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Experience

- 2015 **Associate Professor of Linguistics and Philosophy**,
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.
Semantics position in the Linguistics Department. Courtesy appointment in the
Philosophy Department awarded 2012.
- 2009–2015 **Assistant Professor of Linguistics and Philosophy**,
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.
- 2008–2009 **Visiting Assistant Professor of Linguistics**, *University of Michigan*,
Ann Arbor, MI.
One-year position in Semantics.

Education

- 2008 **PhD**, *Massachusetts Institute of Technology*, Cambridge, MA.
Completed five-year program in Semantics.
- 1999 **AB-AM**, *Harvard University*, Cambridge, MA.
Graduated joint four-year Bachelors-Masters program magna cum laude with highest
honors in Linguistics, with the related field Computer Science.

Papers (most available at <http://EzraKeshet.com>)

Published (sole author)

- 2013 **Sloppy identity unbound**, *Proceedings of SALT XXIII*, Snider, T. (ed.),
412-431. Washington, DC: eLanguage (Linguistic Society of America).
- 2013 **Focus on Conditional Conjunction**, *Journal of Semantics*, 30(2), 211-
256. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2011 **Contrastive Focus and Paycheck Pronouns**, *Proceedings of the 47th
Regional Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society*, Chicago: Chicago
Linguistic Society.
- 2011 **Split Intensionality: A New Scope Theory of *De re* and *De dicto***,
Linguistics and Philosophy, 33(4), 251-283. Dordrecht: Springer Netherlands.

- 2010 **Possible Worlds and Wide-Scope Indefinites: A Reply to Bäuerle 1983**, *Linguistic Inquiry*, 41(4), 692-701. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.
- 2010 **Situation Economy**, *Natural Language Semantics*, 18(4), 385-434. Dordrecht: Springer Netherlands.
- 2008 **Situation Economy**, *Proceedings of the 27th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, Abner, N. and J. Bishop (eds.), 292-300. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Press.
- 2008 **Only the Strong: Restricting Situation Variables**, *Proceedings of SALT XVIII*, Friedman, T. and S. Ito (eds.), 483-495. Washington, DC: eLanguage (Linguistic Society of America).
- 2007 **Infinitival Complements and Tense**, *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 12*, Grønn, Atle (ed.), 303-317. Oslo: ILOS 2008.
- 2007 **Telescoping and Scope Economy**, *Proceedings of the 26th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, Chang, C. B. and H. J. Haynie (eds.), 324-331. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Press.
- 2006 **Scalar Implicatures with Alternative Semantics**, *Proceedings of SALT XVI*, Gibson, M. and J. Howell (eds.), 88-101. Washington, DC: eLanguage (Linguistic Society of America).
- Unpublished (sole author unless noted)
- Submitted **Imperatives under coordination**, 42 pages, Equal authorship with David Medeiros, Assistant Professor, California State University, Northridge, Natural Language and Linguistic Theory.
- In Revision **Dynamic Update Anaphora Logic**, 41 pages, *Journal of Semantics*.
- In Revision **Prosodic disambiguation of conditional vs. logical conjunction**, *Language and Speech*, 2nd author to Joseph Tyler, TuneIn, Inc..
- Ms. **GIVENness, Entailment, and Questions Under Discussion**.
- Ms. **Logical Form as a Quantifier-Free Calculus and the Consequences for Improper Binding**, 35 pages. Equal authorship with Steven Abney, Associate Professor, University of Michigan.
- Submitted **De Re and De Dicto**, *The Oxford Handbook of Reference*, Abbott, B. and Gundel, J. (eds.), 40 pages. Equal authorship with Florian Schwarz, Assistant Professor, University of Pennsylvania.
- Ms. **Using conjunctive normal form as semantic metalanguage**, 41 pages. Equal authorship with Steven Abney.
- Ms. **Focus Binding: the interpretation of GIVEN pronouns**, 44 pages.
- Ms. **Towards a Unified Theory of Anaphora**, 37 pages.

Forthcoming **Scalar Implicatures with Alternative Semantics**, *Contrastiveness and Scalar Implicature*, Keifer, Krifka, & Lee (eds), Springer.

Forthcoming **A Matter of Taste**, *Evidentials and Modals*, Turner, K. and K. von Stechow (eds), Current Research in the Semantics/Pragmatics Interface Series, Leiden: Brill.

Conference Presentations

- 2017 **A Multidimensional System for Compositional Dynamic Semantics**, *Generative Linguistics in the Old World 40*, University of Leiden, Netherlands.
March 14
- 2016 **Dynamic Update Anaphora Logic (DUAL)**, *Sinn und Bedeutung 21*, University of Edinburgh, Scotland, UK.
September 6
- 2016 **Dynamic Update Anaphora Logic (DUAL)**, *New Ideas in Semantics and Modeling 2016*, Paris, France, September 7.
- 2016 **Imperatives above and below conjunction**, *Generative Linguistics in the Old World 39*, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Joint work with David Medeiros (CSU Northridge).
April 8
- 2015 **Prosodic disambiguation of conditional vs. logical conjunction**, *Experimental and Theoretical Advances in Prosody 3*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Joint work with Joseph Tyler, post-doctoral researcher at Morehead State University.
May 29
- 2015 **Conditional Conjunctions in Brazilian Portuguese**, *Workshop 14: Modelling conditionality at the 2015 DGfS conference*, Leipzig, Germany, Joint work with Gabriel Roisenberg Rodrigues, PhD student at Michigan State University.
March 6
- 2015 **Prosodic disambiguation of conditional vs. logical conjunction**, *Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting*, Portland, Oregon, Joint work with Joseph Tyler, post-doctoral researcher at Morehead State University and Anne Spence, undergraduate student at University of Michigan.
January 10
- 2013 **Coherence and Donkey Anaphora**, *International Congress of Linguists*, Geneva.

- 2013 **Sloppy identity unbound**, *Semantics and Linguistic Theory XXIII*, University of California, Santa Cruz.
- 2013 **CNF as Semantic Meta-Language**, *Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting*, Boston, MA, Joint work with Steven Abney, Associate Professor, University of Michigan.
- 2012 **Coherence Relations and Donkey Anaphora**, *1st International Pragmatics Conference of the Americas and 5th International Conference on Intercultural Pragmatics*, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, NC.
- 2012 **Scopal Effects of Embedded Coherence Relations**, *Generative Linguistics in the Old World 35*, Potsdam University, Germany.
- 2011 **Contrastive Focus and Paycheck Pronouns**, *Semantics and Linguistic Theory XXI*, Rutgers University.
- 2011 **Contrastive Focus and Paycheck Pronouns**, *Chicago Linguistic Society 47*, University of Chicago.
- 2011 **Local Implicatures and the Structure of Discourse**, *Annual Conference of the German Linguistic Society (DGfS)*, Göttingen, Germany.
- 2011 **BALLGAME: A Corpus for Formal Semantics**, *International Workshop on Computational Semantics*, Oxford, UK, Joint work with Stephen Tyndall and Terry Szymanski.
- 2011 **If most quantifiers were in this *if*-clause, they couldn't escape**, *Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting*, Pittsburgh, PA.
- 2010 **Donkey Anaphora is not NP Ellipsis**, *Michigan Linguistics Society*, University of Michigan, Flint.
- 2010 **Focus on Conditional and Quantificational Coordination**, *Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting*, Baltimore, MD.
- 2009 **Focus on Conditional and Quantificational Coordination**, *Texas Linguistics Society 12*, University of Texas, Austin.
- 2008 **Situation Economy**, *West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics 27*, University of California, Los Angeles.
- 2008 **Only the Strong: Restricting Situation Variables**, *Semantics and Linguistic Theory XVIII*, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
- 2007 **The World On Time**, *Southern New England Workshop on Semantics*, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
- 2007 **Infinitival Complements and Tense**, *Colloque de Syntaxe et Sémantique à Paris*, École normale supérieure.

- 2007 **Infinitival Complements and Tense**, *Sinn und Bedeutung 12*, University of Oslo.
- 2007 **Telescoping and Scope Economy**, *West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics 26*, University of California, Berkeley.
- 2006 **Scalar Implicatures with Alternative Semantics**, *Semantics and Linguistic Theory XVI*, University of Tokyo.

Invited Talks

- Dec 2015 **Imperatives Over and Under Conjunction**, *Philosophy of Language Group*, University of California, Berkeley.
- Nov 2014 **Towards a unified theory of anaphora**, *Workshop in Philosophy and Linguistics*, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
- Nov 2013 **Focus Binding: the interpretation of GIVEN pronouns**, *Colloquium*, New York University.
- Sep 2012 **CNF as Semantic Meta-Language**, *Semantics Reading Group*, University of Texas, Austin.
- Sep 2012 **Focus Structure & Paycheck Pronouns; or, the linguist who titled his talk seriously was wiser than the one who titled it wittily**, *Colloquium*, University of Texas, Austin.
- May 2012 **Coherence Relations and Donkey Anaphora**, *Workshop in Philosophy and Linguistics*, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
- Nov 2011 **A Simple Explanation of Every Pronoun Ever**, *Colloquium*, Michigan State University.
- Apr 2011 **Comments on Charlow/Sharvit's "More on LFs of Attitude Reports"**, *Workshop in Philosophy and Linguistics*, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
- Oct 2009 **Comments on Kehler's "Ellipsis and Anaphora in a Question Under Discussion Model of Discourse"**, *Workshop in Philosophy and Linguistics*, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
- Nov 2008 **Split Intensionality**, *Colloquium*, Wayne State University.
- Nov 2008 **Comments on Eliza Block's "Is the Symmetry Problem Really a Problem?"**, *Workshop in Philosophy and Linguistics*, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
- Oct 2008 **Split Intensionality**, *Colloquium*, Michigan State University.
- Apr 2008 **Situation Economy**, *Colloquium*, Concordia University, Montreal.
- Mar 2008 **Situation Economy**, *Special Talk*, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Service at the University of Michigan

- 2015 **Editor**, *Summer website update*, Linguistics Department.
- 2015 **Volunteer Member**, *Admissions Committee*, Linguistics Department.
Performed work equal to a graduate student.
- 2014-5 **Chair**, *Undergraduate Committee*, Linguistics Department.
- 2014 **Co-chair**, *Michigan Linguistics 50th Anniversary Committee*.
- 2013 **Faculty Participant**, *Classroom Design Project to Promote Active Learning*, Office of the Provost.
- 2011–2013 **Member, Steering Committee**, *Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute 2013*.
- 2011–2014 **Member**, *Graduate Committee*, Linguistics Department.
- 2010–2011 **Member**, *Executive Committee*, Linguistics Department.
- 2009 **Member**, *Undergraduate Committee*, Linguistics Department.
- 2010 **Ad Hoc Lecturer**, *Two-day computational skills workshop*, Linguistics Department.
- 2010 **Faculty Interviewer**, *Fulbright Program*, University of Michigan International Institute.
- 2009– **Faculty Advisor**, *Undergraduate Linguistics Club*.

Service to the Field of Linguistics

- 2016 **Ad Hoc Reviewer**, *Biolinguistics*, Cyprus.
- 2015 **Ad Hoc Reviewer**, *Cognitive Systems Research*, Amsterdam: Elsevier B.V..
- 2015 **Ad Hoc Reviewer**, *Erkenntnis*, Dordrecht: Springer Netherlands.
- 2015 **Ad Hoc Reviewer**, *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory*, Dordrecht: Springer Netherlands.
- 2015 **Ad Hoc Reviewer**, *Palgrave*.
- 2015 **Ad Hoc Reviewer**, *The MIT Press*.
- 2014 **Ad Hoc Reviewer**, *Wiley*.
- 2008–2013 **Ad Hoc Reviewer**, *Journal of Semantics*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2008– **Founding Member & Organizer**, *Semanticists Around Michigan Broadening Discussion Arena (SAMBDA)*.
- 2010–2015 **Ad Hoc Reviewer**, *Natural Language Semantics*, Dordrecht: Springer Netherlands.

- 2011–2012 **Ad Hoc Reviewer**, *National Science Foundation*.
- 2011–2013 **Ad Hoc Reviewer**, *Linguistics and Philosophy*, Dordrecht: Springer Netherlands.
- 2011 **Ad Hoc Reviewer**, *Lingua*, Amsterdam: Elsevier B.V..
- 2011 **Ad Hoc Reviewer**, *Language and Linguistics Compass*, Oxford: Blackwell Publishing.

Advising

- Ongoing **Advisor & Dissertation Chair**, *Dissertation Title TBD*, Batia Snir, Linguistics Department.
- Ongoing **Advisor**, *Project TBD*, Alicia Stevers, Linguistics Department.
- Ongoing **Dissertation Committee Member**, *Constraints on the Syntactic Flexibility of Idioms*, Will Nediger, Linguistics Department.
- Ongoing **Dissertation Committee Member**, *Dissertation Title TBD*, Michael Schachter, School of Music.
- 2014-2015 **Dissertation Committee Member**, *Practical Natural Language Processing for Minority Languages*, Benjamin King, Computer Science.
- 2014-2015 **Dissertation Committee Member**, *Bound for Mezzo-Soprano and Chamber Ensemble*, Garrett Schumann, School of Music.
- 2011-2014 **Dissertation Committee Member**, *Ambiguity and Explanation*, Jonathan Shaheen, Philosophy Department.
- 2013-2014 **Co-Advisor**, *Dissertation Title TBD*, Will Nediger, Linguistics Department.
- 2013-2014 **Advisor**, *Undergraduate Independent Research Project*, Alyssa Allen, Linguistics Department.
- 2014 **Reader of Qualifying Research Project**, *Modified Proper Names and the Structure of the Individual*, Batia Snir, Linguistics Department.
- 2014 **Advisor**, *Graduate Independent Study*, Sydney Keough, Philosophy Department.
- 2014 **Advisor**, *Graduate Independent Study*, Catharine Saint Croix, Philosophy Department.
- 2012-2013 **Advisor**, *Undergraduate Independent Research Project*, Emily Armistead, Aaron Chuey, Meagan Williams, Anne Spence, Linguistics Department.
- 2013 **Reader of Qualifying Research Project**, *Overcoming Empirical Challenges for an Extended Approach to Condition C*, Will Nediger, Linguistics Department.

- 2013 **Dissertation Committee Member**, *ϕ -Agree, A-movement, and Complementizer-Tense Relations in Chinese*, Chao-Ting Tim Chou, Linguistics Department.
- 2013 **Dissertation Committee Member**, *Formal Approaches to the Morphological Imperative*, David Medeiros, Linguistics Department.
- 2013 **Dissertation Committee Member**, *New Foundations for Imprecise Bayesianism*, Jason Konek, Philosophy Department.
- 2013 **Dissertation Committee Member**, *Realism and Fundamentality in Ethics and Elsewhere*, Billy Dunaway, Philosophy Department.
- 2013 **Dissertation Committee Member**, *What Normative Terms Mean and Why It Matters for Ethical Theory*, Alex Silk, Philosophy Department.
- 2011-2013 **Advisor**, *Undergraduate Independent Research Project*, Brianna Jenkins, Linguistics Department.
- 2013 **Advisor**, *Undergraduate Independent Research Project*, Bianka Kristen, Linguistics Department.
- 2013 **Advisor**, *Undergraduate Independent Research Project*, Theresa Regan, Linguistics Department.
- 2012 **Advisor & Dissertation Chair**, *Discourse Prosody in Production and Perception*, Joseph Tyler, Linguistics Department.
- 2012 **Dissertation Committee Member**, *Morphological Inference from Bitext for Resource-Poor Languages*, Terrence Szymanski, Linguistics Department.
- 2012 **Reader of Undergraduate Thesis**, *Early Linguistic Interactions: Distributional Properties of Verbs in Syntactic Patterns*, Liam Considine, Linguistics Department.
- 2012 **Reader of Undergraduate Thesis**, *A Cultural Comparison of Spatial Metaphors in Chinese and English*, Lucy Zhao, Linguistics Department.
- 2011 **Dissertation Committee Member**, *Practical Language: Its Meaning and Use*, Nate Charlow, Philosophy Department.
- 2010 **Dissertation Committee Member**, *Processing coordinated verb phrases: the relevance of lexical-semantic, conceptual, and contextual information towards establishing verbal parallelism*, Damon Tutunjian, Linguistics Department.
- 2010 **Reader of Qualifying Research Paper**, *Prosody as empirical evidence for the communication and representation of discourse structure*, Joseph Tyler, Linguistics Department.
- 2010 **Undergraduate Thesis Advisor**, *Classifiers in Chinese*, Jackie Cohen, Linguistics Department.

- 2010 **Undergraduate Thesis Advisor**, *McTaggart's Paradox and Internalism/Externalism in Philosophy and Linguistics*, Laine Stranahan, Linguistics Department.
- 2010 **Undergraduate Supervisor**, *BALLGAME: a computational semantics corpus*, Advised twelve undergraduates working on a corpus project.
- 2010 **Graduate Supervisor**, *BALLGAME: a computational semantics corpus*, Rackham Spring/Summer Fellowship project with graduate students Terry Szymanski and Stephen Tyndall.
- 2009 **Undergraduate Supervisor**, *Semantic Calculator research project*, Advised Rocky Fisher and Victor Pudseyev.
- 2008– **Member**, “Agraphia” Peer Advising Group, Organizer 2010–2011.

Dissertation

- Title *Good Intentions: Paving Two Roads to a Theory of the De re/De dicto Distinction*
- Supervisors Professor Irene Heim (chair), Assistant Professor Alan Bale (Concordia University, Montreal), Professor Kai von Fintel, Professor Danny Fox, Professor Sabine Iatridou
- Description Discusses under- and over-generation problems for various theories of intensionality, before proposing a middle ground: the split intensionality system, which separates each intensional operator’s quantificational force from its intensional force.

Awards and Honors

- 2013 University of Michigan College of Literature, Arts, and Sciences Instructional Technology Committee New Initiatives / New Infrastructure Grant: \$20,000 to incorporate more interactive activities into the large-format Introductory Linguistics class
- 2010 Rackham Summer Research Grant for the creation of a Semantic Corpus
- 2009 University of Michigan LSA Instructional Technology Committee Level One Grant for the creation of Educational Semantics Software
- 2008 Marshall M.Weinberg Fund for Graduate Seminars in Cognitive Science: \$20,000 to support co-teaching a class cross-listed in the Linguistics and Philosophy Departments
- 2003, ‘05, ‘06 Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching
- 2003-2004 MIT Presidential Fellow
- 2003 National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship Honorable Mention

- 1999 Phi Beta Kappa
1995-1999 Harvard Scholarship for Academic Achievement

Classes Taught

- 2016 **Epic Grammar Fails**, *University of Michigan*, Ann Arbor, MI.
First-year seminar.
- 2010–2016 **Introduction to Semantics and Pragmatics**, *University of Michigan*.
Graduate class.
- 2011–2015 **Introduction to Language**, *University of Michigan*.
Introductory Linguistics class, with a usual enrollment of around 300 students.
- 2014 **Advanced Semantics**, *University of Michigan*, Ann Arbor, MI.
Second-semester graduate class in semantics.
- 2013 **Intensional Semantics**, *Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute*,
Ann Arbor, MI.
Second-semester graduate class in semantics.
- 2008–2013 **Aspects of Meaning**, *University of Michigan*.
Undergraduate Introduction to Semantics.
- 2012 **Seminar: Theories of Focus**, *University of Michigan*.
Undergraduate “capstone” course representing the culmination of undergraduate studies in the various subfields of Linguistics, concurrent with a graduate seminar.
- 2010 **Computational Semantics: A Project-Based Approach**, *University of Michigan*.
Taught computational approaches to the study of meaning in language, through a series of programming projects.
- 2009 **Seminar: Discourse Constraints on Anaphora**, *University of Michigan*.
Co-taught with (then) Assistant Professor Eric Swanson, Department of Philosophy, University of Michigan.
- 2006 **Graduate Introduction to Semantics**, *Massachusetts Institute of Technology*, with Professor Irene Heim.
Teaching Assistant: wrote and led two special sessions on logic; led weekly section.
- 2005 **Undergraduate Introduction to Linguistics**, *MIT*, with Associate Professor Norvin Richards.
Teaching Assistant: led weekly section; corrected tests and problem sets.

2003–2006 **Freshman Seminar in Computational Linguistics**, *Harvard*, with Professor Stuart Shieber.

Teaching assistant for entire period this course was offered; wrote and corrected all problem sets; created software for students to formulate morphology, syntax, and semantics analyses; led weekly section.

Other Selected Experience

2001–2009 **Freelance Computer Programmer**, *Cambridge, MA*.

Worked for companies ranging from an online chat site to a non-profit providing electronics kits to high school students.

2000-01 **Programmer and Grammar Expert**, *WordStream, Inc.*, Somerville, MA.

Provided expertise to team of linguists at translation software company by authoring guides for writing grammar rules and solving most recalcitrant grammar problems; Improved efficiency through redesign of grammar and morphology formalisms.