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### Current Position

William H. Colvin Professor, Department of Linguistics, University of Chicago

### Education

- 1997 Ph.D. in Linguistics, University of California, Santa Cruz  
DISSERTATION: "Projecting the Adjective: The Syntax and Semantics of Gradability and Comparison"  
SUPERVISORS: Profs. Donka Farkas and William Ladusaw
- 1992 M.A. in Linguistics, Yale University
- 1989 B.A cum laude with high honors in Russian Language and Literature, Dartmouth College  
SENIOR THESIS: "Self, Values, and the Concept of Home in the Autobiographical Films of Andrei Tarkovsky: Mirror, Stalker and Nostalghia"
- 1987 Diploma in Russian Language, History, and Culture, Leningrad State University, Leningrad, U.S.S.R.

### Research Areas

Semantics, pragmatics, lexical semantics, syntax, philosophy of language

### Professional Experience

- 2008- Professor, University of Chicago
- 2008-2015 Chair, Department of Linguistics, University of Chicago
- 2005-2008 Associate Professor, University of Chicago
- 2003-2005 Associate Professor, Northwestern University
- 1997-2003 Assistant Professor, Northwestern University
- 2015 Instructor, Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute, University of Chicago (July)
- 2011 Instructor, Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute, University of Colorado (July)
- 2010 Visiting Professor, Kyoto National University (April-July)
- 2002 Visiting Professor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Fall semester)
- 2002 Visiting Professor, University of California, Los Angeles (January)
- 2000 Visiting Professor, Kyushu University, Fukuoka, Japan (August-September)
- 2000 Instructor, Summer Institute of the Linguistic Society of Japan, Tokyo, Japan (August)
- 1995-1997 Intern, Advanced Technologies Group, Apple Computer, Inc. (Principal researcher: Dr. Branimir Boguraev)

### Grants and Fellowships

- 2015 Humanities Visiting Committee Faculty Research Grant, University of Chicago
- 2014 "Subjectivity in Language and Thought," Neubauer Collegium for Culture and Society (Malte Willer, co-PI)
- 2012 "Meaning in Context", National Science Foundation BCS-1227144 (PI; Ming Xiang, co-PI)
- 2007 "Parameters of Comparison", National Science Foundation BCS-0620247
- 2002 "The Grammar of Comparison", American Council for Learned Societies Charles A. Ryskamp Fellowship
- 2001 "CAREER: Scalar Representations in Natural Language Semantics", National Science Foundation BCS-0094263 and BCS-0618917
- 2000-1 AT&T Junior Faculty Fellow, Northwestern University

### Honors and Awards

- 2015 Faculty Award for Excellence in Graduate Teaching and Mentoring, University of Chicago

**Patent**

- 1997 “Summarizing text documents by resolving co-referentiality among actors or objects around which a story unfolds”, Branimir Boguraev and Christopher Kennedy (inventors), U.S. Patent 6,185,592.

**Publications***Journal articles*

1. Kennedy, C. 2015. “A ‘De-Fregean’ Semantics (and Neo-Gricean Pragmatics) for Modified and Unmodified Numerals.” *Semantics and Pragmatics* 8.10:1-44.
2. Alrenga, P. and C. Kennedy. 2013. “No More Shall We Part: Quantifiers in English Comparatives.” *Natural Language Semantics* 22.1:1-53.
3. Kennedy, C. 2013. “Two Sources of Subjectivity: Qualitative Assessment and Dimensional Uncertainty.” *Inquiry* 56.2-3:258-277.
4. Grano, T. and C. Kennedy. 2012. “Mandarin Transitive Comparatives and the Grammar of Measurement”, *Journal of East Asian Linguistics* 21.3:219-266.
5. Kennedy, C. and L. McNally. 2010. “Color, Context and Compositionality”, *Synthese* 174.1:79-98.
6. Syrett, K., C. Kennedy and J. Lidz. 2010. “Meaning and Context in Children’s Understanding of Gradable Adjectives”, *Journal of Semantics* 27:1-35.
7. Kennedy, C. and J. Stanley. 2009. “On ‘Average’”, *Mind* 118:583-646.
8. Kennedy, C. 2007 “Vagueness and Grammar: The Semantics of Relative and Absolute Gradable Adjectives”, *Linguistics and Philosophy* 30.1.
9. Carlson, K., Dickey, M. and C. Kennedy. 2005. “Structural Economy in the Processing and Representation of Gapping Sentences”, *Syntax* 8.3:208-225.
10. Kennedy, C. and L. McNally. 2005. “Scale Structure and the Semantic Typology of Gradable Predicates”. *Language* 81.2.
11. Kennedy, C. 2002. “Comparative Deletion and Optimality in Syntax”, *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 20.3.
12. Kennedy, C. 2001. “Polar Opposition and the Ontology of ‘Degrees’”, *Linguistics & Philosophy* 24.1.
13. Boguraev, B. and C. Kennedy. 2000. “Applications of Term Identification Technology: Domain Specification and Content Characterisation”, *Journal of Natural Language Engineering* 5.1.
14. Kennedy, C. and J. Merchant. 2000. “Attributive Comparative Deletion”, *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 18.1.
15. Kennedy, C. 1999. “Gradable Adjectives Denote Measure Functions, not Partial Functions”, *Studies in the Linguistic Sciences* 29.1.
16. Boguraev, B., C. Kennedy, and S. Brawer. 1998. “An Architecture for Content Analysis of Documents and Its Use in Information and Knowledge Management Tasks”, *Special Interest Group on Computer-Human Interaction (SIGCHI) Bulletin* 30.2.
17. Kennedy, C. 1997. “Antecedent-Contained Deletion and the Syntax of Quantification”, *Linguistic Inquiry* 28.4.
18. Kennedy, C. 1997. “VP-deletion and ‘Nonparasitic’ Gaps”, *Linguistic Inquiry* 28.4.

*Books*

19. McNally, L. and C. Kennedy (eds). 2008. *Adjectives and Adverbs: Syntax, Semantics and Discourse*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
20. Kennedy, C. 1999. *Projecting the Adjective: The Syntax and Semantics of Gradability and Comparison*. Outstanding Dissertations in Linguistics Series. New York: Garland Press.

*Articles in edited volumes*

21. Aparicio, H., C. Kennedy and M. Xiang. To appear. “Informativity and Grammar in Referential Effects of Contrast Involving Adjectivally Modified NPs.” In
22. Baglini, R. and C. Kennedy. To appear. “Adjectives and Event Structure.” In Truswell, R. (ed.) *Oxford Handbook on Events*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
23. Kennedy, C. 2016. “Two Kinds of Subjectivity.” In Meier, C. and J. Huitnik (eds.), *Subjective Meaning*. De Gruyter Mouton.
24. Kennedy, C. 2014. “Predicates and Formulas: Evidence from Ellipsis.” In Crnic, L. and U. Sauerland (eds) *The Art and Craft of Semantics: A Festschrift for Irene Heim, Volume 1*. MIT Working Papers in Linguistics, Cambridge, MA.

25. Kennedy, C. 2013. "A Scalar Semantics for Scalar Readings of Number Words." In Caponigro, I. and C. Cecchetto (eds.), *From Meaning to Grammar: The Spontaneous Logicality of Language*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
26. Kennedy, C. 2012. "The Composition of Incremental Change", in Demonte, V. and L. McNally (eds), *Telicity, Change, State: A Cross-categorical View of Event Structure*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
27. Kennedy, C. 2012. "Adjectives", in Russell, G. and D. Graff Fara (eds.), *Routledge Companion to Philosophy of Language*, Routledge.
26. Kennedy, C. 2011. "Ambiguity and Vagueness", in Maienborn, C., P. Portner, and K. von Heusinger (eds.), *Handbook of Semantics*, The Hague: Mouton de Gruyter.
29. McNally, L. and C. Kennedy. 2011. "Degree vs. Manner 'well': A Case Study in Selective Binding", in Boullion, P. (ed.), *Generative Approaches to the Lexicon*, Dordrecht: Kluwer.
30. Kennedy, C. 2011. "Vagueness and Comparison", in Egré, P. and N. Klinedinst (eds.), *Vagueness and Language Use*, Palgrave-MacMillan.
31. McNabb, Y. and C. Kennedy. 2011. "[Extraction and Deletion in Palestinian Arabic Comparatives](#)", in Broselow, Ellen & Hamid Ouali (eds.), *Perspectives on Arabic Linguistics XXII-XXIII, Selected papers from the Annual Symposia on Arabic Linguistics*. John Benjamins.
32. Kennedy, C. and B. Levin. 2008. "Telicity Corresponds to Degree of Change", in McNally, L. and C. Kennedy (eds.), *Adjectives and Adverbs: Syntax, Semantics and Discourse*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
33. Kennedy, C. 2008. "Argument Contained Ellipsis", in K. Johnson (ed.) *Topics in Ellipsis*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
34. Svenonius, P. and C. Kennedy. 2006. "Northern Norwegian Degree Questions and the Syntax of Measurement", in Frascarelli, M. (ed.), *Phases of Interpretation*, The Hague: Mouton.
35. Kennedy, C. 2005, "Semantics of Comparatives", in K. Brown (ed.) *Encyclopedia of Language and Linguistics, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*, Oxford: Elsevier Limited.
36. Kennedy, C. 2003. "Ellipsis and Syntactic Representation (Logical and Phonological)", in K. Schwabe and S. Winkler (eds.), *The Interfaces: Deriving and Interpreting Omitted Structure*. Amsterdam: Benjamins.
37. Kennedy, C. 2001. "On the Monotonicity of Polar Adjectives", in J. Hoeksema, H. Rullmann, V. Sánchez-Valencia, T. van der Wouden (eds.), *Perspectives on Negation and Polarity*. Amsterdam: Benjamins.
38. Kennedy, C. 2001. "VP-deletion and 'Nonparasitic' Gaps", in P. Culicover and P. Postal (eds.), *Parasitic Gaps*. Cambridge: MIT Press. (Reprint of *Linguistic Inquiry* article solicited by editors)
39. Boguraev, B. and C. Kennedy. 1999. "Salience-Based Content Characterisation", in I. Mani and M. Maybury (eds.) *Advances in Automatic Text Summarization*. Cambridge: MIT Press.
40. Boguraev, B. and C. Kennedy. 1997. "Technical Terminology for Domain Specification and Content Characterisation", in M. T. Pazienza (ed.), *Information Extraction: A Multidisciplinary Approach to an Emerging Information Technology*. Berlin: Springer-Verlag.

#### Articles in conference proceedings

41. Kennedy, C. and M. Willer. 2016. "Subjective Attitudes and Counterstance Contingency." *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory 26*.
42. Leffel, T., M. Xiang and C. Kennedy. 2016. "Context and World Knowledge in Gradable Adjective Interpretation." *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory 26*.
43. Aparicio, H., M. Xiang and C. Kennedy. 2015. "Processing Gradable Adjectives in Context: A Visual World Study." *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory 25*.
44. Alrenga, P., C. Kennedy and J. Merchant. 2012. "A New Standard of Comparison." *Proceedings of the West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics 30*. Cambridge, Ma: Cascadilla Press.
45. McNabb, Y. and C. Kennedy. 2012. Extraction and Deletion in Palestinian Arabic Comparatives. In Broselow, Ellen & Hamid Ouali (eds.), *Perspectives on Arabic Linguistics XXII-XXIII, Selected papers from the Annual Symposia on Arabic Linguistics*. John Benjamins.
46. Kennedy, C. and J. Stanley. 2009. "What an Average Semantics Needs". *Proceedings of SALT 18*.
47. Kennedy, C. 2009. "Modes of Comparison". *Proceedings of CLS 43*.
48. Kennedy, C. and L. McNally. 2005. "The Syntax and Semantics of Multiple Degree Modification in English", *Proceedings of the 12th International Conference on Head-Driven Phrase Structure Grammar*, Stefan Müller (ed.). CSLI Publications, Stanford, CA. Pp.178-191.
49. Syrett, K., E. Bradley, C. Kennedy and J. Lidz. 2005. "Shifting Standards: Children's Understanding of Gradable Adjectives", *Proceedings of GALANA 2004*.

50. Kennedy, C. and J. Lidz. 2001. "A (Covert) Long Distance Anaphor in English", *Proceedings of the West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, Cambridge: Cascadilla Press.
51. Kennedy, C. 2000. "Comparative (Sub)deletion: Evidence for Ranked, Violable Constraints in Syntax", *Proceedings of NELS 30*. Amherst: GSLA Publications.
52. Bellamy, R., B. Boguraev and C. Kennedy. 1999. "Dynamic Presentation of Phrasally-based Document Abstractions", in *The Proceedings of the Thirty-Second Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences*, Honolulu, HI.
53. Bellamy, R., B. Boguraev and C. Kennedy. 1999. "Dynamic Visual Metaphors for News Story Abstractions", in *The Proceedings of the Genre in Digital Documents Workshop*, Thirty-Second Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences, Honolulu, HI.
54. Hay, J., C. Kennedy, and B. Levin. 1999. "Scalar Structure Underlies Telicity in 'Degree Achievements'", in *The Proceedings of SALT 9*. Ithaca: Cornell Linguistics Club Publications.
55. Kennedy, C. and L. McNally. 1999. "From Event Structure to Scale Structure: Degree Modification in Deverbal Adjectives", in *The Proceedings of SALT 9*. Ithaca: Cornell Linguistics Club Publications.
56. Kennedy, C. and L. McNally. 1999. "Degree Modification and the Scalar Structure of Gradable Adjectives", in *The Proceedings of the Workshop on the Description of Adjectives for NLP, TALN-99*.
57. Kennedy, C. and J. Merchant. 1999. "Attributive Comparatives and the Syntax of Ellipsis", in F. Corblin, C. Dobrovie-Sorin, and J-M. Marandin (eds.), *Empirical Issues in Formal Syntax and Semantics: Selected Papers from the Colloque de Syntaxe et Sémantique à Paris 2*. The Hague: Thesus.
58. Kennedy, C. 1998. "Local Dependencies in Comparative Deletion", in K. Shahin, S. Blake and E-S. Kim (eds.), *The Proceedings of WCCFL XVII*. Stanford: CSLI Publications.
59. Boguraev, B. and C. Kennedy. 1997. "Salience-Based Content Characterisation of Text Documents", in *The Proceedings of the Workshop on Intelligent Scalable Text Summarization, ACL/EACL '97*, Madrid, Spain.
60. Kennedy, C. 1998. "On the Quantificational Force of the Comparative Clause", in J. Austin and A. Lawson (eds.), *The Proceedings of the 1997 Eastern States Conference on Linguistics*. Ithaca: Cornell Linguistics Club Publications.
61. Kennedy, C. 1997. "Comparison and Polar Opposition", in A. Lawson (ed.), *The Proceedings of SALT 7*. Ithaca: Cornell Linguistics Club Publications.
62. Kennedy, C. and B. Boguraev. 1996. "Anaphora for Everyone: Pronominal Anaphora Resolution without a Parser", in *The Proceedings of the 16th International Conference on Computational Linguistics*. Copenhagen, Denmark.
63. Kennedy, C. and B. Boguraev. 1996. "Anaphora in a Wider Context: Tracking Discourse Referents", in W. Wahlster (ed), *The Proceedings of the 12th European Conference on Artificial Intelligence*. London: John Wiley & Sons, Ltd.
64. Kennedy, C. 1995. "An Indexical Account of Certain Ambiguities", in M. Przedziecki and L. Whalen (eds.) *The Proceedings of the 1995 Eastern States Conference on Linguistics*. Ithaca: Cornell Linguistics Club Publications.
65. Kennedy, C. 1995. "Comparatives, Indices, and Scope", in L. Gabriele and R. Westmoreland (eds.), *The Proceedings of the Sixth Annual Meeting of the Formal Linguistics Society of Mid-America*. Bloomington: Indiana University Linguistics Club Publications.

#### Working papers

66. Kennedy, C. and L. McNally. 1999. "Deriving the Scalar Structure of Deverbal Adjectives", *Catalan Working Papers in Linguistics 7*.
67. Kennedy, C. 1999. "Local Dependencies in Comparative Deletion", in Y. Takubo (ed.), *Comparative Syntax of Japanese, Korean, Chinese, and English*. Report of the International Scientific Research Program, Joint Research Project 08044009, Ministry of Education, Science, and Culture, Japan. [See 19]
68. Kennedy, C. and J. Merchant. 1997. "Attributive Comparatives and Bound Ellipsis", *Linguistics Research Center Report LRC-97-03*. University of California, Santa Cruz.
69. Kennedy, C. 1995. "Morphological Alignment and Head Projection: Towards a nonderivational account of stress in Dakota", in J. Merchant, J. Padgett, and R. Walker (eds.), *Phonology at Santa Cruz 3*. Linguistics Research Center, University of California, Santa Cruz.
70. Kennedy, C. 1994. "Argument Contained Ellipsis", *Linguistics Research Center Report LRC-94-03*. University of California, Santa Cruz.

#### Newsletter article

71. Boguraev, B. and C. Kennedy. 1997. "Current Developments in Natural Language Processing at Apple", *ELSNs: The Newsletter of the European Language and Speech Network* 6.2.

### Invited Talks

- 2016 Colloquia, Nanjing University (30-31 March)  
Colloquium, Yale University (2 February)
- 2015 Colloquium, University of California, San Diego (16 November)  
Invited speaker, Conference on Evidence and Inference: The Foundations of Linguistics and Philosophy, University of Kyoto (31 October-1 November)  
Colloquium, Department of Philosophy, Northern Illinois University (11 September)  
Colloquium, University of Vienna (22 June)  
Invited speaker, Conference on Logical Pluralism, Dubrovnik (15-19 June)  
Invited speaker, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft, University of Leipzig (4 March)  
Colloquium, Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft (2 March)
- 2014 Colloquium, Rutgers Center for Cognitive Science (11 November)  
Colloquium, Yale University (10 November)  
Invited speaker, "Two days at least" workshop, University of Utrecht (10 September)  
Colloquium, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (17 June)  
Invited speaker, Constructing Color, University of Chicago (26 April)  
Invited speaker, Workshop on Verb Classes and Aspect, Universitat of Alicante, Spain (27 March)  
Colloquium, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona (24 March)  
Invited speaker, Workshop on the Semantics and Philosophy of Cardinal Numbers, The Ohio State University (7 March)  
Invited speaker, Festival of Science, Rome, Italy (25 January)
- 2013 Colloquium, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee (7 December)  
Colloquium, University of Maryland (11 April)  
Invited Speaker, Great Lakes Experimental and Formal Linguistics Conference (6 April)  
Colloquium, Northwestern University (11 January)
- 2012 Colloquium, University of California, Los Angeles (4 December)  
Colloquium, University of California, Santa Cruz (30 November)  
Colloquium, McMaster University (24 October)  
Invited speaker, IX Workshop on Formal Linguistics, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro (31 August)  
Invited speaker, Conference on Relativism and Contextualism, Dubrovnik (June)  
Commentary, Conference on Moral Disagreement, University of Chicago Law School (April)  
Commentary, Midwest meeting of the American Philosophical Society (February)  
Invited speaker, Something on Vagueness Conference, The Ohio State University (February)
- 2011 Colloquium, Harvard University (December)  
Invited speaker, Workshop on the Representation of Gradability, Leiden (6-7 June)  
Invited speaker, 4<sup>th</sup> Experimental Pragmatics Conference, Barcelona (2-4 June)  
Colloquium, LOGOS Philosophy Group, University of Barcelona (1 June)  
Colloquium, Centro de Ciencias Humanas y Sociales, Madrid (30 May)  
Invited speaker, Semantics and Linguistic Theory 21, Rutgers University (20-22 May)  
Colloquium, University of Massachusetts, Amherst (13 April)  
Colloquium, Johns Hopkins University (10 March)  
Colloquium, University of Southern California (22 February)
- 2010 Colloquium, University of Illinois, Urbana Champagne (16 September)  
Invited speaker, Dynamics in Semantics, Pragmatics and Logic, Literaturhaus Stuttgart (3-5 September)  
Invited speaker, Workshop on Inference and its Linguistic Manifestations, University of Kyoto (11 July)  
Invited speaker, 12<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Chinese Language and Linguistics, Taipei (20 June)  
Colloquium, Semantics Research Group, Keio University, Tokyo (21 May)  
Invited speaker, 34<sup>th</sup> Penn Linguistics Colloquium (19-21 March)  
Invited speaker, Workshop on Subjective Meaning: Alternatives to Relativism, 2010 Conference of the German Society for Linguistics, Humboldt University, Berlin (24-26 February)
- 2009 Invited speaker, Linguistic Society of Hong Kong Annual Research Forum (12 December)  
Invited lectures, Chinese University of Hong Kong (7-11 December)  
Colloquium, New York University (30 October)

- Invited Speaker, Workshop on Inference and its Linguistic Manifestations, University of Kyoto (20-21 September)  
 Colloquium, University of Rochester (14 September)  
 Invited speaker, Conference on the Contextualist Challenge for Philosophy of Language, Queen's College, Kingston, ON. (11-13 September)  
 Invited speaker, Chronos 9, Paris (2-4 September)  
 Colloquium, Stanford University (10 April)  
 Colloquium, University of Texas, Austin (23 March)
- 2008 Invited speaker, La scalarité dans tous ses aspects, University of Ghent (15-16 December)  
 Colloquium, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (10 October)  
 Invited speaker, Workshop on Semantics, University of Kyoto (18 July)  
 Invited speaker, International Conference on Vagueness, École Normale Supérieure, Paris (7-9 April)  
 Colloquium, University of Maryland, College Park (7 March)  
 Colloquium, Michigan State University (17 January)
- 2007 Invited Speaker, Colloque de Syntaxe et Sémantique de Paris (4-6 October)  
 Invited Speaker, Workshop on the Syntax and Semantics of Measurability, CASTL/University of Tromsø, Norway (17-18 September)  
 Invited Speaker, International Conference on Adjectives, University of Lille 3, France (13-15 September)  
 Invited Speaker, Arché Center, St. Andrews University, St. Andrews, Scotland (19-20 May)  
 Invited Speaker, 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society, University of Chicago (3-5 May)  
 Colloquium, Harvard University (20 April)  
 Colloquium, University of Connecticut (30 March)
- 2006 Plenary Speaker, Summer Meeting of the Linguistics Society of America (22-25 June)  
 Invited Commentator, Midwest Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (29 April)  
 Invited Speaker, Conference on Semantics and Modelisation, University of Bordeaux I (30-31 March)
- 2005 Colloquium, Cornell University (17 November)  
 Invited Commentator, Workshop on Identity in Ellipsis, Berkeley (8 October)  
 Invited Speaker, Workshop on the Formal Analysis of Adjectives, Université de Paris 8, Paris, France (28 September)  
 Colloquium, Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, Berlin, Germany (20 June)  
 Colloquia, Universität Stuttgart (16-17 June)  
 Colloquia, Università di Venezia (6-7 June)  
 Colloquia, Università di Milano-Bicocca (6 April and 24 April)  
 Invited speaker, Workshop on the Semantics of Adjectives and Adverbs, Università Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain (18 March)
- 2004 Colloquium, Università di Milano-Bicocca (22 November)  
 Colloquium, Rutgers University Center for Cognitive Science (13 April)  
 Colloquium, McGill University (12 March)
- 2003 Colloquium, University of British Columbia (22 October)  
 Invited speaker, Workshop on Semantics, Princeton University (16-17 May)  
 Colloquia, University of Massachusetts, Amherst (6 and 7 February)
- 2002 Invited speaker, Workshop on Ellipsis, University of California, Santa Cruz (18-19 January)  
 Invited speaker, Workshop on Ellipsis in English and Japanese, Kyushu National University, Fukuoka, Japan (19-22 December)  
 Colloquium, Yale University (18 November)  
 Invited speaker, Workshop on Semantics and Philosophy of Language, University of Michigan (8-10 November)  
 Colloquium, University of Delaware (18 October)  
 Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania (17 October)  
 Colloquium, University of Maryland, College Park (1 February)  
 Colloquium, Georgetown University (4 February)
- 2001 Invited speaker, Workshop on Ellipsis in English and Japanese, Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan (17-20 December)  
 Guest lecturer, Seminar on Negation, University of Massachusetts, Amherst (4 December).  
 Invited Speaker, Workshop on the Processing of Ellipsis, University of Massachusetts, Amherst (2 June)  
 Colloquium, University of California, Santa Cruz (18 May)

- Colloquium, Stanford University (15 May)  
 Colloquium, Université de Paris 7 (2 April)
- 2000 Invited speaker, Workshop on Ellipsis in English and Japanese, Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan (18-21 December)  
 Colloquium, Michigan State University (30 November)  
 Colloquium, Seoul National University (5 September)  
 Invited speaker, Workshop on the Syntax and Semantics of Relative Clause Constructions, Tel Aviv University (14 June)  
 Invited speaker, Workshop on Optimality Theory in Syntax, Rutgers University (21 April)  
 Colloquium, Iowa University (7 April)
- 1999 Colloquium, New York University (5 November)  
 Colloquium, Indiana University (1 October)  
 Colloquium, Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, Berlin, Germany (5 July)  
 Colloquium, Universität Tübingen, Tübingen, Germany (28 June)  
 Cognitive Science Brown Bag Talk, Northwestern University (1 April)  
 Colloquium, University of Southern California (3 March)  
 Invited speaker, Adding and Omitting Workgroup, Annual Meeting of the German Linguistics Society, Konstanz, Germany (26 February)
- 1998 Invited speaker, Workshop on Comparative Syntax in Japanese, Korean, Chinese, and English, Kyudai National University, Fukuoka, Japan (22 December)  
 Invited speaker, Workshop on the Syntax and Semantics of Comparatives, Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, Berlin, Germany (29 November)  
 Colloquium, University of Massachusetts, Amherst (9 October)  
 Colloquium, University of Southern California (18 March)  
 Colloquium, University of Chicago (11 February)
- 1997 Colloquium, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (31 October)  
 Colloquium, Northwestern University (21 February)
- 1996 Semantics reading group, Stanford University (17 June)

### Conference Presentations

- “Subjective attitudes and counterstance contingency,” *Semantics and Linguistic Theory* 26, University of Texas, Austin. [With Malte Willer]
- “Imprecision Is Pragmatic: Evidence from referential processing,” *Semantics and Linguistic Theory* 26, University of Texas, Austin. [With Timothy Leffel and Ming Xiang]
- “Differential effects of background knowledge on absolute vs. relative adjective interpretation,” 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America [With Tim Leffel and Ming Xiang]
- “Online processing of relative vs. absolute adjectives: A visual world study,” poster presentation at *Semantics and Linguistic Theory* 25, Stanford University, May 16, 2015. [With Helena Aparicio and Ming Xiang]
- “Processing relative vs. absolute adjectives: A visual world study,” poster presentation at the CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, University of Southern California, March 19-21, 2015. [With Helena Aparicio and Ming Xiang]
- “Predicates and formulas: Evidence from ellipsis,” *Semantics and Linguistic Theory* 24, New York University, June 1, 2014.
- “There need be no split scope,” 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. January 8, 2014. [With Peter Alrenga]
- “A New Standard of Comparison,” West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics 30, University of California, Santa Cruz, April 2012 [With Peter Alrenga and Jason Merchant]
- “Standard of Comparison,” 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, January 2012. [With Peter Alrenga and Jason Merchant]
- “What an Average Semantics Needs”, *Semantics and Linguistic Theory* 18, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 21-23 March, 2008. [With Jason Stanley]
- “Scale Structure and the Semantic Representation of Gradable Adjectives in Child Language”, 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society, University of Chicago, 6-8 April 2006. [With Kristen Syrett and Jeffrey Lidz]

- “The Semantic Typology of Gradable Adjectives: Experimental Evidence from Adult and Child Language” (POSTER), CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, City University of New York, 23-25 March, 2006. [With Kristen Syrett and Jeffrey Lidz]
- “The Syntax and Semantics of Multiple Degree Modification in English”, 12th International Conference on Head-Driven Phrase Structure Grammar, Lisbon, Portugal, August 23-24, 2005. [With Louise McNally]
- “Northern Norwegian Degree Questions and the Grammar of Measurement”, *Incontro di Grammatica Generativa XXXI*, Rome, Italy, 24-26 February, 2005. [With Peter Svenonius]
- “Shifting Standards: Children’s Understanding of Gradable Adjectives”, 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Society of America, Oakland, CA, January 6-9, 2005. [With Kristen Syrett, Evan Bradley and Jeffrey Lidz]
- “Shifting Standards: Children’s Understanding of Gradable Adjectives”, *Generative Approaches to Language Acquisition: North America*, Honolulu, HI, December 17-20, 2004 [With Kristen Syrett, Evan Bradley and Jeffrey Lidz]
- “Accents, structures, and the interpretation of gapping sentences”, 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Society of America, Boston, MA, January 8-11, 2004. [With Katy Carlson and Mike Dickey]
- “Accents, structure, and the interpretation of gapping sentences”, *Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing 2003*, University of Glasgow, August 25-27 [With Katy Carlson and Mike Dickey]
- “Minimal Structure in Gapping”, 76th Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Society of America, San Francisco, CA, January 5-9, 2002. [With Mike Dickey]
- “Degree vs. Manner Well: A Case Study in Selective Binding”, 1st International Workshop on Generative Approaches to the Lexicon (GL2001), April 26-28, 2001. [With Louise McNally]
- “A (Covert) Long Distance Anaphor in English”, West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics, University of Southern California, February 23-25, 2001. [With Jeffrey Lidz]
- “Telicity Corresponds to Degree of Change”, 75th Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Society of America, Washington, D.C., January 4-7, 2001. [With Beth Levin]
- “The Semantics of Case in Russian Secondary Predicates”, Workshop on Predicative Constructions, Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, Berlin, Germany, October, 2000. [With Hana Filip]
- “Comparative (Sub)deletion: Evidence for Ranked, Violable Constraints in Syntax”, North Eastern Linguistics Society 30, Rutgers University, October, 1999.
- “Degree Modification and the Scalar Structure of Gradable Adjectives”, Workshop on the Description of Adjectives for NLP, TALN-99, Cargèse, Corsica, July, 1999. [With Louise McNally]
- “Deriving the Scalar Structure of Deverbal Adjectives”, IX Colloquium on Generative Grammar, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, April, 1999. [With Louise McNally]
- “Scalar Structure Underlies Telicity in ‘Degree Achievements’”, *Semantics and Linguistic Theory 9*, University of California, Santa Cruz, February, 1999. [With Jen Hay and Beth Levin]
- “From Event Scales to Adjectival Scales: The Semantics of Degree Modification”, *Semantics and Linguistic Theory 9* (alternate talk), University of California, Santa Cruz, February, 1999. [With Louise McNally]
- “Case and Identity in Comparative Deletion”, 73rd Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Society of America, Los Angeles, CA, January, 1999. [With Jason Merchant]
- “Dynamic Presentation of Phrasally-based Document Abstractions”, Thirty-Second Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences. Honolulu, HI, January, 1999. [With Rachel Bellamy and Branimir Boguraev]
- “Dynamic Visual Metaphors for News Story Abstractions”, *Genre in Digital Documents Workshop*, Thirty-Second Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences, Honolulu, HI, January, 1999. [With Rachel Bellamy and Branimir Boguraev]
- “Degree Modification of English Past Participles: The Case of very”, *Asociación Español de Estudios Anglo-Americanos*, Barcelona, Spain, December, 1998. [With Louise McNally]
- “Dynamic Presentation of Document Content for Rapid On-line Skimming”, American Association for Artificial Intelligence Spring Symposium on Intelligent Text Summarization, Stanford University, March, 1998. [With Branimir Boguraev, Rachel Bellamy, Sascha Brawer, Yin-Yin Wong and Jason Swartz]
- “Local Dependencies in Comparative Deletion”, West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics XVII, University of British Columbia, February, 1998.
- “On the Quantificational Force of the Comparative Clause”, 1997 meeting of the Eastern States Conference on Linguistics, Yale University, November, 1997.
- “Comparatives and Bound Ellipsis”, *Colloque de Syntaxe et Sémantique 2*, Université Paris 7, October, 1997. [With Jason Merchant]



- “Salience-based Content Characterisation of Text Documents”, Workshop on Intelligent Scalable Text Summarisation, Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics, Madrid, Spain, July, 1997. [With Branimir Boguraev]
- “Comparison and Polar Opposition”, Semantics and Linguistic Theory 7, Stanford University, March, 1997.
- “Comparison of Deviation”, 71st Annual meeting of the Linguistics Society of America, Chicago, IL, January, 1997.
- “On the Monotonicity of Polar Adjectives”, Perspectives on Negation Workshop, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, Groningen, the Netherlands, August, 1996.
- “Anaphora in a Wider Context: Tracking Discourse Referents”, 12th European Conference on Artificial Intelligence, Budapest, Hungary, August, 1996. [With Branimir Boguraev]
- “Anaphora for Everyone: Pronominal Anaphora Resolution without a Parser”, 16th International Conference on Computational Linguistics, Copenhagen, Denmark, August, 1996. [With Branimir Boguraev]
- “Verb Phrase Deletion and ‘Nonparasitic Gaps’: Evidence for Vehicle Change”, 70th Annual meeting of the Linguistics Society of America, San Diego, CA, January, 1996.
- “An Indexical Account of Certain Ambiguities”, 1995 Annual Meeting of the Eastern States Conference on Linguistics, Dartmouth College, October, 1995.
- “Antecedent Contained Deletion and the Syntax of Quantification”, 26th Annual Meeting of the North Eastern Linguistics Society, Harvard and MIT, October, 1995.
- “Comparatives, Indices, and Scope”, Sixth Annual Meeting of the Formal Linguistics Society of Mid-America, Indiana University, May, 1995.
- “Head Projection in Dakota”, Trilateral Phonology Weekend (TREND) III, University of California, Berkeley, CA, October, 1994.

### **Professional Activities**

*Associate Editor*, Language

*Associate Editor*, Journal of Semantics

*Conference Organizer*, Experimental Pragmatics (2015)

*External Review Committee* for Department of Linguistics, University of Maryland (October 2015)

*External Review Committee* for Department of Linguistics, University of Texas, Austin (April 2014)

*Conference Organizer*, Semantics and Linguistic Theory 22 (2012)

*Program Committee*, Linguistics Society of America (2006-2009; co-chair 2007-2009)

*Grant Review Panel*, National Science Foundation (2006-2010)

*General Editor*, Studies in Semantics and Pragmatics, Oxford University Press (co-editor with Chris Barker)

*General Editor*, Surveys in Semantics and Pragmatics, Oxford University Press (co-editor with Chris Barker)

*Special Editor*, Gengo Kenkyu (Journal of the Linguistics Society of Japan)

*Editorial Board*, Linguistics and Philosophy, Journal of Semantics, Natural Language Semantics, Studies in Theoretical Psycholinguistics

*Associate Editorial Board*, Linguistic Inquiry

*Editorial Board*, Computational Linguistics special issue on anaphora resolution (2000)

*Advisory Board*, Semantics and Philosophy in Europe (annual colloquium)

*Conference Organizer*, Semantics and Linguistic Theory 14, Northwestern University, May 14-16, 2004

*Symposium Organizer*, Symposium on Ellipsis, Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, January 2006

*Workshop Organizer*, Semantics and Philosophy of Language, University of Chicago, 2006-9 (With Josef Stern, Dept of Philosophy)

*Workshop Organizer*, Workshop on Scalar Meaning, University of Chicago, May 19-20, 2006

*Program Committee Consultant*, Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Society of America (2000-2001)

*Program Committee*, Operational Factors in Practical, Robust Anaphora Resolution for Unrestricted Texts Workshop, 1997 Annual Meeting of the ACL, Madrid; West Coast Conference on Linguistics, University of California, Santa Cruz, 1996

*Manuscript Reviewer*, Mind, Synthese, Cognition, Cognitive Science, Journal of East Asian Languages and Linguistics, Language; Linguistic Inquiry; Linguistics & Philosophy; Synthese; Natural Language Semantics; Natural Language and Linguistic Theory; Journal of Linguistics; Linguistic Review; Syntax; Proceedings of the Seventh CSLI Workshop on Logic, Language, and Computation (CSLI Publications); Intelligent Text Summarization (MIT Press); On the Formal Way to Chinese Languages (CSLI Publications), ...

*Grant Reviewer*, National Science Foundation; Israel Science Foundation; Dutch Council for the Humanities

*Abstract Reviewer*, Semantics and Linguistic Theory, Annual Meeting of the North-Eastern Linguistics Society, West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics, Colloque de Syntax et Sémantique à Paris, Penn Linguistics Colloquium, Chicago Linguistic Society, ...  
*Member*, Linguistics Society of America

### **Courses Taught**

Seminar on Subjective Meaning  
Seminar on Implicature  
Seminar on Aspectual Composition  
Seminar on Nouns and Verbs  
Seminar on Experimental Methods in Semantics and Pragmatics  
Seminar on the Grammar of Comparison  
Seminar on Events  
Seminar on Vagueness  
Seminar on the Grammar of Measurement  
Seminar on the Semantics of Degree (MIT)  
Intensive Seminar on the Syntax and Semantics of Comparison (UCLA, Kyushu National University)  
Seminar on Quantifier Scope: Linguistic and Psychological Perspectives  
Structure of Words and Sentences  
Introduction to Syntax  
Advanced Syntactic Analysis  
Introductory and Advanced Formal Semantics  
Lexical Semantics  
Introduction to Semantics and Pragmatics  
Pragmatics  
Introduction to Computational Linguistics  
Research Methods in Linguistics  
Languages of the World (UCSC)  
Meaning (Freshman seminar)  
Code Making/Code Breaking (Freshman seminar)  
Language and the Human (Chicago Core)

### **Graduate Student Advising**

#### *Ph.D. thesis supervision*

Patrick Muñoz (in progress), "TBD"  
Anqi Zhang (in progress), "On non-culminating accomplishments"  
Julian Grove (in progress), "Sum concepts: genericity, kinds, and the morpho-semantics of viewpoint aspect"  
Helena Aparicio Terrasa (in progress), "Processing imprecision" (co-supervisor with Ming Xiang)  
Tamara Vardomskaya (in progress), "Subjectivity and shared evidence"  
Timothy Grinsell (in progress), "Semantic Indecision"  
Andrea Beltrama (2016), "Bridging the gap. Intensification between social and semantic meaning"  
Matt Teichman (Philosophy, 2015), "Characterizing Kinds: A Semantics for a Generic Sentences"  
Rebekah Baglini (2015), "Stative Predication and Semantic Ontology: a Cross-linguistic Study"  
Peter Klecha (2014), "Bridging the Divide: Scalarity & Modality"  
M. Ryan Bochnak (2013), "Cross-linguistic variation in the semantics of comparatives"  
Thomas Grano (2012), "The grammar of Control"  
Yaron McNabb (2012), "The syntax and semantics of degree modification"  
Osamu Sawada (2010), "Pragmatic Aspects of Scalar Modifiers"  
Catherine Anderson (Northwestern, 2004), "An Investigation of the Parsing and Interpretation of Sentences with Quantifier Scope Ambiguities"  
Saundra Wright (Northwestern, 2001), "Change of State Verbs" (co-supervisor with Beth Levin)

#### *Ph.D. thesis committees*

Carlos Cisneros (in progress), "Deconstructing indiscriminacy"  
Dominique Blok (University of Utrecht, in progress), "Semantics of Superlative Modifiers"  
Aidan Gray (Philosophy, 2012), "Names and Descriptions"

Jacqueline Bunting (2011), "From English to Sranan: An Assessment of Structural Similarities and Differences"  
 Daniel Lassiter (NYU, 2011), "Measurement and Modality: The Scalar Basis of Modal Semantics"  
 Suwon Yoon (2010), "The Syntax and Semantics of Negation: A Comparative Study on Scope, Intervention, Non-negativity and Expressivity"  
 Luisandro Mendes DeSouza (Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina, Brazil, 2010), "Verbal Comparatives in Brazilian Portuguese"  
 Kjersti Stensrud (2009), "The Syntax of Event Composition in Norwegian and English"  
 Eun Hae Park (2009), "Indeterminate-based Quantification and Expressive Content in Korean"  
 Xiao Li (Rutgers University, 2008), "Differential Comparisons in Chinese"  
 Peter Alrenga (University of California, Santa Cruz, 2007), "Comparisons of Similarity and Difference"  
 Elisa Sneed (Northwestern, 2007), "The Acquisition of Genericity"  
 Kristen Syrett (Northwestern, 2007), "Conceptual Foundations in the Semantics of Gradability and the Acquisition of Scalar Structure"  
 Keiko Yoshimura (2007), "Focus and Polarity: Japanese EVEN and ONLY"  
 Ann Clinton Bunker (Northwestern, 2006), "Cognitive and Linguistic Approaches to Event Representation"  
 Erin Leddon (Northwestern, 2006), "Reconstruction Effects in Language Acquisition"  
 Jung-Hyuck Lee (2006), "Ability and Modality in Korean and English"  
 Steve Fix (Northwestern, 2005), "The Representation and Processing of Functional Categories in Agrammatism"  
 Ralph Rose (Northwestern, 2005), "The Contribution of Semantic Factors to Discourse Prominence"  
 Deborah Miriam Berkley (Northwestern, 2000), "Gradient Data and the Obligatory Contour Principle"  
 Jen Hay (Northwestern, 2000), "On Wellformedness: Modelling Frequency Effects in Phonology and Morphology"  
 Larin Adams (Northwestern, 1999), "Complex Events and the Semantics of -ING Sentential Complements"

*MA thesis supervision*

Patrick Rich (2009), "What is *n't* doing there? Expletive Negation in French Comparatives"  
 Michael Erlewine (2007), "A New Syntax-Semantics for the Mandarin *bi* Comparative"

*Qualifying paper supervision*

Mike Tabatowski (2017), TBD  
 Dan Edmiston (2017), TBD  
 Jeffrey Geiger (2016) "'Context can!': Contextual effects on the interpretation of endophoric verb phrase ellipses"  
 Patrick Munoz (2015), "Naming relations in the semantics and pragmatics of proper names"  
 Josh Falk (2015), "A Compositional Analysis of Imprecise Numerals"  
 Helena Aparicio (2015), "Processing of Relative vs Absolute Adjectives: A Visual World Study"  
 Anqi Zhang (2014), "Semantics of Cantonese imperfectives *gan* and *zyu* and a comparison with Mandarin imperfectives"  
 Carlos Cisneros (2014), "Floating numerals in Guaymi"  
 Helena Aparicio (2013), "Additive readings in Spanish amount comparatives"  
 Tamara Vardoms kaya (2013), "Sources of subjectivity"  
 Andrea Beltrama (2012), "How *good* is a *decent* student? An experimental investigation on gradable adjectives and scalar implicatures"  
 Timothy Grinsell (2010), "Vagueness in the Russian Perfective"  
 Jasmin Urban (2009), "Towards a Unified Theory of Questions: What Open Questions Can Tell Us about What Questions Mean"  
 Thomas Grano (2009), "English Emotive Factive Verbs and the Semantics of Nonfinite Complementation"  
 Peter Klecha (2009), "Modality and Context-Dependence in English Futures"  
 Ryan Bochnak (2009), "*Half* as a Promiscuous Modifier"  
 Thomas Grano (2008), "Being assertive in Mandarin Chinese"  
 James Kirby (2008), "Comparative-induced measure relations in Vietnamese"  
 Osamu Sawada (2008), "The historical syntax of Japanese comparatives"  
 Adam Baker (2007), "Verb phrase ellipsis resolution as a side effect of discourse coherence"  
 Jacqueline Bunting (2007), "Pick an Antecedent, any Antecedent: A Look at Antecedent Preferences of Slovak Pronouns"  
 Osamu Sawada (2007), "The Pragmatics of Implicit Comparison"

## **Undergraduate Student Advising**

### *Honors thesis*

Noah Yavitz (2008), "The Syntax and Semantics of Equative Constructions"  
Elizabeth Coppock (2002), "Filling in the Gap: The Licensing Condition for Gapping"

### *Summer research assistantships*

Perna Nadathur (2010), "Experimental investigations of vagueness and imprecision"  
Noah Yavitz (2007), "Tools for linguistic database construction"  
Michael Erlewine (2006), "Comparative Constructions in Chinese and English"  
Jessica Clapp (2006), "A Scalar Semantics of Events and Amounts"  
Evan Bradley (2004), "Acquisition of Gradable Adjectives"  
Jeremy Weissman (2003), "Degree Modification in Hungarian"  
Marc Gelfo (2003), "Degree Modification in Mandarin Chinese"  
Joel Nierman (2002), "Acquisition of Scalar Meaning"  
Olga Feigina (2001), "Long and Short Form Adjectives in Russian"  
Justin Adams-Tucker (2001), "Identifying Comparison Classes"

### *Summer research fellowship in Cognitive Science*

Elizabeth Coppock (1999), "A Computational Model for Musical Analysis"

## **Languages**

Italian: reading, conversation  
French, Russian: reading

## **Service at the University of Chicago**

### *Linguistics Department*

2008-15 Chair  
2005-8 Director of Graduate Studies  
2007-8 Syntax Search Committee

### *Humanities Division*

2014- Policy Committee (advises the dean on reappointment, tenure and promotions)  
2009-11 Ad-hoc Committee on the Future of the Digital Media Archives  
Committee of the Council of the Senate  
2008-9 Committee of the Council of the Senate  
2007-8 Graduate Affairs Committee  
Ad-hoc Committee on Graduate Teaching (Spring-Fall 2007)  
Dean's Representative, PhD thesis defense in Philosophy (Ben McMyler)  
2006-7 Graduate Affairs Committee  
Diversity Committee  
Dean's Representative, PhD thesis defense in Music (Sin-Yan Hedy Law, "Gestural Rhetoric: In Search of Pantomime in the French Enlightenment, ca. 1750-1785.")  
2005-6 Dean's Representative, PhD thesis defense in Art History (Rachel Rimmel, "The Origins of the American School Building: Boston Public School Architecture, 1800-1860")

### *University*

2016-19 Ryerson Lecture Committee  
2016-19 Committee on Academic Fraud

## **Service at Northwestern**

### *Linguistics Department*

1999-2004 Director of Graduate Studies  
2000 Chair, Semantics Search Committee  
Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship Search Committee  
1999 Chair, Syntax Search Committee  
Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship Search Committee

1998 Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship Search Committee  
Colloquium Series Coordinator  
Department Computer Services Coordinator  
Graduate Admissions Committee  
1997 Sound Structure Search Committee  
Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship Search Committee  
Department Computer Services Coordinator

*Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences (Northwestern)*

2003-2004 Curricular Policies Committee  
2003 Ad hoc tenure committee  
2000-2002 Graduate Advisor, Program in Cognitive Science  
1999-2002 Cognitive Science Program Committee  
1998, 1999 Freshman Advisor