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Areas of interest

Broad interests: formal syntax-semantics, linguistic theory, fieldwork
Specific interests:

- syntax and semantics of focus, movement, and scope-taking
- Alternative Semantics: focus, *wh*, disjunction, QUDs, clefts
- the syntax of movement, case, and agreement

Object languages:

- Mandarin Chinese
- English
- Japanese
- Austronesian: Toba Batak (Indonesia), Suliq Atayal (Taiwan)
- Mayan: Kaqchikel and Chuj (Guatemala)
- Vietnamese, Tibetan, ...

Positions

2015– Assistant Professor, National University of Singapore
2014–2015 Postdoctoral Fellow, McGill University

Education

September 2014 Ph.D. in Linguistics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Dissertation: *Movement Out of Focus*
Committee: Irene Heim (co-chair), David Pesetsky (co-chair),
Kai von Stechow, Martin Hackl

- Summer 2012 Junior Visiting Scholar, Institute of Linguistics, Academia Sinica, Taiwan
- June 2007 M.A. in Linguistics, University of Chicago
Thesis: *A New Syntax-Semantics for the Mandarin bǐ Comparative*
Advisors: Christopher Kennedy, Jason Merchant
- June 2007 B.A. with Honors in Linguistics and Mathematics, University of Chicago
Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi.

Grants, fellowships, and honors

- 2017–2018 National University of Singapore Humanities and Social Sciences seed grant, “Subjecthood in South East Asia” (S\$39,949)
- 2017–2018 Singapore Ministry of Education Academic Research Fund (MOE AcRF) Tier 1 (as PI), “Workshop on Quirks of Subject Extraction” (S\$19,428)
- 2017–2018 Singapore Ministry of Education Academic Research Fund (MOE AcRF) Tier 1 (as PI), “Theory and variation in extraction marking and subject extraction asymmetries” (S\$79,263)
- 2016–2018 Start-up grant, National University of Singapore Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, “Questions, relative clauses, and focus: fieldwork and theory” (S\$40,000)
- 2017 Singapore Ministry of Education Academic Research Fund (MOE AcRF) Tier 1 (as co-PI; PI: Yosuke Sato) for hosting the GLOW in Asia XI conference (S\$18,220)
- 2012 NSF award #1209550, “Investigating focus sentences in the endangered Atayal language of Taiwan” (\$5000 + transportation)
- 2011 MIT Ken Hale Fund fieldwork grant for continued research on Kaqchikel Mayan
- 2010 Microsoft Research iCampus Technology Innovation Student Prize at MIT (\$3500)
- 2007–2008 U.S. Department of State Fulbright Fellowship for English language teaching in Taiwan
- 2008 Best Paper Award, Linguistic Society of Taiwan National Conference on Linguistics (全國語言學研討會) 2008 for “The Verbal Nature of Mandarin Comparative *bǐ*”

Publications

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- accepted* Erlewine & Hadas Kotek. “Focus association by movement: Evidence from Tanglewood.” *Linguistic Inquiry*.
- accepted* “Clausal comparison without degree abstraction in Mandarin Chinese.” *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory* (accepted with minor revisions).
- in press* “Vietnamese focus particles and derivation by phase.” *Journal of East Asian Linguistics*.

- 2017 “Low sentence-final particles in Mandarin Chinese and the Final-over-Final Constraint.”
Journal of East Asian Linguistics 26:1, 37–75.
- 2016 Erlewine & Isaac Gould. “Unifying Japanese relative clauses: copy-chains and context-sensitivity.” *Glossa* 1(51):1–40.
- 2016 Erlewine & Hadas Kotek. “Even-NPIs in Dharamsala Tibetan.”
Linguistic Analysis 30:3–4 (Special issue on South Asian Languages), 129–165.
- 2016 “Anti-locality and optimality in Kaqchikel Agent Focus.”
Natural Language & Linguistic Theory 34:2, 429–479.
- 2016 Erlewine & Hadas Kotek. “A streamlined approach to online linguistic surveys.”
Natural Language & Linguistic Theory 34:2, 481–495.
- 2016 Hadas Kotek & Erlewine. “Covert pied-piping in English multiple *wh*-questions.”
Linguistic Inquiry 47:4, 669–693.
- 2012 “Structurally distant haplology.”
Snippets 26, 7–8.

IN REVIEW AND IN PREPARATION

submitted with Hadas Kotek, May 2017.

submitted with Teruyuki Mizuno, May 2017.

in revision “Extraction and licensing in Toba Batak.” Revising for resubmission to *Language*.

submitted “*Even* doesn’t move but associates into traces: A reply to Nakanishi 2012.” Submitted to *Natural Language Semantics*.

in preparation “The uniform syntax of Mandarin Chinese focus particles.”

in revision “Relative pronoun pied-piping in English non-restrictive relatives” with Hadas Kotek.

in revision “Blocking effects in English causatives” with Hadas Kotek.

in revision “Dissociating the syntax and morphological realization of Kaqchikel Agent Focus.”

BOOK REVIEWS

2016 Invited review of Yoad Winter *Elements of Formal Semantics: An Introduction to the Mathematical Theory of Meaning in Natural Language*. *Computational Linguistics*, 42:4, 837–839.

2016 Invited review of Yosuke Sato *Minimalist Interfaces: Evidence from Indonesian and Javanese*. *Oceanic Linguistics* 55:1, 298–306.

PAPERS IN EDITED VOLUMES (PEER-REVIEWED)

- in press* “Ergativity and Austronesian-type voice systems” with Theodore Levin and Coppe van Urk. Invited contribution to Jessica Coon, Diane Massam, and Lisa Travis (eds.), *Oxford Handbook of Ergativity*. Pages 373–396. Expected publication in 2017.
- 2017 “Why the null complementizer is special in complementizer-trace effects.” In Claire Halpert, Hadas Kotek, Coppe van Urk (eds.), *A Pesky Set: Papers for David Pesetsky*. Cambridge: MIT Working Papers in Linguistics. Pages 371–380.
- 2013 “Dissociating the syntax and morphological realization of Kaqchikel Agent Focus.” In Michael Kenstowicz (ed.), *Studies in Kaqchikel Grammar*. Cambridge: MIT Working Papers in Linguistics. Pages 25–50.

PROCEEDINGS PAPERS

- to appear* “Focus association by movement: Evidence from binding and parasitic gaps” with Hadas Kotek. In Rob Truswell (ed.), *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB) 21*.
- to appear* “Constraints on contrast sluicing” with Teruyuki Mizuno. In Kenshi Funakoshi, Shigeto Kawahara, and Christopher D. Tancredi (eds.), *Japanese/Korean Linguistics 24*.
- 2016 “Multiple extraction and voice in Toba Batak.” In Hiroki Nomoto, Takuya Miyauchi, Asako Shiohara (eds.), *AFLA 23: The Proceedings of the 23rd Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association*, 81–95.
- 2016 “Focus association into traces and the scope of *even*.” In Mary Moroney, Carol-Rose Little, Jacob Collard, and Dan Burgdorf (eds.), *Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 26*, 855–873.
- to appear* “Non-interrogative *wh*-constructions in Chuj” with Hadas Kotek. To appear in *Proceedings of the 21st Workshop on Structure and Constituency in Languages of the Americas (WSCLA 21)*.
- 2016 “Tanglewood untangled” with Hadas Kotek. In Mary Moroney, Carol-Rose Little, Jacob Collard, and Dan Burgdorf (eds.), *Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 26*, 224–243.
- 2016 “多重 *wh* 疑問文のペアリスト解釈とスルーシング” (水野 輝之、アーリーワイン マイケル芳貴) 日本語学会第152回大会予稿集。 [“Sluicing and the pair-list interpretation of multiple *wh*-questions” with Teruyuki Mizuno. In *Proceedings of the 152nd meeting of the Linguistic Society of Japan*, 204–209.]
- 2016 “Unifying definite and indefinite free relatives: Evidence from Mayan” with Hadas Kotek. In Christopher Hammerly, Brandon Prickett (eds.), *Proceedings of the 46th meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 46)*. Pages 241–254.
- 2016 “Intervention effects in relative pronoun pied-piping: Experimental evidence” with Hadas Kotek. In Nadine Bade, Polina Berezovskaya, and Anthea Schöller (eds.), *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 20 (SuB 20)*. Pages 448–461.
- 2016 “The structure and interpretation of non-restrictive relatives: Evidence from relative pronoun pied-piping” with Hadas Kotek. In *Proceedings of the 51st Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS 51)*. Pages 149–163.

- 2015 “What makes a voice system? On the relationship between voice marking and case” with Theodore Levin and Coppe van Urk. In Amber Camp, Yuko Otsuka, Claire Stabile and Nozomi Tanaka (eds.), *AFLA 21: The Proceedings of the 21st Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association*. Pages 51–68.
- 2015 “Minimality and focus-sensitive adverb placement.” In Thuy Bui and Deniz Özyıldız (eds.), *NELS 45: Proceedings of the 45th North East Linguistics Society*, Volume 1. Pages 193–202.
- to appear “Subject marking on non-subjects in Squaliq Atayal.” In *Proceedings of the 20th Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA 20)*. Submitted 2014.
- to appear “Sentence-final particles at the *v*P phase edge.” In *Proceedings of the 25th North American Conference on Chinese Linguistics (NACCL 25)*. Submitted 2014.
- 2014 “Explaining leftward focus association with *even* but not *only*.” In Urtzi Etxeberria, Anamaria Fălăuș, Aritz Irurtzun, and Bryan Leferman (eds.), *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 18 (SuB 18)*. Pages 128–145.
- 2014 “Intervention in focus pied-piping” with Hadas Kotek. In Hsin-Lun Huang, Ethan Poole, and Amanda Rysling (eds.), *NELS 43: Proceedings of the 43rd North East Linguistics Society*, Volume 1. Pages 117–130.
- 2014 “Interpreting Japanese Head-Internal Relative Clauses” with Isaac Gould. In Robert E. Santana-LaBarge (ed.), *Proceedings of the 31st West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 31)*. Somerville: Cascadilla Press. Pages 160–169.
- 2014 “Anti-Locality and Kaqchikel Agent Focus.” In Robert E. Santana-LaBarge (ed.), *Proceedings of the 31st West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 31)*. Somerville: Cascadilla Press. Pages 150–159.
- 2014 “Alternative questions through focus alternatives in Mandarin Chinese.” In Andrea Beltrama, Tasos Chatzikonstantinou, Jackson L. Lee, Mike Pham, and Diane Rak (eds.), *Proceedings of the 48th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS 48)*. Pages 221–234.
- 2012 “The Effect of ‘Only’ on Quantifier Scope: the *Dake* Blocking Effect.” In Koichi Otaki, Hajime Takeyasu, and Shin-ichi Tanigawa (eds.), *Proceedings of the GLOW in Asia Workshop for Young Scholars 2011*. Pages 72–86.
- 2012 “Share to Compare: the Mandarin *bǐ* Comparative.” In Jaehoon Choi, E. Alan Hogue, Jeffrey Punske, Deniz Tat, Jessamyn Schertz, and Alex Trueman (eds.), *Proceedings of the 29th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 29)*. Somerville: Cascadilla Press. Pages 54–62.
- 2010 “Sentence-Final *Only* and the Interpretation of Focus in Mandarin Chinese.” In Lauren Eby Clemens and Chi-Ming Louis Liu (eds.), *Proceedings of the 18th Meeting of the International Association of Chinese Linguistics and 22nd North American Conference on Chinese Linguistics (IACL 18 & NACCL 22)*, Volume 2. Cambridge: Harvard University. Pages 18–35.
- 2009 “Ubiquity: Designing a Multilingual Natural Language Interface.” In Frederic Gey, Noriko Kando, Jussi Karlgren (eds.), *Proceedings of the ACM SIGIR 2009 Workshop on Information Access in a Multilingual World*, SICS Technical Report T2009:09. Kista, Sweden: Swedish Institute of Computer Science. Pages 45–48.
- 2009 “Three C’s for a Supportive Educational Environment: Co-teaching, Cohort, and Community,” with Dale Albanese, Timothy Collins, Laura Burr, Julie Goshe, Joanne Tseng,

and Michelle Louie. In Christopher Ward (ed.), *Language Teaching in a Multilingual World: Challenges and Opportunities*. RELC Anthology Series #50. Singapore: SEAMEO Regional Language Centre. Pages 54–64.

- 2008 “The Verbal Nature of Mandarin Comparative *bǐ*.” In *The Proceedings of the National Conference on Linguistics 2008*, Linguistic Society of Taiwan, Taipei, Taiwan.

VOLUMES EDITED

- 2014 *Proceedings of the MIT Workshop on Comparatives*, edited with Yasutada Sudo. Cambridge: MIT Working Papers in Linguistics.

OTHER MANUSCRIPTS

- 2014 *Movement Out of Focus*. Massachusetts Institute of Technology dissertation, August 2014.
- 2014 “On floating, raising, and *being*.” May 2014.
- 2007 *A New Syntax-Semantics for the Mandarin *bǐ* Comparative*. University of Chicago Master’s thesis, May 2007.

Presentations

REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- upcoming* “The limits of relexification: The story of Singlish *already*.” The 2017 summer conference of the Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics, University of Truku, Finland, June 19–22, 2017.
- upcoming* “Quantifying over alternatives with Toba Batak *manang*.” Triple A 3: Semantics of African, Asian, and Austronesian languages, University of Gothenburg, Sweden, June 9–11, 2017.
- 2017 “Extraction and licensing in Toba Batak.” South East Asian Linguistics Society 27 (SEALS 27), Padang, May 11–13, 2017.
- 2017 “Quantifying over alternatives with Toba Batak *manang*.” Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association 24, University of Washington, April 7–9, 2017.
- 2017 “Extraction and licensing in Toba Batak.” GLOW 40, Leiden, March 14–18, 2017.
- 2017 “C and T in Toba Batak.” Linguistic Society of America 91, January 5–8, 2017.
- 2017 “On the unavailability of argument ellipsis in Kaqchikel” with Theodore Levin. Poster presented at Linguistic Society of America 91, January 5–8, 2017.
- 2016 “Triggers of fronting in Toba Batak.” Australian Linguistic Society annual conference, Monash University, December 5–7, 2016.
- 2016 “On the unavailability of argument ellipsis in Kaqchikel” with Theodore Levin. Formal Approaches to Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi) 4, Universidad de Oriente, November 17–18, 2016.

- 2016 “Contrast sluicing and complementary questions” with Teruyuki Mizuno. *Japanese/Korean Linguistics* 24, October 14–16, 2016.
- 2016 “Untangling Tanglewood using covert focus movement” with Hadas Kotek. *Sinn und Bedeutung* 21, University of Edinburgh, September 4–6, 2016.
- 2016 “Encoding QUD congruence in Mandarin Chinese.” *Theoretical Linguistics at Keio*, August 7–9, 2016.
- 2016 “Contrast sluicing and complementary questions” with Teruyuki Mizuno. *Theoretical Linguistics at Keio*, August 7–9, 2016.
- 2016 “多重 wh 疑問文のペアリスト解釈とスルーシング” (水野 輝之、アーリーワイン マイケル芳貴) 日本語学会第152回大会. [“Sluicing and the pair-list interpretation of multiple *wh*-questions” with Teruyuki Mizuno, 152nd meeting of the Linguistic Society of Japan, June 25–26, 2016.]
- 2016 “Multiple extraction and voice in Toba Batak.” *Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association 23 (AFLA 23)*, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, June 10–12, 2016.
- 2016 “Focus association into copies and the scope of *even*.” Poster at *Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 26*, University of Texas at Austin, May 12–15, 2016.
- 2016 “Untangling Tanglewood using covert focus movement” with Hadas Kotek. Poster at *Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 26*, University of Texas at Austin, May 12–15, 2016.
- 2016 “Non-interrogative *wh*-constructions in Chuj” with Hadas Kotek. 21st Workshop on Structure and Constituency in Languages of the Americas (WSCLA 21), Université de Québec à Montréal (UQAM), April 2016.
- 2016 “Unifying definite and indefinite free relatives: Evidence from Mayan” with Hadas Kotek. *Linguistic Society of America 90*, Washington D.C., January 2016.
- 2015 “Unifying definite and indefinite free relatives: Evidence from Mayan” with Hadas Kotek. *North East Linguistic Society 46*, Concordia University, Montréal, October 16–18, 2015.
- 2015 “*Wh*-quantification in Dharamsala Tibetan” with Hadas Kotek. 37th International Conference of the Linguistic Society of India (ICOLSI 37), New Delhi, October 2015.
- 2015 “The semantics of the Mandarin focus marker *shì*.” 9th Conference of the European Association of Chinese Linguistics (EACL9), Stuttgart, September 2015.
- 2015 “Relative pronoun pied-piping, the structure of which informs the analysis of relative clauses” with Hadas Kotek. *Sinn und Bedeutung* 20, Tübingen, September 2015.
- 2015 “Relative pronoun pied-piping, the structure of which informs the analysis of relative clauses” with Hadas Kotek. *Chicago Linguistic Society 51 (CLS 51)*, April 23, 2015.
- 2015 “Restructuring and Agent Focus in Kaqchikel.” *Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA 2015)*, Portland, January 2015.
- 2015 “Voice morphology as extraction marking,” Theodore Levin and Coppe van Urk. Poster at *Linguistic Society of America 89*, Portland, January 2015.
- 2015 “On the position of focus adverbs.” Poster at *Linguistic Society of America 89*, Portland, January 2015.
- 2014 “On the position of focus adverbs.” Poster at *North East Linguistic Society 45*, MIT, October 31–November 2, 2014.

- 2014 “On the position of focus adverbs.” Ninth Workshop on Theoretical East Asian Linguistics (TEAL 9), Nantes, September 25–26, 2014.
- 2014 “What makes a voice system? On the relationship between voice marking and case,” with Theodore Levin and Coppe van Urk. Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association 21 (AFLA 21), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, May 23–25, 2014.
- 2014 “Exploring the Cross-linguistic Nature of Simple and Complex Words and Expressions in Human Language Through Event-Related Potentials,” with Miwako Hisagi, Sachiko Kato, Hadas Kotek, Ayaka Sugawara, Daichi Yasunaga, Dimitrios Pantazis, Masatoshi Koizumi, and Shigeru Miyagawa. Poster presented at Cognitive Neuroscience Society (CNS) 2014 Annual Meeting, Boston, April 2014.
- 2014 “Association with traces and the copy theory of movement.” Linguistic Society of America 88, Minneapolis, January 2014.
- 2014 “Morphological blocking in English causatives” with Hadas Kotek. Linguistic Society of America 88, Minneapolis, January 2014.
- 2013 “Association with traces and the copy theory of movement.” *Sinn und Bedeutung* 18 (SuB 18), University of the Basque Country, September 11–13, 2013.
- 2013 “Sentence-Final Particles at the *v*P phase edge.” North American Conference on Chinese Linguistics 25 (NACCL 25), University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, June 21–23, 2013.
- 2013 “Subject marking on non-subjects in Sguliq Atayal.” Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association 20, University of Texas at Arlington, May 17–19, 2013.
- 2013 “The (anti-)locality of movement: the case (but not Case) of Kaqchikel Agent Focus.” West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics 31, Arizona State, February 8–10, 2013.
- 2013 “Domain Readings of Japanese Head Internal Relative Clauses” with Isaac Gould. West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics 31, Arizona State, February 8–10, 2013.
- 2013 “Locality restrictions on syntactic extraction: the case (but not Case) of Kaqchikel Agent Focus.” Linguistic Society of America 87, Boston, January 3–6, 2013.
- 2013 “Intervention effects and covert pied-piping in English multiple questions” with Hadas Kotek. Poster presented at Linguistic Society of America 87, Boston, January 3–6, 2013.
- 2013 “Domain Readings of Japanese Head-Internal Relative Clauses” with Isaac Gould. Poster presented at Linguistic Society of America 87, Boston, January 3–6, 2013.
- 2012 “Diagnosing Covert Pied-Piping” with Hadas Kotek. North East Linguistic Society 43, CUNY, October 19–21, 2012.
- 2012 “Dissociating the syntax and morphological realization of Mayan Agent Focus.” First American International Morphology Meeting, Amherst, September 22, 2012.
- 2012 “Mandarin alternative questions question focus alternatives.” Chicago Linguistic Society 48, Chicago, April 19–21, 2012.
- 2012 “Association with traces and the copy theory of movement.” GLOW 35 Workshop on Association with Focus, Potsdam, April 1, 2012.
- 2012 “The Constituency of Hyperlinks in a Hypertext Corpus.” Linguistic Evidence 2012, University of Tübingen, February 9–11, 2012.

- 2011 “Mandarin *háishi* and the Analysis of Alternative Question Disjunction.” 7th conference of the European Association of Chinese Linguistics (EACL 7), University of Venice (Ca’ Foscari), September 13–15, 2011.
- 2011 “Focus Interpretation and Covert Movement: the *Dake* Blocking Effect.” GLOW in Asia Workshop for Young Scholars, Mie University, Japan, September 7–8, 2011.
- 2011 “The Constituency of Hyperlinks in a Hypertext Corpus.” The Second Triennial Conference of the International Society for the Linguistics of English Conference (IsLE 2), Boston University, June 17–21, 2011.
- 2011 “Share to Compare: the Mandarin *bǐ* Comparative.” West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics 29 (WCCFL 29), University of Arizona, April 22–24, 2011.
- 2010 “On the Scope and Position of Mandarin Sentence-Final *éryǐ*.” Rencontres d’Automne de Linguistique Formelle (RALFe 1) [1st Fall Meeting on Formal Linguistics], University of Paris 8, October 14–16, 2010.
- 2010 “Two *Only*s in Mandarin Chinese.” 18th International Association of Chinese Linguistics and 22nd North American Conference on Chinese Linguistics (IACL 18 & NACCL 22), Harvard University, May 20–22, 2010.
- 2009 “Ubiquity: Designing a Multilingual Natural Language Interface.” SIGIR Workshop on Information Access In a Multilingual World (SIGIR-CLIR), Northeastern University, Boston, July 23, 2009.
- 2008 “Increased Language Awareness through Native and Non-native Speakers’ Partnered Teaching,” with Dale Albanese, Laura Burr, Josue Cofresi, Timothy Collins, Katherine Hodges, and Casey Welch. 9th Association for Language Awareness (ALA 9), Hong Kong, June 26–28, 2012.
- 2008 “The Verbal Nature of Mandarin Comparative *bǐ*.” The Linguistic Society of Taiwan National Conference on Linguistics (全國語言學研討會), National Chiayi University, Chiayi, Taiwan, May 2–3, 2008.
- 2008 “Three C’s for a Supportive Educational Environment: Co-teaching, Cohort, and Community,” with Timothy Collins, Joanne Tseng, and Michelle Louie. The 43rd Regional Language Centre International Seminar (RELC 2008), Singapore, April 21–23, 2008.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2017 Language documentation workshop (public lecture) with Mário Pinharanda Nunes, *Festa di Papua Kristang* (Kristang Language Festival), May 20–21, 2017.
- 2017 “Extraction and licensing in Toba Batak,”
- National Tsing Hua University colloquium, May 31, 2017
 - Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, March 10, 2017
- 2017 “Competition and variation in focus particle placement.” University of Pennsylvania, January 31, 2017

- 2016 “Focus and minimality.” Macquarie University Center of Excellence in Cognition and its Disorders, December 12, 2016
- 2016 “Mandarin *shì* and the nature of cleft syntax/semantics.” Hong Kong University of Education, October 17, 2016
- 2016 “The locus of Mandarin sentence-final particles and the Final-over-Final Constraint.” Workshop on Word Order of Heads 中心語詞序研討會, Chinese University of Hong Kong, October 14, 2016
- 2016 “C-T head splitting: Evidence from Toba Batak.”
- Hong Kong University, October 13, 2016
 - MIT Ling Lunch, September 8, 2016
- 2016 “ACD and the scope of *even*.” The Third Okinawa Semantics Workshop, July 31, 2016
- 2016 “Focus association through covert movement” (joint work with Hadas Kotek)
- Tokyo Semantics Research Group (意味論研究会), June 17, 2016
 - University of Edinburgh colloquium (Linguistics Circle), April 28, 2016
- 2015 “Focus adverbs at the *v*P and higher edges”
- University of Washington colloquium, November 20, 2015
 - Swarthmore College job talk, April 15, 2015
 - National University of Singapore job talk, March 31, 2015
 - Concordia University colloquium, March 20, 2015
 - University of Minnesota colloquium, February 13, 2015
 - University of Potsdam, January 23, 2015
 - University of Leipzig colloquium, January 21, 2015
- 2015 “Configurations of focus association.” CUNY Graduate Center job talk, April 21, 2015
- 2015–2016 “Subject extraction and anti-locality.”
- Waseda University syntax seminar, June 8, 2016
 - Queen Mary (University of London) job talk, February 18, 2015
 - University of Ottawa job talk, February 2, 2015
- 2015 “Backwards association: data, theory, and implications.” Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft (ZAS) Berlin, January 20, 2015.
- 2014 “Anti-locality and anti-agreement.” CUNY Graduate Center, March 18, 2014.
- 2014 “Morphological blocking and the architecture of grammar.” Hampshire College job talk, February 20, 2014.
- 2013 “Kaqchikel Agent Focus as anti-locality.” University of Toronto, October 3, 2013.
- 2012 “Kaqchikel Agent Focus: new evidence from multiple extraction constructions.” National Tsing Hua University, Hsinchu, Taiwan, July 11, 2012.
- 2012 “カクチケル語における Agent Focus 構造について ～多重取り出し構造の視点から～” [“Kaqchikel Agent Focus: new evidence from multiple extraction constructions.”] Tohoku University, Sendai, Japan, June 20, 2012.
- 2012 “Japanese Head Internal Relative Clauses and Maximal Informativeness.” Tokyo Semantics Research Group (意味論研究会), Keio University, Tokyo, June 15, 2012.

- 2012 “The Constituency of Hyperlinks in a Hypertext Corpus.”
- Harvard Language and Cognition Group, April 10, 2012.
 - Ted Gibson Language Lab, MIT Brain and Cognitive Sciences, March 21, 2012.
- 2009 “Ubiquity: インターフェースと国際化” [“Ubiquity: Interfaces and Internationalization”]. Technical meeting of the IEEE Education Society (E-25) Japan chapter, Tokyo Institute of Technology, July 3, 2009.
- 2009 “Ubiquity: Command the Web with Language / 言葉で操作する Web.” Tokyo 2.0: Language and the Web, June 8, 2009.
- 2009 “オープンソース時代のデザインプロセス” [“Design Processes in the Open-source Era”]. Japan Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) Advanced IT Specialist Cultivation Program special lecture, Chuo University, Tokyo, June 3, 2009.

Advising

National University of Singapore

Doctoral advising

- Anne NGUYEN Thi Thuy Nguyen, 2015– (chair)

Doctoral internal examiner

- CHANG Qizhong, 2016

BA Honors Thesis advising

- LEN Wanyan, 2017–18 Sem 1
- JOE Wieky, 2016–17 Sem 2
- Phoebe CHEONG Si En, 2016–17 Sem 1
- Kevin Martens WONG, 2016–17 Sem 1
- Jeremy LAU Weng, 2015–16 Sem 2
- Grace KANG Yixuan, 2015–16 Sem 2

McGill University

Committee member for PhD candidate evaluation paper

- Liz Smeets, 2014–2015

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP)

- Advised and collaborated with an undergraduate student to study typological literature on the realization of focus expressions:

- Camille DeJarnett (fall 2013, January 2014)
 - Advised and collaborated with undergraduate students on the use of hypertext corpora to investigate syntactic constituency:
 - Camille DeJarnett (spring 2012)
 - Daniel Martelly (spring 2012)
 - Alyssa Mensch (January 2012)
 - Patrick Hulin (January 2011, spring 2011, summer 2011)
 - Patrick Hurst (spring 2011)
 - Anthony Nguyen (summer 2010)
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Teaching

National University of Singapore

EL5101 Grammatical Analysis

Graduate introduction to modern syntactic theory, for students with a wide range of backgrounds. A compulsory course in our MA and PhD programs.

2016–17 Sem 1: <https://mitcho.com/nus/gram2016/>

EL4203 Semantics Introduction to formal compositional semantics for Honors undergraduates and MA students.

2015–16 Sem 2: <https://mitcho.com/nus/sem2016/>

2016–17 Sem 2: <https://mitcho.com/nus/sem2017/>

EL3212 Field Methods in Linguistics

Upper undergraduate field methods course.

2015–16 Sem 2 (Nepali): <https://mitcho.com/nus/field2016/>

2016–17 Sem 1 (Kristang): <https://mitcho.com/nus/field2017/>

Tutorial instructor for EL1101 The Nature of Language (Rebecca Starr, instructor)

2015–16 Sem 1; led tutorials, held office hours, and graded group projects.

McGill University

Fall 2014 Instructor, LING 721 Advanced Seminar 1 “Questions, focus, and friends”

<https://mitcho.com/mcgill/focus-wh/>

Research seminar for graduate students, co-taught with Hadas Kotek.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Spring 2013

Instructor, “Turkshop,” MIT Experimental Syntax/Semantics Lab
With Hadas Kotek, organized and co-taught a seven-week hands-on workshop on designing and conducting linguistic experiments on Amazon’s Mechanical Turk platform.

- Spring 2013 Instructor, MIT Educational Studies Program
With Iain Giblin and Hadas Kotek, developed and co-taught a seven-week Introduction to Linguistics course to advanced high school students.
- Fall 2011 Teaching Assistant, 24.902 Undergraduate Syntax (Sabine Iatridou, instructor)
Led recitations, held office hours, lectured, and graded assignments, papers, and exams.
- Spring 2011 Teaching Assistant, 24.900 Intro to Linguistics (David Pesetsky, instructor)
Led recitations, held office hours, and graded assignments, papers, and exams.

Fulbright Taiwan: elementary EFL

- 2007–2008 Fulbright Fellow. Yilan County Department of Education, Taiwan
Taught English to students in rural Taiwanese elementary schools.

Concordia Language Villages: Japanese language immersion education

- Summer 2007 Credit Program Teacher, Intermediate Japanese
Taught an accredited one-year-equivalent curriculum of high school Japanese in an immersion setting.
- Summers 2005–6 Assistant Dean
Managed both academic and business operations of a Japanese language immersion summer camp serving over 200 children per summer. Led training and management of bilingual staff.
- Summers 2003–4 Two Week Program Curriculum Facilitator
Lead and supported program staff in the counseling and teaching of 100 students in an immersive language camp setting.

University of Chicago: peer mentorship and mathematics

- 2003–2007 Counselor, Department of Mathematics Young Scholars Program
- 2005–2006 Assistant Resident Head (RA), Undergraduate Student Housing
- 2004–2005 Teaching Assistant, Calculus I, II (151, 152) (Sameer D’Costa, instructor)
Led problem sessions, held office hours, and graded assignments.

University of Minnesota: mathematics

- 2002–2003 Teaching Assistant, Honors Calculus II (Thomas Schwartzbauer, instructor)
Led problem sessions, held office hours, and graded exams.

Affiliations

Linguistic Society of America, 2006–

Professional service

- Invited member
- GLOW Board (as webmaster), 2017–
 - *Snippets* review board, 2017–
- Paper reviewing
- *Linguistic Inquiry*: 2015×2, 2016×5, 2017×4
 - *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory*: 2015, 2016, 2017
 - *Journal of Semantics*: 2014
 - *Linguistics & Philosophy*: 2016
 - *Linguistic Variation*: 2017
 - *Syntax*: 2015
 - *Journal of East Asian Linguistics*: 2013, 2015, 2017
 - *Glossa*: 2016 ×2, 2017
 - *Lingua*: 2012, 2013, 2014×3, 2015×2
 - *Linguistics*: 2016
 - *Oceanic Linguistics*: 2015
 - *Language & Linguistics*: 2016
 - *Studies in Chinese Linguistics*: 2015, 2017
 - *Canadian Journal of Linguistics*: 2015, 2017
 - Oxford University Press: 2015, 2016
 - De Gruyter: 2016
 - *MIT Working Papers in Linguistics*: 2010, 2012, 2016×2
- Book reviewing
- Routledge: 2016
- Abstract reviewing
- Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT): 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
 - Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB): 2015, 2016, 2017
 - Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW): 2017
 - Theoretical East Asian Linguistics (TEAL): 2017
 - Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS): 2016, 2017
 - Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA): 2015, 2016, 2017
 - Formal Approaches to Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi): 2012
 - Formal Approaches to South Asian Languages (FASAL): 2012, 2017
 - Formal Approaches to Japanese Linguistics (FAJL): 2016
 - Workshop on the Semantics of African, Asian, and Austronesian Languages (Triple A): 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
 - Experimental Pragmatics (XPRAG): 2017
 - ESSLLI Student Session: 2013
 - Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (CONSOLE): 2015

- Not-at-issue Meaning and Information Structure (University of Oslo, 2017)
 - Exploring the Interfaces (ETI) 3: Prosody and Constituent Structure (McGill University, 2014)
- Organizing
- Quirks of Subject Extraction at the National University of Singapore (2017)
 - GLOW in Asia XI at the National University of Singapore (2017)
 - Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA) 22 at McGill (2015)
 - Japanese/Korean Linguistics (J/K) 23 at MIT (2013)
 - MIT Workshop on Comparatives (2010)
- Problem writing North American Computational Linguistics Olympiad (NACLO), 2015

Community leadership

- Trustee Awesome Foundation:
Singapore chapter, 2016–
Boston chapter, 2011–2014
“Micro-philanthropy” organization distributing \$1,000 grants with no strings attached, to artists, educators, inventors, and communities.
- Representative MIT Graduate Student Council, 2011–2013
Elected representative for the Department of Linguistics & Philosophy.
- Co-founder Boston WordCamp 2010 & 2011
Technical community conference.
- Board member Saint Paul-Nagasaki Sister City Committee, 2000–2003

Languages

- English (native), Japanese (native), Mandarin Chinese;
- Coursework in French, Hebrew, Classical Chinese;
- Fieldwork/elicitation experience in others (see object languages above)

Technology experience

MAJOR SOFTWARE PROJECTS

- 2009–2013 Yet Another Related Posts Plugin (YARPP)
The most popular content recommendation plugin for WordPress, with over half a million active installations. Independently operated for five years and then sold to Adknowledge, Inc. in 2013.
- 2009–2010 Firefox Tab Groups, Mozilla
A new user interface feature shipped in Firefox 4.

2009 Ubiquity, Mozilla Labs
An experimental multilingual natural language interface for the browser. Architected and implemented a language-agnostic, localizable parser for simple imperative sentence fragments using a Principles and Parameters approach.

SOFTWARE FOR EXPERIMENTAL LINGUISTICS

2013 turktools with Hadas Kotek
Tools for preparing linguistic surveys for Amazon Mechanical Turk (AMT).

2013 turkserver
PHP application to serve AMT-style surveys on your own server.

ADVISING

2014– Technical advisor, Avrio
Talent acquisition startup. Advising on NLP issues.

2013– Technical advisor, Slang
Computer-assisted language learning startup.

2011–2012 Technical advisor, BlogGlue
Content recommendation and relevance startup.
Advised on content relevance technology and WordPress ecosystem issues.

2011 Consultant, Vlingo (since acquired by Nuance Communications)
Mobile speech recognition and natural language interface startup.
Consulted on Japanese NLP issues.

OTHER CLIENTS (WEB APPLICATION, SERVER, AND T_EX PROGRAMMING):

Automattic (WordPress.com), Gameloft, MIT, the University of Chicago, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Eleven Learning, The Academic Approach