

UCSD Linguistics

NEWSLETTER FALL 2009



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Thanks Ezra, Dennis and Marc and Sharon!

SEPTEMBER 18
New Graduate Student Welcome Day

SEPTEMBER 21
Fall Quarter Begins

SEPTEMBER 21-23
Language Program Fall Workshop

SEPTEMBER 24
Classes start

SEPTEMBER 26 & OCTOBER 3
Language Proficiency Exam

OCTOBER 26
Linguistics Undergraduate Info Session



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WELCOME

Welcome to another academic year!

Our department welcomes the class of four incoming Ph.D. students : **Tara Boswell, Cody Brimhall, Russ Horton, Emily Morgan.**

We welcome **Andy Kehler** as the new Chair of the department. **John Moore** served as Chair for four years—John was thanked at the spring party with cake and goodies.

Two post-doctoral researchers have joined the Mayberry Lab: **Natalie Bélanger** (also affiliated with the Rayner Lab in Psychology) and **Amy Lieberman**: belated welcome!

CONGRATULATIONS

Nayoung Kwon (PhD 2007) is now a tenure-track assistant professor in the Division of Linguistics and Multilingual Studies at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore.

Jeremy Boyd (PhD 2007) is now a post-doctoral researcher in Kara Federmeier's lab at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Cindy Kilpatrick defended her Ph.D. dissertation *The Acquisition of Ungrammaticality: Learning a Subset in L2 Phonotactics* in July, 2009. She is now a tenure-track assistant professor in the Department of Linguistics and TESOL at the University of Texas at Arlington.

Shin Fukuda defended his Ph.D. dissertation *Linking Verbs and their Arguments to Syntax: How Syntax Can Change Interpretations of Verbs and Arguments* in June, 2009.

Daniel Scarpace received the outstanding graduate in Linguistics award . He started the Ph.D. program in Linguistics at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Outstanding teaching assistant awards were presented to **Chris Barkley, Matt Hall** (Psychology Dept.), **Cynthia Kilpatrick, Dan Michel, and Tristie Ross.**

The Language Program honored two outstanding teaching assistants: **Nathalie Rachel-Gueirard** (French) and **Bozena Pajak** (Spanish).

Lara Klainerman received a Jacob Javitz Fellowship and **Chris Barkley, Rebecca Colavin, Alex del Guidice** and **Dan Michel** were awarded Center for Research in Language Training Grants for 2009-10.

Sharon Rose was appointed as the new Faculty Director of UCSD Programs Abroad.

SUMMER SCHOOLS 2009



Department members were active in teaching and attending summer schools in 2009.

John Moore led the five-week long study abroad course *Art, Language & Culture of Flamenco and Spanish Dialectology* in Cadiz, Spain, as part of UCSD's Summer 2009 Global Seminars.

Sharon Rose taught at the *Linguistic Society of America Linguistic Institute* at UC Berkeley. **Boyoung Kim**, **Lara Klainerman**, and **Bozena Pajak** took a variety of classes as students at the Institute. **Klinton Bicknell** was also spotted back at his alma mater.

Roger Levy taught a mini-course at the *European Summer School of Logic Language and Information* this summer in Bordeaux, France. **Kate Davidson** also participated in ESSLI as a student, and made us jealous with beautiful pictures of Bordeaux.



UNDERGRADUATE NEWS

A new undergraduate student club in Linguistics, **LINGUA**, was launched last year thanks to the efforts of **Stephanie Heichel** ('09), **April Ollero** ('09), **Rachel O'Sullivan** ('09) **Amanda Simons** ('10), and other committed students. This year's President is **Christina Lee**. E-mail them at ling.assoc@gmail.com

LINGUA—Linguistics Undergraduate Association has a Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=36108021734>) which connects members.

Last year LINGUA organized study jams, produced T-shirts, did fundraising and wrote their own newsletter in the spring. Look for more events this year.

Many students participated in *LING199 Independent Study* courses last year. Students help faculty members and graduate students with their research, running experiments or collecting and analyzing data. Some students took more than one LING199 and used the courses to launch research of their own, such as **Daniel Scarpace** ('09) on second language phonotactics and **Andrew Strabone** ('10) on causatives in Moro.

Honors student **Carlos Cisneros** has begun fieldwork on Mixtec with a community in the San Diego area. Along with **Ivano Caponigro**, he is researching the syntax and semantics of interrogative and relative clause constructions. A grant from the Latino Studies Research Initiative helped fund Carlos' fieldwork this summer in San Diego and in Mexico.



GRAD STUDENT HAPPENINGS

The department was well represented at the *CUNY Sentence Processing Conference* at UC Davis. **Lisa Rosenfelt** gave a talk on her ERP research. **Klinton Bicknell** & **Roger Levy** had a poster, and a presentation with Tim Slattery and Keith Rayner. **Laura Kertz** had a poster on ellipsis. **Hannah Rohde** (PhD 2008) & **Andy Kehler** also had a poster.

Several students gave talks or had posters at the 2009 Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting in San Francisco: **Klinton Bicknell**, **Shin Fukuda**, **Cindy Kilpatrick**, **Laura Kertz**, **Bozena Pajak**.

The first annual CUSP (California Universities Semantics & Pragmatics) meeting took place in UCLA in May, 2009. Representing our department were **Kate Davidson**, **Simone Gieselman**, **David Hall**, **Gwen Gillingham**, **Laura Kertz** & **Ivano Caponigro**.

The first Southern California Workshop on Phonetics and Phonology (SCOPHO) was held at Pomona College in Fall 2008. Many members of the department attended; **Bozena Pajak**, **Amalia Arvaniti**, **Naja Ferjan** and **Tristie Ross** presented their work.

Klinton Bicknell and **Hannah Rohde** (PhD 2008) presented on the dynamic integration of pragmatic expectations and real-world event knowledge in syntactic ambiguity resolution at the 31st *Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society* in Amsterdam. Klinton also had papers appear in *Proceedings of NAACL-HLT* and *Proceedings of BLS*, joint work with **Roger Levy** and Vera Demberg.

Kate Davidson presented her research on ASL at the "Formal Approaches to Sign Language Research" workshop held at ESSL. She has a joint paper with **Ivano Caponigro** and **Rachel Mayberry** appearing in *Proceedings from SALT*. This fall, Kate will be a visitor at the Institute for Quantitative Studies in the Social Sciences at Harvard University in Boston.

Alex del Guidice presented his research with Rachel Mayberry on phonological awareness among deaf readers at the *Boston University Conference on Language Development*. Alex joined the *Al-Sayyid Bedouin Sign Language Project* this year as a research assistant, and spent the summer in the *Language Evolution and Computation Research Unit* at Edinburgh University.

Noah Girgis presented a poster on pharyngealized fricatives in Egyptian Arabic heritage and non-heritage speakers at the International Workshop on Pharyngeals and Pharyngealisation at Newcastle University, UK in March.

Dan Michel has a phonology paper appearing in *Papers from the 45th Chicago Linguistic Society*.

Hope Morgan presented her research on the phonology of two-handed signs in Kenyan Sign Language at the *World Congress on African Linguistics* in Cologne, Germany.

Bozena Pajak presented a poster on the perception of Moroccan Arabic geminates at the 2nd Acoustical Society of America Special Workshop on Speech in Portland, OR. Bozena also presented her research on Polish geminates at the *Berkeley Linguistic Society* in February, and she is first author on a paper appearing in *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* (with **Eric Bakovic**).

Tristie Ross completed her M.A. in the department with distinction and moved to Wyoming. Tristie completed her comps paper with a high pass, earned a teaching award, presented at several conferences and worked as a research assistant in the Phonetics Lab.

GREAT JOB TO ALL OUR GRADUATE STUDENTS—KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

STAFF PROFILE

Gris Arellano-Ramirez joined the Department in July 2008 as our Management Services Officer, taking over from **Julie Holt**, who retired. Gris is the head administrator of the department and works with the staff and Chair to ensure smooth operations. Gris began her career at UCSD in the Biology Dept, was Graduate Coordinator in Cognitive Science, and then became MSO for the Human Development Program in 2000, where she gained extensive experience with budgets and contracts and grants. We are fortunate that she is now with us in the Dept. of Linguistics.



FACULTY NEWS

Amalia Arvaniti, Ivano Caponigro, Roger Levy and **Sharon Rose** received *Academic Senate Committee on Research* grants. **Roger Levy** and **Ivano Caponigro** received 2009-10 UCSD *Faculty Career Development Awards*.

Farrell Ackerman presented research from the NSF-funded *Moro Language Project* in his invited lecture at the LFG-09 conference this summer. He also gave two talks with **George Gibbard, Peter Jenks** (MA 2006) **Laura Kertz** and **Sharon Rose** at the *Annual Conference on African Linguistics*.

Amalia Arvaniti and Marina Terkourafi (UIUC) received an *Illinois-WUN International Development Grant* for research on intonation in L1, L2 and Heritage Greek. Amalia has two new papers in *Phonetica* and *Phonology* respectively.

Eric Bakovic has a paper in press in *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*, joint work with **Bozena Pajak**, and papers in *Studies in Hispanic and Lusophone Linguistics* and in *Papers from the 45th Chicago Linguistic Society*

Ivano Caponigro received a 2009-10 *Hellman Fellowship*. Ivano has two co-authored papers in *Proceedings of SALT* and a paper with Lisa Pearl in *Linguistic Inquiry*. He will be on sabbatical this fall at Harvard University.

Grant Goodall has a paper "Syntactic satiation and the inversion effect in English and Spanish wh-questions" in press in *Syntax* and another paper 'Experimenting with wh-movement in Spanish' in *Interactions in Romance*.

Andy Kehler has a co-authored paper in the *Journal of Memory and Language* and a paper on 'Cohesion and Coherence' to appear in *Semantics: An International Handbook of Natural Language Meaning*.

Roger Levy had a paper in EMNLP and joint papers appear in *Proceedings of NAACL-HLT*, *Proceedings of BLS*, and *Proceedings of NIPS*. He is working on a textbook, *Probabilistic Models in the Study of Language*, based on his graduate class.

Rachel Mayberry has a paper on the critical period in sign language acquisition in the *Oxford Handbook of Deaf Studies, Language, and Education* and she received a grant with **Amy Lieberman** on early literacy of deaf children and deaf mothers from the Visual Language and Visual Learning Science of Learning Center, funded through NSF.

John Moore continues his research on the *Border Spanish Project*. He and **Farrell Ackerman** also presented 'Proto-properties and Obliqueness' at the conference *Case in and across Languages* in Finland this summer.

Sharon Rose has two papers with **Peter Jenks** (MA 2006) to appear in *Papers from the 45th Chicago Linguistic Society* and *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*, both stemming from *Moro Language Project* research.