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Professional Experience

2014 Founding Director, The University of Michigan Weinberg Institute for Cognitive Science (est. 2014)

2013 Faculty Member, Linguistic Society of America Linguistic Institute

2008-2010 Associate Chair, Department of Linguistics, University of Michigan

2005-2007 Associate Chair, Department of Linguistics, University of Michigan

2002-present Professor, Department of Linguistics, University of Michigan

1997-2001 Associate Professor, Department of Linguistics, University of Michigan

1992-1997 Associate Professor, Linguistics Department, Harvard University

1988-1992 Assistant Professor, Linguistics Department, Harvard University

1987-1988 Lecturer, Linguistics Department, University of Texas at Austin

Education

Ph.D. 1987 University of Connecticut at Storrs (Linguistics)
Thesis Title: Empty Categories and Their Antecedents

M.A. 1982 University of Connecticut at Storrs (Linguistics)

B.A. 1981 Hampshire College (Linguistics)
Thesis Title: The Effects of Word Stress on the Auditory Comprehension of Sentences with Multiple Filler-Gap Dependencies

Awards, Honors, Distinctions, and Fellowships

2015 Collegiate Professorship - Marilyn J. Shatz

2014 Inducted into the Michigan Chapter of The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

2014 Nominated for Collegiate Fellowship

2013 Nominated by the University of Michigan's Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs for a Council of Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) "United States Professor of the Year" award

2013 Arthur F. Thurnau Professor

2009 Recipient of John H. D'Arms Faculty Award for Distinguished Graduate Mentoring in the Humanities

2001 University of Michigan Faculty Career Development Award Recipient (\$5000)

Samuel D. Epstein
Curriculum Vitae

- 2001 University of Michigan Excellence in Research Award Recipient
1999 University of Michigan Excellence in Education Award Recipient
1994 Harvard University Thomas Temple Hoopes Prize Recipient (for “excellence in the work of undergraduates and the art of teaching”)
1984 Inducted into the University of Connecticut Chapter of The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi
1982 Honorable Mention Recipient, National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship Competition

Grants

- 2012 Department Apprentice Pilot Grant from the University of Michigan Linguistics Department (with Ph.D. Jae-Young Shim)
2010 Co-recipient (with Prof. Rick Lewis, Psychology) of a Marshall M. Weinberg grant for Interdisciplinary Graduate Seminars in the Cognitive Sciences (“Minimal Structure and Rational Behavior: Competence and Performance in Psycho-Linguistic Theory”), 2010
2006 Grant from The Office of Graduate and Undergraduate Education, University of Michigan to develop undergraduate “Language and Human Cognition Initiative”
2006 Grant from the LSA Dean’s Office, University of Michigan to develop undergraduate “Language and Human Cognition Initiative”
2005 Grant from The Consortium for Language, Society, and Thought (Prof. M. Shatz, Director) to develop “Language and Mind” speaker series
2005 Co-recipient (with Profs. R. Lewis, J. Boland and A. Pires) of a Center for Research on Learning and Teaching Whittaker Stage I Grant, University of Michigan, to develop “Language and Mind”
2001 Linguistics Faculty-Student Research Partnership, University of Michigan
2000 Center for Research in Learning and Teaching Grant, University of Michigan
2000 Humanities Block Grant Award, University of Michigan, for preparation of 2006 book *Derivations in Minimalism* (co-authored with Prof. T. Daniel Seely) and 2002 volume *Derivation and Explanation in the Minimalist Program* (co-edited with Prof. T. Daniel Seely)
1995-1997 Clark Fund Research Grants, Harvard University
1993-1997 Junior Faculty Research Assistantship Grants, Harvard University
1988-1989 Clark Fund Research Grants, Harvard University

Publications – Books

- 2015 *Explorations in Maximizing Syntactic Minimization*, co-authored with T. Daniel Seely and Hitsatsugu Kitahara, in the Leading Linguists series, C. Otero, ed. Routledge: New York. [A collection of previously published papers by Epstein, Kitahara and Seely, plus one previously unpublished research article]
2006 Epstein, S. and T. Seely. *Derivations in Minimalism*. Cambridge University Press: Cambridge.

- 2002 Epstein, S. and T. Seely, eds. *Derivation and Explanation in the Minimalist Program*. In the Generative Syntax series, D. Lightfoot, ed. Blackwell Publishers: Oxford.
- 2000 Epstein, S. *Essays in Syntactic Theory*. In the Leading Linguists series, C. Otero, ed. Routledge: New York. [A collection of some of my previously published articles]
- 1999 Epstein, S. and N. Hornstein, eds. *Working Minimalism*. MIT Press: Cambridge, MA.
- 1998 Epstein, S., E. Groat, R. Kawashima, and H. Kitahara. *A Derivational Approach to Syntactic Relations*. Oxford University Press: Oxford.
- 1996 Epstein, S., H. Thráinsson, and S. Peter, eds. *Studies in Comparative Germanic Syntax, Volume 2*. In the Studies in Natural Language and Linguistic Theory series, L. Haegeman, J. Maling, and J. McCloskey, eds. Kluwer Academic Publishers: Dordrecht.
- 1996 Epstein, S., H. Thráinsson, W. Abraham, and J. W. Zwart, eds. *Minimal Ideas: Syntactic Studies in the Minimalist Framework*. In the Linguistics Today series. John Benjamins Publishers: Amsterdam. [A collection of papers from *Harvard Working Papers in Linguistics* and *Groningen Working Papers*]
- 1995 Epstein, S., S. Peter, A. Calabrese, B. Vaux, and S. Kuno, eds. *Harvard Working Papers in Linguistics 5*. Department of Linguistics, Harvard University.
- 1994 Epstein, S., H. Thráinsson, and S. Kuno, eds. *Harvard Working Papers in Linguistics 4*. Department of Linguistics, Harvard University.
- 1993 Epstein, S., S. Kuno, and H. Thráinsson, eds. *Harvard Working Papers in Linguistics 3*. Department of Linguistics, Harvard University.
- 1991 Epstein, S. *Traces and Their Antecedents*. Oxford University Press: Oxford. (a revised version of my 1987 Ph.D. thesis)

Publications – Articles/Book Chapters/Encyclopedia Entries/Handbook “State of the Art” Chapters

- In progress An Experimental study of the Interpretation of the Mandarin Chinese quantifier "dou", with A. Ke, R. Lewis, and A. Pires
- In progress Epstein, S., H. Kitahara, and T. Seely "Is Syntax a ‘Perfect’ Solution to Interface Systems?", *The Cambridge Companion to Chomsky* (2nd ed.) Cambridge University Press, J. McGilvray ed.
- In progress Obata, M., and S. Epstein "Eliminating Parameters from the Narrow Syntax: Rule Ordering Variation by 3rd Factor Underspecification". *Advances in Biolinguistics: the Human Language Faculty and its Biological Basis*, K Fujita and C. Boeckx eds. Routledge
- In progress "Methods for Understanding Brains, Minds, and Machines: Noam Chomsky and Applied Linguistics". R. Barsky, ed. Routledge.
- To appear "Why Nurture is Natural (too)". *Biolinguistics*.
- To appear Epstein, S., H. Kitahara, and T. Seely "Phase Cancellation by Pair Merge of Heads". Special edition of *The Linguistic Review*, Z. Bošković ed.

- To appear Two Notes on Possible Approaches to the Unification of Theta Relations, co-authored with Jae-Young Shim (Ph.D. candidate, University of Michigan Department of Linguistics). *Linguistic Analysis*.
- To appear Epstein, S., H. Kitahara, and T. Seely "Merge, Labelling, and their Interactions". *Roots and Labels*, E. Groat, ed. Mouton de Gruyter.
- 2015 Epstein, S., H. Kitahara, and T. Seely "What do we wonder is not syntactic?" *Explorations in Maximizing Syntactic Minimization*. Routledge.
- 2015 From Aspects "Daughterless Mothers" (aka Delta Nodes) to POP's "Motherless" Sets (aka Nonprojection): A Selective History of the Evolution of Simplest Merge. A Commemoration of 50 Years Since Chomsky's *Aspects of the Theory of Syntax* (1965 MIT Press), Foreword by Noam Chomsky. MIT Press/MIT Working Papers in Linguistics.
- 2014 Baptista, M., S. Epstein, and M. Obata. "Can crosslinguistically variant grammars be formally identical? Third factor underspecification and the possible elimination of parameters of UG" *Lingua*.
- 2014 Epstein, S., H. Kitahara, and T. Seely. Labelling by Minimal Search: Implications for Successive Cyclic A-Movement and the Conception of the Postulate "Phase." *Linguistic Inquiry* 45(3).
- 2014 Baptista, M., S. Epstein, and M. Obata. Parameters as Third Factor Timing Optionality. Extended LSA abstract in eLanguage.
- 2012 Epstein, S., H. Kitahara, and T. Seely. Exploring Phase-Based Implications Regarding Clausal Architecture: A Case Study. In *Phases, Studies in Generative Grammar #109*, A. Gallego, ed. Mouton De Gruyter: Berlin.
- 2012 Epstein, S. H. Kitahara, and T. Seely. Simplest Merge Generates Set Intersection: Implications for Complementizer Trace Explanation. Proceedings of GLOW in Asia IX.
- 2012 Obata, M. and S. Epstein. Feature-Splitting Internal Merge: The Case of *Tough*-Constructions. In *Ways of Structure Building*, V. Valmala and M. Etxebarria, eds. Oxford University Press: Oxford.
- 2012 Epstein, S., H. Kitahara, and T. Seely. Structure Building That Can't Be. In *Ways of Structure Building*, V. Valmala and M. Etxebarria, eds. Oxford University Press: Oxford.
- 2012 Kitahara, H., S. Epstein, and T. Seely. Phase-Based Derivation: Implications for Theta Theory. In *Phases, Studies in Generative Grammar #109*, A. Gallego, ed. Mouton De Gruyter: Berlin.
- 2012 Epstein, S., H. Kitahara, M. Obata, and T. Seely. Economy of Derivation and Representation. In *The Cambridge Handbook of Generative Syntax*, M. den Dikken, ed. Cambridge University Press: Cambridge.
- 2011 Kitahara, H., T. Seely, and S. Epstein. Uninterpretable Features: What Are They and What Do They Do? In *Exploring Crash Proof Grammars*, M. Putnam, ed. John Benjamins: Amsterdam.

- 2011 Obata, M. and S. Epstein. Improper Movement, Intervention and the (Possible) Elimination of A/A' Position Types: Feature-Splitting Internal Merge. *Syntax: A Journal of Theoretical, Experimental and Interdisciplinary Research*.
- 2011 Kitahara, H., S. Epstein, and T. Seely. Derivation(s). In *The Oxford Handbook of Linguistic Minimalism*, C. Boeckx, ed. Oxford University Press: Oxford.
- 2010 Obata, M., R. Lewis, S. Epstein, B. Bartek, and J. Boland. Featural Analysis and Working Memory Retrieval in On-Line Parsing: Evidence for Syntactic, But Not Phonological, Similarity-Based Retrieval Interference. *Proceedings of the Northeast Linguistics Society 41*, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2010 Hiramatsu, K., K. Rulf, and S. Epstein. When Knowledge Causes Failure: Early Acquisition of Novel Adjectives and the English Proform *One*. *Lingua*.
- 2010 Epstein, S. and G. Fernandez-Salgueiro. C-command. In *The Encyclopedia of Language Sciences*, P. C. Hogan, ed. Cambridge University Press: Cambridge.
- 2009 Epstein, S., H. Kitahara, and T. Seely. The Necessity, But Invisibility of Counter-Cyclic Outputs: Deducing Extraction Constraints and Transfer-Application from 3rd Factor Conditions on Language Design. *2009 GLOW Newsletter*.
- 2008 Obata, M. and S. Epstein. Deducing Improper Movement from Phase-Based C-to-T Phi Transfer: Feature-Splitting Internal Merge. In *Proceedings of the 27th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*. Cascadilla Proceedings Project: Somerville, MA.
- 2007 Epstein, S. and T. Seely. Video "The Anatomy and Physiology of Chomsky's Biolinguistic Minimalism: A Tutorial." Inaugural issue of *Biolinguistics*, an online peer-reviewed journal.
- 2007 Epstein, S. Physiological Linguistics, and Some Implications Regarding Disciplinary Autonomy and Unification. *Mind and Language*.
- 2007 Epstein, S. On I(nternalist) Functional Explanation in Minimalism. Special edition of *Linguistic Analysis*, entitled "Dynamic Interfaces," K. Grohmann, ed.
- 2005 Epstein, S. and N. Hornstein. The Future of Language (Science). Letter to the Editor, *Language: The Journal of the Linguistic Society of America* 81(2).
- 2005 Epstein, S., T. Seely and A. Pires. EPP in T: More Controversial Subjects. *Syntax: A Journal of Theoretical, Experimental and Interdisciplinary Research*.
- 2002 Epstein, S. and T. Seely. On the Quest for Explanation. Introduction to *Derivation and Explanation in the Minimalist Program*, S. Epstein and T. Seely, eds. Blackwell Publishers: Oxford.
- 2002 Epstein, S. and T. Seely. Rule Applications as Cycles in a Level-Free Syntax. In *Derivation and Explanation in the Minimalist Program*, S. Epstein and T. Seely, eds. Blackwell Publishers: Oxford.
- 1999 Epstein, S. Un-Principled Syntax and the Derivation of Syntactic Relations. In *Working Minimalism*, S. Epstein and N. Hornstein, eds. MIT Press: Cambridge, MA.
- 1998 Martohardjono, G., S. Epstein, and S. Flynn. Universal Grammar: Hypothesis Space or Grammar Selection Process? Is UG Affected by Critical Periods? *Behavioral and Brain Science* 21. [Authors' continuing response to J.

- Herschensohn's "Universal Grammar and the Critical Age: A Continuing Commentary on Epstein, Flynn, and Martohardjono's "Second Language Acquisition: Theoretical and Experimental Issues in Contemporary Research." 1996. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences* 19:611-614.]
- 1998 Epstein, S. Overt Scope Marking and Covert Verb-Second. *Linguistic Inquiry* 29(2). [An expanded version of "Superiority," see below]
- 1998 Epstein, S., S. Flynn, and G. Martohardjono. The Strong Continuity Hypothesis: Some Evidence Concerning Functional Categories in Adult L2 Acquisition. In *The Generative Study of Second Language Acquisition*, S. Flynn, G. Martohardjono, and W. O'Neil, eds. Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, Publishers: Mahwah, NJ.
- 1996/97 Epstein, S., S. Flynn, and G. Martohardjono. Second Language Acquisition: Theoretical and Experimental Issues in Contemporary Research. Target article, *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 19(4).
- 1996 Epstein, S., S. Flynn, and G. Martohardjono. UG and L2 Acquisition: The Null Hypothesis. Authors' reply to Open Peer Commentary in *Behavioral and Brain Sciences* 19(4).
- 1996 Epstein, S., H. Thráinsson, and J. W. Zwart. Introduction to *Minimal Ideas: Syntactic Studies in the Minimalist Framework*, S. Epstein, H. Thráinsson, W. Abraham, and J. W. Zwart, eds. John Benjamins: Amsterdam.
- 1996 Thráinsson, H., S. Epstein, and S. Peter. Introduction to *Studies in Comparative Germanic Syntax, Volume 2*. Kluwer: Dordrecht.
- 1995 Berwick, R. and S. Epstein. On the Convergence of "Minimalist" Syntax and Categorical Grammar. In *Algebraic Methods in Language Processing 1995: Proceedings of the Twente Workshop on Language Technology 10, Jointly Held with the First Algebraic Methodology and Software Technology (AMAST) Workshop on Language Processing*, A. Nijholt, G. Scollo, and R. Steetkamp, eds. Universiteit Twente, Enschede, The Netherlands.
- 1993 Epstein, S. Superiority. In *Harvard Working Papers in Linguistics 3*, S. Epstein, S. Kuno, and H. Thráinsson, eds. Department of Linguistics, Harvard University.
- 1992 Epstein, S. Derivational Constraints on A-bar Chain Formation. *Linguistic Inquiry* 23(2).
- 1990 Epstein, S. Differentiation and Reduction in Syntactic Theory: A Case Study. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 8(3).
- 1989 Epstein, S. Adjunction and Pronominal Variable Binding. *Linguistic Inquiry* 20(2).
- 1989 Epstein, S. Quantification in Null Operator Constructions. *Linguistic Inquiry* 20(4).
- 1986 Epstein, S. The Local Binding Condition and LF Chains. *Linguistic Inquiry* 17(2).
- 1984 Epstein, S. Quantifier-*pro* and the LF Representation of PRO_{arb}. *Linguistic Inquiry* 15(3).
- 1984 Epstein, S. A Note on Functional Determination and Strong Crossover. *The Linguistic Review* 3(3).

Papers Presented and Invited Colloquia (presenters vary)

Samuel D. Epstein
Curriculum Vitae

- 2016 Epstein, S., T. Seely, and H. Kitahara. TITLE: TBA. Kyoto Workshop on Minimalism.
- 2016 Epstein, S., T. Seely, and H. Kitahara. TITLE: TBA. Kanazawa Workshop on Minimalist Syntax.
- 2016 Invited keynote speaker, WCCFL (University of Utah)
- 2014 Epstein, S., T. Seely, and H. Kitahara. Simplest Merge and Labelling Subsume Phases. English Linguistic Society of Japan, 7th International Spring Forum.
- 2014 Epstein, S., T. Seely, and H. Kitahara. Valuation and Labelling. English Linguistic Society of Korea, Spring Workshop.
- 2014 Epstein, S., T. Seely, and H. Kitahara. Free Application of Merge + Overt Case Particles = Scrambling? Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics, MIT. [poster]
- 2014 Epstein, S., T. Seely, and H. Kitahara. Labelling with Simplest Merge. 36th Annual Conference of the German Linguistic Society, Marburg, Germany.
- 2014 Epstein, S., T. Seely, and H. Kitahara. *What Do We Wonder Is Not Syntactic? GLOW in Asia X. [poster]
- 2014 Kitahara delivered intensive lecture series at Tohoku Gakuin University, Japan some of which concerned Epstein, Kitahara, Seely research
- 2013 Baptista, M., M. Obata, and S. Epstein. Haitian Creole vs. Cape Verdean Complementizer Agreement. Formal Approaches to Creole Studies, Center for Linguistics, University of Lisbon, Portugal.
- 2012 Epstein, S., T. Seely, and H. Kitahara. A Phonosyntactic Account of Complementizer-Trace Phenomena. GLOW in Asia IX, Mie University, Tsu City, Japan.
- 2011 Epstein, S., T. Seely, and H. Kitahara. Minimization of UG, Reliance on Third Factor Principles and the Feasibility of Evolutionary Explanation. Kyoto Conference on Biolinguistics.
- 2011 Epstein, S., T. Seely, and H. Kitahara. UG, the Minimum. Durham, UK.
- 2011 Invited for department colloquium talk, University of Connecticut Linguistics Department. [postponed]
- 2011 Colloquium talk (with T. Seely), University of Maryland Department of Linguistics.
- 2010 Obata, M., R. Lewis, S. Epstein, B. Bartek, and J. Boland. Featural Analysis and Working Memory Retrieval in On-Line Parsing: Evidence for Syntactic, But Not Phonological, Similarity-Based Retrieval Interference. Northeast Linguistics Society, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2010 Invited as plenary speaker by president of the Linguistics Society of Korea to speak at Seoul International Conference on Linguistics 2010. [unable to accept]
- 2009 Epstein, S., H. Kitahara, and T. Seely. Invited plenary speakers, Midamerica Linguistics Conference, University of Missouri. [T. Seely, presenter]
- 2009 Epstein, S., H. Kitahara, and T. Seely. The Application of Transfer Is Case-Sensitive and Deducible. Research Institute for Linguistics conference on Minimalist Approaches to Syntactic Locality, Budapest, Hungary. [T. Seely, presenter]
- 2009 Epstein, S., H. Kitahara, and T. Seely. Research presented at Nanzan University, Japan (four 90-minute lectures), Sophia University, Japan (two 90-minute

- lectures), Tsuda Women's College, Japan (one 90-minute lecture). [H. Kitahara, presenter]
- 2008 Obata, M. and S. Epstein. Building (Proper) Improper Movement Structure. Ways of Structure Building, University of the Basque Country, Spain.
- 2008 Epstein, S., H. Kitahara, and T. Seely. The Value of Phonological Underspecification in the Narrow Syntax. Plenary talk, Exploring Crash-Proof Grammars, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, TN.
- 2008 Colloquium talk, Michigan State University Department of Linguistics, East Lansing, Michigan.
- 2008 Obata, M. and S. Epstein. On the Non-Existence of A/A' Positions: Improper Movement and Intervention Effects. Exploring Crash-Proof Grammars, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, TN.
- 2008 Phasing Out Improper Movement as Featural Crash. Presented at (1) Exploring Crash-Proof Grammars, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, TN; (2) GLOW 31, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK; (3) WCCFL 27, UCLA.
- 2007 Epstein, S., L. Chen and R. Lewis. The When and How of Positioning Null Subject pro. 20th City University of New York Conference on Sentence Processing.
- 2007 Epstein, S. and M. Obata. Improper Movement Generates Featural Uninterpretability. 37th Annual Meeting of the Michigan Linguistics Society, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI.
- 2007 Participant in Eastern Michigan University Linguistics Workshop, "The Foundations of Generative Grammar & Beyond; A Student-Faculty Interactive." [T. Seely, organizer]
- 2007 Invited speaker, "Physiological Linguistic Explanation," Harvard Linguistic Theory Workshop.
- 2006 Plenary co-presenter (with T. Seely), "The Anatomy of Biolinguistic Minimalism," Michigan Linguistics Society, Oakland University, Rochester, MI.
- 2006 Invited speaker, Eastern Michigan University, Linguistics class, to discuss the "Three Factors Approach in Bio-Linguistic Research."
- 2005 Invited speaker (with T. Seely), University of Maryland Linguistics Department, to discuss our then forthcoming book *Derivations in Minimalism* (2006).
- 2003 Plenary speaker, "On Inter-Modular Deduction and I-Functional Explanation," North American Syntax Conference, Concordia University, Montreal.
- 2001 Invited speaker, "Is the Proper Binding Condition Derivational?" Tools in Linguistic Theory, Utrecht, The Netherlands.
- 2001 Invited by the Netherlands Graduate School of Linguistics and the North West Centre for Linguistics to teach a graduate syntax course, "Derivational Approaches to Syntactic Theory," during their graduate Summer School in Utrecht, The Netherlands.
- 2001 Invited participant, Roundtable Discussion, Interfaces and Interactions in the Future of Linguistics, University of Michigan Department of Linguistics

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Curriculum Vitae

- 2001 Invited speaker, "Explanation, Derivation, and the Proper Binding Condition." 10th Annual Workshop on Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics, University of Michigan Slavic Languages and Literature Department.
- 1999 Invited speaker (with T. Seely), "Eliminating the EPP and A-Chains," Wayne State University Linguistics Department.
- 1999 Invited speaker (with T. Seely), "Specifying the GF 'Subject': Eliminating A-Chains and the Extended Projection Principle in a Derivational Model," Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute, Urbana, IL.
- 1998 Materialism, Mentalism, and Modularity in Linguistic Explanation. Commentary on University of Michigan Symposium regarding Prof. John Schumann's book, *The Neurobiology of Affect in Language*.
- 1996 Invited speaker, "Minimalist Parsing" (co-authored with Profs. R. Berwick and A. Weinberg), 10th City University of New York Conference on Sentence Processing.
- 1996 Invited speaker, "Minimalist Parsing" (co-authored with Profs. R. Berwick and A. Weinberg), New Jersey Syntax Circle.
- 1995 Invited speaker, "Minimalist Computation" (with Prof. R. Berwick), 9th City University of New York Conference on Sentence Processing.
- 1995 Invited speaker, "On the Convergence of 'Minimalist' Syntax and Categorical Grammar" (co-authored with Prof. R. Berwick), Twente Workshop on Language Technology 10, jointly held with the First Algebraic Methodology and Software Technology (AMAST) Workshop on Language Processing.
- 1995 Invited speaker, "Age vs. L1 in the Acquisition of a Second Language: Some Evidence from the Acquisition of Functional Categories" (with Profs. S. Flynn and G. Martohardjono), 69th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America.
- 1995 Invited speaker, "Un-Principled Syntax," University of Maryland at College Park.
- 1994 Invited speaker, "Contrasts and Similarities in Child and Adult Second Language Acquisition: Some Evidence from Functional Categories" (with Profs. S. Flynn and G. Martohardjono), The Boston University Conference on Language Development.
- 1994 Invited speaker, "Adult L2 Acquisition of the Functional Syntactic Category INFL: A Case Study of Experimental and Theoretical Issues in Adult L2 Acquisition," Georgetown University.
- 1994 Invited speaker, "Initial States in L2 Acquisition: Evidence from the Development of Functional Categories in Child and Adult L2 Learners" (with Profs. S. Flynn and G. Martohardjono), Second Language Research Forum, McGill University, Montreal.
- 1994 Invited speaker, "The Derivation of Syntactic Relations," Harvard University Forum in Synchronic Linguistic Theory.
- 1993 Invited speaker, "The Continuous Access Hypothesis: Some Evidence from Functional Categories in L2 Acquisition" (with Profs. S. Flynn and G. Martohardjono), The MIT Workshop on Recent Advances in Second Language Acquisition.
- 1993 Invited speaker, "Superiority," University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

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- 1993 Invited speaker, "Scope-Marking and LF V2," University of Connecticut at Storrs.
1993 Invited speaker, "Scope-Marking and LF V2," Princeton University.
1993 Invited speaker, "The Full Access Hypothesis in Second Language Acquisition: Some Evidence from the Acquisition of Functional Categories" (with Profs. S. Flynn and G. Martohardjono), 10th Meeting of the International Association of Applied Linguistics, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
1993 Invited speaker, "The Acquisition of Modals by Speakers of Spanish and Japanese Learning English as a Second Language" (with Profs. S. Flynn and G. Martohardjono), From Pragmatics to Syntax: Modality and Modes in Second Language Acquisition, Pavia, Italy.
1990 Invited speaker, "On A-bar Chain Formation," Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
1989 Invited speaker, "On the Derivation and Representation of English 'Tough' Constructions," University of California – Los Angeles.
1988 Invited speaker, "Adjunction and Pronominal Variable Binding," University of Texas at Austin.
1988 Invited speaker, "Adjunction and Pronominal Variable Binding," Harvard University.

Professional Affiliations

Linguistic Society of America (LSA)
Generative Linguistics of the Old World (GLOW)
American Association of University Professors (AAUP)
American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)

Professional Activities

Journal Co-Founder and Co-Editor

Syntax: A Journal of Theoretical, Experimental and Interdisciplinary Research
First issue April 1998. Blackwell Publishers: Oxford.

Former Member

University of Michigan Center on Cognitive Architecture (J. Laird, director)

Consultant

Weinberg Cognitive Science Initiative (2007-08)
Cognitive Science Task Force, appointed by Dean T. McDonald (2011-12)

Board Member

- 2013-present Associate Editorial Board of *Linguistic Inquiry*, MIT Press
2011 Editorial board of *Teaching Linguistics*, a peer-reviewed e-journal of the Linguistic Society of America
2011-present Editorial board of *Open Journal of Modern Linguistics*
2006-present Editorial board of *Biolinguistics*, an online peer-reviewed journal
1998-1999 Chair of the Electorate Nominating Committee for Section Z (Linguistics), American Association for the Advancement of Science

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- 1996-present Associate of *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, Cambridge University Press
1996-1999 Member of the Electorate Nominating Committee for Section Z (Linguistics), American Association for the Advancement of Science
1995-present Editorial board of *Studia Linguistica*, Blackwell Publishers
1995-present Linguistics Advisory Board of *Language Acquisition: A Journal of Developmental Linguistics*, Lawrence Erlbaum Associates Publishers
1994-present Scientific Advisory Board of *Lincom Europa, Studies in Theoretical Linguistics*
1992-1999 Associate Editorial Board of *Linguistic Inquiry*, MIT Press

Ad Hoc Reviewer

MIT Press, Oxford University Press, Blackwell Publishers
Cambridge University Press, *Language* (Linguistic Society of America),
Language Acquisition: A Journal of Developmental Linguistics (Lawrence Erlbaum), *Lingua* (Elsevier), *Linguistic Inquiry* (MIT Press), *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* (Kluwer), *Studia Linguistica* (Blackwell), *Language and Linguistic Compass* (Blackwell), *The Linguistic Review* (Foris/Mouton de Gruyter), *Linguistic Analysis, Biolinguistics, Current Biology* (in 2009), *Topics in Cognitive Science, Wiley-Blackwell Cognitive Science Series, Bilingualism and Cognition*

Grant Proposal Reviewer

- 2009 National Science Foundation Project Proposal Reviewer
2005 Grant reviewer, The Humanities of the Netherlands, Organization for Scientific Research (so-called "Dutch NSF")
2000 Grant reviewer, FCAR: Fonds pour la Formation de Chercheurs et l'Aide à la Recherche (a Quebec branch of the Canadian Ministère de la Recherche de la Science et de la Technologie)
1996 Evaluator, Thomas Temple Hoopes (honors thesis) Prize, Harvard University
1995-1996 Evaluator, National Science Foundation
1993 National Research Council evaluator, Graduate Linguistics Programs in the U.S.
1993 Application reviewer, the Harvard Yen-Ching Institute Visiting Scholar Program
1989 Application reviewer, the Mary Ingraham Bunting Institute, Radcliffe College

Conference Organizer

- 1994 Co-Organizer, The Ninth (International) Workshop on Comparative Germanic Syntax, Harvard University

Conference Referee/Abstract Reviewer

GLOW, GLOW in Asia, Islands in Contemporary Syntactic Theory, Chicago Linguistic Society, Northeast Linguistic Society, West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics, Conference on Japanese and Korean Linguistics, Comparison in Syntactic Theory Conference, MIT, Formal Linguistics Society of Mid-America, Eastern States Conference on Linguistics

University of Michigan Service

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- 2015 Participant, "Faculty Call Out," contacted underrepresented admittees to UM to facilitate their acceptance
- 2015 UMICHERS, The Michigan Humanities Emerging Research Scholars, recruiting and mentoring outstanding prospective graduate students who are underrepresented in their field of study
- 2014 Participant in Cook Scholars reception (for entering freshmen from under-resourced high schools in Owasso and Shiawasee Counties, Michigan)
- 2014 Wolverine Express, an educational outreach program for students in under-resourced high schools in Michigan (just joined)
- 2012-2014 Member of diversity recruitment of graduate students committee
- 2009 Invited participant in Provost T. Sullivan's Seminar on Graduate and Postdoctoral Mentoring in the Humanities
- 2008 Member, Rackham Merit Fellowship Committee
- 2008 Member, University of Michigan Honorary Degree Committee

Departmental Service

University of Michigan Department of Linguistics

- 2014 Chair, Promotion Review Committee
- 2014-15 Member, Graduate Committee
- 2012-2014 Member of diversity recruitment of graduate students committee
- 2012-2013 Member, Undergraduate Committee
- 2012-2013 Member, Executive Committee
- 2009-2014 Faculty mentor to Ezra Keshet
- 2010-2011 Associate Chair & Graduate Program Chair
- 2008-2010 Associate Chair & Graduate Program Chair
- 2008-2009 Chair, Third Year Review Committee
- 2008 Member, Promotion Review Committee (Psychology/Linguistics)
- 2008 Chair, Tenure Review Committee
- 2007-2008 Member, Graduate Committee
- 2006-2007 Member, Faculty Promotion Review Committee (Psychology Department)
- 2005-2007 Associate Chair & Graduate Program Chair
- 2005 Elected member, Executive Committee
- 2005 Chair, Graduate Committee
- 2002 Member, Tenure and Promotion Committee
- 2001-2003 Elected member, Executive Committee
- 2001 Adjunct/Consultant, Semantics Search Committee
- 2001 Adjunct/Consultant, Language Learning Research Assistant Professor Search Committee
- 2000-2001 Member, Psycholinguistics Search Committee (joint Linguistics/Psychology search)
- 2000-2001 Chair, Graduate Admissions Committee
- 2000 Invited member, Program Executive Committee
- 1999-2000 Member, Tenure and Promotion Policy Review Committee; third year reviewer

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- for two Program faculty members
1999-2000 Member, Graduate Admissions Committee
1998-1999 Member, Program Undergraduate Committee
1997-1999 Elected member, Executive Committee
1997-1998 Member, Graduate Admissions Committee
1997-1998 Affiliate, ad hoc Psycholinguistics Search Committee

Harvard University

- 1996 Harvard University Invited Participant in the 19th Faculty Seminar at the Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning, "Discussion of Leadership Skills: Teaching and the Case Method"
1996 Harvard College Research Program Faculty Sponsor (faculty mentor for student-initiated scholarly research)
1994 Member, Graduate Curriculum Committee, Department of Linguistics
1994 Member, Department Planning Committee, Department of Linguistics
1992-1992 Member, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Department of Linguistics
1990-1991 Head Tutor (three semesters; responsible for monitoring progress of all Linguistics majors)
1989-1994 Member, Colloquium Committee, Department of Linguistics
1988-1997 Faculty Associate, North House

Ph.D. Students

University of Michigan

- 2015 Jae-Young Shim, *A Featureless Approach to Korean Topic & Focus* (supervisor)
2015 Sujeewa Hettiarachchi, *On Sinhala Involitives and Case Marking* (member)
2013 *Tim Chou, *Unvalued Interpretable Features and Topic A-Movement in Chinese Raising Modal Constructions* (co-supervised with Prof. A. Pires)
2012 *David Medeiros, *Embedded Ancient Greek Imperatives: A Feature Transfer Analysis; Hawaiian VP Remnant Movement: A Cyclic Linearization Analysis* (co-supervised with Prof. A. Pires)
2010 *Konstantia Kapetangianni, *The Syntax and Acquisition of Control* (co-supervised with Prof. A. Pires)
2010 *Miki Obata, *Root Successive Cyclic and Feature-Splitting Internal Merge: Implications for Feature Inheritance and Transfer* (co-supervised with Prof. N. Chomsky, MIT)
2010 Damon Tutunjian. *Processing Coordinated Verb Phrases: The Relevance of Lexical-Semantic, Conceptual, and Contextual Information Towards Establishing Verbal Parallelism* (committee member)
2008 Lillian Chen (Department of Psychology, cognate member)
2008 *Gerardo Fernandez-Salgueiro, *On the Structure of Coordination: Applying Current Ideas to Long-Standing Puzzles* (co-supervised with Prof. A. Pires)
2008 Timothy Sundell (Department of Psychology, cognate member)
2007 Christopher Becker, *A Unified Approach to Clausal and Nominal Agreement in Russian* (committee member)

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- 2007 Catherine Fortin, *Indonesian Ellipsis: Ellipsis in the Sentential Domain and Its Implications for Clause Structure* (supervisor) recipient of UMICH Proquest Outstanding Dissertation award
- 2007 Michael Marlo, *The Verbal Tonology of Three Luyia Languages* (committee member)
- 2006 *Hamid Ouali, *Unifying Agreement Relations: A Minimalist Analysis of Berber* (co-supervised with Prof. A. Pires)
- 2005 Andrea Stiasny, *The Acquisition of Clitics in Croatian and Spanish and Its Implications for Syntactic Theory* (committee member)
- 2004 Bruce Lacey, *Cognitive Content and Communication* (Department of Philosophy, cognate member)
- 2002 *Annemarie Toebosch, *Animacy and the Syntax of Object Clitics* (co-supervised with Prof. C. Tortora)
- 2002 *Rose Letsholo, *Syntactic Domains in iKalanga* (co-supervised with Prof. M. Hale)
- 2002 Greg M. Sax, *Toward a Theory of High-Grade Representation: A Taxonomy of Content Types* (Department of Philosophy, cognate member)

Harvard University

- 1997 Marlyse Baptista, *The Morphosyntax of Verbs in Cape Verdean Creole*
- 1997 John O'Neil, *Means of Control: Deriving the Properties of Control Theory in the Minimalist Program*
- 1997 Erich Groat, *A Derivational Program for Syntactic Theory* (co-supervised with Prof. N. Chomsky, MIT)
- 1997 Youngjun Jang, *A Minimalist Analysis of Expletives*
- 1996 Dianne Jonas, *Clause Structure and Verb Syntax in Scandinavian and English*
- 1996 Soo-Yeon Kim, *Optionality: The Interaction of Structural and Non-Structural Constraints on Scrambling and Binding*
- 1996 K. Scott Ferguson, *A Feature-Relativized Shortest Move Requirement*
- 1996 Geoffrey Poole, *Transformations Across Components* (co-supervised with Prof. N. Chomsky, MIT)
- 1994 Hisatsugu Kitahara, *Target- α : A Unified Theory of Movement and Structure Building* (co-supervised with Prof. N. Chomsky, MIT)
- 1993 Rebecca Klein Kennedy, *Reference and Focus in English*
- 1991 Tomiko Narahara, *Nominal Categories and Binding Theory*
- 1990 Young-joo Kim, *The Syntax and Semantics of Korean Case: The Interaction Between Lexical and Syntactic Levels of Representation*

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Students

University of Michigan

- 2007 David Kush, *Compound Interest: Applying a Serialization Phrase Structure to Hindi Verbal Compounds*. Graduated with highest honors. Received post-baccalaureate Bagette Fellowship, University of Maryland, Linguistics Department.
- 2004 Keli Rulf, *The Syntax, Semantics and Early Acquisition of 'One'*. Winner of the

- Linguistics Department's Outstanding Achievement Award.
- 2004 Kate Golski, *The Phono-Syntactic Interface*. Winner of the Matthew Alexander award for outstanding honors thesis in Linguistics.
- 2001 Avram Derrow, *The Theoretical Manifestation of Grammaticality*. Winner of the University of Maryland Linguistics Department's National Undergraduate Essay Competition; paper published in University of Maryland Working Papers, Volume 11 (2001).
- 2001 Gabriel Williams, *Verb Movement in French and English*. Graduated with highest honors in Linguistics.
- 2001 Justin Fitzpatrick, *Movement Locality in a Derivational Theory*. Winner of the Matthew Alexander award for outstanding honors thesis in Linguistics; recipient of NSF pre-doctoral fellowship grant (2001); graduated with highest honors in Linguistics; revised version of thesis published in *Linguistic Inquiry* (MIT Press).
- 2000 Jon Gajewski, *The Syntax and Semantics of Complete-List Questions in a Non-Standard Variety of English and Non-Cyclic Adjunction* (co-supervised with Prof. C. Tortora); winner of the Linguistics Program award for outstanding research achievement for an undergraduate; part of thesis published in *Linguistic Inquiry* (MIT Press, 2001); received NSF pre-doctoral fellowship grant (2000).
- 2000 Aaron Stark, *The Syntax of Vietnamese "Submissive" Passives*; winner of the Matthew Alexander award (2000) for outstanding honors thesis in Linguistics; graduated with highest honors in Linguistics.
- 2000 Monica Takagi, *Controlled and Arbitrarily Interpreted PRO*.
- Undergraduate Honors Thesis Second Reader
- 2011 Emily Coppess (A. Pires, supervisor)
- 2007 Edward Cormany (A. Pires, supervisor)
- 2006 Charles Crissman (A. Pires, supervisor), *Incorporating Reference Time into a Binding Approach to Sequence of Tense*; named the Linguistics Department's Outstanding Graduating Senior.
- 2006 Nayana Dhavan, *A Non-Absolutive and Unified Movement Analysis of Hindi Passives and Ergatives*; winner of the Matthew Alexander award for outstanding honors thesis in Linguistics.
- 2004 Natasha Abner, *The Syntax of English Resultatives* (A. Pires, supervisor); recipient of LSA Virginia Voss Award; recipient of Outstanding Achievement Award, Linguistics Department.
- 2001 Jessica Rett, *Japanese Numeral Classifiers: The Effect of Linguistic Configurations on Category Membership* (M. Shatz, supervisor)
- Harvard University
- 1996 Joanna Veltri, *Children's Acquisition of Reflexive Verbal Morphology in the Imbabura Dialect of Quechua*
- 1995 Mark Kille, *What Thing Is Next, I Don't Quite Know: An Analysis of Variation in Word Order and Subject-Verb Agreement in Middle Cornish*
- 1995 Joel Derfner, *Abkhaz Wh-Movement*
- 1994 Ronald A. Fein, *The Acquisition of Genitive Negation in Russian* (co-supervised

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with Prof. K. Wexler, MIT); student winner of Thomas Temple Hooper Prize for Excellence in the Work of Undergraduates; thesis presented at Boston University Conference on Language Development.

1990 Orin J. Percus, *Implicit Arguments in English*

Courses Taught

University of Michigan

LING 105, Language and Mind (freshman seminar)
COGSCI 200, Introduction to Cognitive Science (co-taught with Prof. R. Lewis, Winter 2014)
HONORS 250, Language and Mind
LING 209 (formerly LING 200)/PSYCH 242, Language and the Human Mind (also co-taught with Prof. J. Boland, W06, and with Prof. A. Coetzee, W07)
LING 211, Introduction to Language (co-taught with Prof. S. Thomason)
LING 212, Introduction to the Symbolic Analysis of Language
LING 315, Introduction to Sentence Analysis
LING 415, Generative Syntax
LING 515, Generative Syntax (introductory graduate level)
LING 615, Advanced Syntax (second semester graduate level)
LING 756, The Development of Language and Communication Skills (advanced graduate seminar, co-taught with Prof. M. Shatz, Psychology Department)
LING/PSYCH 808, Minimal Structure and Rational Behavior: Competence and Performance in Psycholinguistic Theory (advanced graduate Weinberg Cognitive Sciences seminar, co-taught with Prof. R. Lewis (twice))
LING 815, Syntactic Theory (advanced graduate seminar)

Harvard University

In addition to the types of courses listed above, advanced undergraduate-level course teaching in: Acquisition of Syntax, Syntactic Processing.