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**EDUCATION**

- 2004 –  
2010 (*expected*)                      University of California, Santa Cruz  
PhD in Linguistics  
Dissertation: *Composition and Locality: The morphosyntax and phonology of the Russian verbal complex*  
Committee: Jorge Hankamer, James McCloskey (co-chairs),  
Sandra Chung, Maria Polinsky.
- 2004                                      Brandeis University  
BA in Linguistics (minors in Italian, Anthropology), *summa cum laude*  
Highest Honors in Linguistics  
Thesis: *A comparative study of syntax, information structure, and definiteness in Bulgarian and Russian.*  
Committee: Ray Jackendoff (chair), Barbara Čitko, James Pustejovsky.
- 2002 – 2003                              University College London, UK  
Linguistics Department, Affiliate Student

**Institutes/Workshops:**

- 2009                                      Summer Workshop in Slavic, East European and Central Asian Languages  
Indiana University (SWSEEL)
- 2008                                      Second Heritage Language Summer Institute, NHLRC  
Harvard University
- 2007                                      First Heritage Language Summer Institute, NHLRC  
UC Davis
- 2005                                      Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard University

**PUBLICATIONS**

- 2009                                      Phonological evidence for a distinction between Russian prepositions and prefixes. In *Studies in Formal Slavic Phonology, Morphology, Syntax, Semantics and Information Structure: Proceedings of FDSL 7, Leipzig 2007*, eds. G. Zybatow, D. Lenertová, U. Junghanns, and P. Biskup. Frankfurt: Peter Lang. 383–396.
- 2009                                      Structural adjacency and the typology of interrogative interpretations. *Linguistic Inquiry* 40(1). 133-154.
- 2008                                      Russian prefixes, prepositions and palatalization in Stratal OT. In *Proceedings of the 26<sup>th</sup> West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, ed. Charles B. Chang and Hannah J. Haynie, 217–225. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project. [www.lingref.com](http://www.lingref.com), document #1675.

2006 Definiteness marking in the Bulgarian. With Ascander Dost. *Proceedings of the 25<sup>th</sup> West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*. Eds. Donald Baumer, David Montero, and Michael Scanlon. 132-140. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project.

2006 Review of: John Leafgren, *Degrees of Explicitness: Information Structure and the Packaging of Bulgarian Subjects and Objects*. *Slavic and East European Journal* 50:3. 567-8.

### IN PROGRESS

In preparation. Reduced copular clauses in Uzbek and Turkish. With Nigora Azimova and Jorge Hankamer.

Under review. Verb-stranding verb phrase ellipsis and the structure of the Russian verbal complex.

In progress. The syntax of coordinated multiple wh-questions: a typological puzzle.

Under revision. Morphophonological challenges for phase based approaches to word formation.

### PRESENTATIONS

2010 A subject-object asymmetry in Russian argument drop.  
Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (Baltimore).

2009 The phonology and syntax of sub-words.  
*Generative Linguistics in the Old World Colloquium* 32 (Nantes, France).

2009 Ellipsis and the syntax of verbs in Russian.  
NYU Linguistics Department colloquium.  
UC Berkeley Syntax and Semantics Circle.

2008 Exposing the Russian verbal complex via evidence from prefixation and verb phrase ellipsis.  
*Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics* 17 (Yale University).

2008 The (post-)syntax of Russian verbal prefixation.  
Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (Chicago).

2007 Phonological evidence for a distinction between Russian prepositions and prefixes. Workshop on Slavic Phonology at the 7<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Formal Description of Slavic Languages (University of Leipzig).

2007 Russian prefixes, prepositions and palatalization in Stratal OT.  
*West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics* 26 (UC Berkeley).

2006 Definiteness marking in the Bulgarian. With Ascander Dost. *West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics* 25, (University of Washington).

2006 A different kind of multiple wh: multiple question interpretation and Quantifier Absorption. *Linguistics at Santa Cruz*, March 2006.

2003 The status of the Russian interrogative marker *li*: prosody, syntax, or semantics?  
*North American Undergraduate Linguistics Conference* (University of Michigan).

## GRANTS AND HONORS

2009 Indiana University Grant for Study of Uzbek at SWSEEL.  
2009 Outstanding TA Award, UCSC.  
2008 – 2009 Chancellor’s Division Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCSC.  
Summer 2008 UCSC Linguistics Department Alumni Fellowship.  
*Declined* Institute for Humanities Research Dissertation Fellowship, [1 term] UCSC.  
Fall 2007 TA Sabbatical Fellowship, UCSC.  
2007, 2008 Institute for Humanities Research Travel Grant, UCSC.  
2007 UCSC Linguistics Department Summer Research Fellowship.  
2006, 2008, 2009 UCSC Linguistics Department Travel Funding.  
2006, 2008, 2009 UCSC Graduate Student Association Travel Grant.  
2005 Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute Fellowship.  
2004 UC Regents Fellowship for academic year 2004-2005.  
2004 Phi Beta Kappa.

## TEACHING

### Linguistics:

Winter 2010 Instructor of Record: Structure of English.  
Fall 2009 Teaching Assistant: Language, Society and Culture.  
Instructor: Prof. James McCloskey.  
Spring 2009 Syntax guest lecturer: Structure of Russian. Instructor: Prof. Jaye Padgett.  
Spring 2008 Teaching Assistant: Syntax II. Instructor: Prof. Judith Aissen.  
Spring 2008 Guest lecture (Bulgarian multiple wh-movement and islands), Syntax II.  
Spring 2008 Guest lecture (multiple wh-movement), Structure of Russian.  
Spring 2007 Teaching Assistant: Structure of English. Instructor: Prof. Geoff Pullum.  
Winter 2007 Teaching Assistant: Syntax I. Instructor: Prof. Judith Aissen.  
Spring 2006 Teaching Assistant: Syntactic Structures. Instructor: Prof. Jorge Hankamer.  
Guest lecture topics: unbounded wh-movement and cyclic movement, Slavic multiple wh-movement, German clause structure.  
Fall 2005/2006 Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Linguistics. Instructors: Anya Lunden (2005), Peter Alrenga (2006).

TA duties typically include grading homework, teaching 1-2 sections a week, holding office hours, and occasional guest lecturing.

### Russian:

Winter 2006 Teaching Assistant: Russian. Instructor: Prof. William Nickell.  
Graded homework and tests, taught two sections a week and one guest lecture.

## SERVICE

Abstract, Manuscript, and Research Proposal Reviewing:  
*Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics* (FASL) 18

*Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA) 16*  
*Formal Approaches to Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi)*  
*Formal Approaches to Japanese Linguistics (FAJL) 5*  
*Linguistic Variation Yearbook*  
*Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*  
*National Science Foundation*  
*International Journal for Humor Research.*

2009                      Founding Member, *Crosslinguistic Investigations in Syntax-Phonology (CrISP)*.  
2008 – 2009              Organizer of the UCSC Linguistics Department's Syntax/Semantics Circle.  
Winter 2007/08          Organizer (07) and co-organizer (08) of the annual prospective graduate student visit.  
2006 – 2007              Graduate Student Representative to the Linguistics Board.  
2005 – present          Member of SLUG Pubs, distributor and publisher of UCSC dissertations.  
Fall 2005                  Organizer, UCSC Morphology Reading Group.  
2005 – 2007              Social and Political Concerns Advisory Committee, LSA.  
2005 – 2006              UCSC Linguistics Colloquium Committee.

## **EMPLOYMENT**

7/2008 – 11/2008        Syntax consultant and Lexical Acquisition for *hakia.com* search engine.  
Winter 2008              Graduate Student Research Assistant for Prof. Jim McCloskey.  
2004                        Google Scholar, Inc. Search Evaluation Project, Linguistics Consultant.  
2003 – 2004              Editorial Assistant for Prof. Joan Maling, *NLLT*.

## **LANGUAGES**

Russian, English – native.  
Italian – conversational and reading ability.  
French, Spanish – reading ability.  
Uzbek – coursework (SWSEEL), research knowledge.  
Bulgarian, Romanian, Czech, Serbian/Croatian, Latin – research knowledge.

## **REFERENCES**

### **Prof. Sandra Chung**

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