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EDUCATION

University of California at Santa Cruz

PhD in Linguistics

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(expected)

University of Massachusetts at Amherst

BA with Honors in Linguistics, Linguistics & Psychology, and Classical Language

May 2018

Thesis: *Somebody's fool*: Theory of mind and the interpretation of epithets

RESEARCH PUBLICATION & PRESENTATION

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Lyn Frazier and John Duff. 2019. Processing ellipsis: The circumstances of repair. *Glossa* 4(1): 78. DOI: <http://doi.org/10.5334/gjgl.728>.

Lyn Frazier, Charles Clifton Jr., Stephanie Rich, and John Duff. 2018. Anticipating negation: The dos and don'ts of Neg Raising. *Syntax* 21 (2): 160-194. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1111/synt.12151>.

Alice C. Harris and John Duff. 2018. Relation of agreement clitics to verb stems in Caucasian Albanian. *International Journal of Diachronic Linguistics and Linguistic Reconstruction* 15: 45-69. ([PDF](#))

PROCEEDINGS PAPERS

John Duff. Forthcoming. Composing associated motion in Santiago Laxopa Zapotec. In *Proceedings of WCCFL 39*.

John Duff. 2019. The locus of commitment: Flipping judges in a commitment-based discourse model. In Merijn Beekesma & Matteo Manighetti (eds.), *Proceedings of the ESLLI 2019 Student Session*. ([PDF](#))

PRESENTATIONS AND POSTERS

TALKS

Associated motion and the structure of the verb in Santiago Laxopa Zapotec. Talk at the Workshop on Structure and Constituency in Languages of the Americas (WSCLA) 25, UC San Diego, May 2021.

Downstep in Santiago Laxopa Zapotec and the prosodic typology of VSO languages. Talk at the Manchester Phonology Meeting (mfm) 28, May 2021. (with Mykel L. Brinkerhoff and Maya Wax Cavallaro)

A mighty Maze! Revisiting strategic underspecification using the Maze task. Talk at California Meeting on Psycholinguistics (CAMP) 4, UC Irvine, May 2021. (with Shayne Sloggett, Nicholas Van Handel, Kelsey Sasaki, Stephanie Rich, Wesley Orth, Pranav Anand, Adrian Brasoveanu and Amanda Rysling)

Composing associated motion in Santiago Laxopa Zapotec. Talk at the West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL) 39, U of Arizona, April 2021. ([Handout](#))

To flip a judge: Predicates of personal taste in a commitment-based discourse model. Talk at California Universities Semantics & Pragmatics (CUSP) 12, University of Southern California, November 2019, and invited talk at UC Berkeley's Syntax & Semantics Circle, October 2019.

Individual differences and the relationship between attitude predicates and perspective. Talk at California Meeting on Psycholinguistics (CAMP) 2, University of Southern California, December 2018.

POSTERS AND SHORT TALKS

Task influences on lexical underspecification: Insights from the Maze and SPR. Short talk at CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, UPenn, March 2021. (with Adrian Brasoveanu and Amanda Rysling)

Semantic commitment and underspecification in the Maze. Poster at AMLaP, University of Potsdam, September 2020. (with Adrian Brasoveanu and Amanda Rysling)

The processing of direct discourse: When a subordinate speech act sticks around. Poster at CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, UMass Amherst, March 2020. (with Pranav Anand, Adrian Brasoveanu, and Amanda Rysling)

"Ambiguous" isn't "underspecified": Evidence from the Maze task. Poster at CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, UMass Amherst, March 2020. (with Shayne Sloggett, Nicholas Van Handel, Kelsey Sasaki, Stephanie Rich, Wesley Orth, Pranav Anand, and Amanda Rysling)

Says who?: The influence of speech and mental predicates on epithet interpretation. Poster at CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, UC Davis, April 2018.

Evidence for multiple memory representations from discourse anaphora and ellipsis. Poster at CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, UC Davis, April 2018. (with Lyn Frazier)

Udi and the location of Caucasian Albanian agreement clitics. Poster at Linguistic Society of America (LSA) Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, January 2018. (with Alice C. Harris)

Anticipating negation: Experimental evidence for a semantic account of Neg Raising. Poster at CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, MIT, March 2017. (with Lyn Frazier, Charles Clifton Jr., and Stephanie Rich)

TEACHING AND MENTORSHIP

Teaching Assistant, UC Santa Cruz: (* = online)

2021 **Invented Languages** (Spring*), Instructor: Pranav Anand
 Psycholinguistics & Linguistic Theory (Winter*), Instructor: Matthew Wagers

2020 **Introduction to Linguistics** (Fall*), Instructor: Adrian Brasoveanu
 Invented Languages (Spring*; Summer*), Instructor: Pranav Anand
 Semantics 2 (Winter), Instructor: Jess H.-K. Law

2019 **Semantics 1** (Fall), Instructor: Thomas Roberts

Advising, UC Santa Cruz:

2020 **Honig Undergraduate Research Assistant Program**
 Mentee: Jennifer Wheelock
 Project: Observing disagreement

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Mentor & Project Leader

June 2020 - August 2020

Science Internship Program, UC Santa Cruz

PIs: Pranav Anand

- ▶ Trained and mentored high school students in the collection and analysis of an original corpus of naturalistic subjective conversation.

Graduate Research Assistant

June 2019 - September 2019

UC Santa Cruz

PIs: Pranav Anand, Maziar Toosarvandani

- ▶ Developed neo4j backend for Códice fieldwork software.

Graduate Research Assistant

June 2019 - September 2019

UC Santa Cruz

PIs: Pranav Anand, Jim McCloskey

- ▶ Trained undergraduates in the development of web-based experiments.

Research Assistant

January 2018 - September 2018

UMass Amherst, NSF Grant BCS-1729256

PIs: Alice Harris, Arthur Samuel

- ▶ Traveled with Harris to Azerbaijan for two weeks of field work on Udi.
- ▶ Prepared stimuli and conducted analysis for field experiments.

Intern, Research Assistant

June 2017 - August 2017

Center for the Study of Language and Information, Stanford University

PIs: Katherine Hilton, Rob Podesva

- ▶ Developed an experiment on visual attention attribution over multiple speakers.

Research Assistant

September 2016 - May 2018

UMass Amherst

PIs: Lyn Frazier and Charles Clifton, Jr.

Publications Assistant

June 2016 - August 2016

Center for Hellenic Studies, Harvard University

- ▶ Used TEI-compliant XML to encode texts for the Open Greek and Latin Initiative.

Software Developer (Volunteer)

June 2016 - August 2016

Classical Language ToolKit (CLTK)

- ▶ Developed an IPA transcription engine and related tools for the automatic metrical parsing of digital texts in Ancient Greek and Classical Latin orthography.

Research Assistant

September 2015 - December 2017

UMass Amherst, Phonetics Lab

PI: John Kingston

Summer Schools and Other Education:

European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information (ESSLLI), Riga August 2019

Russian Language (A1), Durbe Academy, Riga July 2019

Eastern Generative Grammar (EGG), Brno August 2015

Leiden University Summer School in Languages and Linguistics July 2015

AWARDS AND HONORS

Grants

Jacobs Research Funds Group Grant April 2021
Stress, tone, and phonation in Santiago Laxopa Zapotec (\$4999)
(with Mykel L. Brinkerhoff and Maya Wax Cavallaro)

Other

Regents Fellowship, UC Santa Cruz September 2018 - June 2019
Marcus L. Urann Fellowship, Phi Kappa Phi September 2018 - June 2019
William M. Bulger Award, Classics, UMass Amherst December 2017
UMass Amherst Honors Research Grant September 2017
William F. Field Alumni Scholarship, UMass Amherst April 2017
Rising Researcher Award, UMass Amherst November 2016
UMass Amherst National Merit Scholar June 2014 - May 2018
Inducted Member of Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, and Eta Sigma Phi

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Conference Organization

California Annual Meeting on Psycholinguistics (CAMP) 2019

Reviewing

California Annual Meeting on Psycholinguistics (CAMP): 2018-2021
CogSci: 2017-2021

Departmental Service

Coordinator, Syntax & Semantics Circle (S-Circle) Sep 2020 - Jun 2021
Coordinator, Syntax, Semantics, and Language Processing Lab (s/lab) Sep 2019 - Dec 2020
Computer Czar & Editor of the WHASC Newsletter Sep 2019 - Jun 2020
Entertainment Subcommittee Chair, Events Committee Sep 2019 - Jun 2020

Public Service

Volunteer, Nido de Lenguas Sep 2018 - present
Mentor, Santa Cruz Co. College Essay Application Workshop Oct 2020

Other Activities

Transcribed interviews for a forthcoming history of formal semantics by Barbara Partee.

LANGUAGES

Native: English
Advanced: Classical Latin, Ancient Greek
Beginner: Spanish, Russian
Research: Santiago Laxopa Zapotec,
Caucasian Albanian (Old Udi), Udi

TECHNICAL SKILLS

R, Ibbex, Mechanical Turk, Prolific, OpenSesame,
Python, JS, Praat, LaTeX, GitHub, SIL Toolbox,
brat, neo4j, PyTorch, NLTK, CLTK

