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EDUCATION

- 2014- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 Ph.D. Linguistics, Semantics specialization
 Thesis: *Presuppositions in focus*
- 2013-2014 University of Toronto
 M.A. Linguistics
 Forum paper: *This predicate is tasty: Predicates of personal taste, faultless disagreement, and the ideal judge*
- 2009-2013 University of British Columbia
 B.A. Double major in Linguistics and Classics

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Semantics and its interfaces with syntax and pragmatics

PAPERS

MANUSCRIPTS

- submitted* *Even* in presupposition denials.
- in revision* PPI modals and scope in negative inversion constructions.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2013 (with Bryan Gick, Anna Klenin, Ezra Mizrahi, and Denise Tom) The velic traverse: An independent oral articulator? *Journal of the Acoustical Society of America*, 133(3), EL208-EL213.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- 2017 Modal scope in negative inversion constructions. In *Proceedings of the 34th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, ed. Aaron Kaplan et al., 214-221. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project.
- 2012 (with Jamie Ma and Bryan Gick) Aerotactile acuity as a predictor of sibilant contrast. *Proceedings of Acoustics Week in Canada. Canadian Acoustics*, 40(3): 22-23.
- 2012 (with Bryan Gick, Chenhao Chiu, Cormac Flynn, Ian Stavness, and Sidney Fels) Producing whole speech events: Differential facial stiffness across the labial stops. *Proceedings of Acoustics 2012 in Hong Kong*, 2pSC1, 6pp. The Hong Kong Institute of Acoustics (HKIOA).

PRESENTATIONS

CONFERENCES

- 2018 Presupposition-denying uses of *even*. Talk presented at SALT 28 at MIT, May 18-20.
- 2018 On *even* in presupposition denials. Poster presented at GLOW 41 in Budapest, April 10-13.
- 2016 Modal scope in negative inversion constructions. Talk presented at WC-CFL 34 in Salt Lake City, UT, April 29-May 1.
- 2016 Scope in negative inversion constructions: Evidence from PPI modals. Talk presented at GLOW 39 in Göttingen, April 5-8.
- 2014 Predicates of personal taste, faultless disagreement, and the ideal judge. Talk presented at the annual meeting of the Canadian Linguistic Association in St. Catharines, ON, May 24-26.
- 2013 The marking of future uncertainty in Nata. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Canadian Linguistic Association in Victoria, BC, June 1-3.
- 2012 (with Jamie Ma and Bryan Gick) Aerotactile acuity as a predictor of sibilant contrast. Talk presented at the annual meeting of the Canadian Acoustical Association in Banff, AB, October 10-12.
- 2012 (with Bryan Gick, Chenhao Chiu, Ian Stavness, and Sidney Fels) Producing whole speech events: Differential facial stiffness across the labial stops. Talk presented at Acoustics 2012 in Hong Kong, May 14-18.

- 2011 (with Anna Klenin, Ezra Mizrahi, Denise Tom, and Bryan Gick) The palatoglossal sphincter and French uvular /r/. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Acoustical Society of America in Seattle, WA, May 23-27.

WORKSHOPS

- 2015 A curious pattern in future-oriented *if-only* conditionals. Talk presented at the Southern New England Workshop in Semantics (SNEWS), Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, November 21.
- 2014 This predicate is tasty: Predicates of personal taste, faultless disagreement, and the ideal judge. Talk presented at the 7th Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal Workshop in Semantics (TOM), University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, April 12.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, & AWARDS

- 2017 Ken Hale Fund grant (MIT) for work on American Sign Language (with Daniel Margulis)
- 2014 Canadian Linguistic Association Student Paper Award
- 2014 SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship (originally awarded as a SSHRC Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS Doctoral Scholarship)
- 2013 SSHRC Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS Master's Scholarship
- 2013 Governor-General's Academic Medal (Undergraduate)
- 2012 John Alexander McDonald Scholarship in Humanities (UBC)
- 2012 Ian and Frances Dowdeswell Scholarship in Classical Studies (UBC)
- 2011 Elias and Elizabeth Healman Memorial Scholarship (UBC)
- 2010-2012 Trek Excellence Scholarship for Continuing Students (UBC)
- 2010 Mary Isabel Buxton Memorial Prize (UBC)

- 2009 President's Entrance Scholarship (UBC)
- 2009 Governor-General's Academic Medal (Secondary school)

TEACHING

EXPERIENCE (TEACHING ASSISTANT)

- 2016 24.901 Language and its Structure I: Phonology (Undergraduate)
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Instructor: Donca Steriade
- 2016 24.973 Advanced Semantics (Graduate)
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Instructors: Kai von Fintel and Irene Heim
- 2015 Introduction to Human Language (Syntax I)
NYI Institute of Language, Cognition, and Culture
Instructor: Sabine Iatridou
- 2014 LIN 204 English Grammar (Undergraduate)
University of Toronto
Instructor: Susana Bejar
- 2013 LIN 100 Intro to Linguistics (Undergraduate)
University of Toronto
Instructor: Alexei Kochetov

EDUCATION

- 2018 Kaufman Teaching Certificate Program
MIT Teaching and Learning Lab

LABORATORY EXPERIENCE

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

- 2012 Interdisciplinary Speech Research Laboratory
University of British Columbia
PI: Bryan Gick

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SERVICE & ORGANIZING

2017-2018 Organizer, LF Reading Group (MIT)
2017 Linguistics Department Graduate Student Representative (MIT)
2017 Organizer, Southern New England Workshop in Semantics (SNEWS)

LANGUAGES

English (native)
French (fluent)
Classical Latin (moderate reading)
Downriver Halkomelem (basic)
American Sign Language (basic)
Tigrinya (elicitation familiarity)
Nata (elicitation familiarity)

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