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CURRENT POSITION:

Ferrari P. Ward Professor of Modern Languages and Linguistics, and
Cecil H. Green (1923) MacVicar Faculty Fellow

EDUCATION

Undergraduate: Yale University 1973–1977

B.A. in Linguistics, *summa cum laude*

Graduate: Massachusetts Institute of Technology 1977–1982

Ph.D. in Linguistics, February 1983

Dissertation: *Paths and Categories* (1982)

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- Ferrari P. Ward Professor of Modern Languages and Linguistics, MIT; 1999–.
- Head, Department of Linguistics and Philosophy, MIT. 2013–2018.
- Head of Linguistics Section, Department of Linguistics and Philosophy, MIT. 2011–2013.
- Professor of Linguistics, MIT; 1994–1999.
- Associate Professor of Linguistics, MIT; 1988–1994.
- Associate Professor of Linguistics, University of Massachusetts at Amherst; 1987–1988.
- Assistant Professor of Linguistics, University of Massachusetts at Amherst; 1983–1987.
- Assistant Professor of Linguistics, University of Southern California; 1982–1983.

ACADEMIC HONORS

- MacVicar Faculty Fellows Program, MIT (for “outstanding teachers of undergraduate students”); 2005–2015.
- Professor *honoris causa*, University of Bucharest; June 2013.
- Fellow of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA), elected 2012.
- Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS); elected 2010.
- Portsmouth, New Hampshire, Educational Partnership Award; 1998.
- Graduate Student Council Graduate Teaching Award, MIT; 1990 and 1993.
- Phi Beta Kappa, Yale University; 1977.

FESTSCHRIFT

Halpert, Claire, Hadas Kotek, and Coppe van Urk, editors. 2017. *A Pesky Set*. MIT Working Papers in Linguistics. [60 papers from current and former students]

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Research: *Investigating the Universality of the Subject Requirement through a Language With Overt Correspondents for Postulated Null Subjects* (#1841673) (co-PI with Norvin Richards and Abdul-Razak Sulemana); 2018.
- National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Research: *Pronominals and Verb Agreement in Inuktitut* (#1728970) (co-PI with Norvin Richards and Michelle Yuan); 2017.
- National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Research: *Case Marking and the Left Periphery in Dinka* (#1440427) (co-PI with Norvin Richards and Coppe van Urk); 2014.
- National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Research: *Experimental Investigations of Multiple Wh-Questions* (#1251717) (co-PI with Martin Hackl and Hadas Kotek); 2012.
- National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Research: *Argument Licensing and Agreement* (#1122426) (co-PI with Norvin Richards and Claire Halpert); 2011.
- National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Research: *Ergativity and Constituent Order in Chol* (#0816923) (co-PI with Norvin Richards and Jessica Coon); 2008–2010.
- National Science Foundation, *Workshop on Formal Approaches to Mayan Linguistics* (#0841282) (co-PI with Jessica Coon); 2009.
- MIT Dean's Fund for Faculty Development, *Fieldwork on Ergative-Absolutive Patterning* (co-PI with Norvin Richards); 2008.
- National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Research: *Interrogative Structures and Clausal Architecture of Tlingit* (#0632431) (co-PI with Norvin Richards and Seth Cable); 2006–2007.
- MIT Dean's Fund for Faculty Development, *Testing the Cyclic Linearization Model* (co-PI with Danny Fox); 2004.
- National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation: *The Syntax of Prerelatives* (#0090162) (co-PI; with Sabine Iatridou and Cornelia Krause); 2001–2002.
- National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Research: *The Syntax of Passamaquoddy* (#0081003) (with Benjamin Bruening); 2000–2001.
- National Science Foundation Research Training Grant *Language: Acquisition and Computation* (#9113607); 1991–1996 (co-PI and co-director of program, with Kenneth Wexler).
- Principal Investigator; *Is the Best Good Enough? Proposal for a Workshop on Optimality in Syntax* (#9421404), National Science Foundation Grant, 1995.
- Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Palo Alto; invited 1987 (unused).
- Sloan Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship, MIT Cognitive Science Center; Fall 1986.
- National Science Foundation, Graduate Fellowship; 1977–1981.
- International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX), Fellowship for Research in the USSR, Leningrad State University; 1979–1980.

SERVICE

External Organizations

- Launched and administered Facebook Group “Online Linguistic Teaching”, March 2020–2023.
- Advisory Member, GLOW Board (Generative Linguistic in the Old World), 2023–.
- Department Academic Advisor, Dept. of Linguistics and Translation, City University of Hong Kong, 2019–2021.
- Linguistic Society of America, Institute Fellowship application review committee, 2019.
- National Science Foundation, Graduate Research Fellowship, Panelist 2014–2015.
- Linguistic Society of America, External Awards Advisory Group, 2015–.
- University of British Columbia Department of Linguistics Review Committee, 2011.
- Linguistic Society of America, Committee on Linguistics in the School Curriculum, 2003–2005.
- National Science Foundation, Search Committee for Assistant Director of Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences, 2003–2004.
- UCLA Department of Linguistics Visiting Committee, external member, 2001.
- National Science Foundation, Advisory Committee for the Directorate of Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences, 1998–2000.
- American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), Section on Linguistics and Language Sciences, Council Delegate (elected) 1996–1999.
- Linguistic Society of America, Committee on Linguistics in the School Curriculum, 1996–1999.
- National Science Foundation, Committee of Visitors to the Directorate of Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences, 1999.
- American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), Section on Linguistics and Language Sciences, Member-at-Large, 1992–1995.
- National Science Foundation, Panelist in Linguistics, 1990–1993.

Research Consultancies

- Consultant, Center of Excellence grant from Japan Ministry of Education to Kanda University of Foreign Studies, 1996–2000.
- Organizer of Symposium “Linguistic Perspectives in Cognitive Science”, Cognitive Science Society Annual Meeting, UMass/Amherst, August 1986.
- Co-organizer (with Manfred Bierwisch) of Workshop “Structure of Lexical Information”, International Congress of Linguists, East Berlin, August 1986.
- Consultant, NSF Workshop on Semantics (R. May and T. Langendoen, PI’s), CUNY (LSA Summer Institute), 1986.
- Consultant, Sloan Foundation Grant (J. Higginbotham, PI), *Formalization of Syntactic Theory*, MIT, 1985.
- *Behavioral and Brain Sciences* Associateship.

Organization of Conferences and Workshops

- Organizing committee for Fifty Years of Linguistics at MIT reunion, December 2011.
- Organizing committee for Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics 20 (FASL), May 2011.
- Co-organizer (with Jessica Coon and Robert Henderson) of Workshop on Formal Approaches to Mayan Linguistics, April 2010.
- Co-organizer (with Sabine Iatridou) of workshop “Happy Golden Anniversary, Generative Grammar”, at the 2005 Summer Institute of the Linguistic Society of America at MIT, 2005.
- Organized and introduced AAAS symposium on “Grammar: What’s Innate”, 1998. [News coverage: “Grammar’s Secret Skeleton” by Kathryn S. Brown, *Science* 5 February 1999: Vol. 283, no. 5403, pp. 774–775; “War of Words”, *New Scientist* 21 August 1999.]
- Co-organizer (with Richard Kayne), AAAS Symposium “The Syntax of *have* and *be*”, 1995.
- Co-organized (with Pilar Barbosa, Danny Fox, Paul Hagstrom and Martha McGinnis) NSF-sponsored workshop “Is the Best Good Enough?”. MIT, 1995.

University-level Committees

- College of Computing Council, Representative from the School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (SHASS) 2021–2024.
- Committee on the Undergraduate Program, 2024–.
- SHASS Gender Equity Committee, co-chair 2024–.
- MIT Press Faculty Editorial Board, 2019–2021.
- Burchard Scholars Faculty Fellow, 2019–2021.
- Presidential Committee for Distinguished Fellowships. 2021–3.
- Intelligence Initiative (I²) Steering Committee, 2011–2013.
- MIT150 Open House planning group, MIT, 2010–2011.
- MacVicar Faculty Fellow Selection Committee, 2010–2011.
- Task force on Graduate Admissions, 2011.
- Committee on Academic Performance, MIT, 2007–2010, chair 2008–2010.
- Faculty Advisory Committee on Student Support Services, MIT, 2010–.
- Special Task Force on Student Support Services, MIT, 2009.
- DUE Strategic Planning Group on Student Support Services, MIT, 2009.
- Advisory Committee to the Dean of Undergraduate Education, MIT, 2006–7; 2008–.
- Student Information Systems Steering Committee, MIT, 2006–2008.
- Dean for Undergraduate Education Advisory Committee, 2005–2007 and 2008–.
- MIT Alumni Fund committee, MIT, 2007.
- Committee on Curricula, MIT, 2002–2007; chair 2005–2007.
- Task Force on the Undergraduate Educational Commons, MIT, 2005–2006.
- Council on K-12 Education, MIT, 1997–2003.

- Committee on Graduate Student Performance, MIT, 1997–1999.
- Cognitive Science Center Working Group, MIT, 1989–1992.
- Edgerton Award Committee, MIT, 1991.
- Colloquium Organizer, MIT Cognitive Science Center, 1989–1990.
- Faculty Research Council, UMass, 1985–1987.

Departmental Service

- Search committee chair, Computational Linguistics postdoctoral fellowship, 2022.
- Co-PI, MITx project for a MOOC version of 24.900 *Introduction to Linguistics*, 2019–.
- Department Head, Department of Linguistics & Philosophy 2013–2018.
- Department Communications Coordinator, 2018–.
- Linguistics Section Head, MIT 2011–13.
- Undergraduate Program Officer for the Language and Mind (Linguistics) major, MIT, 2001–2011.
- Linguistics minor and Linguistics concentration advisor, MIT, 2001–2011.
- Linguistics Transfer Credit Examiner, MIT 2001–2011.
- Editor of MIT Linguistics Facebook page, MIT 2011–.
- Co-editor of WHAMIT (departmental blog/newsletter), MIT 2009–.
- Subcommittee for revising the undergraduate Linguistics major, MIT 2008–9.
- Departmental Space Committee, MIT, 2005–2007.
- Psycholinguistics Search Committee, MIT, 2004–5.
- Departmental Fundraising Committee, MIT, 1992–1997.
- “Human Language Project” Co-developer, MIT, 1993–1997.
- Dept. of Brain and Cognitive Sciences Language Processing Search Committee, MIT, 1993.
- Departmental IAP Coordinator, MIT, 1989.
- Semantics Search Committee, MIT, 1989.
- Linguistics Dept. Personnel Committee, UMass, 1983–1988.
- Linguistics Dept. Director of Graduate Admissions, UMass, 1984–1987.
- Linguistics Dept. Curriculum Committee, UMass, 1983–1986.
- Linguistics Dept. General Education Proposal Committee, UMass, 1986.
- Summer Chairman, Department of Linguistics, UMass, 1986.
- Linguistics Dept. Graduate Admissions Committee, UMass, 1983–4.

DOCTORAL THESIS SUPERVISION

University of Massachusetts at Amherst — committee chair or co-chair

1.	Kiyoshi Kurata [†]	1990		
2.	Michiko Terada	1990		
3.	Molly Diesing	1990	Cornell University	co-chair
4.	T. Daniel Seely	1988	Eastern Michigan University	
5.	Alison Huettner	1988	Clairvoyance Corp.	
6.	Yoshihisa Kitagawa	1986	Indiana University (emeritus)	

MIT — committee chair or co-chair

1.	Eunsun Jou	2024	The School of Digital Humanities and Computational Social Sciences at the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST)	
2.	Fulang Chen	2023	Gridspace	
3.	Peter Grishin	2023	Brown University	
4.	Stanislao Zompì	2023	University of Potsdam	co-chair
5.	Colin Davis	2022	Nord University, Norway	co-chair
6.	Danfeng Wu	2022	University of Geneva	co-chair
7.	Rafael Abramovitz	2021	Amazon	co-chair
8.	Suzana Fong	2021	Memorial University, Newfoundland	
9.	Elise Newman	2021	MIT	
10.	Dmitry Privoznov	2021	University of Göttingen	co-chair
11.	Abdul-Razak Sulemana	2021	University of Ghana	
12.	Carolyn Spadine	2020		
13.	Michelle Yuan	2019	UCLA	
14.	Tingchun Chen	2019	National Tsing Hua University, Nanda Campus, Taiwan	co-chair
15.	Chris O'Brien	2017	New York City Public Schools	co-chair
16.	Ruth Brillman	2017	Google	
17.	İsa Kerem Bayırli	2017	TOBB University of Economics and Technology, Ankara	
18.	Theodore Levin	2015	Apple	
19.	Coppe van Urk	2015	Queen Mary University of London	
20.	Liuda Nikolaeva	2014	Jane Street	
21.	Alexander Podobryaev	2014	Faculty of Philology, Higher School of Economics, Moscow	
22.	Yusuke Imanishi	2014	Kwansei Gakuin University	
23.	Hadas Kotek	2014	Apple and MIT affiliate	co-chair
24.	Michael Yoshitaka Erlewine	2014	French National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS) and Nantes University's Laboratoire de Linguistique de Nantes	co-chair
25.	Claire Halpert	2012	University of Minnesota	
26.	Jeremy Hartman	2012	[University of Massachusetts, Amherst]	

27.	Kirill Shklovsky	2012	Twitter	
28.	Omer Preminger	2011	[University of Maryland]	co-chair
29.	Alya Asarina	2011	Upwork	
30.	Tue Trinh	2011	University of Nova Gorica	co-chair
31.	Jessica Coon	2010	McGill University	
32.	Iris Wu	2008	National Taiwan Normal University	co-chair
33.	Seth Cable	2007	University of Massachusetts, Amherst	
34.	Martina Gračanin-Yukse	2007	Middle East Technical University, Ankara	
35.	Ivona Kučerová	2007	McMaster University	co-chair
36.	Heejeong Ko	2005	Seoul National University	
37.	Joseph Sabbagh	2005	University of Texas/Arlington	
38.	Teal Bissell Doggett	2004	University of Vermont	
39.	Shinichiro Ishihara	2003	University of Frankfurt	
40.	Karlos Arregi	2002	University of Chicago	
41.	Vivian Lin	2002	Inflection AI	
42.	Cornelia Krause	2001	Deutsche Bahn	co-chair
43.	Benjamin Bruening	2001	University of Delaware	
44.	Jon Nissenbaum	2000	Queens College, CUNY	co-chair
45.	Idan Landau	1999	Tel Aviv University	co-chair
46.	Paul Hagstrom	1998	Boston University	
47.	Uli Sauerland	1998	Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwis- senschaft, Berlin	co-chair
48.	Danny Fox	1998	MIT	co-chair
49.	Susanne Wurmbrand	1998	University of Salzburg	co-chair
50.	Judy Baek	1997	[Seoul National University]	co-chair
51.	Norvin Richards	1997	MIT	
52.	Maria Babyonyshev [†]	1996	[Yale University]	co-chair
53.	Jonathan Bobaljik	1995	Harvard University	co-chair
54.	Hubert Truckenbrodt	1995	Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwis- senschaft	co-chair
55.	Philip Branigan	1992	Memorial University, Newfoundland	
56.	Viviane Déprez	1990	Rutgers University	

Committee Member

University of Massachusetts at Amherst: Taisuke Nishigauchi; Craig Roberts; Jae-Woong Choe; Gert Webelhuth; Masanobu Ueda; Sandro Zucchi; Stephen Berman; Koichi Tateishi.

MIT (Linguistics): Peter Kipka; Itziar Laka; Anoop Mahajan; Sabine Iatridou; Lisa Cheng; Hamida Demirdache; Michael Hegarty; Miori Kubo; Utpal Lahiri; Friederike Moltmann; Chris Collins; Chris Tancredi; Kumiko Murasugi, Pilar Barbosa, Andrew Carnie, Renate Musan, Carson Schütze, Marie Claude Boivin, Colin Phillips, Orin Percus, Luciana Storto, Martha McGinnis, Philippe Schlenker, Ora Matushansky, Cornelia Krause, Meltem Kelepir, Calixto Aguero-Bautista, Gaurav Mathur, Franny Hsaio, Aniko Csirmaz, Ken Hiraiwa, Justin Fitzpatrick, Marta Abrusan, Sara Hulsey, Asaf Bachrach, Roni Katzir, Junri Shimada, Bronwyn Bjorkman, Patrick Grosz, Rafael Nonato, Isaac Gould, Samuel Steddy, Paul Marty, Aron Hirsch, Snezana Iovtcheva, Kenyon Branen, Nicholas Longenbaugh, Snezana Iovtcheva, Giovanni Roversi.

MIT (Brain and Cognitive Sciences): Amy Pierce; Sandeep Prasada; Sergey Avrutin; William

Snyder; David Poeppel, Kevin Broihier, Jennifer Ganger, Tania Ionin.

Boston University: Mechiro Negishi (1998).

University of Leiden (Netherlands): Sjf Barbiere (1995); João Costa (1997).

McGill University: Mikinari Matsuoka (2002).

Harvard University: Adam Szczegielniak (2004).

Stony Brook: Barbara Citko (2000), Svitlana Antonyuk-Yudina (2014).

University of Paris VII: Nora Boneh (2003).

University of Nantes (France): Hamida Demirdache [habilitation committee, 2003].

University of Groningen (Netherlands): Janneke ter Beek (2008).

University of Leiden (Netherlands): Erik Schoorlemmer (2009).

University of New South Wales (Australia): Iain Giblin (2010).

Utrecht University (Netherlands): Heidi Klockmann (2017).

University of Göttingen (Germany): Feras Saleh Ali Saeed (2025).

Masters-level Supervision

- Verena Hehl 2019
- Dunja Veselinović (NYU) 2015 QP committee member
- Coppe van Urk (University of Utrecht) 2010 (co-reader)
- Rebecca Norris (MIT) 2004 (co-chair)
- Andrea Leszek (MIT) 1995

EDITING AND REVIEWING

Reviewer: *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*, *The Linguistic Review*, *Language Acquisition*, *Germanic Linguistics*, *Glossa*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, MIT Press, Kluwer Publishing, Chicago University Press, Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, National Science Foundation, Dutch Science Foundation, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (Canada), American Council of Learned Societies, others.

Conference Abstract Reviewer: West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics, Western Conference on Linguistics, North Eastern Linguistics Society, Conference on Japanese and Korean Linguistics, West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics, Formal Linguistics Society of the Midwest, Generative Linguists of the Old Worlds (GLOW) Colloquium, Generative Approaches to Language Acquisition, BU Conference on Child Language Development, Western Conference on Linguistics, Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics, others.

Editorial Boards: *Linguistic Inquiry* (1982–); *Language Acquisition* (1992–2005); *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* (Associate Editor, 1988–1993); *Natural Language Semantics* (1992–2007); *Studia Linguistica* (1993–); *Rivista di Linguistica* (1998–2004); *English Linguistics* (2008–); *Journal of Language Modeling* (2013–).

Book Series Co-Editor: *Open Generative Syntax* (Language Sciences Press).

MEMBERSHIPS

Linguistic Society of America, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Generative Linguists in the Old World (GLOW).

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- *Russian Case Morphology and the Syntactic Categories*. MIT Press (2013).
- *Phrasal Movement and its Kin*. MIT Press (2001).
- *Is the Best Good Enough*, MIT Press (1998) [edited volume: P. Barbosa, D. Fox, P. Hagstrom, M. McGinnis and D. Pesetsky, editors].
- *Zero Syntax*, MIT Press (1995).

Published Articles

- (with Omer Preminger and Ezer Rasin) “A re-evaluation of Arad’s argument for roots”. Robert Autry, Gabriela de la Cruz, Luis A. Irizarry Figueroa, Kristina Mihajlovic, Tianyi Ni, Ryan Smith, and Heidi Harley (eds.) *Proceedings of the 39th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics* Cascadilla Press (2024), pp. 382–392.
- “Arguments from case for a derivational theory of finiteness: Nominative Memories of a Past Life”. In: Christina Sevdali, Dionysios Mertyrus, and Elena Anagnostopoulou, eds. *The Place of Case in Grammar*. Oxford University Press, pp. 359–387. (2024)
- “Wh-which relatives and the existence of pied-piping”, *Glossa: a journal of general linguistics* 8(1). doi: <https://doi.org/10.16995/glossa.9943>. (2023) (with Evile Kanoe)
- “Tales of an unambitious reverse engineer”. In Sabine Laszakovits & Zheng Shen (eds.), *The size of things I: Structure building*, 187–224. Berlin: Language Science Press. DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.5524292 (2022)
- “Complementizer-trace effects”, in Martin Everaert and Henk van Riemsdijk (eds.) *A Companion to Syntax*, 2nd edition, Oxford: Blackwell (2018).
- (with Julie Legate and Charles Yang) “Recursive misrepresentations: a reply to Levinson (2013)”, *Language* 90.2, 515–528. (DOI: 10.1353/lan.2014.0034)
- “Phrasal Movement and its Discontents: Diseases and Diagnostics” in Lisa L.L. Cheng and Norbert Corver (eds.) *Diagnostics for Movement*, Oxford University Press. (2013), pp. 123–157.
- “Maria Babyonyshev in memoriam”, *Journal of Slavic Linguistics* 19(2), 165–74 (2011).
- (with Andrew Nevins and Cilene Rodrigues) “Evidence and Argumentation: a reply to Everett (2009)”, *Language* 85.3, 671–681 (September 2009).
- (with Andrew Nevins and Cilene Rodrigues) “Pirahã Exceptionality: a Reassessment”, *Language* 85.2, 355–404 (July 2009) [<http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/language/summary/v085/85.2.nevins.html>; earlier version at <http://ling.auf.net/lingBuzz/000411>]
- (with Esther Torrego) “ , ”, in *Investigations into Formal Altaic Linguistics: Proceedings of WAFL3*. Sergei Tatevosov, ed. Moscow: MAKs Press, pp. 14–49 (2009). [longer version of “Probes, Goals and Syntactic Categories”]
- “Against taking linguistic diversity at ‘face value’”, invited commentary on paper by Evans and Levinson. *Brain and Behavioral Sciences* 32.5, 464–5. (2009)
- “Passive, Deponency and Tense: Comments on the Paper by Papangeli and Lavidas”, in S. Iatridou, ed. *MIT Working Papers in Linguistics: Proceedings of the Workshop on Greek Syntax*. (2008)

- (with Esther Torrego) “The Syntax of Valuation and the Interpretability of Features”, in S. Karimi, V. Samiian and W. Wilkins, eds. *Phrasal and Clausal Architecture*. Amsterdam: Benjamins (2007). [http://web.mit.edu/linguistics/www/pesetsky/Pesetsky_Torrego_Agree_paper.pdf]
- “Property Delay”, *Theoretical Linguistics*, 33.1, pp. 105–120. (2007) [<http://ling.auf.net/lingBuzz/000384>]
- (with Esther Torrego) “Probes, Goals and Syntactic Categories”, Y. Otsu, ed. *Proceedings of the 7th annual Tokyo Conference on Psycholinguistics*. Tokyo: Hituzi Syobo Publishing Company. (2006) [http://web.mit.edu/linguistics/www/pesetsky/Probes_Goals_Pesetsky_Torrego.pdf]
- (with Danny Fox) “Cyclic Linearization of Syntactic Structure”, *Theoretical Linguistics* 31.1–2, pp. 1–46 (2005).
- (with Danny Fox) “Cyclic Linearization and its interaction with other aspects of grammar: a reply”, *Theoretical Linguistics* 31.1–2 (Special Issue on Object Shift), pp. 235–262 [reply to commentaries on] (2005).
- (with Esther Torrego) “Tense, Case and the Nature of Syntactic Categories”, in J. Guéron and J. Lecarme (eds.) *The Syntax of Time*, pp. 495–538. MIT Press (2004).
- “Principles and Parameters Theory”, *Oxford International Encyclopedia of Linguistics*, Second Edition (2002).
- (with Keith Rayner, Barbara R. Foorman, Charles A. Perfetti, and Mark S. Seidenberg) “How Psychological Science Informs the Teaching of Reading”, *Psychological Science in the Public Interest*, vol. 2, number 2. (2002) [http://www.psychologicalscience.org/newsresearch/publications/journals/pspi2_2.html]
- (with Keith Rayner, Barbara R. Foorman, Charles A. Perfetti, and Mark S. Seidenberg) “How should reading be taught?”, *Scientific American* (2002).
- (with Maria Babyonyshev, Jennifer Ganger and Kenneth Wexler.) “The maturation of grammatical principles: Evidence from Russian unaccusatives”. *Linguistic Inquiry*, pp. 1–44. (2001).
- (with Esther Torrego) “T-to-C: Causes and Consequences”, in M. Kenstowicz (ed.) *Ken Hale: A Life in Language*. Cambridge: MIT Press, pp. 355–426. (2001).
- “Linguistic Universals and Universal Grammar”, *MIT Encyclopedia of Cognitive Science*. (2000)
- (with Danny Fox) “Introduction: optimality in syntax”, in P. Barbosa, D. Fox, P. Hagstrom, M. McGinnis and D. Pesetsky (eds.) *Is the Best Good Enough*, pp. 1–14. Cambridge: MIT Press (1998).
- “Some Optimality Principles of Sentence Pronunciation”, in P. Barbosa, D. Fox, P. Hagstrom, M. McGinnis and D. Pesetsky (eds.) *Is the Best Good Enough*, Cambridge: MIT Press (1998).
- (with Ken Wexler and Victoria Fromkin) “Acquiring Language” *Science* 276: 1177a–1178a. (1997)
- “Optimality and Syntax”, in D. Archangeli and T. Langendoen (eds.) *Optimality Theory: an Overview*, pp. 134–169. Oxford: Blackwell (1997).
- (with C. Phillips, A. Marantz, M. McGinness, D. Pesetsky, E. Yellin, D. Poeppel, T. Roberts, H. Rowley.) “Brain mechanisms of speech perception: a preliminary report.” *MITWPL* 26, 153–191 (1996).

- “Complexity and Adaptation” (with Ned Block), *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 13, 750–752 (1993).
- “Topic...comment”. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*, 11, 557–558 (1993).
- “Government-Binding Theory”, *Oxford International Encyclopedia of Linguistics* (1991).
- “Binding Problems with Experiencer Verbs”, *Linguistic Inquiry* 17.126–140 (1987).
- “WH-in-situ: Movement and Unselective Binding”, in E. Reuland and A.G.B. terMeulen (eds.) *The Linguistic Representation of (In)definiteness*, MIT Press, Cambridge, MA, pp. 98–129 (1987).
- “WH-in-situ and Discourse: A Reply to Kuno and Masunaga”, *UMass Occasional Papers in Linguistics*, GLSA, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, pp. 241–262 (1987).
- “Morphology and Logical Form”, *Linguistic Inquiry* 16.193–245. (1985)
- “Complementizer-Trace Phenomena and the Nominative Island Condition” (*expanded version*), *The Linguistic Review* 1.297–344. (1982)
- (with K. Safir) “Inflection, Inversion, and Subject Clitics”, in J. Pustejovsky (ed.) *Proceedings of the Eleventh Annual Meeting of the North Eastern Linguistic Society*, UMass, Amherst. (1981)
- (with G. Carden) “Double-Verb Constructions, Markedness, and a Fake Coordination”, in W.A. Beach et al., eds., *Papers from the Thirteenth Regional Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society*, University of Chicago. (1977) — reprinted in Y. Minori, ed., *Anthology of Overseas English Studies*, Eichosa, Tokyo, (1979).
- “Category Switching and So-Called So-Called Pronouns”, in D. Farkas et al., eds., *Papers from the Fourteenth Regional Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society*, University of Chicago. (1979)
- “Complementizer-Trace Phenomena and the Nominative Island Condition”, in E. Battistella, ed., *Proceedings of the Ninth Annual Meeting of the North Eastern Linguistic Society*, part 2, Queens College Press, New York. (1979)
- “Menomini Quantity”, in K. Safir (ed.), *MIT Working Papers in Linguistics: Papers on Syllable Structure, Metrical Structure, and Harmony Processes*, MIT, Cambridge, MA. (1979)
- (with B.H. Repp, A.M. Liberman and T. Eccardt) “Perceptual Integration of Acoustic Cues for Stop, Fricative and Affricate Manner”, *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Human Perception and Performance*, 4.621–737. (1978)
- (with Esther Torrego) “Case” in C. Boeckx, ed. *Handbook of Linguistic Minimalism*, Oxford: Oxford University Press. (in press)
- (with Jonah Katz) “The Identity Thesis for Language and Music”. [<http://ling.auf.net/lingbuzz/000959>], under revision for *Language*.

Submitted

- “Ingredients of Ellipsis: E-extension and the Uniformity of Silence”, (2025; under journal review). <https://ling.auf.net/lingbuzz/008647> (with Ido Benbaji-Elhadad)

Frequently Cited Unpublished Manuscripts

- “Exfoliation: towards a derivational theory of clause size”. (2019) <https://ling.auf.net/lingbuzz/004440>

- “Zero Syntax II: Infinitival Complementation”, 1992. [<http://web.mit.edu/linguistics/www/pesetsky/infins.pdf>]
- “The Earliness Principle”, 1989. [<http://web.mit.edu/linguistics/www/pesetsky/earliness.pdf>]
- “Russian Morphology and Lexical Theory”, 1977. [<http://web.mit.edu/linguistics/www/pesetsky/russmorph.pdf>]

TALKS AND LECTURE SERIES

Lecture series, short courses and visiting positions

- “Ellipsis” (8 lectures), CreteLing Summer School, University of Crete, July 2024 (with Kyle Johnson).
- “Dissimilation: destroyer of clauses” (8 lectures), CreteLing Summer School, University of Crete, July 2023 and December 2023.
- Linguistic Society of America, Summer Institute, UMass Amherst; June 2023. *Introduction to Syntax*.
- Seoul National University, *Dissimilation and Clause Size* (three seminar meetings). August 2022.
- Virtual New York – St. Petersburg Institute, June 2022, *Intermediate Syntax*.
- “Proseminar in Grammatik-theorie: Theories of clause size and their implications” (six classes), University of Vienna, January 2020.
- Linguistic Society of America, Summer Institute, University of California, Davis; July 2019. *Case Theory — Controversies and Advances*.
- Linguistic Society of America, Summer Institute, University of Kentucky; July 2017. *Introduction to Syntax*.
- University of Bucharest; January 2017.
- University of Brasilia; August 2016.
- Nova Universidade de Lisboa, Lisbon, Portugal; July 2016.
- University of Brasilia; August 2015.
- Linguistic Society of America, Summer Institute, University of Chicago; July 2015. Two courses: *Introduction to Syntax* and *Syntax and Semantics of Slavic* (with Sergei Tatevosov).
- Nova Universidade de Lisboa, Lisbon, Portugal; July 2014.
- Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain; May 2014.
- 6th Linguistics Summer School in the Indian Mountains (LISSIM 6), Sidhbari, Himachal Pradesh, India; June 2012.
- LOT Summer School; Radboud University, Nijmegen, Netherlands; June 2010.
- École d’Automne de Linguistique (EALING), Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris; September 2009.
- East European Generative Linguistics Summer School, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan, Poland; July 2009.

- New York-St. Petersburg Institute, St. Petersburg State University, Russia; July 2007.
- Boğaziçi University, Istanbul; April 2007.
- University of Potsdam; March 2007.
- Linguistic Society of America, Summer Institute, Cambridge, Massachusetts; July–August 2005.
- Lund University, Sweden; March 2005.
- University of Tromsø, Norway; March 2005.
- Escola de Verão de Linguística Formal da América do Sul (EVELIN), Campinas, Brazil; January 2005.
- Linguistic Society of America, Summer Institute, Michigan State University; August 2003.
- Linguistic Society of Japan, Summer Institute, Shirakabako, Japan; August 2002.
- École Doctorale, University of Geneva; June 2002.
- Henrietta Harvey Distinguished Lecturer, Memorial University, Newfoundland; March 2001.
- East European Generative Linguistics Summer School, Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria; August 2000.
- LOT Winter School, Holland Institute of Linguistics, University of Leiden; January 2000.
- Linguistic Society of America, Summer Institute, University of Illinois; July 1999.
- University of Vienna; June 1999.
- Kanda University, Japan; August 1998.
- University of Brasilia; June 1998.
- Linguistic Society of America, Summer Institute, Cornell; July 1997.
- World Bank Lecturer, Eötvös Lóránd University, Budapest; December 1995.
- Holland Institute of Generative Linguistics, Leiden and Amsterdam; November 1995.
- Numazu Seminar in Linguistics, Japan; August 1995.
- Sophia University, Tokyo; January 1995.
- Generative Linguistics Circle of Korea; October 1994.
- Department of Linguistics, University of Venice; January 1994.
- Linguistic Society of America, Summer Institute, Ohio State University; July 1993.
- LOT Summer School, Holland Institute of Linguistics, Free University of Amsterdam, June 1993.
- Girona International Summer School of Linguistics, Girona, Spain; Summer 1990.
- Linguistic Society of America, Summer Institute, UCLA; Summer 1983.

Invited talks in linguistics

- “Generalized Dependent Case: towards a maximally sparse theory of passive”, Generative Linguistics in Poland 2025, keynote, Institute of Computer Science of the Polish Academy of Sciences (IPI PAN), Warsaw, November 2025.
- “Is there an LLM challenge for linguistics? Or a linguistics challenge for LLMs?”, invited public lecture, Romanian Academy of Sciences, Bucharest, May 2024.

- “Dissimilation: Shrinker of Clauses” (plenary talk at the 9th International Symposium on Linguistics, celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Linguistics Section of the Romanian Academy of Sciences), Bucharest, May 2024.
- “A double life for complement if-clauses revisited: preliminary remarks for a 21st century version”. Second International Conference on Adverbial Clauses in Argument Positions, Freie Universität Berlin, April 2024.
- “Is there an LLM challenge for linguistics? Or a linguistics challenge for LLMs?”, Magdalen College, Oxford University (invited talk at workshop on LLMs and linguistics), March 2024.
- “Dissimilation: shrinker of clauses”, 41st Annual Conference of the English Linguistic Society of Japan, University of Tokyo, November 2023.
- “A Derivational Theory of Clause Type and the Unity of Movement” (2 lectures), Keio University, Tokyo, November 2023.
- “Is there an LLM challenge for Linguistics?”, V-NYI Summer School (online), June 2023.
- “Is there an LLM challenge for Linguistics?”, MIT EECS lunch seminar, May 2023.
- “Dissimilation and clause size” (5 lectures), LOT Winter School, University of Amsterdam, January 2023.
- “E-Extension and the Uniformity of Silence”, Invited talk, Seoul National University, August 2022.
- “Where do reduced clauses come from?”, Croatia Syntax Days, Osijek, Croatia (online), November 2021.
- “Clause Size Revisited: Can Kinyalolo’s Constraint explain Exfoliation phenomena”, Workshop on Formal Linguistics, University of Brasilia (online), October 2021.
- “Finiteness and Clausal Complementation” (four lectures), New York-St. Petersburg Institute (online), January 2021.
- “Lack of ambition as explanation when a clause is reduced”, 13th Brussels Conference on Generative Linguistics (online), December 2020.
- “Minimalist Program: Achievements and Challenges”, invited talk in series Abralín ao Vivo — Linguists Online (Linguistic Society of Brazil, July 2020).
- “The Unity of Movement”, 6 lectures, New York-St. Petersburg Institute (online), July 2020.
- “Nominative Memories of a Past Life”, University of York, November 2019.
- “Nominative Memories of a Past Life”, Stanford University, November 2018.
- “Nominative Memories of a Past Life”, Workshop “On the Place of Case in the Grammar”, University of Rethymno, Crete, October 2018.
- “Why English Has More Than One Kind of Subordinate Clause: A Window into the Unity and Diversity of Human Languages”, Plenary talk, The 3rd International Conference on English Language, Literature, Teaching and Translation Studies, University of Sarajevo, September 2018.
- “Exfoliation: toward a derivational theory of clause size”, University of Chicago, April 2018.
- “Exfoliation: towards a derivational theory of clause size”, Workshop on Quirks of Subject Extraction, National University of Singapore, August 2017.

- “Clause size and Nominal size: towards a derivational theory of both”, Formal Approaches to Russian Linguistics, Moscow, March 2017.
- “Exfoliation: towards a derivational theory of clause size”, Moscow State University, March 2017.
- “Exfoliation: towards a derivational theory of clause size”, Syracuse University, November 2016.
- “Exfoliation: towards a derivational theory of clause size”, Workshop on Shrinking Trees, University of Leipzig, October 2016.
- “Exfoliation: towards a derivational theory of clause size”, OLINCO, University of Olomouc, Czech Republic, June 2016.
- “Exfoliation: towards a derivational theory of clause size”, UMass Amherst, April 2016.
- “Exfoliation: towards a derivational theory of clause size”, USC, March 2016.
- “Exfoliation: towards a derivational theory of clause size”, University of Minnesota, March 2016.
- “Islands in the Modern World”, University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, November 2015.
- “Islands in the Modern World”, University of Brasilia, August 2015.
- “Linguistics and the external world”, Workshop on Generative Syntax: the Road Ahead, Athens, May 2015.
- “Islands in the Modern World”, Rutgers, April 2015.
- “Language and Music: same structures, different building blocks”, Workshop on Language, Music and Computing, SUAI/ , St. Petersburg, Russia, April 2015.
- “Islands in the Modern World”, NYU, November 2014.
- “Islands in the Modern World”, Yale, April 2014.
- “Stacked and phrasal case in Russian and Lardil: Richard’s conjecture and the unity of the world’s languages”, invited speaker, Israeli Association for Theoretical Linguistics, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, October 2013.
- “Case morphology as tree rings”, University of Bucharest, June 2013.
- “Dvuxètapny case assignment and Richards’ conjecture: the Tangkic language Russian, and the Slavic language Lardil”, Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics (FASL), McMaster University, Ontario, May 2013.
- “Language and Music: same structures, different building blocks”, Pinkel Lecture (<http://www.ircs.upenn.edu/pinkel/lectures/pesetsky>), University of Pennsylvania, April 2013.
- “Language and Music: same structures, different building blocks”, Workshop on Music, Language and Emotion, Stony Brook, April 2013.
- “ ? What is to be done?”, plenary lecture, Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting, January 2013.
- “Dependent Case is Binding Theory”, keynote speaker, Great Lakes Expo for Experimental and Formal Undergraduate Linguistics, Michigan State University, April 2012.
- “Dependent Case is Binding Theory”, keynote lecture, NELS 42, University of Toronto, November 2011.

- “Dependent Case is Binding Theory”, 21st Japanese/Korean Linguistics Conference, Seoul National University, Korea, October 2011.
- “Language and Music: same structures, different building blocks”, MINDLab Conference on Music and Language in the Brain, University of Århus, Denmark, May 2011 (with Jonah Katz).
- “Language and music: same structures, different building blocks”, INSIGHTS Public Lecture series, Newcastle University (UK), March 2011.
- “Dependent Case is Binding Theory”, Newcastle University (UK), March 2011.
- “Islands, Case and Licensing: the Neglected Role of the Attractor”, Newcastle University (UK), February 2011.
- “Dependent Case is Binding Theory”, Brussels Conference on Generative Linguistics, December 2010.
- “Islands, case and licensing: the neglected role of the attractor”, CP: a Workshop in honor of Christer Platzack, Lund University, Sweden, December 2010.
- “Russian Case Morphology and the Syntactic Categories”, University of Chicago, March 2010.
- “Islands, Case and Licensing: the Neglected Role of the Attractor”, University of Illinois, Chicago, March 2010.
- “Case and Islands: the Neglected Role of the Attractor”, University of Ulster/Jordanstown, February 2010.
- “Russian Case Morphology and the Syntactic Categories”, Stonybrook-Yale-NYU-CUNY student conference (SYNC), Yale, December 2009.
- “The Identity Thesis for Language and Music”, Workshop “Sounds and Structures”, Free University, Berlin, December 2009 (with Jonah Katz).
- “Russian Case Morphology and the Syntactic Categories”, Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, Berlin, December 2009.
- “Russian Case Morphology and the Syntactic Categories”, University of Massachusetts/Amherst, October 2009.
- “Why Three Kinds of Case?”, University of Massachusetts/Amherst syntax reading group, October 2009.
- “Case, Clauses and the feature wh”, workshop on Agreement, Doubling and the DP, University of Leiden, Netherlands, September 2009.
- “Case, Clauses and the feature wh”, workshop on Clause Types (“Ten Years After”), University of Frankfurt, Germany, June 2009.
- “Russian Case Morphology and the Syntactic Categories”, University of Tübingen, Germany, June 2009.
- “The Recursive Syntax and Prosody of Tonal Music”, Conference on Recursion, University of Massachusetts/Amherst, May 2009 (with Jonah Katz).
- “Phrasal Movement and its Discontents: Diseases and Diagnostics”, Workshop on “Diagnosing Syntax”, University of Leiden/University of Utrecht, Netherlands, January 2009.
- “Russian Case Morphology and the Syntactic Categories”, Mediterranean Syntax Meeting 2, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, October 2008.

- “More on the Syntax of Music and Language”, Conference on Music, Language and the Mind, Tufts University, July 2008.
- “Russian Case Morphology and the Syntactic Categories”, University of Groningen, Netherlands, May 2008.
- “Russian Case Morphology and the Syntactic Categories”, University of Utrecht, Netherlands, May 2008.
- “Music Syntax is Language Syntax”, University of Utrecht, Netherlands, May 2008.
- “Music Syntax is Language Syntax”, Russian Academy of Sciences, April 2008.
- “Russian Case Morphology and the Syntactic Categories”, Russian State Humanities University, Moscow, April 2008.
- “Perspectives on Current Research in Syntax”, Moscow State University, April 2008.
- “Featural Non-Canonicity for Beginners (a few comments on Corbett’s paper)”, MUMSA workshop, Harvard University, March 2008.
- “Russian Case Morphology and the Syntactic Categories”, University of Michigan, January 2008.
- “Music Syntax is Language Syntax”, University of Michigan, January 2008.
- “Russian Case Morphology and the Syntactic Categories”, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, November 2007.
- “Music Syntax is Language Syntax”, University of British Columbia (Department of Linguistics, School of Music), Vancouver, November 2007.
- “Russian Case Morphology and the Syntactic Categories”, Harvard University Workshop on Morphology, September 2007.
- “Music Syntax is Language Syntax”, New York-St. Petersburg Institute, St. Petersburg State University, Russia, July 2007.
- “Undermerge, Overmerge, and the Secret Genitive inside Every Russian Noun”, Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics, May 2007. (*keynote speaker*)
- “Music Syntax is Language Syntax”, Workshop on Movement, Harvard University, May 2007.
- “Why Verbs and Nouns Build Different Types of Phrases”, University of Potsdam, April 2007.
- “Why Verbs and Nouns Build Different Types of Phrases”, University of Leipzig, April 2007.
- “Cyclic Linearization of Shared Material”, Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, Typologie und Universalienforschung (ZAS), Berlin, April 2007.
- “Undermerge, Overmerge, and why Verbs and Nouns Build Different Types of Phrases” (2 lectures), Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, April 2007.
- “Cyclic Linearization of Shared Material”, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, April 2007.
- “Why Verbs and Nouns Build Different Types of Phrases”, University of Wisconsin/Madison, April 2007.
- “Syntax and Music”, University of Wisconsin/Madison, April 2007.
- “The Syntax of Language and the Syntax of Music”, Bard College, February 2007.

- “Why nouns and verbs build different kinds of phrases”, Yale University, October 2006.
- “Cyclic Linearization, Shared Material and Merge”, 8th Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar, August 2006. (*keynote speaker*)
- “Agreement, Features and the Nature of Syntactic Categories” (2 lectures and discussion session), 8th Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar, August 2006. (*keynote speaker*)
- “Why Verbs and Nouns Build Different Types of Phrases (even in Altaic)”, 3rd Workshop on Altaic in Formal Linguistics (WAFL3), Moscow State University, May 2006.
- “Cyclic Linearization of Syntactic Structure: Consequences for Scandinavian, Korean, and Russian”, Moscow State University, May 2006. (*keynote speaker*)
- “Building a Noun Phrase”, SUNY Stony Brook, March 2006.
- “Building a Noun Phrase”, 7th Annual Tokyo Conference on Psycholinguistics, Keio University, Tokyo. March 2006. (*keynote speaker*)
- “The Syntax of Valuation and the Interpretability of Features”, McGill University, December 2005.
- “Agreement and θ -marking: the Vehicle Hypothesis”, Workshop: “Les géométries de traits: de la phonologie à la syntaxe”, University of Paris VIII December 2005.
- “Relative Clauses Visited and Revisited”, Workshop on Descriptive and Explanatory Adequacy in Linguistics, Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, Typologie und Universalienforschung, Berlin, December 2005.
- “The Syntax of Valuation and the Interpretability of Features”, University of Connecticut, November 2005.
- “Subcategorization Phenomena”, Linguistic Association Lecturer, Linguistic Association of Great Britain, August 2005. (*keynote speaker*)
- “The Syntax of Agreement and the N/V Distinction”, Chicago Linguistic Society Annual Meeting, April 2005. (*keynote speaker*)
- “The Syntax of Valuation and the Interpretability of Features” (2 lectures), University of Tromsø, Norway, March 2005.
- “The Syntax of Valuation and the Interpretability of Features” (3 lectures), University of Lund, Sweden, March 2005.
- “Fox & Pesetsky on trial”, University of Tromsø, Norway, March 2005.
- “Valuation and Interpretability: Two Sides of Different Coins”, Workshop on Tools in Linguistic Theory (TILT), Academy of Sciences, Budapest, May 2004. (*keynote speaker*)
- “Cyclic Spellout, Ordering and the Typology of Movement”, Indiana University, February 2004.
- “Syntactic Categories and the Interpretable/Valued Distinctions”, Indiana University, February 2004.
- “Remarks on Remnant Movement”, New York University, November 2003.
- “Cyclic Spellout, Ordering and the Typology of Movement”, GLOW Conference, Lund, Sweden, April 2003. (*keynote speaker*)

- “Cyclic Spellout, Ordering and the Typology of Movement”, University of Paris III, January 2003.
- “Cyclic Spellout, Ordering and the Typology of Movement”, Sophia University, Tokyo, August 2002.
- “Case, Tense and the Nature of Syntactic Categories”, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, June 2002.
- “Case, Tense and the Nature of Syntactic Categories” (2 lectures), École Doctorale, University of Geneva, June 2002.
- “From Tense-to-Comp Movement to the Nature of Case”, Georgetown University, March 2002.
- “Case Theory”, Colloque de Syntaxe et Semantique à Paris, Paris, November 2001. (*keynote speaker*)
- “From Tense-to-Comp Movement to the Nature of Case”, Stanford University, June 2001.
- “From T-to-C Movement to the Nature of Case” (2 lectures), Memorial University, Newfoundland, March 2001.
- “From T-to-C Movement to the Nature of Case”, Conference on Motivating Movement, University of Ulster at Jordanstown. January 2001. (*keynote speaker*)
- “The Syntax of Tense and the Nature of Case”, International Conference on the Syntax of Tense and Aspect, University of Paris VII, November 2000 (with Esther Torrego).
- “Movement of Tense to C: Causes and Consequences”, University of California at Santa Cruz. April 2000.
- “Movement of Tense to C: Causes and Consequences”, University of Southern California. April 2000.
- “Movement of Tense to C: Causes and Consequences”, SUNY Stony Brook. December 1999.
- “Movement of Tense to C: Causes and Consequences”, University of Salzburg, Austria. June 1999.
- “Movement of Tense to C: Causes and Consequences”, West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics, University of Arizona, Tucson. April 1999. (*keynote speaker*)
- “Movement of Tense to C: Causes and Consequences”, New York University, March 1999.
- “Three Types of Movement”, Sophia University, Japan. August 1998.
- “Lifestyles of the which and Famous”, Workshop on Perfection in Syntax, Collegium Budapest, June 1998.
- “Three Types of Movement”, University of São Paulo, Brazil, June 1998.
- “Lifestyles of the which and Famous”, Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics, University of Washington, Seattle, May 1998. (*keynote speaker*)
- “The Russian Genitive of Negation and the Maturation of A-chains”, University of Washington, Seattle, May 1998.
- “Lifestyles of the which and Famous: English is Bulgarian”, University of Maryland at College Park, March 1998.
- “Three Types of Movement”, Dept. of Linguistics, University of Calgary, Canada, January 1998.

- “Three Types of Movement”, Eastern States Conference on Linguistics, Yale, November 1997. (*keynote speaker*)
- “Three Types of Movement”, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, November 1997.
- “The Submergence of the Unmarked”, Hopkins Optimality Conference, Johns Hopkins University, May 1997.
- “Optimality Principles of Sentence Pronunciation”, University of Pittsburgh, March 1997.
- “Word Order from a Formalist Point of View”, Milwaukee Conference on Functional and Formal Linguistics, April 1996.
- “Optimality Principles of Sentence Pronunciation: Part 1”, Free University of Amsterdam, Netherlands, December 1995.
- “Optimality Principles of Sentence Pronunciation: Part 2”, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands, December 1995.
- “Maturation of A-chains?”, University of Leiden, Netherlands, December 1995.
- “Optimality Principles of Sentence Pronunciation”, Yale University, October 1995.
- “Optimality Theory and Syntax”, University of Arizona at Tucson, October 1995.
- “Optimality Principles of Sentence Pronunciation”, University of Arizona at Tucson, October 1995.
- “Optimal Pronunciations for Sentences”, University of Paris X, June 1995.
- “Pronunciation Principles beyond Strong and Weak”, Roundtable on Word Order and Syntactic Structure, University of Paris X, June 1995.
- “Optimality Principles of Sentence Pronunciation: Part I”, April 1995, USC, Los Angeles.
- “Optimality Principles of Sentence Pronunciation: Part II”, April 1995, UCLA, Los Angeles.
- “Discoveries about Language” (3 lectures), Sophia University, Tokyo, January 1995.
- “Some Optimality Principles of Sentence Pronunciation”, Kyoto University of Foreign Studies, January 1995.
- “Principles of Sentence Pronunciation”, Rutgers University, December 1994.
- “English Syntax and Its Priorities”, English Language and Literature Association of Korea, Seoul, October 1994.
- “Telegraphic Speech and Optimality”, Rijksuniversiteit te Utrecht, Netherlands, June 1994.
- “Some Long-Lost Relatives of Burzio’s Generalization: Locative Inversion”, Rijksuniversiteit te Utrecht, Netherlands, June 1994.
- “Edge Effects in Syntax”, Department of Cognitive Science, Ospitale San Raffaele, Milan, May 1994.
- “Telegraphic Speech and Optimality”, two lectures, University of Pennsylvania, May 1994.
- “Edge Effects in Syntax”, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, April 1994.
- “Cascade Syntax and Layered Syntax”, Indiana University Conference on Syntax and the Lexicon, February 1994.

- “Particle Constructions and Verb Position in Early Child Language” (with N. Hyams, K. Johnson, D. Poeppel, J. Schaefer, and K. Wexler), Boston University Conference on Child Language, January 1994.
- “Cascade Syntax and Layered Syntax”, Brown University, November 1993.
- “Matrix Infinitives and Null Do in Early Child Language”, Trieste Encounters in Cognitive Science, Workshop on Language Acquisition, International School for Advanced Studies (SISSA), Trieste, Italy, July 1993.
- “Cascade Syntax and Layered Syntax” (two lectures), Cornell University, November 1992.
- “Zero Syntax”, Institute for Research in Cognitive Science, Univ. of Pennsylvania, March 1992.
- “Infinitives and Selection”, Institute for Research in Cognitive Science, Univ. of Pennsylvania, March 1992.
- “Islands without Barriers”, Institute for Research in Cognitive Science, Univ. of Pennsylvania, March 1992.
- “Islands without Barriers”, CUNY Language Processing Conference, March 1992.
- “Zero Syntax”, University of Connecticut, Storrs, February 1992.
- “Zero Syntax”, CUNY Graduate Center, February 1992.
- “Zero Syntax”, University of Colorado, Boulder, January 1992.
- “Zero Syntax”, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, October 1991.
- “Zero Syntax”, International Conference on Argument Structure in Germanic Languages, University of Tromsø, Norway, September 1991.
- “Zero Derivation and the Universal Alignment Hypothesis”, University of Rochester, March 1991.
- “Zero Derivation and the Universal Alignment Hypothesis”, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, October 1990.
- “The Earliness Principle”, Université du Québec à Montréal, October 1990.
- “Zero Derivation and the Universal Alignment Hypothesis”, McGill University, Montreal, October 1990.
- “Zero Derivation and Theta-Theory”, Mid-Summer Conference on Morphology, University of California at Irvine, June 1990.
- “Zero Derivation and the Universal Alignment Hypothesis”, Invited Lecture, Second Ohio State Conference on Japanese Syntax and Universal Grammar, May 1990.
- “Zero Derivation and Theta-Theory”, Formal Linguistic Society of Mid-America, University of Wisconsin/Madison, May 1990. *keynote speaker*
- “The Earliness Principle”, Yale University, December 1989.
- “English Infinitival Complementation”, International Conference: Language and Knowledge, Rijksuniversiteit te Groningen, May 1989.
- “Language-Particular Rules and the Earliness Principle”, University of Paris VIII Colloquium, May 1989.
- “English Infinitival Complementation”, CNRS Colloquium, Paris, May 1989.

- “Language-Particular Rules and the Earliness Principle”, First Ohio State Conference on Japanese Syntax and Universal Grammar, March 1989.
- “English Infinitival Complementation”, MIT Workshop on Sentential Complementation, May 1988.
- “Where does Selection Come from? (Comments on the Paper by Gleitman)”, UMass Workshop on Language Acquisition and Processing, May 1988.
- “Psych Predicates, Universal Alignment and Lexical Decomposition”, University of Connecticut at Storrs, April 1988.
- “Psych Predicates, Universal Alignment and Lexical Decomposition”, MIT, April 1988.
- “Syntax and the Lexicon: English Infinitives”, University of Arizona at Tucson, April 1988.
- “Psych Predicates, Universal Alignment and Lexical Decomposition”, UCLA Conference on Syntax and the Lexicon, January 1988.
- “*The Book Angered John at Mary”, Invited Symposium Talk, Third Biennial Conference on Relational Grammar and Grammatical Relations, University of Iowa, October 1987.
- “LF Resumptive Epithets”, Princeton University, October 1987.
- “The Projection of Lexical Properties”, Workshop on “the Structure of Lexical Information”, International Congress of Linguists, East Berlin, August 1987.
- “WH-in-situ: To Move or not to Move?”, Workshop on “20 Years Since ‘Current Issues’”, International Congress of Linguists, East Berlin, August 1987.
- “LF Resumptive Epithets”, University of Texas at Austin, April 1987.
- “Try = Prefer + Concede”, University of Texas at Austin, April 1987.
- “LF Resumptive Epithets”, MIT, February 1987.
- “Try = Prefer + Concede”, MIT Lexicon Project Seminar, October 1986.
- “Making Complement Selection Easier”, Boston University Language Acquisition Conference, October 1986.
- “Psych Verbs and Funny Binding”, MIT Lexicon Project Workshop on Psych-Verbs, October 1986.
- “Questions of the World, Unite!”, Cognitive Science Society, UMass/Amherst, August 1986.
- “Syntactic and Semantic Selection: Attempt = Want + Say”, Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute, CUNY Graduate Center, July 1986.
- “Questions of the World, Unite!”, UMass Undergraduate Linguistics Lecture Series, UMass, May 1986.
- “Syntactic and Semantic Selection: Try = Prefer + Concede”, Princeton Conference on Formal Syntax, March 1986.
- “Syntactic and Semantic Selection: Try = Prefer + Concede”, New York University, February 1986.
- “Syntactic and Semantic Selection”, MIT, December 1985.
- “Syntactic and Semantic Selection”, University of Ottawa, November 1985.

- “Comments on Papers by Hasegawa, Fukui and Kuno and Masunaga”, UMass Workshop on Oriental Languages, June 1985.
- “Lexical Properties and Syntactic Behavior”, Sloan Foundation Workshop, MIT, June 1985.
- “Lexical Properties and Syntactic Behavior”, Brandeis University, April 1985.
- “Lexical Properties and Syntactic Behavior”, Texas Sloan Foundation Workshop on Syntax and Semantics, March 1985.
- “WH-in-situ, Movement and Non-Movement”, Symposium on the Linguistic Representation of Extraction and Binding, LSA Annual Meeting, December 1984.
- “WH-in-situ, Subjacency, and Unselective Binding”, MIT, November 1984.
- “WH-in-situ, Unselective Binding, and Subjacency”, University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, October 1984.
- “WH-in-situ and Indefinites”, University of Connecticut at Storrs, October 1984.
- “WH-in-situ Meets Indefiniteness”, 5th Groningen Round Table, State University of Groningen, Netherlands, June 1984.
- “Comments on the Paper by Stowell”, Sloan Conference on Acquisition, University of Massachusetts, May 1984.
- “Extraction Domains and a Surprising Subject/Object Asymmetry”, University of Quebec at Montreal, April 1984.
- “Morphology and Logical Form”, MIT, January 1984.
- “Interactions with the Path Containment Condition”, MIT, December 1983.
- “Some Explanations for Subject/Object Asymmetries”, University of Wisconsin/Madison, October 1983.
- “Two Lectures on Subject/Object Asymmetries”, International Christian University, Tokyo, August 1983.
- “Morphology and Logical Form”, International Christian University, Tokyo, August 1983.
- “Subject/Object Asymmetries”, National Tsing Hua University, Hsin Chu, Taiwan, August 1983.
- “Morphology and Logical Form”, LSA Summer Institute, UCLA, July 1983.
- “Bracketing Paradoxes in Morphology and Categorial Selection”, Stanford Workshop on Lexical Phonology and Morphology, Stanford University, March 1983.
- “The Path Containment Condition”, UCLA, February 1983.
- “Bracketing Paradoxes in Morphology”, UMass/Amherst, February 1983.
- “The Path Containment Condition”, UMass/Amherst, February 1983.
- “Path Theory”, Harvard University, February 1983.
- “The Path Containment Condition”, UC San Diego, January 1983.
- “Path Theory, Nested Dependencies, that-trace Effects, and the Subject Condition”, Stanford University, October 1982.

- “Russian Quantification and Categorical Selection”, University of Southern California; UCLA, UC Irvine, January 1982.
- “Control as Movement in Logical Form”, University of Quebec at Montreal, December 1981.
- “Modularity in Formal Grammar: Quantifier Phrases in Russian”, Second Soviet-American Conference on Russian Linguistics, U. Maryland at College Park, September 1981.
- “Russian Quantification and Empty Categories”, Russian Research Center, Harvard University, May 1981.
- “Russian Quantification and the Theory of Control”, University of Amsterdam; State University of Utrecht; State University of Groningen; University of Paris VII, March–April 1981.
- “Russian Morphology and Lexical Theory”, University of Amsterdam, June 1980.
- “Morphology and Cyclic Ordering of Phonological Rules”, Leningrad State University, April 1980.
- “A New American Prosodic Theory”, Moscow State University, March 1980.
- “Constraints on Rules in Generative Grammar”, Moscow State University, November 1979.
- (with G. Carden) “Double-Verb Constructions, Markedness, and a Fake Coordination”, Chicago Linguistic Society, April 1977.
- “Zero Syntax”, New Jersey Syntax Circle, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.

Other talks

- “E-Extension and the Uniformity of Silence” (with Ido Benbaji), NELS 53, Göttingen, January 2023.
- (with Ezer Rasin and Omer Preminger) “A re-evaluation of Arad’s argument for roots”, 39th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (online), April 2021.
- “Same Recipe, Different Ingredients: Music Syntax is Language Syntax”, GLOW Colloquium, Newcastle, UK, March 2008.
- “Music Syntax is Language Syntax”, Workshop “Language and Music as Cognitive Systems”, Cambridge, UK, May 2007.
- “The Interpretation of Immovability”, Paris Colloquium on Syntax and Semantics, October 1997.
- (with Maria Babyonyshev, Ronald Fein, Jennifer Ganger and Kenneth Wexler). “Maturation of syntax: New evidence from the acquisition of unaccusatives in Russian”. 19th Annual Boston University Conference on Language Development, January 1995.
- “Cascade Syntax and Layered Syntax”, GLOW Colloquium, Lund, Sweden, April 1993.
- “Cascade Syntax and Layered Syntax”, North Eastern Linguistic Society, Ottawa, November 1992.
- “Language-Particular Rules and the Earliness Principle”, GLOW Colloquium, University of Utrecht, April 1989.
- “Semantic and Syntactic Selection: Try = Believe + Concede”, GLOW Colloquium, Autonomous University of Barcelona, Girona, Spain, April 1986.

- “Conditions on Extraction and a Surprising Subject-Object Asymmetry”, GLOW Colloquium, University of Copenhagen, Denmark, April 1984.
- “The Path Containment Condition”, GLOW Colloquium, University of York, England, March 1983.
- “Russian Quantifiers, Subcategorization, and Trace Theory”, Linguistic Society of America, December 1981.
- “Russian Quantifiers and Category Blindness”, North Eastern Linguistic Society, November 1981.
- (with K. Safir) “Inflection, Inversion, and Subject Clitics”, North Eastern Linguistic Society, Cornell, November 1980.
- “Category Switching and So-Called So-Called Pronouns”, Chicago Linguistic Society, April 1978.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Education issues

In the 1990s, involved in educational issues related to linguistics, especially early reading:

- Associate co-organizer of National Council of Teachers of English Symposium (with Ruth Nathan) on reading instruction and scientific evidence, November 1997.
- Co-organized AAAS Symposium (with Mark Seidenberg) on reading instruction and scientific evidence, February 1997.
- Member, Lexington Citizens Language Arts Committee, Lexington, MA.
- Co-organizer of a letter from 40 Massachusetts linguists in response to a proposed Language Arts Curriculum Framework for Massachusetts.
- Consultant (unpaid) for revisions of the Massachusetts Curriculum Framework on English/Language Arts.

Invited Talks in Education

- “The Battle for Language: From Linguistics to Phonics”, Henrietta Harvey Lecture, Memorial University, Newfoundland, March 2001.
- “The Battle for Language: From Linguistics to Phonics”, University of Massachusetts, Boston, February 2001.
- “The Battle for Language: From Linguistics to Phonics”, University of Southern California, April 2000.
- “Learning to Read vs. Learning to Talk”, Dept. of Education, University of Calgary, Canada, January 1998.
- “What learning to talk does not teach us about learning to Read”, National Council of Teachers of English, November 1997.
- “Linguistics and Learning to Read”, AAAS, February 1997.
- “Implications and Non-implications of Linguistics for Learning to Read”, Orton Dyslexia Society Annual Meeting, November 1996.

- “Linguistics and Learning to Read”, National Council of Teachers of English, November 1996.
- “Linguistics and learning to Read”, American Society of Newspaper Editors, Chapel Hill, NC, October 1996.
- “Is Learning to Speak Like Learning to Read?” [with Janis Melvold], Estabrook School, Lexington, MA, May 1996.

Translation

- English subtitles for film *Lieutenant Kizhe* (1934, music by Prokofiev) [from Russian]: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nbb539QZZXo>

Music

- New Philharmonia Orchestra of Massachusetts. Violinist and section leader, 1997–present. Also: Board of Overseers, 1995–7; Players Committee, 1997–2003; Board of Directors 2010–2024.
- Musica Lata Ensemble, Broad Institute, Violist, 2024–.
- Brookline Symphony, Violinist, 2022–.
- Composers in Red Sneakers (Cambridge, MA). Board of Trustees, 2004–2009.