
VERA LEE-SCHOENFELD

Germanic & Slavic Studies / Linguistics Program
The University of Georgia
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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Associate Professor, University of Georgia, August 2015-present
Assistant Professor, University of Georgia, 2010-2015
Visiting Assistant Professor, Swarthmore College, 2006-2010
Visiting Assistant Professor, Northwestern University, 2005-2006

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Linguistics, University of California, Santa Cruz, June 2005
Ed.M. Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL), Boston University, May 1998
B.S. Modern Foreign Language Education, Boston University, May 1997, Summa cum laude
B.A. French Language and Literature, Boston University, May 1997, Magna cum laude

DISSERTATION

“Beyond Coherence: The Syntax of Opacity in German”
Committee: Judith Aissen (Co-chair), James McCloskey (Co-chair), Sandra Chung, Jorge Hankamer

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

UGA Online Learning Fellowship for LING2100E (course release): 2017-2018
Leibniz Universität Hannover (LUH), Germany, Fund for Internationalization (\$4,821): June-July, 2017
LUH, Germany, Visiting Scholars Program (\$5,579): June 11-25, 2017
German Academic Exchange Service, International Study and Training Partnership in Undergraduate Linguistics between UGA and LUH (with Gabriele Diewald): April 2017-present
UGA Franklin College Sandy Beaver Excellence in Teaching Award (\$2,500): Spring 2017
UGA Online Learning Fellowship for LING2100E (co-recipient, \$2,500): 2016-2017
LUH, Germany, Fund for Internationalization (\$3,352): June-July, 2015
LUH, Germany, Visiting Scholars Program (\$6,419): June 1-12, 2015
UGA Center for Teaching and Learning Sarah Moss Fellowship (\$1,800): Summer 2013
UGA Provost's Summer \$5000 Research Grant: Summer 2012, 2013
UGA Franklin International Faculty Exchange with Gabriele Diewald, LUH (\$2,552): Spring 2013
University of Georgia Ctr for Teaching and Learning Lilly Teaching Fellowship: 2011-2013
Swarthmore College Research Support Grant: 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2009-2010
UC Santa Cruz Department of Linguistics Graduate Student Research (GSR)-ship: Winter 2005
UC Santa Cruz Institute for Humanities Research (IHR) Dissertation Fellowship: Fall 2004
UC Santa Cruz Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award: 2004
UC Santa Cruz Doctoral Student Sabbatical Fellowship: Winter 2004
UC Santa Cruz IHR Research and Travel Grant: 2004, 2003
UC Santa Cruz Department of Linguistics Research and Travel Grant: 2005, 2004, 2003
UC Santa Cruz Graduate Student Association Travel Fund: 2003
UC Regents Fellowship: 2000-2001
National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Post-Graduation Scholarship: 1997
Boston University Department of Modern Foreign Languages and Literatures Barbara Argote Senior Award in French: 1997

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

The Parameters of VP-fronting (co-edited with Dennis Ott, to be submitted by December 2018). Oxford Studies in Comparative Syntax – Oxford University Press.
Language Matters: A Guide to Everyday Questions about Language, 2nd edition (with Donna Jo Napoli, 2010). Oxford University Press.

Beyond Coherence: The Syntax of Opacity in German. Linguistik Aktuell/Linguistics Today 114 (2007). Amsterdam: Benjamins.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- “The syntax, information structure, and prosody of German ‘VP’-fronting” (with Anya Lunden). Under review by *The Linguistic Review*.
- “German inalienable possession constructions – a corpus-informed study on variations and their motives” (with Gabriele Diewald). Under review by *Linguistics*.
- “Case and affectedness in German inalienable possession constructions.” *Linguistische Berichte* 232 (2012): 399-416.
- “Binding, phases, and locality.” *Syntax* 11:3 (2008): 281-298.
- “German possessor datives: Raised and affected.” *Journal of Comparative Germanic Linguistics* 9.2 (2006): 101-142.
- “Binding by phase: (Non-)complementarity in German.” *Journal of Germanic Linguistics* 16.2 (2004): 111-171.

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of D. Hole, A. Meinunger, and W. Abraham (eds.), “Datives and Other Cases.” *Studies in Language* 32.1 (2008): 237-244.

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES AND PROCEEDINGS

- “Binding: The morphology, syntax, and semantics of reflexive and non-reflexive pronouns”. In M. Putnam & R. Page (eds.), *The Cambridge Handbook of Germanic Linguistics*. Cambridge University Press (to appear in 2018).
- “Passivization of German double-object constructions: Theory and usage”. In J. Merchant, L. Mikkelsen, D. Rudin, and K. Sasaki (eds.), *Festschrift for Jim McCloskey* (to appear in March 2018).
- “Passivization possibilities in double-accusative constructions” (with Gabriele Diewald). *Linguistic Society of America Proceedings Volume 2* (2017): <http://dx.doi.org/10.3765/plsa.v2i0.4050>
- “Infintheit”, “Erweiterung der Verbalphrase”, and “Telizität”. In S. Schierholz & P. Uzonyi (eds.), *Wörterbücher zur Sprach- und Kommunikationswissenschaft (WSK) Online, Grammatik: Syntax* (1.2). Berlin/New York: De Gruyter (2016).
- “The syntax of external and internal possessor variation in German inalienable possession”. In G. Diewald (ed.), *Non-Central Usages of Datives* (guest-edited volume in *Language Typology and Universals*). De Gruyter (2016): 113-129.
- “The syntax of external and internal possessor variation in German inalienable possession”. In E. Potsdam (ed.), *Proceedings of FLYM 2 / Florida Linguistics Papers Volume 2* (2015): <http://journals.fcla.edu/floridalinguisticspapers/article/view/85093/82091>.
- “Sufficient exposure and beyond: Creating minority-language contexts”. In I. Pittman (ed.), *Raising children bilingually in the US*. Cambridge Scholars Publishing. (2015): 99-112.
- “The pragmatics and syntax of German inalienable possession constructions” (with Gabriele Diewald). In H. Leung et al. (eds.), *Proceedings of the 40th Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society* (2014): 286-310.
- “Explaining case variation in German inalienable possession constructions” (with Gabriele Diewald). In S. Huber (ed.), *Tampa Papers in Linguistics Volume 4* (2013): 31-43.
- “Case and affectedness in German inalienable possession constructions.” In S. Huber & S. Ramírez Wohlmuth (eds.), *Tampa Papers in Linguistics Volume 2* (2011): 65-79.
- “From Clause Union to Restructuring to Beyond Coherence.” In R. Gutiérrez-Bravo, L. Mikkelsen, & E. Potsdam (eds.), *Representing Language: Essays in Honor of Judith Aissen*. California Digital Library eScholarship Repository. Linguistic Research Center, University of California, Santa Cruz (2011): 181-197.
- “Sandhi sans derivation: Third tone patterns in Mandarin Chinese” (with Jason Kandybowicz). *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics Volume 15.1* (2009).

- “Third tone patterns in Mandarin Chinese: A new perspective” (with Jason Kandybowicz). *Proceedings of the 27th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics Poster Session* (2008).
- “Agentivity vs. auxiliary choice: Evidence from pronominal binding in German AcI-constructions.” In R. Aranovich (ed.), *Split Auxiliary Systems: A Cross-Linguistic Perspective* (2007): 121-141. Amsterdam: Benjamins.

PRESENTATIONS

CONFERENCES

- “The parameters of VP-fronting: Introduction to the session” (organized session with Dennis Ott). Linguistic Society of America (LSA) annual meeting, Austin, TX, January 7, 2017.
- “Verb phrase I-topics in German” (with Anya Lunden). LSA annual meeting, Austin, TX, January 7, 2017.
- “Passivization possibilities in double-accusative constructions” (with Gabriele Diewald). LSA annual meeting, Austin, TX, January 6, 2017.
- “Phonetic realization of two-argument VP I-Topics in German” (2nd author, with Anya Lunden & David Kilpatrick). 7th International Conference on Tone and Intonation in Europe, University of Kent. September 1, 2016.
- “Correlating pragmatic and syntactic markedness in German inalienable possession constructions” (with Gabriele Diewald). Florida Linguistics Yearly Meeting (FLYM 3). Florida International University, Miami, FL. March 10, 2016.
- “The syntax of external and internal possessor variation in German inalienable possession”. FLYM 2. Eckert College, St. Petersburg, FL. March 7, 2015.
- “The syntax and pragmatics of German inalienable possession constructions” (with Gabriele Diewald). 38th Annual Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC), University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. March 29, 2014.
- “The pragmatics and syntax of German inalienable possession constructions” (with Gabriele Diewald). Berkeley Linguistics Society (BLS) 40th Annual Meeting, University of California, Berkeley. February 8, 2014.
- “Explaining case variation in German inalienable possession constructions” (with Gabriele Diewald). 4th Annual Tampa Workshop in Linguistics (TAW), University of South Florida, Tampa, March 21, 2013.
- “A case study on integrating linguistic theory in a classroom with Linguistics and German Studies Students” (workshop presentation). LSA annual meeting, Boston, MA, January 5, 2013.
- “The Syntax and prosody of German ‘VP’-fronting” (with Anya Lunden). Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft (DGfS) annual meeting, Frankfurt, Germany, March 7, 2012.
- “The Syntax, prosody, and semantics of German ‘VP’-fronting” (with Anya Lunden). LSA annual meeting, Portland, OR, January 7, 2012.
- “Case and affectedness in inalienable possession constructions” TAW 2, University of South Florida, Tampa, March 11, 2011.
- “A theoretical look at the Person Agreement Marker in German Sign Language” (poster with Charles Bradley). Theoretical Issues in Sign Language Research Conference (TISLR) 10. Purdue University, Indiana, October 1, 2010.
- “VP-fronting: A matter of syntax?” DGfS annual meeting, Berlin, Germany, February 25, 2010.
- “Third tone patterns in Mandarin Chinese: A new perspective” (poster with Jason Kandybowicz). West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL) 27, May 2008. “Third tone patterns in Mandarin Chinese: A new perspective” (with Jason Kandybowicz). Penn Linguistics Colloquium 32, February 2008.
- “Sandhi sans derivation: Third tone patterns in Mandarin Chinese” (with Jason Kandybowicz). LSA annual meeting, Chicago, IL, January 2008.
- “A-movement out of control clauses: Evidence for VO order in Dutch and German” (with Janneke ter Beek). LSA annual meeting, Anaheim, CA, January 2007.

- “Introducing possessor datives: High or low?” LSA annual meeting, Oakland, CA, January 2005.
- “What moves in German VP-‘topicalization’?” (with Jorge Hankamer). LSA annual meeting, Oakland, CA, January 2005.
- “Binding, possessor raising, and the typology of clause size.” Comparative Germanic Syntax Workshop (CGSW)-19, CUNY, New York, June 2004.
- “Possessor raising: A diagnostic for restructuring”. Berkeley Germanic Linguistics Roundtable, University of California, Berkeley, April 2004.
- “German possessor datives: Raised *and* affected.” Comparative Germanic Syntax Workshop (CGSW)-18, University of Durham, UK, September 2003.
- “Agentivity vs. auxiliary choice: Evidence from pronominal binding in German AcI-constructions”. Workshop on Cross-Linguistic Variation in Auxiliary Selection, UC Davis, May 2003.
- “Agentivity and pronominal binding in German AcI-constructions”. Germanic Linguistics Annual Conference (GLAC)-9, SUNY, Buffalo, April 2003.
- “The elimination of opacity in German truncation”. Linguistics at Santa Cruz (LASC), March 2002 and Trilateral Phonology Weekend (TREND), Berkeley, April 2002.

INVITED TALKS

- “A trans-theoretical approach to argument structure: An interim report on a successful experiment” (with Gabriele Diewald). Plenary talk, 1st Interdisciplinary Linguistics Conference, University of Georgia, October 25, 2014.
- “German possessor datives: A raising account and its limitations.” Public lecture, Leibniz Universität Hannover, Germany, May 29, 2013.
- “Evaluating corpus and questionnaire-based studies on German inalienable possession constructions.” Graduate seminar guest lecture, Leibniz Universität Hannover, Germany, May 29, 2013.
- “Case and affectedness in inalienable possession constructions”. Guest lecture, Syntax Seminar at the University of Groningen. June 2011.
- “Third tone patterns in Mandarin Chinese: A new perspective”. UC Santa Cruz Alumni Conference. September 2008.
- “German VP-fronting revisited”. Guest lecture, Syntax Circle at the University of Groningen. March 2007.
- “Beyond coherence: The syntax of opacity in German”. Guest lecture in Jason Merchant’s Comparative Germanic Syntax class. University of Chicago, April 2006.
- “What moves in German VP-fronting?” University of Chicago Linguistics Colloquium, April 2006.
- “The syntax of opacity in German: Evidence from possessor raising and binding”. Stuttgart Workshop on Binding Theory and Reflexivity, October 2005.
- “Beyond coherence: The syntax of opacity in German”. Northwestern Linguistics Colloquium, September 2005.
- “What moves in German VP-fronting?” (with Jorge Hankamer). Berkeley Syntax/Semantics Circle, February 2005.
- “German VP-topicalization” (with Jorge Hankamer). UC Santa Cruz Linguistics Colloquium, November 2004.

TEACHING

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA LINGUISTICS PROGRAM/GERMANIC & SLAVIC STUDIES

- The Study of Language (LING 2100E). Summer 2017, Summer 2018
- Generative Syntax (LING 3150). Fall 2010, Fall 2011, Spring 2012, Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017
- Advanced Generative Syntax (LING 3160). Spring 2018
- Compositional Semantics (LING 6160/4160). Spring 2011
- Generative Syntax (LING 8150). Fall 2010, Fall 2011, Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2017

Advanced Generative Syntax (LING 8160). Spring 2011, Spring 2014, Spring 2016
Language Acquisition and Chomsky's Universal Grammar (LING 8080/GRMN 8510). Spring 2012,
Spring 2014, Spring 2017
Double-Object Constructions and Their Passivization in English and German (LING/GRMN 8510).
Spring 2018
Topics in German Syntax: Verb-Second, Topicalization, Scrambling (LING/GRMN 8510). Spring 2013
First-Year Odyssey Seminar "Language Matters." Fall 2011, Fall 2013

SWARTHMORE COLLEGE LINGUISTICS DEPARTMENT (as Visiting Assistant Professor)
Introduction to Linguistics. Fall 2006, Spring 2008, Spring 2009, Fall 2009
Phonetics & Phonology (including Acoustic Phonetics lab component). Fall 2007, Fall 2008
Syntax. Spring 2007
Semantics. Fall 2006, Fall 2008, Fall 2009, Spring 2010
Morphology and the Lexicon. Spring 2008 (independent study), Spring 2007
Historical and Comparative Linguistics. Fall 2008
Syntax/Semantics middle-level course on anaphora. Spring 2007
Seminar on topics in Germanic syntax. Spring 2010

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS (as Visiting Assistant Professor)
Syntactic Analysis I-II (graduate syntax). Winter-Spring 2006
Formal Analysis of Words and Sentences (undergrad morphology/syntax). Winter, Spring 2006
Meaning (undergraduate semantics). Fall 2005

UC SANTA CRUZ DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS (as Teaching Fellow/Instructor of Record)
Introduction to Linguistics. Spring 2005
Phonetics. Fall 2003, Summer 2004

UC SANTA CRUZ DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS (as Teaching Assistant)
Syntactic Structures, Syntax 2, and Language Change. Fall 2002-Spring 2003
Phonetics, Phonology 1, and Structure of Romance. Fall 2001-Spring 2002

UC SANTA CRUZ EXTENSION, ENGLISH LANGUAGE INTERNATIONAL (as Instructor of Record)
Academic and Oral Presentation Skills, 3-week class in Humphrey Fellowship Pre-Academic
Orientation Program. Summer 2003, 2005
Presentation Skills, 3-week class in Fulbright Pre-Academic Training Program. Summer 2002

BOSTON UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND ORIENTATION PROGRAMS (as
Teaching Associate and Student Teacher)
Reading/Speaking elective for high-intermediate to low-advanced ESL students. Spring 1999
Core class for high-intermediate to low-advanced ESL students. Fall 1998
Core class for beginning ESL students. Fall 1997

**BOSTON UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND TUFTS UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF GERMAN, RUSSIAN & ASIAN LANGUAGES** (as Lecturer)
First, second, and third-semester German. Fall 1998-Spring 2000
Fourth semester German. Spring 2000

ADVISING

Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities: Faculty Mentor for Nicholas Twiner (Spring 2016-present), Rachel Schwartz (Fall 2014-Spring 2015), and McKinley Alden (Spring 2013-Fall 2014);
Honors Thesis Reader for Spencer Hanlin (Spring 2015) and Ai Taniguchi (Fall 2011-Spring 2012)

Department of Germanic & Slavic: Collaborative Creative Research Grant Faculty Advisor for Eva-Christine Hall and Allyson Reyer (Fall 2014-Spring 2015)

Dissertation Committee Chair: Hüseyin Öztürk (Fall 2015-present), Kihoon Kim (Spring 2014-present), Lindsey Antonini (Fall 2012-present), Sandra McGury (Fall 2012-present), Jennimaria Palomäki (Fall 2012-Spring 2016)

Dissertation Committee Member: Kilian McCormick (Spring 2017-present), Tyler Kelly (Fall 2016-present), Fenton Gardner (Spring 2016-present), Trevor Ramsey (Fall 2015-present), Wonbin Kim (Fall 2015-present), Martin Macak (Spring 2012-Fall 2016), Andrew Paczkowski (Fall 2012-Spring 2016), Moses Katz (Spring 2012-Spring 2016), Judith Oliver (Spring 2012-Spring 2016), Mark Wenthe (Fall 2010-Spring 2012)

B.A./M.A. Dual Degree Thesis Committee Chair: Trevor Talmadge (Fall 2017-present), Madeline Jones (Fall 2016-Spring 2017)

M.A. Thesis Committee Chair: Melissa Gomes (Spring 2017-present), Sara Carter (Spring 2014-present), Luke Smith (Fall 2014-Spring 2015), Travis Schneider (Fall 2012-Spring 2013), Ekarina Winarto (Fall 2012-Spring 2013), Marcus Berger (Fall 2011-Spring 2012)

M.A. Thesis Committee Member: Joshua Hummel (Fall 2016-Spring 2017), Ryan Hearn (Fall 2013-Spring 2014), Julia Sturm (Fall 2013-Spring 2014), Cameron van den Heuvel (Fall 2012-Spring 2013), Kelly Dugan (Fall 2011-Spring 2012), Renee Kemp (Fall 2010-Spring 2011)

M.A. Non-Thesis Committee Chair: Lauren Tweedy (Spring 2014-Spring 2015), Joshua Hanna (Spring 2011-Spring 2014)

M.A. Non-Thesis Committee Member: Audrey Waldecker (Fall 2015-Spring 2016), Alexander Byrnes (Fall 2014-Spring 2015), Thomas Koon (Fall 2014-Spring 2015), Kim Waters (Spring-Fall 2012)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

DEPARTMENT/PROGRAM

Member of Linguistics Program Advisory Committee. 2011-12, 2012-13, 2014-15, Fall 2016-present

Member of Third-year Review Committee, Linguistics Program. Fall 2016-Spring 2017

Member of Third-year Review Committee, Germanic & Slavic Studies. Spring 2016

Member of two Post-tenure Review Committees, Germanic & Slavic Studies. Spring 2016

Member of Job Search Committee, Germanic & Slavic Studies. Fall 2013-Spring 2014

Member of Job Search Committee, Linguistics Program. Spring 2014

Instructor of Graduate Proseminar workshops “Abstract Writing” and “Conference Presentations” at UGA, Fall 2012-present

UNIVERSITY

Member of Campus Interview Committee for U.S. Student Fulbright Program, Research/Study/Creative Grants. 2017

Member of Lilly Teaching Fellows Selection Committee. 2016

Member of Campus Interview Committee for U.S. Student Fulbright Program, English Teaching Assistantships. 2015

DISCIPLINE

Abstract reviewer for Linguistic Society of America (LSA) annual meeting. 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018

Manuscript reviewer for *The Linguistic Review*. 2017

Co-organizer of LSA Symposium “Parameters of VP-fronting”. 2016-2017

Abstract reviewer for West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL). 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

Manuscript reviewer for *Linguistic Inquiry*. 2007, 2015-2016

Manuscript reviewer for *Lingua*. 2014

Co-organizer of LSA Workshop “Incorporating linguistic theory into a language curriculum”. 2012-2013.

Manuscript reviewer for *The Companion to Syntax*, 2nd Edition. 2013

Abstract reviewer for Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS). 2013.

Abstract reviewer for Annual Tampa Workshop in Linguistics (TAW). 2012, 2013.

Manuscript reviewer for *Journal of Linguistics*. 2012

Manuscript reviewer for *Journal of Comparative Germanic Linguistics*. 2012

Abstract reviewer for Comparative Germanic Syntax Workshop (CGSW). 2011

Reviewer for conference volume of CGSW 21+22. *Advances in Comparative Germanic Syntax* (Linguistik Aktuell 141), published by John Benjamins. 2007

Abstract reviewer for the Western Conference on Linguistics (WECOL). 2007

Abstract reviewer for Penn Linguistics Colloquium (PLC). 2006

Organizing committee member for CGSW 21 held at University of California, Santa Cruz. 2006

Peer reviewer for proceedings of Workshop on Cross-Linguistic Variation in Auxiliary Selection, published by John Benjamins. 2004

Reviewer of Ladefoged’s *A Course in Phonetics* for Wadsworth/Thomson Learning, Boston, MA. 2004

Manuscript reviewer for *Phonology*. 2003

LANGUAGES

German (native), English (native-like), French (conversational), Classical Greek, Latin

ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Athletic Hall of Fame, Boston University. 2002

All-time leading scorer, Boston University Division 1 Field Hockey. 1996-present

Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year, Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC), New England College Athletic Conference (NECAC), and Massachusetts Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (MAIAW). 1996-1997

Outstanding Female Student Athlete, Boston University Gretchen Schuyler Award. 1996-1997

Female Athlete of the Year, Boston University Mildred Barnes Award. 1995-1996

German Field Hockey Junior National Team. 1987-1989, 1992