholar.
1997	Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute, Cornell University.
1996	M.A. in Linguistics, University of California, Santa Cruz.
1991-1992	Karl-Eberhards-Universität, Tübingen, Germany. Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) scholar.
1991	B.A. *summa cum laude*, in Linguistics. Yale University. With honors in the major. Phi Beta Kappa (junior year election). Senior thesis: *The impersonal passive in Dutch and German.* Advisor: Laurence Horn

Publications

BOOKS

1. *A reasonable way to proceed: Essays in honor of Jim McCloskey*. 2018. Jason Merchant, Line Mikkelsen, Deniz Rudin, and Kelsey Sasaki (eds.). University of California eScholarship Repository.
2. *Sluicing: Cross-linguistic explorations.* 2012. Jason Merchant and Andrew Simpson (eds.). Oxford University Press: Oxford.
3. *The syntax of silence: Sluicing, islands, and the theory of ellipsis.* 2001. Oxford University Press: Oxford. (Chapter 1, pp. 10-38, is reprinted in *Syntax: Critical concepts in linguistics* (*Vol. 3:*

Transformations (2), pp. 372-411), Howard Lasnik and Robert Freidin (eds.), Routledge, London, 2006.) [Reviewed by Jeffrey Runner, *The LinguistList* 13.1210 (13 June 2005), Howard Lasnik, *Language* 81.1: 259-265 (March 2005).]

Chinese Translation: 沉默的句法. 2023. (Tianwei (Frank) Zhang, trans.) The Commercial Press: Beijing.

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

1. Nominal ellipsis and the Invisible Man. In preparation. In Laura Vela and Arantzazu Elordieta (eds.), special edition of *The Linguistic Review.*
2. Dutch preposition stranding and ellipsis: 'Merchant's wrinkle' ironed out. Güliz Günes, James Griffiths, Anikó Lipták, and Jason Merchant. 2021. *Journal of Comparative Germanic Linguistics* **24**.3:269-318.
3. Roots don't select, categorial heads do: lexical-selection of PPs may vary by category. 2019. *The Linguistic Review* **36**.3:325-341.
4. Structural priming in production through 'silence': An investigation of verb phrase ellipsis and null complement anaphora. Ming Xiang, Julian Grove, and Jason Merchant. 2019. *Glossa: A Journal of General Linguistics* **4**.1: 67:1-25. DOI: http://doi.org/10.5334/gjgl.726
5. The morphosyntax of the periphrastic future under negation in Cypriot Greek. Jason Merchant and Natalia Pavlou. 2017. *Journal of Greek Linguistics* **17**:233-262.
6. An embarrassment of riches? Cutting up the elliptical pie. 2016. *Theoretical Linguistics* **42**.3-4: 297-304.
7. The dynamics of ellipsis. Gregory M. Kobele and Jason Merchant. 2016. *Theoretical Linguistics* **42**.3-4: 291-296.
8. On ineffable predicates: Bilingual Greek-English code-switching under ellipsis. 2015. *Lingua* 166B: 199-213. [doi: 10.1016/j.lingua.2015.03.010]
9. How much context is enough? Two cases of span-conditioned stem allomorphy. 2015. *Linguistic Inquiry* **46**.2: 273-303.
10. Individual anchors for tenses: How Keats learned to read before Shakespeare. 2015. *Linguistic Analysis* **39**.3-4: 415-421.
11. Gender mismatches under nominal ellipsis. 2014. *Lingua* **151**: 9-32.
12. Deep properties of surface pronouns: Pronominal predicate anaphors in Norwegian and German. Kristine Bentzen, Jason Merchant, and Peter Svenonius. 2013. *Journal of Comparative Germanic Syntax* **16**.2:97-125.
13. Voice and ellipsis. 2013. *Linguistic Inquiry* **44**.1: 77-108.
14. Phrasal and clausal comparatives in Greek and the abstractness of syntax. 2009. *Journal of Greek Linguistics* **9**:49-79.
15. An asymmetry in voice mismatches in VP-ellipsis and pseudogapping. 2008. *Linguistic Inquiry* **39**.1: 169-179.
16. Why no(t)? 2006. *Style* **40**.1-2:20-23.
17. Fragments and ellipsis. 2004. *Linguistics and Philosophy* **27**.6:661-738.
18. Islands and LF-movement in Greek sluicing. 2001. *Journal of Greek Linguistics* **1**.1:41-64.
19. Antecedent-contained deletion in negative polarity items. 2000. *Syntax* **3**.2:144-150.
20. Economy, the copy theory, and antecedent-contained deletion. 2000. *Linguistic Inquiry* **31**.3:566-575.
21. Attributive comparative deletion. 2000. Christopher Kennedy and Jason Merchant. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* **18**.1:89-146.

22. Reverse sluicing in English and Greek. 1998. Anastasia Giannakidou and Jason Merchant. *The Linguistic Review* **15**.2-3:233-256.
23. Alignment and fricative assimilation in German. 1996. *Linguistic Inquiry* **27**.4:709-719.

OTHER ARTICLES

1. On the implications of the stubborn persistence of lexical selection under ellipsis: A rant for syntax *tout simple*. To appear. In Luisa Seguin et al. (eds.), *Structure Redux*. Oxford University Press: Oxford.
2. Ellipsis: A survey of analytical approaches. 2019. In Jeroen van Craenenbroeck and Tanja Temmerman (eds.), *The Oxford handbook of ellipsis,* 19-45. Oxford University Press: Oxford.
3. Verb-stranding predicate ellipsis in Greek, implicit arguments, and ellipsis-internal focus. 2018. In Jason Merchant, Line Mikkelsen, Deniz Rudin, and Kelsey Sasaki (eds.), *A reasonable way to proceed: Essays in honor of Jim McCloskey*, 228-269. University of California eScholarship Repository.
4. Spurious coordination in Vlach multiple wh-fronting. 2017. In Nicholas LaCara, Keir Moulton, and Anne-Michelle Tessier (eds.), *A Schrift to Fest Kyle Johnson*, 271-280. Linguistics Open Access Publications.
5. Fragment answers to questions: A case of inaudible syntax. 2013. Jason Merchant, Lyn Frazier, Charles Clifton, Jr. and Thomas Weskott. In Laurence Goldstein (ed.), *Brevity,* 21-35. Oxford University Press: Oxford.
6. Ellipsis phenomena. 2013. Jeroen van Craenenbroeck and Jason Merchant. In Marcel den Dikken (ed.), *The Cambridge Handbook of Generative Syntax*, 701-745. Cambridge University Press: Cambridge.
7. Diagnosing ellipsis. 2013. In Lisa Lai-Shen Cheng and Norbert Corver (eds.), *Diagnosing syntax*, 537-542. Oxford University Press: Oxford.
8. Polarity items under ellipsis. 2013. In Lisa Lai-Shen Cheng and Norbert Corver (eds.), *Diagnosing syntax*, 441-462. Oxford University Press, Oxford.
9. Revisiting conditions on predicate anaphora. 2013. In Philip Hofmeister and Elisabeth Norcliffe (eds.), *The core and the periphery: Data-driven perspectives on syntax inspired by Ivan A. Sag*, 1-4. CSLI Publications: Stanford, Calif.
10. A new standard of comparison. 2012. Peter Alrenga, Christopher Kennedy, and Jason Merchant. In Nathan Arnett and Ryan Bennett (eds.), *Proceedings of the 30th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, 32-42. Cascadilla Press: Somerville, Mass.
11. Accounting for voice mismatch in ellipsis. 2012. Steven A. SanPietro, Ming Xiang, and Jason Merchant. In Nathan Arnett and Ryan Bennett (eds.), *Proceedings of the 30th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, 303-312. Cascadilla Press: Somerville, Mass.
12. Introduction. 2012. With Andrew Simpson. In Jason Merchant and Andrew Simpson (eds.), *Sluicing: Cross-linguistic perspectives*, 1-13. Oxford University Press: Oxford.
13. Aleut case matters. 2011. In Etsuyo Yuasa, Tista Bagchi, and Katharine Beals (eds.), *Pragmatics and Autolexical Grammar: In honor of Jerry Sadock*, 193-210. John Benjamins: Amsterdam.
14. Three kinds of ellipsis. 2010. In François Recanati, Isidora Stojanovic, Neftalí Villanueva (eds.), *Context-Dependence, Perspective, and Relativity*, 141-192. Walter de Gruyter: Berlin.
15. Variable island repair under ellipsis. 2008. In Kyle Johnson (ed.), *Topics in ellipsis*, 132-153. Cambridge University Press: Cambridge.
16. Polyvalent case, geometric hierarchies, and split ergativity. 2006. In Jackie Bunting, Sapna Desai, Robert Peachey, Chris Straughn, and Zuzana Tomkova (eds.), *Proceedings of the 42nd annual meeting of the Chicago Linguistics Society, Vol. 2: The parasessions*, 47-67. Chicago, Ill.

17. 'Small structures': A sententialist perspective. 2006. In Ljiljana Progovac, Kate Paesani, Eugenia Casielles, and Ellen Barton (eds.), *The Syntax of Nonsententials: Multidisciplinary Perspectives*, 73-91. John Benjamins: Amsterdam and Philadelphia.
18. Sluicing. 2006. In Martin Everaert and Henk van Riemsdijk (eds.), *The Blackwell Companion to Syntax*, 269-289. Blackwell: London. [Also published in Blackwell Reference Online.]
19. Ellipsis and 'nonsentential speech'. 2005. In Marina Mattheoudakis and Angeliki Psaltou-Joycey (eds.), *Selected papers on theoretical and applied linguistics*, 175-189. Aristotle University of Thessaloniki: Thessaloniki.
20. Resumptivity and non-movement. 2004. *Studies in Greek Linguistics 24*, 471-481. Aristotle University of Thessaloniki: Thessaloniki.
21. Subject-Auxiliary Inversion in comparatives and PF output constraints. 2003. In Kerstin Schwabe and Susanne Winkler (eds.), *The interfaces: Deriving and interpreting omitted structures*, 55-77. John Benjamins: Amsterdam.
22. Preliminary fragmentary thoughts. 2003. In Ayumi Ueyama (ed.), *Theoretical and empirical studies of ellipsis*, 110-148. Report of the Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, Kyushu University: Fukuoka.
23. Swiping in Germanic. 2002. In C. Jan-Wouter Zwart and Werner Abraham (eds.), *Studies in Comparative Germanic Syntax*, 289-315. John Benjamins: Amsterdam.
24. PF output constraints and elliptical repair in SAI comparatives. 2002. In Line Mikkelsen and Christopher Potts (eds.), *Proceedings of the 21st West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, 292-305. Cascadilla Press: Somerville, Mass.
25. The case of the 'missing CP' and the secret Case. 2000. With Chris Kennedy. In Chung, Sandra, James McCloskey, and Nathan Sanders (editors), *The Jorge Hankamer WebFest*, University of California, Santa Cruz; http://ling.ucsc.edu/Jorge/kennedy_merchant.html.
26. On the extent of trace deletion in antecedent-contained deletion. 1999. In Elly van Gelderen and Vida Samiian (eds.), *Proceedings of the Twenty-seventh Western Conference on Linguistics (WECOL 98)*, 327-335. California State University: Fresno, Ca.
27. E-type A'-traces under sluicing. 1999. In Kimary Shahin, Susan Blake, and Eun-Sook Kim (eds.), *Proceedings of the Seventeenth West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, 478-492. CSLI Publications: Stanford, Ca.
28. Why Giannis can't scrub his plate clean: On the absence of resultative secondary predication in Greek. 1999. With Anastasia Giannakidou. In Amalia Mozer (ed.) *Greek Linguistics '97: Proceedings of the 3rd International Conference on Greek Linguistics,* 93-103. Ekdosis Ellinika Grammata: Athens.
29. Attributive comparatives and the syntax of ellipsis. 1999. With Chris Kennedy. In Francis Corblin, Carmen Dobrovie-Sorin, and Jean-Marie Marandin (eds.) *Empirical issues in formal syntax and semantics 2 (Selected papers from the Colloque de syntaxe et sémantique à Paris)*, 233-253. Thesus: The Hague.
30. 'Pseudosluicing': Elliptical clefts in Japanese and English. 1998. In Artemis Alexiadou, Nanna Fuhrhop, Paul Law, and Ursula Kleinhenz (eds.), *ZAS Papers in Linguistics 10*, 88-112. Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, Berlin.
31. An asymmetry in asymmetric donkey anaphora. 1998. With Anastasia Giannakidou. *Studies in Greek Linguistics 18*, 141-154. Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.
32. Attributive comparatives and bound ellipsis. 1997. With Chris Kennedy. Linguistics Research Center Report LRC-97-3. University of California, Santa Cruz.
33. Sympathetic devoicing and continuancy in Catalan. 1997. In Rachel Walker, Motoko Katayama, and Dan Karvonen (eds.), *Phonology at Santa Cruz*, Vol. 5, 57-62. University of California, Santa Cruz.

34. On the interpretation of null indefinite objects in Greek. 1997. With Anastasia Giannakidou. *Studies in Greek Linguistics 17*, 290-303. Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.
35. Object scrambling and quantifier float in German. 1996. In Kiyomi Kusumoto (ed.), *Proceedings of North East Linguistic Society 26*, 179-193, Graduate Linguistic Student Association, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
36. An Alignment solution to bracketing paradoxes. 1995. In Haruo Kubozono, Ove Lorentz, and Rachel Walker (eds.), *Phonology at Santa Cruz*, Vol. 4, 57-68. University of California, Santa Cruz.
37. German fricative assimilation, ambisyllabicity, and noncrisp alignment. 1994. In Jason Merchant, Jaye Padgett, and Rachel Walker (eds.), *Phonology at Santa Cruz*, Vol. 3, 65-77. University of California, Santa Cruz.

REVIEWS

1. Book notice of John Marangozis, *An introduction to Vlach grammar*, LINCOM Europa: Munich (2010). e*Language*, 25 November 2012.
2. Book notice of David Holton, Peter Mackridge, and Irene Philippaki-Warburton (1997), *Greek: A comprehensive grammar of the modern language*, Routledge and Bruce Donaldson (1997), *Dutch: A comprehensive grammar*, Routledge. 2001. *Language* 77: 194-195.
3. Book notice of Peter Ludlow (ed.) (1997), *Readings in the philosophy of language*, MIT Press. 1999. *Language* 75: 862-863.

WORKING PAPERS VOLUME

1. *Phonology at Santa Cruz*, Vol. 3. 1994. (Edited volume) With Jaye Padgett, Rachel Walker. Linguistics Research Center: University of California, Santa Cruz.

WORK UNDER REVISION

1. Two phrasal comparatives in Greek. Accepted with revisions at *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory.*

WORK IN PROGRESS, UNPUBLISHED MANUSCRIPTS, AND SOLICITED CHAPTERS

1. Extraction from copulars is bled by ellipsis: On the interaction of head movement, phrasal movement, and ellipsis. Anikó Lipták and Jason Merchant. Ms., University of Leiden and University of Chicago.
2. Head movement and parallelism. Ms., University of Chicago.
3. The Afrikaans final negative particle and a new theory of negative concord. Ms., University of Chicago.
4. A grammatical sketch of Mt. Olympus Vlach (Aromanian).

BRIEFS SUBMITTED

1. Amicus Brief in re George K. Young, Jr., v. State of Hawaii, et al., submitted to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, by amici curiae Dennis Baron, Alison LaCroix, Stefan Gries, Jason Merchant. 2020.

2. Amicus Brief in re New York State Rifle and Pistol Association et al. v. City of New York, submitted to the Supreme Court of the United States, by amici curiae Dennis Baron, Alison LaCroix, Stefan Gries, Jason Merchant. 2019.

Presentations

INVITED AND NONREFEREED PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES FOR ACADEMIC AUDIENCES

1. Stochastic selection. Stanford University, 8 May 2025.
2. Truth, euphemism, dog whistles, free speech, and the decline of public confidence in higher education in the US. Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris. 7 February 2025.
3. On why ellipsis is central to syntactic theorizing: A rant in honor of Howard Lasnik on the occasion of his retirement. University of Maryland, College Park. 5 May 2023.
4. Nominal ellipsis, n/N heads, and lexical nominalization. Colloquium on Generative Grammar 32. University of the Basque Country. 26 April 2023.
5. The Invisible Man vs. nominal ellipsis. Princeton Symposium on Syntactic Theory, Princeton University. 2 April 2022.
6. Null nominals and nominal ellipsis. Workshop on NP-ellipsis, University of Cologne. 10 February 2022.
7. Ellipsis: Deletion or not? With Kyle Johnson. Epic Battles in Linguistics series. Organized by the University of Padua and the University of Florence. 30 September 2021.
8. Do roots or words lexically select? New and old puzzles. Invited colloquium, University of Connecticut. 12 February 2021.
9. Ellipsis: The roles of syntax, movement, focus, or Why the holy grail of a grand unified theory will never be found. Abralin ao Vivo. 9 December 2020.
10. Was fehlt hier? Workshop zu Anlass des 60. Geburtstags Susanne Winkler. University of Tübingen. 30 October 2020. [Postponed]
11. Focus-marking inside ellipsis sites. Sluicing and Ellipsis at 50 workshop. University of Chicago. 12 April 2019.
12. Stochastic resolution of ellipsis: Why the holy grail of a grand unified theory will never be found. Invited colloquium. Northwestern University. 11 May 2018.
13. Modifying the colored λ-calculus to model negative concord and Afrikaans final *nie*. Invited colloquium. University of California, Berkeley. 19 March 2018.
14. Minimalist syntax. Five lecture mini-course. Landelijke Onderzoekschool Taalwetenschap, University of Leiden, 26-30 June 2017.
15. Ranked resolution strategies for ellipsis. Invited colloquium. Leiden University. 23 June 2017.
16. Roots don't select. Roots V. University College London/Queen Mary University London. 17 June 2017.
17. Beyond intuitions, algorithms, and dictionaries: Historical semantics and legal interpretation. Alison LaCroix and Jason Merchant. Neubauer Collegium workshop on Historical Semantics and Legal Interpretation. University of Chicago, 22 May 2017.
18. On categorizers and selection. Cambridge Comparative Syntax. Cambridge University. 5 May 2017.
19. Multiple paths to ellipsis: Identity, accommodation, scripts, and type-shifters. Workshop on (multiple) sluicing. Yale University. 22 April 2017.
20. Roots, categorizers, and nonuniform selection. Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft. Berlin. 23 March 2017.

21. In search of the missing: Evidence for and against unpronounced syntactic structure. Invited colloquium. Ohio State University. 3 February 2017.
22. The Afrikaans final negative particle as a negative isotopic, VP-level clitic. Plenary lecture, 31st Comparative Germanic Syntax Workshop. Stellenbosch University, South Africa. 1-3 December 2016.
23. Insights into syntactic theory from code-switching bilingual speech. Workshop on Bilingualism. Northwestern University. 23 October 2016.
24. One size doesn't fit all: What fragments can tell us about anaphoricity, and why reductionist monolithic theories fail. Plenary lecture. Fragments (SFB 1102 Information Density and Linguistic Encoding). University of the Saarland, Saarbrücken. 13 October 2016.
25. What's in a word? University of Maryland, College Park. 7 October 2016.
26. Rebinding, ineffability, and limits on accommodation. Plenary lecture. Ellipsis across borders. Sarajevo. June 2016.
27. Does Greek have VVPE? Yes, but it's easy to overlook. 5th annual Midwest Greek Linguistics Workshop. University of Chicago. 5 May 2016.
28. Roots, selection, and locality. University of California, Berkeley. 13 November 2015.
29. Problems of pride and lust: nonlocal selection? University of California, Santa Cruz. 12 November 2015.
30. The 1AEX can be reduced to selection. Hornucopia, Yale University. 7 November 2015.
31. Perfect and imperfect copies. Plenary lecture, Workshop on replication, Leipzig. 3 October 2015.
32. Stochastic selection. Invited colloquium. University of Minnesota. 18 September 2015.
33. Generative syntax in the twenty-first century: The road ahead. Symposium. Athens, Greece, 28-30 May 2015.
34. On the role of syntax in ellipsis. Plenary lecture, Ellipsis conference, Unicamp, Campinas, Brazil. 4-5 May 2015.
35. Joint selection. Invited colloquium. Cornell University. 19 February 2015.
36. How 'abstract' does our syntax have to be? Evidence from ellipsis. Invited colloquium. New York University. 9 May 2014.
37. How 'abstract' does our syntax have to be? Evidence from ellipsis. Invited colloquium. University of Southern California. 28 April 2014.
38. More than one (Greek) comparative(*s). Invited colloquium. University of Massachusetts at Amherst. 14 March 2014.
39. How abstract does our theory of language have to be? Evidence from structural ambiguity and ellipsis. Invited colloquium. Princeton University. 16 January 2014.
40. Remarks on identity in ellipsis. Invited keynote presentation. Leiden workshop on ellipsis. University of Leiden. 20-21 September 2013.
41. Structures in syntax. Minicourse (five lectures) at ACTL (Advanced Core Training in Linguistics), University College, London. 24-28 June 2013.
42. Yet another look at deep and surface anaphora. Kent Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, University of Kent, 20 June 2013.
43. On explanation in linguistics: Evidence and naïveté in debates about the nature of language. SECL Distinguished Lecture Series. University of Kent, Canterbury. 19 June 2013.
44. How much context is enough? Two cases of non-locally conditioned stem allomorphy. Invited presentation, University of Kent, Canterbury. 19 June 2013.
45. Comparing theories of comparatives. Kent Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, University of Kent, 18 June 2013.

46. Implications of Greek verbal stem allomorphy for theories of morphology. Midwest Workshop on Greek Linguistics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. 18 May 2013.
47. A language richer from/of others: Two phrasal comparatives in Greek. Invited keynote talk. 4th Annual Tampa Workshop in Linguistics. University of South Florida. 22 March 2013.
48. On the morphosyntactosemantics of comparatives: Evidence from Greek. Invited colloquium talk. University of Connecticut. 15 February 2013.
49. 'Deep' and 'surface' anaphora, again. Invited keynote talk. Workshop on ellipsis. Universidade de Vigo, Spain. 9-11 November 2012.
50. What's happening to our standards (of comparison)? Invited colloquium talk. Stony Brook University. 14 September 2012.
51. Topics in research on ellipsis. Invited week-long course. Linguistics Summer School. Research Institute for Linguistics, Hungarian Academy of Sciences. Budapest, Hungary. 27-31 August 2012.
52. Meaning without form: Abstractness and the linguistics of ellipsis. Invited colloquium talk, Department of Cognitive Sciences, University of California, Irvine. 11 April 2012.
53. More comparatives than you can shake a stick at: The case of Greek. Invited colloquium talk. McGill University, Montreal. March 2012.
54. Voice and implicit arguments: The view from ellipsis. Invited talk. Leverhulme workshop on brevity, organized in conjunction with the meeting of American Philosophical Association. Chicago, Ill. 19 February 2012.
55. Where's gender? Evidence from Greek. Invited talk. Workshop on quirky ellipsis, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen. 15 November 2011.
56. (In)delibility of features under agreement with nominal predicates. Invited colloquium talk. Rutgers University. 4 November 2011.
57. Isotopes of gender in Greek. Cornell University. 15 September 2011.
58. Derivational and nonderivational approaches to Greek NPE. Invited talk. Ellipsis workshop, Université de Paris 7. 22 June 2011.
59. Not all genders are created equal: Evidence from Greek nominal ellipsis. Invited talk at Ellipsis workshop, Stanford University. 29-30 April 2011.
60. Gender disagreements (in Greek NPE). Invited colloquium talk. MIT. 11 March 2011.
61. Vocal and argumentative oppositions. Invited lecture. Workshop: Morphological Voice and its Grammatical Interfaces: Theoretical Modelling and Psycholinguistic Validation. University of Vienna. 25-27 June 2010.
62. LF, PF, and representationalist Minimalism. Minicourse (four lectures) at Syntaxfest 2010, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, 15-18 June 2010.
63. Linguistic interfaces and the architecture of grammar. Minicourse on syntax (5 lectures, four hours each). University of the Basque Country, Vitoria/Gasteiz, Spain. 17-21 May 2010.
64. Comparing comparatives: An argument against surfacism. Invited colloquium talk. Harvard University. 7 May 2010.
65. Against surfacism: Evidence from Greek. Invited colloquium talk. Yale University. 22 February 2010.
66. Vocal debates. Guest lecture. Yale University. 22 February 2010.
67. Elliptical repair and nonrepair in Greek comparatives. Invited colloquium talk. University of California, Los Angeles. 5 February 2010.
68. Ways to account for things not said. Invited colloquium talk. University College London. 11 November 2009.

69. What price ellipsis? Invited keynote talk. Brussels Conference on Generative Linguistics 4: Ellipsis. Center for Research in Syntax, Semantic and Phonology, Hogeschool-Universiteit Brussels, Belgium. 9-10 November 2009.
70. Context and types of ambiguity. Invited talk. Interdisciplinary symposium: Dimensions of ambiguity. Eberhard-Karls-University, Tübingen, Germany. 5-7 November 2009.
71. Inaudible syntax. With Lyn Frazier. Invited talk. Context and communication network; Leverhulme Foundation workshop series. San Francisco, 15 September 2009.
72. Abstractness in syntax (with special reference to ellipsis). LOT (Landelijke Onderzoeksschool Taalwetenschap, National research school in linguistics; 5 day mini-course), Leiden. June 2009.
73. Sprache bzw. Dialekt: Neueres aus der Dialektforschung im germanischen Gebiet (mit evtl. Anwendung auf die Balkansprachen). [Language or dialect: Recent approaches in dialectology in Germanic (with potential application to the Balkan languages).] Invited talk. Department of German, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. Thessaloniki, Greece. 3 June 2009.
74. Why move? On the inadequacy of n-gram models. Invited presentation. Department of English, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. Thessaloniki, Greece. May 22, 2009.
75. Περί μετακινήσεως των στοιχείων μη-Α. [On movement of A'-elements.] Invited presentation. Department of Greek, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. Thessaloniki, Greece. May 19, 2009.
76. There's less to words than meets the eye. Invited colloquium. University of Illinois at Chicago. 20 February 2009.
77. Diagnosing syntax. Invited talk. Workshop: Diagnosing Syntax: Perspectives, procedures, and tools. Leiden University and Utrecht University. 29-31 January 2009.
78. Silencing voice. Invited talk. Princeton University. 8 December 2008.
79. Multiple wh-fronting and spurious coordination. Invited talk. Graduate Alumni Conference. University of California, Santa Cruz. 12-13 September 2008.
80. On distinguishing among the missing: Intuitions and evidence from syntax, semantics, and pragmatics. Invited talk. Context and communication network; Leverhulme Foundation workshop series. Canterbury, England, 19-21 September 2008.
81. Implicit arguments. Invited talk. 10th Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar (SICOGG 10). Seoul, Korea. 31 July-2 August 2008.
82. Why ellipsis is a problem for surface lexicalism. Invited talk. Workshop on elliptical constructions. Université Jussieu, Paris, 20 June 2008.
83. PF and LF locality: Evidence from Greek comparatives. Invited talk. Maryland Mayfest: Islands and wh-movement. University of Maryland, College Park. 9-11 May 2008.
84. Aleut case matters. Pragmatics, Grammatical Interfaces, and Jerry Sadock Conference. University of Chicago, 2-3 May 2008.
85. Explorations of the dark side of ellipsis. Invited talk. University of Massachusetts, Amherst. April 4, 2008.
86. Consequences of voice mismatch asymmetries in ellipsis: Bad news for strict lexicalism. Invited talk. Syntax Circle, Leiden University (Meertens Institute, Universities of Amsterdam, Utrecht and Leiden). March 28, 2008.
87. Syntax is simple, but also abstract. Invited talk, Northeastern Illinois University. 5 March 2008.
88. Three kinds of ellipsis: syntactic, semantic, pragmatic? Invited talk, Semantics workshop. Rutgers University. 5-6 October 2007.
89. Voice and ellipsis. Invited departmental talk, New York University. 4 October 2007.
90. The syntax of voice and implicit indefinite arguments. Invited talk, 'Funny indefinites: Workshop on different kinds of specificity across languages'. Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft (Center for General Linguistics), Berlin. 7 July 2007.

91. Metalinguistic comparison in Greek. With Anastasia Giannakidou. Invited talk, Universität Potsdam. 6 July 2007.
92. On varieties of abstractness in syntax. Invited talk, Universität Tübingen. 4 July 2007.
93. What's in a name? On the syntax of names, NPs, and pronouns. Keynote lecture, Linguistics at Santa Cruz, March 3, 2007.
94. Lectures on sluicing and ellipsis (8 hours). EALing (École d'Automne Linguistique) 4, Department of Cognitive Studies, École Normale Supérieure. Paris, 18-22 September 2006.
95. On the identity conditions in ellipsis: Evidence from voice mismatches and islands in VPE, sluicing, and comparatives. Ellipsis workshop, University of Stuttgart, Germany. 24 July 2006.
96. Voice heads, multiple case, and the abstractness of syntax. Invited speaker. 41st meeting of the Chicago Linguistics Society, Parasession on case and voice. Chicago, Ill. April 2006.
97. LF redux? Invited colloquium talk, University of Michigan. November 2005.
98. The genetic and neural bases of language. Humanities Open House, University of Chicago. October 2005.
99. Revisiting syntactic identity conditions. Invited speaker. Workshop on ellipsis. University of California, Berkeley. October 2005.
100. Lectures on ellipsis and grammatical theory (16 hours). Invited keynote speaker, 7th Seoul International Conference On Generative Grammar (SICOGG 7). Seoul, Korea. August 2005.
101. On the role of unpronounced syntactic structures. Invited talk, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. March 2005.
102. On the role of unpronounced syntactic structures. Invited talk, Stanford University. March 2005.
103. Do we need unpronounced syntactic structures? Invited colloquium talk, Harvard University. December 2004.
104. Do we need unpronounced syntactic structures? Invited colloquium talk, University of California at Los Angeles. November 2004.
105. Towards a taxonomy of elliptical repair. Workshop on morphosyntax, Buenos Aires, Argentina. July 2004. (Invited presentation.)
106. How to say nothing. Invited colloquium talk, Michigan State University. April 2004.
107. Fragments and ellipsis. Invited colloquium talk, Indiana University. December 2003.
108. Fragments and ellipsis. 'Small structures: Sentential and nonsentential analyses' workshop, Wayne State University. September 2003. (Invited presentation.)
109. Fragmentarische Ausdrücke: Ellipse oder Anlass zu einer neuen Theorie der Syntax-Semantik-Schnittstelle? Workshop on ellipsis and focus, Tübingen University, Germany. July 2003. (Invited presentation.)
110. Fragments and ellipsis. Invited colloquium talk, University of Patras, Greece. May 2003.
111. Linguistic and philosophical implications of fragments. Ellipsis workshop. University of California, Santa Cruz. January 2003. (Invited presentation.)
112. Fragmentary thoughts. Kaken workshop on ellipsis. Kyushu University, Fukuoka, Japan. December 2002. (Invited presentation.)
113. Fragments and the syntax-semantics interface. Invited colloquium talk, University of Maryland, College Park. September 2002.
114. Modularity in the Minimalist Program. With Anastasia Giannakidou. Maryland Mayfest, University of Maryland at College Park. May 2002. (Invited presentation.)
115. Grammar *sous rature*. Invited colloquium talk, University of Massachusetts, Amherst. April 2002.
116. Illuminating the black hole of PF. Invited colloquium talk, University of Southern California. April 2002.

117. Repair by deletion: Some puzzles from ellipsis. Invited colloquium talk, University of Connecticut. March 2002.
118. On selected repair effects. Kaken workshop on ellipsis, University of Kyoto. December 2001. (Invited presentation.)
119. The saving graces of ellipsis. Invited colloquium talk, Massachusetts Institute of Technology. May 2001.
120. Delete and ye shall be saved! Kaken workshop on ellipsis, University of Kyoto. December 2000. (Invited presentation.)
121. Much ado about nothing, or, the story of E. Kaken workshop on ellipsis, University of Kyoto. December 2000. (Invited presentation.)
122. Guess what about? The syntax of ellipsis and islandhood (or, How to delete your way out of an island). Invited talk, Northwestern University. May 2000.
123. Showdown on the semantics-phonology frontier: On saying nothing. Invited talk, University of Chicago. February 2000.
124. PF islands? Evidence from left-branch extractions and ellipsis. Invited colloquium talk, University of Leiden. February 2000.
125. e-GIVENness and the semantic constraints on identity in ellipsis. Invited talk, University of Groningen. June 2000.
126. On the saving graces of ellipsis. Invited colloquium talk, University of Groningen. January 2000.
127. e-GIVENness vs. LF-identity in ellipsis. Workshop on ellipsis, Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, Berlin. November 1999. (Invited presentation.)
128. Ellipsis and the nature of islands. Invited colloquium talk, University of Chicago. October 1999.
129. Deletion, sluicing, and the nature of islands. Invited colloquium talk, University of California, San Diego. May 1999.
130. Sluicing out of islands? Syntactic and semantic explorations. Invited talk, University of California, Los Angeles. March 1999.
131. Sluicing and the nature of islands or, the syntax of silence. Invited talk, University of Texas at Austin. March 1999.
132. Attributive comparatives, left branch extraction, and PF-deletion. With Chris Kennedy. Workshop on comparatives. Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, Berlin. November 1998. (Invited presentation.)
133. Islands, sluicing, and form-identity. Workshop on Coordination in Ellipsis. Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, Berlin. October 1998. (Invited presentation.)
134. Deviant 'identity' in ellipsis: Vehicle change and the copy theory. Invited colloquium talk, Universität Tübingen. June 1998.
135. Unbound variables under ellipsis and the syntax of sluicing. Invited colloquium talk, UiL/OTS, University of Utrecht. March 1998.
136. Unbound variables under ellipsis and the syntax of sluicing. Invited colloquium talk, University of Leiden. February 1998.
137. 'Pseudosluicing': Elliptical clefts. Workshop on Syntax and Semantics of (Pseudo)Clefts. Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, Berlin. December 1997. (Invited presentation.)
138. Pronominal variables under ellipsis. Invited colloquium talk, Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, Berlin. November 1997.
139. The structure of sluices and the interpretation of wh-traces. Interfaces workshop, University of Thessaloniki. September 1997. (Invited presentation.)

140. Deviance from identity under ellipsis: The case of (multiple) sluicing. Invited colloquium talk, University of Groningen. October 1996.
141. Cyclic stress domains and MCat-PCat alignment. Phonology Workshop, University of California, Santa Cruz. April 1995.
142. Noncrisp alignment: German [ç] and [x]. Trilateral Phonology Weekend (TREND), Stanford University. November 1994.

CONFERENCE, WORKSHOP, AND MEETING PRESENTATIONS AND POSTERS (NONINVITED)

1. P-stranding out of Place: The bleeding effect of ellipsis on Dutch P-stranding. James Griffiths, Güliz Güneş, Anikó Lipták and Jason Merchant. 44th Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW) Colloquium. 16 April 2021.
2. James Griffiths, Güliz Güneş, Anikó Lipták and Jason Merchant: P-stranding out of Place: The bleeding effect of ellipsis on Dutch P-stranding. West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL) 39. University of Arizona. 8 April 2021.
3. Categorizing heads are l-selectors: Idiosyncratic PP selection can vary by lexical category. Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW). Göttingen. April 2016. Poster.
4. Roots don't select: A new argument from cross-categorial variation in PP selection. 42nd annual meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society. 5 February 2016.
5. A surprising allomorphic span in Cypriot Greek. With Natalia Pavlou. 12th International Conference on Greek Linguistics. Berlin, Germany. September 2015.
6. Bilingual Greek-English code-switching under ellipsis. BilForum 2014, University of Illinois, Chicago. 2 October 2014.
7. Ellipsis induces syntactic priming. Ming Xiang, Julian Grove, and Jason Merchant. Poster. 87th annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Minneapolis. 4 January 2014.
8. Silent structures in ellipsis: Evidence from syntactic priming. Ming Xiang, Julian Grove, Jason Merchant, Genna Vegh, Stefan Bartell, Katina Vradelis. Poster presented at CUNY2013, 26th annual CUNY conference on human sentence processing. University of South Carolina, Columbia. March 2013.
9. Deep properties of surface pronouns: Pronominal predicate anaphors in Germanic. Kristine Bentzen, Jason Merchant, and Peter Svenonius. Comparative Germanic Syntax Workshop 27. Yale University. 31 May 2012.
10. A new standard of comparison. Peter Alrenga, Chris Kennedy, Jason Merchant. West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics 30. University of California, Santa Cruz. 14 April 2012.
11. Accounting for voice mismatch in ellipsis. Steve SanPietro, Ming Xiang, and Jason Merchant. Poster presented at the 30th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics. University of California, Santa Cruz. 14 April 2012.
12. Standard of comparison/scope of comparison. Peter Alrenga, Chris Kennedy, Jason Merchant. 86th annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Portland, Ore. 6 January 2012.
13. Silent structures in ellipsis: Priming and anti-priming effects. Ming Xiang, Jason Merchant, and Julian Grove. Poster presented at the 86th annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Portland, Ore. 6 January 2012.
14. Gender and number in Greek nominal ellipses. 10th International Conference on Greek Linguistics, Democritus University of Thrace. 3 September 2011.
15. Some genders are more equal than others. 87th annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Pittsburgh, Penn. 7 January 2011.
16. Ενας ψηλότερός της άντρας: Implications of clitic standards of comparison in Greek. 9th International Conference on Greek Linguistics, University of Chicago. October 30, 2009.

17. Case, agreement, and null arguments in Aleut. With Jerrold Sadock. 85th annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, San Francisco, Calif. January 2009.
18. Nonsententials and moderate contextualism. Workshop on Context-dependence, perspective and relativity in language and thought, École Normale Supérieure, Paris. November 9-11, 2007.
19. Spurious coordination in Vlach multiple *wh*-fronting. Mid-America Linguistics Conference. University of Kansas, Lawrence. October 26-28, 2007.
20. Greek comparatives: Implications for the architecture of grammar. 8th International Conference on Greek Linguistics, University of Ioannina, Greece. August 29, 2007.
21. VP-ellipsis is VP ellipsis; pseudogapping is *v*P ellipsis. 83rd annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Anaheim, Calif. January 2007.
22. Variable island sensitivity in Greek phrasal and clausal comparatives. With Anastasia Giannakidou. 82nd annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Albuquerque, New Mexico. January 2006.
23. A deletion solution to the 'sloppy ellipsis' puzzle. 80th annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Boston, Mass. January 2004.
24. Resumptivity and non-movement. 24th Annual Meeting on Greek Linguistics, University of Thessaloniki, Greece. May 2003.
25. Ellipsis and 'nonsentential speech'. 16th international symposium of theoretical and applied linguistics. Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece. April 2003.
26. Eliminating modules in Minimalism. With Anastasia Giannakidou. Theoretical and experimental approaches to normal and impaired language. European Science Foundation, Corinth, Greece. June 2002.
27. PF output constraints and elliptical repair in SAI comparatives. 21st West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL). University of California, Santa Cruz. April 2002.
28. Sluicing and swiping in Germanic. 15th Comparative Germanic Syntax Workshop (CGSW). University of Groningen. May 2000.
29. The EPP as a PF-condition: Evidence from extraction out of subjects in sluicing. Taalkunde in Nederland (TIN)-Dag, Annual meeting of the Algemene Vereniging voor Taalwetenschap. University of Utrecht. February 2000.
30. Resumptive operators, case, and sluicing. 75th annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America; Los Angeles, California. January 1999.
31. Case and identity in comparatives. With Chris Kennedy. 75th annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America; Los Angeles, California. January 1999.
32. On the extent of trace deletion in ACD. Presented at TABU-Dag, University of Groningen. June 1998.
33. E-type A'-traces under sluicing. 17th annual West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL). University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada. February 1998.
34. Antecedent-contained deletion in negative polarity items. Taalkunde in Nederland (TIN)-Dag, Annual meeting of the Algemene Vereniging voor Taalwetenschap. University of Utrecht. January 1998.
35. Aspectual effects on donkey anaphora. With Anastasia Giannakidou. Sinn und Bedeutung (2nd annual meeting of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Semantik). Humboldt University and Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, Berlin. December 1997.
36. Attributive comparatives and bound ellipsis. With Chris Kennedy. Colloque de syntaxe et sémantique à Paris (CSSP 2), University of Paris-7. October 1997.
37. Why Giannis can't scrub his plate clean: On the absence of resultative secondary predication in Greek. With Anastasia Giannakidou. 3rd International Conference on Greek Linguistics, Athens, Greece. September 1997.

38. An asymmetry in asymmetric donkey anaphora. With Anastasia Giannakidou. [Presented by A. Giannakidou] TABU-Dag, University of Groningen, the Netherlands. June 1997.
39. Anaphoric destressing and scrambling in Dutch and English. Poster, Hopkins Optimality Theory workshop/Maryland Mayfest. Johns Hopkins University and University of Maryland. May 1997.
40. An asymmetry in asymmetric donkey anaphora. With Anastasia Giannakidou. 18th Annual Meeting on Greek Linguistics, University of Thessaloniki, Greece. April 1997.
41. Pronominal wh-traces under sluicing. 73rd annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Chicago, Illinois. January 1997.
42. Reverse sluicing in English and Greek. With Anastasia Giannakidou. 19th annual meeting of the Generative Linguists of the Old World (GLOW), University of Athens, Greece. April 1996.
43. On the interpretation of null indefinite objects in Greek. With Anastasia Giannakidou. 17th Annual Meeting on Greek Linguistics, University of Thessaloniki, Greece. April 1996.
44. Scrambling and quantifier float in German. 26th annual meeting of the Northeastern Linguistic Society (NELS), Harvard University and MIT. October 1995.

PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES FOR NONACADEMIC OR NONLINGUIST AUDIENCES

1. Free speech and institutions. Panel, MIT Free Speech Alliance. Cambridge, Mass. 8 September 2024.
2. Implementing the Kalven Report at the University of Chicago. Heterodox Academy annual conference, Chicago, IL. 8 June 2024.
3. The use and abuse of linguistics at the Supreme Court. Phoenix Society Lecture, Chicago. 4 November 2016.
4. Historical linguistics and legal interpretation. Harper Lecture, New York. 5 October 2016.
5. Historical semantics and legal interpretation. University of Chicago Board of Trustees Meeting, New York, April 2016. With Alison LaCroix.
6. How to write around the world (And which ways are best). Humanities Day, University of Chicago. 17 October 2015.
7. On the use and abuse of linguistics at the U.S. Supreme Court. With Alison LaCroix. Franke Institute for the Humanities, University of Chicago. Wednesday faculty lecture series. 7 May 2014.
8. The use and abuse of linguistics at the U.S. Supreme Court. With Alison LaCroix. Humanities Open House, University of Chicago. 18 October 2014.
9. Language change and "degradation": Is English getting worse? Invited presentation, University of Chicago Laboratory Schools, High School. 8 September 2012.
10. Meaning without form: The linguistics of ellipsis. With Karlos Arregi. Presentation at Humanities Day, University of Chicago, 23 October 2010.
11. The syntax of silence, or Why silence is even more golden than we thought. Franke Institute New Faculty Series, University of Chicago. May 2001.
12. Chomsky's theory of language. Humanities Open House, University of Chicago. October 2001.

ORGANIZED SESSION

1. *Ellipsis*. With Christopher Kennedy. Invited speakers: Howard Lasnik, Peter Culicover, Sandra Chung, James McCloskey, William Ladusaw, Ivan Sag. 80th annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Albuquerque, New Mexico. January 2006.

Teaching

COURSES

University of Chicago

2019-2020: *Language and the Human*
2017-2018: *Syntax 1; Syntax/semantics seminar: The syntax-semantics interface; Syntax 2*
2015-2016: *Syntax seminar: Ellipsis*
2014-2015: *Syntactic analysis 1*
2013-2014: *Legal interpretation and historical semantics: Questions and methods.* (Course sponsored by Center for Disciplinary Innovation.) With Alison LaCroix, University of Chicago Law School
2012-2013: *Language and the human; Syntactic analysis 1*
2011-2012: *Language and the human; Syntax seminar: Agreement; Syntactic analysis 2*
2010-2011: *Syntactic analysis 1; Language and the human; Syntax seminar: Comparatives; Introduction to linguistics*
2009-2010: *Language and the human*; *Syntactic analysis 2*; *Graduate research seminar; Syntax seminar: Topics in comparative Romance*
2007-2008: *Syntax 1*; *Language and the human*; *Syntax 2; Graduate syntax seminar: Abstractness in syntax*
2006-2007: *Syntax 2; Syntax/semantics seminar: Greek; Language myths and realities; Informal course on ellipsis*
2005-2006: *Syntax 1* ; *Syntax seminar: Case and voice*; *Mind III: Language and communication*; *Comparative syntax of the Germanic languages*; *Informal course on intervention effects*; *Informal course on Korean case-stacking*; *Informal course on pro-drop (Russian vs. Italian)*; *Reading course*
2004-2005: *Syntax 1*; *Syntax 2*; *Mind III: Language and communication*; *Informal course on Object Shift in Scandinavian; Informal course on CP nominalizations*
2003-2004 *Syntax 1*; *Graduate research seminar*
2002-2003: *Syntax 1*; *Introduction to Linguistics*; *Languages of the world*; *Syntax seminar: The syntax of comparison*
2001-2002: *Syntax seminar: A'-dependencies*; *Languages of the world*; *Syntax 1*; *Syntax 2*
2000-2001: *Semantics and pragmatics*; *Informal course on Aleut syntax*; *Syntax 2*; *Syntax seminar: Ellipsis and repair phenomena*
1999-2000: Linguistics Department, Northwestern University: *Fundamentals of syntax*, *Advanced syntax*
1997: Linguistics Department, University of California, Santa Cruz: *Languages of the World*

OTHER TEACHING

Greek Language and Culture Center, National Hellenic Museum, Chicago, Ill.
2013- Volunteer Greek teacher (adult introductory Greek; children's programs, all levels)
Waldsee, Concordia Language Villages; Bemidji, Minn.
German language credit program [Summer intensive language immersion program]
1994, 1995 Credit facilitator (approx. 180 students; 18 teachers)
1988, 1991, 1993 Counselor/senior counselor/credit teacher

Degree committees:

PhD Adams, Nikki. 2010 (chair). *The Zulu ditransitive verb phrase.*

Aelbrecht, Lobke. 2009. Catholic University of Brussels (external member). *You have the right to remain silent: The syntactic licensing of ellipsis.*

Barros, Matthew. 2014. Rutgers University (external member). *Sluicing and identity in ellipsis.*

Bilbiie, Gabriela. 2011. Université de Paris 7 (external member). *Gapped clauses in Romanian.*

Bochnak, M. Ryan. 2013. *Cross-linguistic variation in the semantics of comparatives.*

Boyle, John. 2007 (chair). *Syntactic Morphology in Hidatsa Clause Structure.*

Bulatovic, Andjelka Gina. 2008. *Modality, futurity and temporal dependency: The semantics of the Serbian perfective nonpast and future II.*

Chatzopoulou, Katerina. 2012. *Negation in Greek: A diachronic study.*

Cisneros, Carlos. 2020. *Indiscriminacy and free choice in Mixtec Mayan.*

van Craenenbroeck, Jeroen. 2004. Leiden University (external member). *Ellipsis in Dutch dialects.*

Ershova, Ksenia. 2019. *Syntactic Ergativity in West Circassian.*

Flinn, Gallagher. Expected 2019. *Georgian inversion.*

Fortin, Catherine. 2007. University of Michigan (external member). *Indonesian sluicing and Verb Phrase ellipsis: Description and explanation in a Minimalist framework.*

Frazier, Michael. 2015. *Morphological recoverability in gapping.* Northwestern University (external member).

Gandón-Chapela, Evelyn. 2016. Vigo University. *A corpus-based analysis of post-auxiliary ellipsis in Modern English: Methodological and theoretical issues.*

Giannoula, Mina. 2022. *Evaluative and polarity morphology in Modern Greek.*

Geiger, Jeffrey. 2020. *Antecedence and context: Identity and nonidentity in verb phrase ellipsis and anaphoric deaccenting.*

Goldberg, Lotus. 2005. McGill University (co-chair). *V-stranding VP-ellipsis: A cross-linguistic study*.

Grano, Tom. 2012. *Control and restructuring at the syntax-semantics interface.*

Hassen, Amal. 2025. *Interrogative and exclamative sluices in French and Tunisian Arabic.* Université Paris Cité. (External member/Rapporteur.)

Hanink, Emily. 2018 (chair). *Structural sources of anaphora and sameness.*

Hewett, Matt. 2023 (co-chair). *Types of resumptive Ā-dependencies.*

Kluck, Marlies. 2011. *Amalgams*. Rijksuniversiteit Groningen. (External member.)

Lai, Yan Ki (Jackie). 2021. *The nature of the postverbal field in Mandarin Chinese.*

Lee, Jung-Hyuck. 2006. *Ability modality in Korean and English.*

Markopoulos, George. 2018. *Phonological Realization of Morphosyntactic Features.* Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. (External member.)

Martinovic, Martina. 2015. *Feature geometry and head-splitting: Evidence from the morphosyntax of the Wolof clausal periphery.*

McNabb, Yaron. 2012. *The syntax and semantics of degree modification.*

Mizuta, Yoko. 2002. *A discourse-semantic analysis of tense and aspect in English and Japanese.*

Park, Eun-hae. 2009. *Korean disjunction and free choice.*

Pavlou, Natalia. 2018 (chair). *Morphosyntactic Dependencies and Verb Movement in Cypriot Greek.*

Pietraszko, Asia. 2017. *The structure of complex verbal expressions in Ndebele.*

Ramos, Sergio. *Code-switching and ellipsis (tentative title)*. University of Illinois at Chicago. (External member.)

Singerman, Adam. 2018 (co-chair). *Topics in the morphosyntax of Tuparí, a Tupían language of the Brazilian Amazon.*
Staraki, Eleni. 2013. *The landscape of modal verbs in Greek.*
Stensrud, Kjersti. 2009 (chair). *Aspects of event composition in English and Norwegian.*
Stigliano, Laura. 2022 (co-chair). *The silence of syntax: A theory of ellipsis licensing and identity.*
Suzuki, Hisami. 2002. *Multi-modularity in computational grammar.*
Waterfall (née Elston), Heidi. 2006. *A little change is a good thing: Feature Theory, Language Acquisition, and Variations Sets.*
Yazar, Merve. 2027 (expected) (co-chair). *Issues in ellipsis in Romeyka (Greek dialect of Pontus, Turkey).*
Yoon, Suwon. 2010 (co-chair). *'Not' in the mood: The syntax and semantics of evaluative negation.*
Yoshimura, Keiko. 2007. *Focus and Polarity: 'even' and 'only' in Japanese.*
Yuhara, Ichiro. 2008. *A multi-modular approach to Japanese case phenomena.*

MA Boccio, Alexander (chair). 2009. *Null pronominal subject phenomena in Russian.*
Han, Hye-Jin (chair). 2007. *A DP-shell analysis of clausal arguments.*
Harris, Jesse (co-chair). 2003. *Semantic and syntactic constraints on adverbial placement.*
Martinovic, Martina. 2011. *The subject/non-subject asymmetry in Wolof.*
Yoon, Younglee. 2010. *Numeral floated quantifiers in Korean.*
Sarigul, Özge. (co-chair) 2015. *Mood selection in complement clauses in Turkish.*
Stensrud, Kjersti (chair). 2005. *Norwegian shifts and Holmberg's Generalization.*
Yoshihara, Mayu. Co-chair, 2008. Alternative semantics and universal quantification: A reanalysis of Japanese *–mo*.

BA (honors theses)
Glass, Lelia. Co-advisor, 2012. *Contextually creating gradience.*
Grubitz, Kenzie. 2004. *The acquisition of French sentential negation by French 201 students.*
Harris, Jesse. Co-advisor, 2003. *What this is is a pseudocleft: Reference, demonstratives, and lists in specificational pseudoclefts.*
Nee, Julia. 2012. *Spanish/Zapotec code-switching and the theory of ellipsis.*
Turon, Jessica (née Clapp). 2007. *Right node raising and VP-ellipsis.*

Service and administration

Departmental service

2014-2016 Chair, Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures
2012 (winter-spring) Interim chair, Department of Linguistics
2010 (spring) Interim chair, Department of Linguistics
2001-2008 Director of Undergraduate Studies
2001-03, 05-08, 10-11, 12- Member, graduate admissions
2003, 2008 Chair, job search committees

University of Chicago service

2018-2026 Faculty Director, UChicagoGRAD
2016 Council on Advanced Study Workshop review committee
2002-05, 2013-16 Member, College Council
2014-2016 Member, Governing Board of the Graham School of Continuing Liberal and Professional Studies, University of Chicago
2014-2015 Provost's Ad hoc Committee to Review the Unlawful Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct Policy
2011-2012 President, Phi Beta Kappa, Beta of Illinois
2010-2011 Fellow, ALP/CIC (Academic Leadership Program/Committee on Institutional Cooperation)
7/2008-7/2011 Policy Committee, Humanities Division
2007-08, 2010-2013 Coordinator, Humanities Core course 'Language and the human'
2009-10 Member, Harper-Schmidt selection committee
2006-2009 Member, University committee on academic fraud
2007 Member, Faculty Advisory Board, MAPH (Master of Arts Program in the Humanities)
2006 Chair, Humanities Division dissertation fellowships committee (Whiting, Franke, Mellon, Harper)
2005 Member, Neubauer fellowship committee
2002 Member, Committee on the Whiting Postdoctoral Fellowships in the Humanities

Professional service

Linguistic Society of America, Nominating committee (2006-2009; chair, 2008-2009), Leonard Bloomfield book award committee (2023-2025; chair, 2025)
National Research Council (U.S.), Survey of Program Quality, program rater (2007)

Editorships

Natural Language and Linguistic Theory (associate editor, 2014-2019); *Chicago Studies in Linguistics* (book series, University of Chicago Press, 2014-); *Language* (associate editor, 2009-2012)

Editorial boards

Biolinguistics (2006-2010); *Journal of Comparative Germanic Linguistics* (2009--); *Linguistic Inquiry* (2009--); *Linguistic Variation Yearbook* (2007-2011); *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* (2018-2020); *Semantics and Pragmatics* (2008--); *Studies in Generative Grammar* (2006--); *Syntax* (2003--); *Open Generative Syntax* (2016--)

Reviewing for journals

Biolinguistics; *Brain and Language*; *Canadian Journal of Linguistics*; *Cognitive Linguistics*; *Diachronica*; *Journal of Comparative Germanic Linguistics*; *Journal of East Asian Linguistics*; *Journal of Linguistics*; *Journal of Psycholinguistic Research Journal of Semantics*; *Journal of Slavic Linguistics*; *Language*; *Language and Linguistics*; *Language and Computation*; *Language, Learning, and Development*; *Languages of the Caucasus*; *Lingua*; *Linguistic Analysis*; *Linguistic Inquiry*; *Linguistics*; *Linguistics and Philosophy*; *Mind and Language*; *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*; *Natural Language Semantics*; *Pragmatics and Cognition*; *Probus*; *Semantics and Pragmatics*; *Studia Linguistica*; *Syntax*; *Theoria*; *The Linguistic Review*

Reviewing for publishers

Blackwell, *Brill, Cambridge University Press, Edinburgh University Press*, *Elsevier*, *John Benjamins*, *Kluwer*, *MIT Press, Mouton de Gruyter*, *Oxford University Press*, *Routledge*, *University of Thessaloniki Press*

Reviewing for organizations

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation/American Council of Learned Societies (Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Early Career Fellowship Program), *European Research Council*, *Hungarian Scientific Research Fund (Országos Tudományos Kutatási Alapprogramok; OTKA)*, *Israel Science Foundation*, *John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation*, *Katholieke Universiteit Brussel* (internal grant review), *National Science Foundation*, *Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research, Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia*, *Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada*, *University of Western Ontario (Academic Development Fund, New Research and Scholarly Initiatives Award)*, *Fonds Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek (Flemish Science Foundation); University of Konstanz Zukunftskolleg*

Reviewing for conferences and workshops

Brussels Conference on Generative Linguistics (BCGL); *Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS)*; *Colloquium on Generative Grammar*; *Comparative Germanic Syntax Workshop (CGSW)*; *Conference on Syntax, Phonology and Language Analysis; European Summer School on Logic, Language, and Information* (*ESSLLI*); *Florida Linguistics Yearly Meeting (FLYM)*; *Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW)*; *Japanese/Korean Linguistics*; *Linguistic Society of America (LSA)*; *Moscow Syntax and Semantics (MOSS)*; *North East Linguistic Society (NELS)*; *Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT)*; *Sinn und Bedeutung; Syntax, Phonology and Language Analysis (SinFonIJA); Ways of structure building workshop*, University of the Basque Country; *West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics* (*WCCFL*); *Western Conference on Linguistics (WECOL)*

Tenure, promotion, merit increase, extraordinaria reviews

American University Beirut, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Baylor University, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Brandeis University, Cornell University, Georgetown University, Northwestern University, Stanford University, Oxford University, University of Athens, University of California-Los Angeles, University of California-Santa Cruz, University of Florida, University of Georgia, University of Illinois-Chicago, University of Maryland-College Park, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, University of Vermont, Wayne State University.

Other

2022	Co-organizer, 36th annual Comparative Germanic Syntax Workshop, Chicago.
2019	Organizer, Sluicing and Ellipsis at 50; conference, University of Chicago.
2017-2018	Co-organizer, Two conferences on Historical Semantics and Legal Interpretation, Neubauer, University of Chicago
2016-	Faculty co-sponsor, Morphology/Syntax Workshop, University of Chicago.
2015	Organizer, 30th annual Comparative Germanic Syntax Workshop, Chicago.
2010, 2011, 2016, 2018	Co-organizer, annual Workshop on Greek Linguistics
2009	Co-organizer, 9th *International Conference on Greek Linguistics* (Chicago)
1999-2000	Coordinator, colloquium series, Linguistics Department, Northwestern University.
1998-99	Program committee, *Semantics and Linguistic Theory* (*SALT*) 9, UC Santa Cruz.
1996	Program committee, *Western Conference on Linguistics (WECOL) 1996*, UC Santa Cruz.

1994-95 Co-organizer, colloquium series, Linguistics Department, UC Santa Cruz.

Fellowships, grants, and honors

2020-2023 Mellon Scholarly Careers Initiative, PI.
2019 Distinguished Graduate Student Alumni Award, University of California at Santa Cruz.
2015-2018 Neubauer Collegium for Society and Culture, "Historical Semantics and Legal Interpretation", with Alison LaCroix.
2012 Llewellyn John and Harriet Manchester Quantrell Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, University of Chicago
2009 Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation Foreigner Fellowship, Greece.
2003-04 Franke Fellowship, Franke Institute for the Humanities, University of Chicago.
1998-99 President's Dissertation Fellowship, University of California, Santa Cruz.
1998 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, University of California, Santa Cruz.
1997-98 Fulbright Student Full Grant, Universiteit Utrecht, The Netherlands.
1997 Linguistic Society of America, Fellowship for the Linguistic Institute, Cornell University.
1997 Phi Beta Kappa Northern California Association graduate scholarship.
1993-94 University of California Regents Fellowship.
1991-92 Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) Full Grant, Universität Tübingen.
1990-91 Vice-president, Phi Beta Kappa, Yale University (Alpha of Connecticut).
1990 Richter Undergraduate Research Grant; German Consulate Book Prize for Excellence in German, Yale University.
1987 Gold Medal, National Written Russian Olympiad, American Association of Teachers of Russian; National Merit Scholar; National Honor Society; Presidential Scholar Semi-Finalist.

Research visits

2017 Leibniz Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, Berlin. March.
2017 Department of Linguistics, Leiden University. June-July.
2009 Department of Greek Philology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. March-May.
2008 Department of Linguistics, University of Massachusetts, Amherst. March/April.
2004 Department of Linguistics, University of Maryland, College Park. May.
2003 Department of English Linguistics, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. May-June.
2000 Department of Dutch Linguistics, University of Groningen. January-March.
1999 Department of Dutch Linguistics, University of Groningen. June-August.
1998 Department of Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies, University of Cyprus, Nicosia. September.
1997 Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, Berlin. November-December.

Other work experience

1996-1997 Project manager and language consultant, International Accessibility Corporation (software localization); Santa Cruz, Ca.
1992-1993 Associate consultant, The Wilkerson Group [now a division of IBM Consulting] (health care management consulting); New York, NY.
1988-1990 Anwendungsspezialist (application specialist), Data Sciences Inc. (computer systems for monitoring laboratory animals) [now Transoma Inc.]; Frankfurt, Germany and St. Paul, Minn.

Languages (in decreasing order of proficiency)

English (native), German, Dutch, (modern) Greek, French, Spanish, Russian. (Reading only: Italian, Afrikaans)

Coursework in: Turkish, Latin, classical Greek, Old English, Old Norse, Gothic, Middle High German, Yiddish, West Greenlandic (Kalaallisut).

Fieldwork on: Vlach (Arumanian), Ojibwe