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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), Squaliq Atayal (Taiwan)
- Mayan: Kaqchikel and Chuj (Guatemala)
- Vietnamese, Tibetan, Singlish, Burmese, ...

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**Positions**

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

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**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.

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## Grants

2018–2021 MOE AcRF Tier 2 (as PI):  
 “Subjecthood in Southeast Asia: Description and Theory” (S\$475,380)

2017–2019 MOE AcRF Tier 1 (as co-PI; PI: Yosuke Sato):  
 “Current Issues in Comparative Minimalist Syntax through Asian Perspectives” (S\$30,000)

2017–2018 NUS Humanities and Social Sciences Seed Grant:  
 “Subjecthood in South East Asia” (S\$39,949)

2017–2018 MOE AcRF Tier 1 (as PI):  
 “Workshop on Quirks of Subject Extraction” (S\$19,428)

2017–2018 MOE AcRF Tier 1 (as PI):  
 “Theory and variation in extraction marking and subject extraction asymmetries” (S\$79,263)

2016–2018 Start-up grant, NUS Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences:  
 “Questions, relative clauses, and focus: fieldwork and theory” (S\$40,000)

2017 MOE AcRF Tier 1 (as co-PI; PI: Yosuke Sato) for hosting the GLOW in Asia XI conference  
 (S\$18,220)

2012 NSF grant #1209550: “Investigating focus sentences in the endangered Atayal language of  
 Taiwan” (East Asian/Pacific Summer Institute program) (\$5000 + transportation)

2011 MIT Ken Hale Fund fieldwork grant for continued research on Kaqchikel Mayan

MOE = Singapore Ministry of Education; AcRF = Academic Research Fund

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## Other awards

2018 NUS Faculty of Arts and Sciences Writing Fellowship:  
 Competitive fellowship to support one semester of teaching release and replacement

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*”

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## Publications

### JOURNAL ARTICLES

- accepted* Hadas Kotek & Erlewine. “Wh-indeterminates in Chuj (Mayan).”  
*Canadian Journal of Linguistics*.
- accepted* “Extraction and licensing in Toba Batak.”  
*Language*.
- in press* “Even doesn’t move but associates into traces: A reply to Nakanishi 2012.”  
*Natural Language Semantics*.
- in press* Erlewine & Hadas Kotek. “Focus association by movement: Evidence from Tanglewood.”  
*Linguistic Inquiry* 49:3.
- 2018 “Clausal comparison without degree abstraction in Mandarin Chinese.”  
*Natural Language & Linguistic Theory* 36:2, 445–482.
- 2017 “Vietnamese focus particles and derivation by phase.”  
*Journal of East Asian Linguistics* 26:4, 325–349.
- 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.

### JOURNAL ARTICLE MANUSCRIPTS IN REVIEW/REVISION

- submitted* with Teruyuki Mizuno. November 2017.
- in revision* with Hadas Kotek.

*in revision* with Hadas Kotek.

*in revision* “Two disjunctions in Mandarin Chinese.”

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

#### 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)

- 2017 Erlewine, Theodore Levin, and Coppe van Urk. “Ergativity and Austronesian-type voice systems.” Invited contribution to Jessica Coon, Diane Massam, and Lisa Travis (eds.), *Oxford Handbook of Ergativity*. Pages 373–396.
- 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.

#### VOLUMES EDITED

- 2017 *Proceedings of GLOW in Asia XI*, volumes 1 and 2. Cambridge: MIT Working Papers in Linguistics.
- 2014 Erlewine & Yasutada Sudo (eds.). *Proceedings of the MIT Workshop on Comparatives*. Cambridge: MIT Working Papers in Linguistics.

#### PROCEEDINGS PAPERS

- 2018 Teruyuki Mizuno & Erlewine. “Constraints on contrast sluicing.” In Kenshi Funakoshi, Shigeto Kawahara, and Christopher D. Tancredi (eds.), *Japanese/Korean Linguistics 24*. University of Chicago Press. Pages 201–214.
- 2018 Hadas Kotek & Erlewine. “Non-interrogative *wh*-constructions in Chuj.” In Megan Keough, Natalie Weber, Andrei Anghelescu, Sihwei Chen, Erin Guntly, Khia Johnson, Daniel Reisinger, and Oksana Tkachman (eds.), *Proceedings of the 21st Workshop on Structure and Constituency in Languages of the Americas (WSCLA 21)*. Pages 101–115.

- 2017 Erlewine & Hadas Kotek. "Movement and alternatives don't mix: Evidence from Japanese." In Alexandre Cremers, Thom van Gessel, and Floris Roelofsen (eds.), *Proceedings of the Amsterdam Colloquium 2017*. Pages 245–254.
- 2017 Erlewine & Hadas Kotek. "Intervention tracks scope-rigidity in Japanese." *Proceedings of Logic and Engineering of Natural Language Semantics (LENLS) 14*.
- to appear Erlewine & Theodore Levin. "On the unavailability of argument ellipsis in Kaqchikel." In *Proceedings of Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi) 4*.
- to appear Erlewine & Hadas Kotek. "Focus association by movement: Evidence from binding and parasitic gaps." In Rob Truswell (ed.), *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB) 21*.
- 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*. Pages 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.
- 2016 Erlewine & Hadas Kotek. "Tanglewood untangled." In Mary Moroney, Carol-Rose Little, Jacob Collard, and Dan Burgdorf (eds.), *Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 26*, 224–243.
- 2016 水野 輝之、アーリーワイン マイケル芳貴 "多重 wh 疑問文のペアリスト解釈とスルーシング" 日本語学会第152回大会予稿集 204–209.  
[Teruyuki Mizuno & Erlewine. "Sluicing and the pair-list interpretation of multiple *wh*-questions." In *Proceedings of the 152nd meeting of the Linguistic Society of Japan*, 204–209.]
- 2016 Hadas Kotek & Erlewine. "Unifying definite and indefinite free relatives: Evidence from Mayan." In Christopher Hammerly, Brandon Prickett (eds.), *Proceedings of the 46th meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 46)*. Pages 241–254.
- 2016 Hadas Kotek & Erlewine. "Intervention effects in relative pronoun pied-piping: Experimental evidence." In Nadine Bade, Polina Berezovskaya, and Anthea Schöller (eds.), *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 20 (SuB 20)*. Pages 448–461.
- 2016 Erlewine & Hadas Kotek. "The structure and interpretation of non-restrictive relatives: Evidence from relative pronoun pied-piping." In *Proceedings of the 51st Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS 51)*. Pages 149–163.
- 2015 Erlewine, Theodore Levin, and Coppe van Urk. "What makes a voice system? On the relationship between voice marking and case." 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 *vP* 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 Erlewine & Hadas Kotek. “Intervention in focus pied-piping.” 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 Erlewine & Isaac Gould. “Interpreting Japanese Head-Internal Relative Clauses.” 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 Dale Albanese, Laura Burr, Timothy Collins, Erlewine, Julie Goshe, Michelle Louie, and Joanne Tseng. “Three C’s for a Supportive Educational Environment: Co-teaching, Cohort, and Community.” 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.

#### 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.

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## Presentations

### REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 Keely New & Erlewine. “The expression of exhaustivity and scalarity in Burmese.” Poster presented at Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 28, MIT, May 18–20, 2018.
- 2018 Cheryl Lim & Erlewine. “Agent extraction and topicalization in Bikol.” Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA) 25, Academia Sinica, May 10–12, 2018.
- 2018 “A syntactic universal in a contact language: The story of Singlish *already*.” Linguistic Society of America 92, Salt Lake City, January 4–7, 2018.
- 2018 Erlewine & Hadas Kotek. “Intervention tracks scope-rigidity in Japanese.” Linguistic Society of America 92, Salt Lake City, January 4–7, 2018.
- 2018 Erlewine, Theodore Levin, and Coppe van Urk. “The typology of nominal licensing in Austronesian voice languages.” Poster presented at Linguistic Society of America 92, Salt Lake City, January 4–7, 2018.
- 2018 Erlewine & Hadas Kotek. “Movement and alternatives don’t mix: Evidence from Japanese.” Amsterdam Colloquium 2017, Amsterdam, December 20–22, 2017.
- 2017 Erlewine & Hadas Kotek. “Intervention tracks scope-rigidity in Japanese.” Logic and Engineering of Natural Language Semantics (LENLS) 14, University of Tsukuba, Tokyo, November 13–15, 2017.
- 2017 “The limits of relexification: The story of Singlish *already*.” The summer conference of the Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics, University of Tampere, Finland, June 19–22, 2017.
- 2017 “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 (AFLA) 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 Erlewine & Theodore Levin. “On the unavailability of argument ellipsis in Kaqchikel.” 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 Erlewine & Theodore Levin. "On the unavailability of argument ellipsis in Kaqchikel." Formal Approaches to Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi) 4, Universidad de Oriente, November 17–18, 2016.
- 2016 Teruyuki Mizuno & Erlewine. "Contrast sluicing and complementary questions." Japanese/Korean Linguistics 24, October 14–16, 2016.
- 2016 Erlewine & Hadas Kotek. "Untangling Tanglewood using covert focus movement." 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 Teruyuki Mizuno & Erlewine. "Contrast sluicing and complementary questions." Theoretical Linguistics at Keio, August 7–9, 2016.
- 2016 水野 輝之、アーリーワイン マイケル芳貴 "多重 wh 疑問文のペアリスト解釈とスルーシング" 日本語学会第152回大会.  
[Teruyuki Mizuno & Erlewine. "Sluicing and the pair-list interpretation of multiple *wh*-questions," 152nd meeting of the Linguistic Society of Japan, June 25–26, 2016.]
- 2016 "Multiple extraction and voice in Toba Batak." Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (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 Erlewine & Hadas Kotek. "Untangling Tanglewood using covert focus movement." Poster at Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 26, University of Texas at Austin, May 12–15, 2016.
- 2016 Hadas Kotek & Erlewine. "Non-interrogative *wh*-constructions in Chuj." 21st Workshop on Structure and Constituency in Languages of the Americas (WSCLA 21), Université de Québec à Montréal (UQAM), April 2016.
- 2016 Hadas Kotek & Erlewine. "Unifying definite and indefinite free relatives: Evidence from Mayan." Linguistic Society of America 90, Washington D.C., January 2016.
- 2015 Hadas Kotek & Erlewine. "Unifying definite and indefinite free relatives: Evidence from Mayan." North East Linguistic Society 46, Concordia University, Montréal, October 16–18, 2015.
- 2015 Erlewine & Hadas Kotek. "*Wh*-quantification in Dharamsala Tibetan." 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 Erlewine & Hadas Kotek. "Relative pronoun pied-piping, the structure of which informs the analysis of relative clauses." Sinn und Bedeutung 20, Tübingen, September 2015.
- 2015 Erlewine & Hadas Kotek. "Relative pronoun pied-piping, the structure of which informs the analysis of relative clauses." 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 Erlewine, Theodore Levin, and Coppe van Urk. "Voice morphology as extraction marking." 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 Erlewine, Theodore Levin, and Coppe van Urk. "What makes a voice system? On the relationship between voice marking and case." Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (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 Erlewine & Hadas Kotek. "Morphological blocking in English causatives." 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 Squliq Atayal." Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA) 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 Erlewine & Isaac Gould. "Domain Readings of Japanese Head Internal Relative Clauses." 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 Hadas Kotek & Erlewine. "Intervention effects and covert pied-piping in English multiple questions." Poster presented at Linguistic Society of America 87, Boston, January 3–6, 2013.
- 2013 Erlewine & Isaac Gould. "Domain Readings of Japanese Head-Internal Relative Clauses." Poster presented at Linguistic Society of America 87, Boston, January 3–6, 2013.
- 2012 Erlewine & Hadas Kotek. "Diagnosing Covert Pied-Piping." 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 Dale Albanese, Laura Burr, Josue Cofresi, Timothy Collins, Erlewine, Katherine Hodges, and Casey Welch. “Increased Language Awareness through Native and Non-native Speakers’ Partnered Teaching.” 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 Timothy Collins, Erlewine, Joanne Tseng, and Michelle Louie. “Three C’s for a Supportive Educational Environment: Co-teaching, Cohort, and Community.” The 43rd Regional Language Centre International Seminar (RELC 2008), Singapore, April 21–23, 2008.

#### INVITED PUBLIC LECTURES

- 2017 “‘Only’ games: Uncovering rules and regularities across languages”  
University of Chicago Alumni Club of Singapore, October 24, 2017.

2017 Language documentation workshop with Mário Pinharanda Nunes  
*Festa di Papiã Kristang* (Kristang Language Festival), May 20–21, 2017.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

TBD University of Tübingen (SFB 833 ‘The Construction of Meaning’) colloquium

*upcoming* 3rd Asian Junior Linguists conference (AJL3), University of Hong Kong, October 13–14, 2018

*upcoming* Recent Issues in the Syntax of Questions workshop, University of Konstanz, October 8–10, 2018

*upcoming* Tokai Semantics Research Group, July 28, 2018

*upcoming* Kwansai Gakuin University Linguistics colloquium, July 14, 2018

2018 “A syntactic universal in a contact language: The story of Singlish *already*”

- Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, March 30, 2018
- Current Issues in Comparative Syntax, National University of Singapore, March 1–2, 2018

2017–2018 “Extraction and licensing in Toba Batak”

- University of Hawai’i, February 1, 2018
- Sophia University, Tokyo, November 16, 2017
- National Tsing Hua University colloquium, May 31, 2017
- Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, March 10, 2017

2017 “The anti-locality signature of quirks of subject extraction”

Quirks of Subject Extraction, National University of Singapore, Aug 10–11, 2017

2017 “Rules of inference and the restrictor view of conditionals,” with Theresa Helke  
The Sapporo Semantics Workshop, July 8, 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, Dec 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.
- 2010 “Independent Dependency in the Mandarin *bǐ* Comparative”  
MIT Workshop on Comparatives, November 13–14, 2010.
- 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.

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## Advising

### National University of Singapore

#### Doctoral advising

- Anne NGUYEN Thi Thuy Nguyen, 2015– (as chair):  
Formal semantics/pragmatics of Vietnamese sentence-final particles
- LIN Li, 2017– (as chair):  
Syntax/semantics of Mandarin Chinese

#### Doctoral internal examiner

- CHANG Qizhong, 2016:  
“*Wh*-question Constructions in Colloquial Singapore English”

#### BA Honors Thesis advising

- Keely NEW, 2018–19 Sem 1
- Lauren KOH, 2017–18 Sem 2  
“An analysis of Colloquial Singapore English *where* got constructions”
- Cheryl LIM, 2017–18 Sem 2  
“Topicalisation and extraction in Bikol”
- LEN Wanyan, 2017–18 Sem 1:  
“Exhaustivity with Singlish *then*”
- JOE Wieky, 2016–17 Sem 2:  
“Honorification in Nepali’s Subject-Verb Agreement”
- Phoebe CHEONG Si En, 2016–17 Sem 1:  
“Sentence-final *already* and *only* in Singapore English”
- Kevin Martens WONG, 2016–17 Sem 1:  
“Differential Object Marking in Kristang, an endangered creole in Singapore”
- Jeremy LAU Weng, 2015–16 Sem 2:  
“The potential and limits of machine translation”
- Grace KANG Yixuan, 2015–16 Sem 2:  
“Ways of expressing necessity: A study of Singlish *must* and *confirm*”

#### Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) / Independent Study advising

- LIU Dian, 2017–18 Sem 2: focus semantics in Mandarin Chinese
- Lauren KOH, 2017–18 Sem 1: formal pragmatics
- Cheryl LIM, 2017–18 Sem 1: elicitation work on Bikol
- Keely NEW, 2017–18 Sem 1: elicitation work on Burmese

- Theresa HELKE, 2016–17 Sem 1: conditionals and modal semantics

## **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**

### **Linguistics Summer School in the Indian Mountains (LISSIM)**

Invited instructor, 2018 (LISSIM 11)

### **National University of Singapore**

GET1036 The Logic of Language

General education course exposing algorithmically- and symbolically-oriented students to the scientific study of human language, drawing connections to foundational ideas in computer science and philosophy.

2017–2018 Sem 2

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.

2017–18 Sem 1: <https://mitcho.com/nus/gram2017/>

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

### EL4203 Semantics

Introduction to formal semantics for Honors undergraduates and graduate students.

2017–18 Sem 1: <https://mitcho.com/nus/sem2017/>

2016–17 Sem 2: <https://mitcho.com/nus/sem2017spring/>

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

### EL3212 Field Methods in Linguistics

Upper undergraduate field methods course.

2016–17 Sem 2 (Kristang): <https://mitcho.com/nus/field2017/>

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

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: mathematics**

- 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.

**Membership**

Linguistic Society of America, 2006–

**Professional service**

- Invited member      • GLOW Board (as webmaster), 2017–  
• *Snippets* review board, 2017–
- Organizing            • Current Issues in Comparative Syntax at NUS (2018)  
Co-organized with Yosuke Sato  
• Quirks of Subject Extraction at NUS (2017)  
• GLOW in Asia XI at NUS (2017)  
Co-organized with Yosuke Sato  
• Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA) 22 at McGill (2015)  
Co-organized with Lauren Eby Clemens and Lisa Travis  
• Japanese/Korean Linguistics (J/K) 23 at MIT (2013)  
Organizing committee member  
• MIT Workshop on Comparatives (2010)  
Co-organized with Yasutada Sudo
- Journal editing      • Guest editor for *Glossa* Special Collection on Subject Extraction, 2018



## Journal paper reviewing

- *Linguistic Inquiry*: 2015×2, 2016×5, 2017×4
- *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory*: 2015, 2016, 2017
- *Natural Language Semantics*: 2018
- *Journal of Semantics*: 2014
- *Linguistics & Philosophy*: 2016, 2017
- *Glossa*: 2016×2, 2017×4
- *Journal of East Asian Linguistics*: 2013, 2015, 2017
- *Linguistic Variation*: 2017
- *Syntax*: 2015
- *Snippets*: 2017×2
- *Lingua*: 2012, 2013, 2014×3, 2015×2
- *Linguistics*: 2016
- *Oceanic Linguistics*: 2015
- *Studia Linguistica*: 2017
- *Language & Linguistics*: 2016
- *Studies in Chinese Linguistics*: 2015, 2017×2
- *Canadian Journal of Linguistics*: 2015, 2017

## Book chapter reviewing

- Oxford: 2015, 2016
- Wiley-Blackwell: 2018
- De Gruyter: 2016
- MIT Working Papers in Linguistics: 2010, 2012, 2016×2

## Book proposal/manuscript reviewing

- Routledge: 2016, 2017

## Abstract reviewing

- Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT): 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
- Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW): 2017, 2018
- Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB): 2015, 2016, 2017
- West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL): 2018
- Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS): 2016, 2017, 2018
- Theoretical East Asian Linguistics (TEAL): 2017
- International Conference on Computational Linguistics (COLING): 2018
- Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA): 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018

- 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, 2018
- European Association for Chinese Linguistics (EACL): 2018
- Israel Association for Theoretical Linguistics (IATL): 2018
- Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar (SICOGG): 2018
- Experimental Pragmatics (XPRAG): 2017
- Evaluative meanings: Theoretical and computational perspectives, DGfS 2017
- Workshop on Building Linguistically Generalizable NLP Systems, EMNLP 2017
- Not-at-issue Meaning and Information Structure (University of Oslo, 2017)
- Exploring the Interfaces (ETI) 3: Prosody and Constituent Structure (McGill University, 2014)
- ESSLLI Student Session: 2013
- Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (CONSOLE): 2015

Problem writing North American Computational Linguistics Olympiad (NACLO), 2015

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## Community leadership

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| Trustee        | Awesome Foundation:<br>Singapore chapter, 2016– (Interim dean, 2017–)<br>Boston chapter, 2011–2014<br>“Micro-philanthropy” organization distributing \$1,000 grants with no strings attached, to artists, educators, inventors, and communities. |
| Representative | MIT Graduate Student Council, 2011–2013<br>Elected representative for the Department of Linguistics & Philosophy.  |
| Co-founder     | Boston WordCamp 2010 & 2011<br>Technical community conference.   |
| Board member   | Saint Paul-Nagasaki Sister City Committee, 2000–2003   |

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## Languages

- English (native), Japanese (native), Mandarin Chinese;
- Coursework in French, Hebrew, Classical Chinese;

- Fieldwork/elicitation experience in others (see object languages above)

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## Technology experience

### MAJOR SOFTWARE PROJECTS

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| 2009–2013 | <p>Yet Another Related Posts Plugin (YARPP)<br/>         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.</p>                  |
| 2009–2010 | <p>Firefox Tab Groups, Mozilla<br/>         A new user interface feature shipped in Firefox 4.</p>   |
| 2009      | <p>Ubiquity, Mozilla Labs<br/>         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.</p> |

### SOFTWARE FOR EXPERIMENTAL LINGUISTICS

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| 2013 | <p>turktools with Hadas Kotek<br/>         Tools for preparing linguistic surveys for Amazon Mechanical Turk (AMT).</p> |
| 2013 | <p>turkserver<br/>         PHP application to serve AMT-style surveys on your own server.</p>                           |

### ADVISING

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| 2014–     | <p>Technical advisor, Avrio<br/>         Talent acquisition startup. Advising on natural language processing.</p>  |
| 2013–     | <p>Technical advisor, Slang<br/>         Computer-assisted language learning startup.</p>  |
| 2011–2012 | <p>Technical advisor, BlogGlue<br/>         Content recommendation and relevance startup.</p>  |
| 2011      | <p>Consultant, Vlingo (since acquired by Nuance Communications)<br/>         Mobile speech recognition and natural language interface startup.<br/>         Consulted on Japanese natural language processing.</p> |

### OTHER CLIENTS (WEB APPLICATION, SERVER, AND T<sub>E</sub>X PROGRAMMING):

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