

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 1999 Ph.D. Linguistics (with distinction), University of Chicago
 Dissertation: *Variation within Lexical Categories*
 Committee: Salikoko S. Mufwene (chair), Amy Dahlstrom, James D. McCawley,
 Jerrold M. Sadock
- 1995 M.A. Linguistics, University of Chicago
- 1993 A.B. Linguistics, College of William and Mary

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2010-present Associate Professor, Department of English, Purdue University
- 2004-present Program Faculty, Linguistics, School of Interdisciplinary Studies, Purdue University
- 2014-present Affiliate Faculty, Department of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences, Purdue University
- 2004-2010 Assistant Professor, Department of English, Purdue University
- 2003-2004 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of English, Purdue University
- 1999-2002 Assistant Professor, Department of English, University of Hong Kong
- 1996-1998 Research Assistant, Decision Research Lab, University of Chicago.
- 1995 Visiting Lecturer, Department of Linguistics, University of Cape Town, South Africa
 (Summer Semester)
- 1994-1995 Teaching Assistant, Department of Linguistics, University of Chicago

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- 2016-2017 Chair, Task Force on Graduate Education in Linguistics, College of Liberal Arts
- 2016-2017 Director of English Language and Linguistics, Department of English, Purdue University
- 2012-2016 Director of Graduate Studies, Linguistics Program, School of Interdisciplinary Studies, Purdue University

HONORS AND AWARDS

2018-2019	Departmental Nominee, Purdue University Trailblazer Award
2017	Instructor, Linguistic Society of America Linguistic Institute, Lexington, Kentucky
2011	Instructor, Linguistic Society of America Linguistic Institute, Boulder, Colorado
1998	Whiting Dissertation Fellowship, University of Chicago
1993-1997	Century Scholarship, University of Chicago
1993	Summa Cum Laude, College of William and Mary
1992	Phi Beta Kappa, College of William and Mary

RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

My research deals with syntax and its interfaces with semantics, discourse information structure, and language processing in production and comprehension. Some of my goals are as follows:

- to identify factors that contribute to the realization of grammatical alternations—sentence types that differ in structure but overlap in usage
- to explore the relation between grammar and performance, in particular the hypothesis that processing pressures in production and comprehension contribute to the development of grammatical conventions
- to understand how the similarities and differences among sentence types that alternate with each other are best represented within a theory of grammar
- to provide a deeper understanding of the relation between various types of linguistic evidence, especially acceptability judgments, and their theoretical interpretations

I address these issues using a variety of experimental methods, including acceptability judgment tasks, structural priming tasks, elicitation tasks, reading and response time measurements, and quantitative corpus analyses.

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

Francis*, Elaine J. and Laura A. Michaelis. 2017. When relative clause extraposition is the right choice, it's easier. *Language and Cognition* 9(2): 332-370.

Hitz*, John and Elaine J. Francis. 2016. On the usefulness of formal judgment tasks in syntax and in second-language research: The case of resumptive pronouns in English, Turkish, and Mandarin Chinese. *Linguistics* 54: 1241-1280.

Francis*, Elaine J., Charles Lam, Carol Chun Zheng, John Hitz, and Stephen Matthews. 2015. Resumptive pronouns, structural complexity, and the elusive distinction between grammar and performance: evidence from Cantonese. *Lingua* 162: 56-81.

Refereed Journal Articles, Continued

- Huber*, Jessica E., Meghan Darling*, and Elaine J. Francis. 2012. Impact of typical aging and Parkinson's disease on the relationship among breath pausing, syntax, and punctuation. *American Journal of Speech-Language Pathology* 21: 368-379.
- Francis*, Elaine J., Stephen Matthews, Reace Wing Yan Wong, and Stella Wing Man Kwan. 2011. Effects of weight and syntactic priming on the production of Cantonese verb-doubling. *Journal of Psycholinguistic Research* 40: 1-28.
- Francis, Elaine J. 2010. Grammatical weight and relative clause extraposition in English. *Cognitive Linguistics* 21(1): 35-74.
- Francis*, Elaine J. and Etsuyo Yuasa. 2008. A multi-modular approach to gradual change in grammaticalization. *Journal of Linguistics* 44(1): 45-86.
- Francis*, Elaine J. and Stephen Matthews. 2006. Categoriality and object extraction in Cantonese serial verb constructions. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 24: 751-801.
- Francis*, Elaine J. and Stephen Matthews. 2005. A multi-dimensional approach to the category 'verb' in Cantonese. *Journal of Linguistics* 41(2): 269-305.
- Francis, Elaine J. 1998. Some semantic reasons why iconicity between lexical categories and their discourse functions isn't perfect. *Language Sciences* 20(4): 399-414.

Book Chapters

- Francis*, Elaine J. and Laura A. Michaelis. 2014. Why move? How weight and discourse factors combine to predict relative clause extraposition in English. Edith Moravcsik, Andrej Malchukov, and Brian MacWhinney. Eds. *Competing Motivations in Grammar and Usage*, pp. 70-87. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Francis, Elaine J. 2011. Constraining mismatch in grammar and in sentence comprehension: The role of default correspondences. Etsuyo Yuasa, Tista Bagchi, and Katharine Beals, eds. *Pragmatics and Autolexical Grammar: In honor of Jerry Sadock*, pp. 279-298. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
- Francis, Elaine J. 2005. Syntactic mimicry as evidence for prototypes in grammar. Salikoko S. Mufwene, Elaine J. Francis, and Rebecca S. Wheeler, eds. *Polymorphous Linguistics: Jim McCawley's Legacy*, pp. 161-181. Cambridge: MIT Press.

Book Chapters, Continued

Francis*, Elaine J. and Laura A. Michaelis. 2003. Mismatch: a crucible for linguistic theory. Elaine J. Francis and Laura A. Michaelis, eds. *Mismatch: Form-Function Incongruity and the Architecture of Grammar*, 1-27. Stanford: CSLI Publications.

Yuasa*, Etsuyo and Elaine J. Francis*. 2003. Categorical mismatch in a multi-modular theory of grammar. Elaine J. Francis and Laura A. Michaelis, eds. *Mismatch: Form-Function Incongruity and the Architecture of Grammar*, pp. 179-227. Stanford: CSLI Publications.

Edited Books

Mufwene*, Salikoko S., Elaine J. Francis and Rebecca S. Wheeler, eds. 2005. *Polymorphous Linguistics: Jim McCawley's Legacy*. Cambridge: MIT Press. (550 pp.)

Francis*, Elaine J. and Laura A. Michaelis, eds. 2003. *Mismatch: Form-Function Incongruity and the Architecture of Grammar*. Stanford: CSLI Publications. (430 pp.)

Book Reviews

Francis, Elaine J. 2015. Review of: *Cross-linguistic variation and efficiency*, by John A. Hawkins. *Language* 91(1): 253-255.

Francis, Elaine J. 2002. Form and function in syntactic theory: a reaction to Newmeyer. *Language Sciences* 24(1): 29-56.

Francis, Elaine J. 2000. Two perspectives on the grammar of possession. *Language Sciences*. 22(1): 87-107.

Francis*, Alexander L. and Elaine Jones (Francis). 1996. Phonetics and phonological theory. *Language & Communication* 16(4): 381-395.

Replies and Commentaries

Francis, Elaine J. 2017. Structural priming can inform syntactic analyses of partially grammaticalized constructions. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences* 40: 22-23. (commentary on target article by Branigan and Pickering)

Mufwene*, Salikoko S. and Elaine J. Francis. 2007. McCawley's legacy: a response to Pieter A.M. Seuren. *Language Sciences* 29: 566-570.

Edited Journal Issue

Jones* (Francis), Elaine and Gail Brendel Viechnicki, eds. 1997. Special issue on the importance of theory in discourse analysis. *Language & Communication* 17(2).

Conference Proceedings

Francis*, Elaine J. and Laura A. Michaelis. 2012. Effects of weight and definiteness on speakers' choice of clausal ordering in English. *LSA Annual Meeting Extended Abstracts 2012* 3(5).

Francis, Elaine J. 2007. The role of default constructions in the processing of mismatch: The case of possessive free relatives. Stefan Müller, ed. *Proceedings of the 14th International Conference on Head-Driven Phrase Structure Grammar: Workshop on Constructions and Grammatical Theory*, 345-363. Stanford: CSLI Publications.

Francis*, Elaine J. and Laura A. Michaelis. 2000. Approaches to mismatch: introduction. *Proceedings of the BFG00 Conference Workshops*, ed. by Miriam Butt and Tracy Holloway King. Stanford: CSLI Publications.

Francis, Elaine J. 1998. When form and meaning come apart: quantificational nouns, predicate nominals, and locative subjects in English. *Chicago Linguistic Society* 34: 159-170.

SPONSORED RESEARCH

Extramural

Agency/Title of Grant: Research Grants Council of Hong Kong, Competitive Earmarked Research Grant, "Parsing principles and constituent order in Cantonese"
Duration of Funding: 2004-2007
Total Amount of Award: approx. US \$70,000
Role: Co-investigator (PI: Stephen Matthews)

Intramural: Purdue University

Agency/Title of Grant: Purdue Research Foundation Research Grant
Title: "Interface between grammar and discourse in second language acquisition: English constituent order alternations"
Duration of Funding: 06/01/2019-05/31/2020
Total Amount of Award: \$20,000 (to support PhD student Joshua Weirick)
Role: Principal Investigator

Agency/Title of Grant: Purdue University, Office of the Vice President for Research and Kinley Trust, "Non-laboratory research infrastructure and equipment program"

Duration of Funding: 03/2017-06/2017
Total Amount of Award: \$3901
Role: Co-Investigator (PI: Bradley Dilger)

Agency/Title of Grant: Fellowship to the Center for Social Sciences of the College of Liberal Arts, "Marginal acceptability and linguistic theory."
Duration of Funding: 08/2015-12/2015
Total Amount of Award: Teaching release for two courses in Fall 2015
Role: Principal Investigator

Agency/Title of Grant: Purdue Research Foundation Research Grant, "Structural priming in motion event descriptions: Evidence from Mandarin Chinese and English."
Duration of Funding: 06/01/2015-05/31/2016
Total Amount of Award: \$16,714 (to support PhD student Carol Chun Zheng)
Role: Principal Investigator

Agency/Title of Grant: Purdue University, Office of the Vice President for Research and Kinley Trust, "Non-laboratory research infrastructure and equipment program"
Duration of Funding: 11/2012-5/2013
Total Amount of Award: \$3235
Role: Principal Investigator

Agency/Title of Grant: Department of English, Research Incentive Funding, "Resumptive pronouns in Cantonese"
Duration: 10/2012-6/2013
Total Amount of Award: \$540
Role: Principal Investigator

Agency/Title of Grant: Purdue University, College of Liberal Arts, Research Incentive Grant, "Effects of typical age-related cognitive decline on an everyday dual task"
Duration of Funding: 11/2008 – 12/2009
Total Amount of Award: \$1150
Role: Co-investigator (PI: Jessica Huber)

Intramural: University of Hong Kong

Agency/Title of Grant: University of Hong Kong CRCG, Small Project Funding, "Parsing principles and constituent order in Cantonese: a corpus-based study"
Role: Co-investigator (PI: Stephen Matthews)
Duration of Funding: 2003-2004
Total Amount of Award: approx. US \$8000

Agency/Title of Grant: University of Hong Kong CRCG, Low Budget High Impact Grant, "Linguistic mismatch: scope and theory"

Role: Principal Investigator

Duration of Funding: 2001-2002

Total Amount of Award: approx. US \$8000

Agency/Title of Grant: University of Hong Kong CRCG, Research Initiation Grant, "Lexical and contextual effects on the grammar of syntactic categories"

Role: Principal Investigator

Duration of Funding: 2000-2002

Total Amount of Award: approx. US\$ 15,000.

PRESENTATIONS

International Conferences

Francis, Elaine J. Why theoretical assumptions matter for interpreting acceptability judgment data in syntax. Poster presented at Linguistic Evidence 2018 - Experimental Data Drives Linguistic Theory, Tübingen, Germany, February 2018.

Francis*, Elaine J. and Laura A. Michaelis. Combining weight and discourse factors to predict relative clause extraposition in English. Paper presented at the Conference on Competing Motivations, Leipzig, Germany, November 2010.

Francis*, Elaine J. and Stephen Matthews. Syntax, semantics, and the category verb in Cantonese. Paper presented at the First International Conference on Modern Chinese Grammar for the New Millennium, City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China, February 2001.

National Conferences

Zheng*, Carol Chun, Joshua Weirick, and Elaine J. Francis. Effects of frequency and simplicity in L2 English causative motion production. Poster presented at the *CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing*, Boulder, Colorado, March 2019.

Zheng*, Carol Chun and Elaine J. Francis. Typological variation in linguistic flexibility shapes production of causative motion expressions. Poster presented at the Linguistic Society of America 2018 Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, Utah, January 2018.

Zheng*, Carol Chun and Elaine J. Francis. Codability modulates priming of Path in Mandarin and English. Poster presented at the CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, Cambridge, MA, March 2017.

National Conferences, Continued

Zheng*, Carol Chun and Elaine J. Francis. Language-specific biases affect priming during message planning. Poster presented at the International Workshop on Language Production, La Jolla, CA, July 2016.

Francis*, Elaine J. and Laura A. Michaelis. When relative clause extraposition is the right choice, it's easier. Paper presented at the Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., January 2016.

Francis*, Elaine J., Charles Lam, Carol Chun Zheng, John Hitz, and Stephen Matthews. Resumptive pronouns and structural complexity in Cantonese relative clause production. Poster presented at the *CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing*, Columbus, OH, March 2014.

Saletta*, Meredith, Meghan Darling, Joong Hyun Ryu, Jeffrey Haddad, Lisa Goffman, Elaine J. Francis, and Jessica E. Huber. Interaction of syntactic complexity, memory load, and balance in Parkinson's disease. Paper presented at the Conference on Motor Speech, Santa Rosa, California, March 2012.

Francis*, Elaine J. and Laura A. Michaelis. Effects of weight and definiteness on speakers' choice of clausal ordering in English. Paper presented at the Linguistic Society of America 2012 Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon, January 2012.

Darling*, Meghan, Jessica E. Huber, Meredith Saletta, Jeffrey Haddad, Joong Hyun Ryu, and Elaine J. Francis. Effects of Parkinson's disease on breath pausing during balance tasks. Paper presented at the ASHA Annual Convention, San Diego, CA, November 2011.

Francis*, Elaine J., Meredith Saletta*, Jessica E. Huber, Meghan Darling, and Jeffrey M. Haddad. Effects of age, Parkinson's disease, syntactic complexity, and balance on sentence production. Poster presented at the Linguistic Society of America 2011 Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA, January 2011.

Darling*, Meghan, Jessica E. Huber*, and Elaine J. Francis. Longitudinal examination of the influence of syntax on breath patterns in individuals with Parkinson's disease. Paper presented at Speech Motor Control Conference, Savannah, Georgia, March 2010.

Francis*, Elaine J. and Laura A. Michaelis*. Combining weight and discourse factors to predict relative clause extraposition in English. Poster presented at the Linguistic Society of America 2010 Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, January 2010.

Francis, Elaine J. Grammatical weight and relative clause extraposition in English. Poster presented at the Linguistic Society of America 2009 Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, January 2009.

National Conferences, Continued

- Huber*, Jessica E., Meghan Darling*, and Elaine J. Francis. Relationship between syntactic importance and breath pausing in extemporaneous speech. Paper presented at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Conference, Chicago, IL, November 2008.
- Huber*, Jessica E., Meghan Darling*, and Elaine J. Francis. Influence of punctuation and syntax on breath patterns in reading. Poster presented at Speech Motor Control Conference, Monterey, CA, March 2008.
- Francis, Elaine J. Constraining mismatch in grammar and in sentence comprehension: why linear order mismatches are more limited than constituent structure mismatches. Paper presented at the Pragmatics, Grammatical Interfaces, and Jerry Sadock Conference, University of Chicago, May 2008.
- Francis, Elaine J. The effects of weight on the processing of Extraposition from NP in English. Paper presented at the Linguistic Society of America 2008 Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, January 2008.
- Francis, Elaine J. The role of default constructions in the processing of mismatch: the case of possessive free relatives. Paper presented at the 14th International Conference on Head-Driven Phrase Structure Grammar: Workshop on Constructions and Grammatical Theory, Stanford, CA, July 2007.
- Francis*, Elaine J. and Stephen Matthews. Verb doubling facilitates sentence production in Cantonese. Poster presented at the Linguistic Society of America 2007 Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA, January 2007.
- Francis*, Elaine J. and Etsuyo Yuasa. A multi-modular approach to gradual change in grammaticalization. Paper presented at the Linguistic Society of America 2006 Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, NM, January 2006.
- Matthews*, Stephen, Helen Hoi-Lam Ching, and Elaine J. Francis. A processing advantage for topicalization in Cantonese. Poster presented at the Linguistic Society of America 2006 Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, NM, January 2006.
- Francis*, Elaine J. and Stephen Matthews. Categoriality and object extraction in Cantonese serial verb constructions. Paper presented at the Linguistic Society of America 2003 Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, January 2003.
- Francis*, Elaine J. and Stephen Matthews. What does it take to make a category? The case of coverbs in Cantonese. Paper presented at the Linguistic Society of America 2002 Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California, January 2002.

National Conferences, Continued

Francis*, Elaine J. and Stephen Matthews. A multi-dimensional approach to the category 'verb' in Cantonese. Paper presented at the Linguistic Society of America 2001 Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., January 2001.

Francis*, Elaine J. and Laura A. Michaelis. Approaches to mismatch: Introduction. Paper presented at the Workshop on Approaches to Mismatch, organized by Elaine J. Francis and Laura A. Michaelis, Berkeley Formal Grammar Conference 2000, University of California, Berkeley, California, July 2000.

Francis, Elaine J. Some reasons why iconicity between lexical categories and their discourse functions isn't perfect. Paper presented at Conceptual Structure, Discourse, and Language '97, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, May 1997.

Regional Conferences

Weirick, Joshua and Elaine J. Francis. A verb appeared that usually doesn't: Effects of predicate type and discourse status on relative clause extraposition in English. Paper presented at the *Purdue Linguistics, Literature, and Second Language Studies* conference, West Lafayette, Indiana, March 1, 2019.

Francis, Elaine J. A conceptual semantic analysis of thematic structure in predicate nominals. Paper presented at the 1999 Conference of the Texas Linguistics Society, University of Texas, Austin, Texas, March 1999.

Francis, Elaine J. When form and meaning come apart: quantificational nouns, predicate nominals, and locative subjects in English. Paper presented at the Chicago Linguistic Society 34th Annual Meeting, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, April 1998.

Francis, Elaine J. Toward a multi-modular alternative to abstract case. Paper presented at the Workshop on New Directions in Autolexical Grammar, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, March 2003.

Invited Keynote Conference Presentation

Francis, Elaine J. Gaps versus resumptive pronouns in Cantonese relative clauses: teasing apart the relative contributions of grammar and processing. Keynote Presentation given at the *Second Workshop on Innovations in Cantonese Linguistics*, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, March 2014.

Invited Lectures at Other Universities

Francis, Elaine J. Interpreting gradient acceptability judgments: the case of relative clause extraposition. Paper presented at the Ling Lunch, Purdue University, November 2018.

Francis, Elaine J. Merits and challenges of using intuitive judgment experiments in syntactic research. Paper presented at the Department of Linguistics and English Language, University of Edinburgh, December 2010.

Francis, Elaine J. Why are relative clauses sometimes extraposed that modify the subject? Evidence from controlled experiments and naturally-occurring English discourse. Paper presented at the Department of Linguistics and English Language, University of Edinburgh, December 2010.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Books

Francis, Elaine J. *Gradient Acceptability and Linguistic Theory*.
(manuscript in progress, six chapters out of eight completed)

Formal models of grammar aim to describe the implicit knowledge that underlies speakers' ability to produce well-formed complex sentences. Because such knowledge can only be ascertained indirectly through experimental tasks and observations of language use, it is often unclear how to distinguish the effects of grammatical constraints from the effects of extra-grammatical factors, such as processing difficulty. The current work builds on existing empirical research to develop a framework in which data from various sources can be interpreted to describe grammatical knowledge more accurately. It is shown that some grammatical knowledge is probabilistic, thus challenging commonly-held assumptions in linguistic theory.

Journal Articles

Kiefer, Brianna, Meghan Darling-White, Elaine J. Francis, Dan Barnes, and Jessica E. Huber. In preparation. Lexical and sentence mode production in PD.

Weirick, Joshua and Elaine J. Francis. In preparation. The effects of verb type and discourse status on relative clause extraposition in English.

Zheng, Carol Chun and Elaine J. Francis. In preparation. Typological variation in linguistic flexibility shapes production of causative motion expressions.

Experiments in Progress

Juzek, Tom S., Jana Häussler, and Elaine J. Francis. Expert and non-expert intuitions in syntax and semantics.

Weirick, Joshua and Elaine J. Francis. The interface between syntax and information structure in second language acquisition: evidence from the English dative alternation.

Zheng, Carol Chun, Joshua Weirick, and Elaine J. Francis. Effects of frequency and simplicity in L2 English causative motion production.

GRADUATE SUPERVISION

The student's graduate program is abbreviated as follows:

LING: Linguistics (School of Interdisciplinary Studies)

ELL: English Language and Linguistics (Department of English)

SPAN: Spanish Linguistics (Department of Spanish and Portuguese)

SLS: Second Language Studies/ESL (Department of English)

SLHS: Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences (College of Health and Human Sciences)

Ph.D. Chair

Completed

2017 Carol Chun Zheng (LING): Structural Priming in Motion Event Descriptions: Evidence from Mandarin Chinese and English.

Carol Chun Zheng is currently a visiting assistant professor in the Department of Linguistics at the Ohio State University.

2012 John Hitz (SLS): A Study of the Constraints Affecting Resumption in Turkish and Mandarin Chinese Relative Clauses, and the Transfer of these Constraints to English as a Second Language. (Co-chair with April Ginther)

John Hitz is currently a tenured associate professor in the Department of English at the University of Central Oklahoma.

In Progress

Joshua Weirick (LING): The interface between syntax and information structure in second language acquisition: evidence from the English dative alternation. (prospectus defended September 2019)

Vanessa Sheu (LING): (prospectus not yet defended)

Member: Ph.D. Committees

Completed

- 2019 Mirisen Ozpek (LING): An Intersectional Approach to LGBTQ Children’s Literature: A Case Study on Queer Women in Children’s Picture Books
- 2019 Kwaku Osei-tutu (ELL): A Formal Syntactic Analysis of Motion Predicates in Ghanaian Student Pidgin
- 2019 Charles Bradley (LING): The Iconicity of Transitivity Distinctions of Sign Language Classifier Constructions and Pantomime
- 2017 Kamal Belmihoub (SLS): English in a Multilingual Algeria.
- 2016 Wenfeng Li (LING): A Historical and Sociolinguistic Approach to Language Change in Mandarin Chinese: Corpus Evidence for the Development of Youmeiyou.
- 2016 Heidi Parker (SPAN): L2 Effect on Bilingual Spanish-English Encoding of Motion Events: Does Manner Salience Transfer?
- 2016 Lauren Miller (SPAN): The Acquisition of Bare Nominals by Three Populations of Spanish-English Bilingual Adults
- 2016 Soohwan Park (LING): Measuring Fluency: Temporal Variables and Pausing Patterns in L2 English Speech
- 2015 Tsz Kwan Charles Lam (LING): Boundedness of Verbal and Adjectival Predicates in Mandarin
- 2015 Xun Yan (SLS): The Processing of Formulaic Language on Elicited Imitation Tasks by Second Language Speakers
- 2014 Lixia Cheng (SLS): Effects of Pragmatic Task Features, English Proficiency, and Learning Setting on Chinese ESL/FL Learners’ Spoken Performance of Requests

- 2013 Meghan Darling White (SLHS): Enhancing Speech Naturalness Using Respiratory Treatment in Individuals with Parkinson's Disease
- 2013 Kadir Gokgoz (LING): The Nature of Object Marking in American Sign Language
- 2013 Ager Gondra (SPAN): Basque Relative Clauses: Head-Raising, Case, and Micro-Variation in Bizkaiera
- 2013 Lisa Wisman Weil (SLHS): Case Assignment in Typically Developing English Speaking Children: A Paired Priming Study
- 2012 Alyson Eggleston (LING): Spatial reference in Sumu-Mayangna, Nicaragua-Spanish, and Barcelona-Spanish
- 2012 Naejong Kim (ELL): Phonological Awareness at the Intersyllabic Level of Korean ESL Learners.
- 2012 Ayman Yasin (LING): Syntax-prosody Interface: Evidence from Wh-movement in Jordanian Arabic and Egyptian Arabic
- 2011 Naser Albzour (LING): Interlingual and Intersemiotic Aspects of Translating Jordanian Cartoons
- 2011 Jaisree Jayaraman (ELL): The Content, Weight, and Position of the English Subject in the Clause: Competing Principles of Constituent Ordering and Information Structuring
- 2010 Debarchana Basu (LING): Syntax-semantics Issues for Multiple Event Clauses in Bangla (Bengali)
- 2009 Engin Arik (LING): Spatial Language: Insights from Signed and Spoken Languages
- 2009 Ricard Viñas de Puig (LING): The Argument of Experience: Argument Structure and Experiencer Verbs in Catalan and Mayangna
- 2008 Donovan Grose (LING): A Feature-Geometry Analysis of Event Structure: Evidence from English and American Sign Language
- 2006 Martha Michieka (SLS): Accessibility and Presence of English in Rural Kisii, Kenya: Implications for English Language Education

In Progress

Pin-Hsi Chen (LING): An Exo-Skeletal Analysis of Complex-Path Motion Predicates in Taiwan Mandarin (prospectus defended November 2019)

Margaret Crabtree (LING): (prospectus not yet defended)

Jie Gao (SLS): Linguistic Profiles of Prospective International Teaching Assistants at Purdue University: Higher-level Second Language Speakers of English as the Case (prospectus defended October 2018)

Serpil Karabuklu (LING): (prospectus not yet defended)

Ashley Kentner (LING): Syntax and Semantics of Scalar Predicates in American Sign Language (prospectus defended July 2018)

Ge Lan (SLS): How is Noun Phrase Complexity Mediated by Academic Level and L1 Background in Argumentative Papers? (prospectus defended April 2018)

Grace Man (SLHS): (prospectus not yet defended)

Antonio Martin Gomez (SPAN): The Status of Spanish Clitic Climbing among Early and Late Bilinguals: The Effects of Age and Context of Acquisition (prospectus defended October 2016)

Chair: M.A./M.S. Thesis Committees

2015 Ethan Myers (LING): Cartographic Approach to Syntax and Discourse of Shanghainese Sentence Final Particles

Ethan Myers is now a PhD student at Northwestern University.

Member: M.A./M.S. Thesis Committees

Completed

2019 Brittlea Jernigan-Hardrick (LING): The Effects of Adverbials, Stativity, and Progressive Marking on the Acceptability of BIN in Various Syntactic Structures in African American English

2019 Nomura Ryo (JPNS): A Pragmatic Analysis of WISH Imperatives

2017 Maria Cupery (LING): Food and Language: Price-Based Lexical Variation in Turkish Restaurant Reviews

- 2015 Rachelle Henderson (ELL): Language Variation, Audience Design, and Racial Identity: An Analysis of Discourse in Danzy Senna's *Caucasia*
- 2014 Ashley Kentner (LING): Event Structure of Resultatives in ASL
- 2013 Charles Bradley (LING) Motion Events and Event Segmentation in American Sign Language
- 2013 Ryan Hubble (ELL) The 'X it up' Verb Construction
- 2013 Lauren Miller (SPAN) On the Production of Preterite vs. Imperfect Distinctions in Child Heritage Spanish in Contact with English
- 2013 Mariluz Ortiz Vergara (SPAN) The Development of Differential Object Marking in Spanish-English Bilingual Children
- 2013 Charlotte Winston (LING) Psych Verb Constructions in ASL
- 2012 Elizabeth Barajas (SPAN): On the Acquisition of Definite and Bare Plurals in Spanish-Speaking Learners of English L2
- 2012 Lauren Stuart (LING): Computational Evaluation of a Noun-Driven Syntax Representation
- 2012 Chun Zheng (LING): Path Verbs of Motion in SwTawWe Serial Verb Construction
- 2011 Joshua Frank (SPAN): Input and Cross-linguistic Influence Effects: Evidence from Embedded Wh-Questions in the Spanish of Heritage Speakers
- 2010 Katherine Watson (LING): Wh-Questions in American Sign Language
- 2009 Jason Overfelt (LING): The Syntax of Relative Clause Constructions in Tigrinya
- 2008 Elizabeth Benecki (LING): A Descriptive Linguistic Analysis of Three Suffixes Used in Computer-mediated Communication
- 2008 Andrea DiDonato (SLHS): Interaction of Language Processing and Motor Skill in Children with SLI
- 2008 Ager Gondra (SPAN): The Determiner Phrase in Basque
- 2008 Bo Hyun Kim (LING): A Unified Tense Analysis of Korean Coordination Structure
- 2007 Chuck Smith (LING): 'Almost' in ASL: Insights into Event Structure

In Progress

Ana Maria Molina (SPAN): (thesis not yet submitted)

Prelim Projects and Independent Studies Directed

Joshua Weirick

LING 590: Experimental Research in Event Structure, Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 (reading, lab work, and pilot study)

Sumaya Daoud

ENGL 590: Negation and Futurity Marking in Jordanian Arabic, Fall 2014 (prelim project)

Charles Lam and Carol Chun Zheng

LING 590: Relative Clauses, Summer 2013 (collaborative research project)

Ellen Osterhaus

ENGL 590: Theories of Lexical Categories, Spring 2011 (prelim project)

Kadir Gokgoz

LING 690: Classifiers, Negation, and Questions, Fall 2011 (prelim project)

Chair: M.A. and M.Phil. Committees at the University of Hong Kong

2004 Ka-Wai Yeung (M.Phil.): Universal vs. Language-specific Properties of Grammaticalized Complementizers: Two Case Studies in Multi-functionality

A revised version of this thesis was published as:

Yeung, Ka-Wai. 2006. On the status of the complementizer WAA6 in Cantonese. *Taiwan Journal of Linguistics* 4(1): 1-47.

2001 Susy So Lai Yin (M.A.): A Study of Nominal and Relative Clauses in Hong Kong English

2001 Dimitrios Ntelitheos (M.A.): A Constraint Hierarchy Approach to the Different Distribution of Reflexives in English and Greek (Co-chair with Nikolas Gisborne)

UNDERGRADUATE MENTORING

Corinne Feight (Dammon Dean's Scholar)

Project: A corpus study of relative clause extraposition in English, Fall 2009 and Spring 2010

Corinne extracted sentences from a corpus of English and coded them for linguistic features.

Xuebo Gong (Wilke Intern)

Project 1: Effects of weight and definiteness on speakers' choice of clausal ordering in English, Fall 2011 and Spring 2012

Project 2: Resumptive pronouns in Cantonese, Fall 2012 and Spring 2013

Xuebo assisted with data collection and coding of data from sentence production experiments on two separate projects. During both years, we presented at the Discovery Park poster session for undergraduate research.

Arianna Deldar, Becca Duggan, and Morgan Robertson

Project: Effects of weight and definiteness on speakers' choice of clausal ordering in English, Spring 2013

Arianna, Becca, and Morgan assisted with data collection and coding of data from two sentence production experiments.

Austin Keen (Wilke Intern), Jenna Kuhns, and Miao Zhang

Project: Motion Event Descriptions in English and Mandarin Chinese, Fall 2015 and Spring 2016

Austin, Jenna, Jiaquao, and Miao assisted PhD student Carol Chun Zheng with data collection and coding for four language production experiments. Professor Francis and her lab group participated in two undergraduate poster sessions in Spring 2016.

Jiaqiao Xiao (Wilke Intern) and Zuyang Zhang (Wilke Intern)

Project: Language Experience Shapes Sentence Production, Fall 2017 and Spring 2018

Jiaqiao and Zuyang assisted visiting scholar Carol Chun Zheng with data collection and coding for one language production experiment.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught, Purdue University, 2003-present

Undergraduate

ENGL 215	Inventing Languages
ENGL 227	Elements of Linguistics
ENGL 328	English Language II: Structure and Meaning
ENGL 494	Research Practicum for Undergraduates

Graduate

ENGL 506	Introduction to English and General Linguistics
ENGL 512	Syntax I
ENGL 531	Semantics I
ENGL 627S	Syntax II
ENGL 627S	Experimental Syntax (seminar)
ENGL 502	Practicum in Teaching College Linguistics (TA mentoring)

Contributions to Course and Curriculum Development, Purdue University, 2006-present

Graduate Seminar in Experimental Syntax

The graduate seminar on Experimental Syntax has substantially contributed to at least thirteen Ph.D. dissertations and seven M.A. theses or prelim projects which investigate syntactic phenomena using controlled experiments with multiple research participants. This course is a timely contribution to the curriculum, helping prepare graduate students for the highly competitive job market in a field which is taking advantage of technological advances and moving towards increased use of quantitative methods and larger data sets.

New Undergraduate Courses

ENGL 228	Language and Social Identity (not yet offered)
ENGL 215	Inventing Languages (first taught in Spring 2019)

These courses will contribute to the newly revised English major, and they are also expected to attract students from other majors within and outside Liberal Arts.

Undergraduate Concentration in English Language in a Global Context

Together with April Ginther, I led the development of a new English Language in a Global Context concentration within the newly revised English major. The new concentration includes a set of courses in the history and structure of English, sociolinguistics, and teaching and learning of English as a second language. The new concentration is expected to attract international students and others who are planning to work in international contexts or who would like to teach English abroad.

Courses Taught, Linguistic Society of America Linguistic Institutes

Approaches to Variation and Gradience in Lexical Categorization, University of Colorado, July 2011

Construction Grammar, University of Kentucky, July 2017

Experimental Syntax (co-taught with Savithry Namboodiripad), University of California at Davis, July 2019

Courses Taught, University of Hong Kong, 1999-2002

English Grammar and Meaning
The English Language: A Structural Approach
Advanced English Syntax
Form and Meaning
Introduction to English Studies (team taught)
Linguistic Categories of English
Semantics and Pragmatics of English
Vocabulary of English: Morphology and Semantics

Courses Taught, University of Cape Town, July-Oct. 1995

Introduction to Semantics and Pragmatics
The Biology and Evolution of Language

ASSIGNED ADMINISTRATION

Director of English Language and Linguistics, Department of English (2016-present)

My duties and accomplishments in this role include:

- Administered prelim exams to graduate students in English Language and Linguistics and handled other matters related to graduate education
- Led the development of a new undergraduate curriculum in English Language in a Global Context (see above)
- Served as course coordinator for graduate and undergraduate linguistics offerings in English

Director of Graduate Studies, SIS Linguistics Program (2012-2016)

The SIS Linguistics graduate program enrolls about 20 students and maintains a strong reputation nationally and internationally. My duties and accomplishments in this role include:

- Conducted fall orientations for new students
- Updated materials, manuals, and policies
- Developed an on-line survey for faculty rating of graduate applications
- Reviewed graduate applications and coordinated reviews from faculty members
- Summarized quantitative data and led meetings to rank applicants
- Fielded inquiries from prospective and current students
- Helped current students with both minor and serious problems
- Reviewed fellowship applications
- Hosted campus visits for prospective students
- Monitored student progress and updated the review process by which this is done

- Attended meetings of the Interdisciplinary Graduate Program Heads and CLA Graduate Chairs
- Participated in IDIS and IGP activities such as poster sessions
- Served as an advisor to the program director, Professor Felicia Roberts, on numerous issues

Chair, Task Force on Graduate Education in Linguistics (2016-2017)

The charge of this task force is to recommend ways to improve the efficiency of graduate education across eight language and linguistics graduate programs in three departments. My duties and accomplishments in this role include:

- Collected individual course enrollment data as well as graduate program enrollment data for the years 2013-2016 and summarized the data
- Convened committee meetings on several occasions to discuss content areas and ways to create efficiencies
- Presented ideas for possible program revision and merger to various small groups
- Collected discussion summaries from these small group meetings
- Conducted an online survey of the 30 program faculty to obtain anonymous feedback on graduate program revision/merger and related issues
- Conducted qualitative and quantitative analysis on the survey data
- Discussed preliminary data with the department heads: Madeleine Henry (SLC), Venetria Patton (SIS), and Krista Ratcliffe (English)
- Submitted recommendations to the department heads

SERVICE TO PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Department of English

2016-present Director of English Language and Linguistics
 2018-present Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee
 2016-2019 Member, Graduate Committee
 2007-2016 Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee
 2014 Member, Search Committee, Second Language Studies Position
 2007-present Literary Awards Judge, Linguistics Kneale Awards
 2004-2006 Member, Job Placement Committee
 2004-present Member, English Language and Linguistics Program
 2003-2009 Member, Subcommittee on Elements of Linguistics (ENGL 227)

Linguistics Program, School of Interdisciplinary Studies

2016-2017 Member, Steering Committee
 2012-2016 Director of Graduate Studies
 2011-2012 Organizer, Linguistics Seminar Series
 2009-2010 Member, Graduate Admissions Committee

- 2005-present Member, Curriculum Committee
- 2003-2005 Organizer, Linguistics Seminar Series
- 2004 Organizer for an invited guest speaker

College of Liberal Arts

- 2016-present Chair, Task Force on College of Liberal Arts Linguistics Graduate Programs
- 2016-2019 Member, College of Liberal Arts Senate
- 2013 Reviewer, Exploratory Research in the Social Sciences grant competition
- 2011-2014 Member, College of Liberal Arts Senate

Purdue Linguistics Association

- 2009-2010 Faculty advisor
- 2008 Organizer for an invited guest speaker, Purdue Linguistics Symposium
- 2006-present Session chair for the annual Purdue Linguistics Symposium
- 2007, 2011, 2015 Workshop leader, "Preparing your professional CV"

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

- 1999-2002 Chair, Information Technology Committee, Department of English.
- 1999-2002 Member, Staff-Student Consultative Committee, Department of English.
- 2000-2002 Member, Working Committee, Cognitive Science Program.
- 2001-2002 Member, Departmental Research Postgraduate Committee, Department of English.
- 1999-2000 Member, Linguistics Search Committee, Department of English.
- 1999 Co-organizer, Open Day, Department of English.

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Journal Editing

- 2017-present General Editor, *Language and Cognition*

One of five co-editors for this journal, which is published by Cambridge University Press. In 2017, the journal had an impact factor of 1.44 and appeared in the top quartile of journals in Language and Linguistics.

- 2000-2019 Editorial Board, *Language and Communication*
- 2000-2013 Editorial Board, *Language Sciences*

Leadership Positions in Professional Societies

- 2012 Junior Co-chair of the Ethics Committee of the Linguistic Society of America
- 2013 Senior Co-chair of the Ethics Committee of the Linguistic Society of America

Committee Memberships in Professional Societies

2011-present Member, Ethics Committee of the Linguistic Society of America

Reviewing

Article submissions for the following journals (several reviews per year):

Corpus Linguistics and Linguistic Theory, English Language and Linguistics, First Language, Folia Linguistica, Glossa, Journal of Historical Syntax, Journal of Linguistics, Journal of English Linguistics, Journal of Psycholinguistic Research, Language, Languages, Language and Cognition, Language and Communication, Language Sciences, Language Testing, Linguistics, Studia Linguistica, Studies in Language, Syntax, Theoretical Linguistics, Wiley Interdisciplinary Reviews: Cognitive Science.

Book manuscripts or book chapters for the following presses:

Cambridge University Press, CSLI Publications, John Benjamins, Mouton de Gruyter

Grant proposals to the following government agencies:

Israel Science Foundation, National Science Foundation, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Research Grants Council of Hong Kong

Conference submissions to the following conferences:

Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society (2017); CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing (2019-20); UK Cognitive Linguistics Conference (2020)

Dossier Reviewer for a tenure case at an R2 University in 2016.

Other Professional Activities

2014 Audited Structure of Cantonese course (LING 598, Spring 2014) as an active participant in discussions and a contributor of guest lectures

2010 Audited first-semester Chinese language course (CHNS 101, Fall 2010) at Purdue for the benefit of my research on Chinese

2010 Audited second-semester statistics course (STAT 502, Summer 2010) at Purdue to improve my understanding of quantitative research methods

2006 Audited first-semester statistics course (STAT 501, Summer 2006) at Purdue to improve my understanding of quantitative research methods

2000 Co-organizer, "Approaches to Mismatch" workshop [with Laura Michaelis], *Berkeley Formal Grammar Conference*, Berkeley, CA

1999 Affiliate, Linguistic Society of America Linguistic Institute, Urbana-Champaign, Illinois, July 1999

Professional Memberships

1993-present Linguistic Society of America

2005-present American Association of University Professors

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