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EDUCATION

- 2005 PhD in Linguistics, McGill University
PhD Thesis Title: *Verb-Stranding VP Ellipsis: A Cross-Linguistic Study*
Directed by: Lisa deMena Travis and Jason Merchant (co-chairs)
- 1998 MA in Linguistics, University of California at Santa Cruz
MA Thesis Title: *Verb Phrase Ellipsis and Clause Structure in Modern Hebrew*
Directed by: James McCloskey
- 1993 BA in Linguistics with Honors in the Major, University of California at Santa Cruz

EMPLOYMENT

- 2006-2008 Visiting Assistant Professor, Program in Linguistics, Brandeis University
- 2005-2006 Visiting Lecturer, Program in Linguistics, Brandeis University
- 2004-2005 Visiting Lecturer, Department of Linguistics, University of California at Berkeley
- 2003-2004 Visiting Lecturer, Department of Linguistics, Northwestern University
- Summer 2002 Lecturer, Department of Linguistics, McGill University

RESEARCH INTERESTS AND MAIN FOCUS

Theoretical generative syntax; specific focuses include the syntax-semantics interface, ellipsis from a cross-linguistic perspective, the structure of Modern Hebrew and other Semitic languages.

PUBLICATIONS

- 2002 Goldberg, Lotus "An Elucidation of Null Direct Object Structures in Modern Hebrew", *Proceedings of WCCFL 21*, Cascadilla Press, Somerville, MA, pp. 99-112.
- 2001 Goldberg, Lotus "On the Obligatory Nature of Verb and Subject Movement in Modern Hebrew: A comparison of Borer (1995) and Shlonsky (1997)", *McGill Working Papers in Linguistics*, 15.2: 1-35.

IN PREPARATION

- 2006 Goldberg, Lotus “The Identity Requirements of Verb-Stranding VP Ellipsis”
- 2005 Goldberg, Lotus “Null objects in Modern Hebrew”, under revision, to be submitted to *Language*

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (REFEREED)

- 2006 Goldberg, Lotus “Verbal Identity and Verbal Focus in VP Ellipsis”, 80th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- 2004 Goldberg, Lotus “V-Stranding VPE: A new argument for underlying syntactic structure in ellipsis”, Chicago Linguistic Society 40, Panel Session “‘What We Talk About When We Talk About Nothing’: The experience of absence in Linguistics”, Chicago, Illinois, April '04.
- 2004 Goldberg, Lotus “A Verbal Identity Constraint in Verb-Stranding VP Ellipsis”, 78th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Boston, Massachusetts.
- 2003 Goldberg, Lotus “Deriving V-Stranding VP Ellipsis”, North Eastern Linguistic Society 34, Stony Brook, New York. (*Poster presented; alternate for the conference*)
- 2002 Goldberg, Lotus “An Elucidation of Null Direct Object Structures in Modern Hebrew”, West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics 21, Santa Cruz, California.

COLLOQUIA AND INVITED TALKS

- April 2006 “The Identity Requirements of Verb-Stranding VP Ellipsis”, invited talk, New York University Department of Linguistics.
- October 2005 “On the Verbal Identity Requirement in VP Ellipsis”, invited talk, Identity in Ellipsis workshop, UC Berkeley.
- November 2004 “A Cross-Linguistic Perspective on Parallelism in VP Ellipsis”, invited talk, UC Berkeley Society for Linguistics Undergraduates.
- October 2003 “Toward a Cross-Linguistically Viable Theory of VP Ellipsis”, colloquium, Northwestern University Department of Linguistics.
- March 2003 “Untangling VP Ellipsis and Null Object Gaps in the Syntax of Modern Hebrew”, colloquium, Concordia University Linguistics Student Association.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught — Brandeis University

Spring 2006:

- Linguistics 120b, Syntactic Theory (Undergraduate)
- Linguistics 190b, Structure of Modern Hebrew (Undergraduate)
- Linguistics 8b, Structure of the English Language (Undergraduate)

Fall 2005:

- Linguistics 100a, Introduction to Linguistics (Undergraduate)
- Linguistics 125b, Universal Grammar (Undergraduate)
- Course in linguistic typology.

Courses Taught — University of California, Berkeley

Spring 2005:

- Linguistics 115, Morphology and Phonology (Undergraduate)
- Linguistics 100, Introduction to Linguistic Science (Undergraduate)

Fall 2004:

- Linguistics 170, Structure, History, and Sociolinguistics of Modern Hebrew (Undergraduate)
- Linguistics 100, Introduction to Linguistic Science (Undergraduate)

Fall 2004, Spring 2005: Linguistics 290A, Syntax Circle (Graduate)

- Graduate-level discussion seminar for articles from the generative syntactic literature and presenters' own syntactic research

Courses Taught — Northwestern University

Spring 2004: Linguistics 462, Seminar in Syntax (Graduate)

- Advanced graduate-level seminar on Ellipsis, focusing on languages outside English.

Winter 2004: Linguistics 460-01, Syntactic Analysis I (Graduate)

- Second quarter of the three-quarter introduction to generative syntactic theory for first-year graduate students.

Winter 2004: Linguistics 260, Formal Analysis of Words and Sentences (Undergraduate)

- Introduction to empirical phenomena and generative theory in morphology and syntax

Fall 2003: Linguistics 240, Languages of the World (Undergraduate)

- Introduction to linguistic typology.

Courses Taught — McGill University

Summer 2002: Linguistics 201T, Introduction to Linguistics (Undergraduate)

Teaching Assistant Work:

McGill University

Winter 2001: Linguistics 360B, Syntax I, Dawn MacLaughlin.

Fall 2000, Winter 2000, Fall 1999, Fall 1996: Linguistics 201, Introduction to Linguistics; Glyne Piggott, Lisa Travis, Walcir Cardoso, and Kathleen Brannen.

University of California at Santa Cruz

Winter 1995, Winter 1996: Cowell 80G, Intro to UNIX Programming, Geoffrey Pullum.

Fall 1995, Fall 1993: Linguistics 52, Syntax I; James McCloskey, Sandra Chung.

Spring 1995: Linguistics 105, Morphology I; Donka Farkas.

Fall 1994: Linguistics 55, Syntactic Structures (Syntax for non-majors); James McCloskey.

Winter 1993: Linguistics 101, Phonology I; Armin Mester.

Spring 1992: Linguistics 53, Semantics I; William Ladusaw.

ADVISING

2004-05, Supervisor: Undergraduate Senior Honors Thesis, Pamila Pengra, UC Berkeley Department of Linguistics. "Investigating VP Ellipsis in Syrian Arabic".

HONORS AND AWARDS

Fall 2002: McGill Faculty of Arts Graduate Student Teaching Award. One of three awards given across all of Humanities and Social Sciences for excellence in course teaching and TA work.

Winter 2001: Fellowship from the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research.

Fall 1996, Winter 1998, Summer 1998: Merit-Based Differential Fee Waivers.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

September 2001-August 2002.

Research Assistant to Professor Jonathan Bobaljik (McGill); complex agreement systems.

September-December 1996, January 1998-August 2001.

Research Assistant to Professors Mark Baker, Lisa Travis, and Jonathan Bobaljik (McGill), and Professor Claire Lefebvre (Université du Québec à Montréal); multifunctionality.

April-August 1993.

Research Assistant to Professor Jorge Hankamer (UC Santa Cruz); problem sets for an anaphora puzzle book; writing and research for a Turkish morphological processing NSF grant proposal.

LANGUAGES

English (native), French (fluent), Spanish (moderate ability), Modern Hebrew (moderate ability).

REFERENCES

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James McCloskey	<mcclosk@ucsc.edu>	(831) 459-4489
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