

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Syntax, syntax-semantics interface, syntax-prosody interactions, ellipsis, the linguistics of Celtic languages, the linguistics of nonstandard varieties of English, language endangerment and language maintenance.

EDUCATION    University College Dublin, 1973: BA in Linguistics and Old Irish (Thesis title: *Nominal Flexion in Old Irish*)

University of Texas at Austin, 1978: PHD in Linguistics (Thesis title: *A Fragment of a Grammar of Modern Irish*)

### HONORS AND AWARDS

Henry Sweet Lecturer, Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Association of Great Britain, University of Liverpool, September 1985.

Grant No. BNS86-17274 from the National Science Foundation, with co-investigators Sandra Chung of UC Santa Cruz and Kenneth Hale of MIT: *Phrase Structure and Clausality in VSO Languages*, July 1st 1987–June 30th 1990.

Fellow, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford: 1987–1988.

Grant No. BNS-9021398 from the National Science Foundation, with co-investigator William Ladusaw of UC Santa Cruz: *Negative Licensing and Clausal Structure*, September 1st 1991–March 31st 1994

Henry Sweet Lecturer, Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Association of Great Britain, University of Hertfordshire, September 1997.

Honorary Fellow, Faculty of Arts, University College Dublin, 1999–present.

Plenary Lecturer, Winter Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, January 4th 2002.

Grant No. BCS-0131767 from the National Science Foundation, with co-investigator Sandra Chung of UC Santa Cruz: *Existentials at the Interface*, March 1st 2002–February 28th 2005.

Teaching Excellence Award, Academic Senate, ucsc, Spring 2002.

James Geddes Jnr. Lecturer, Boston University, April 8th 2010.

Elected Fellow of the Linguistic Society of America, January 2011.

Grant No. BCS-1451819 from the National Science Foundation, with co-investigators Pranav Anand and Daniel Hardt: *The Implicit Content of Sluicing*, June 30th 2015–November 30th, 2019.

Schultink Lecturer, LOT Summer School, the Netherlands, June 17th 2015.

Dizikes Distinguished Teaching Award, Division of Humanities, University of California Santa Cruz June 2018.

#### POSITIONS HELD

Research Scholar, School of Celtic Studies, Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies, 1978 – 1979.

Lecturer, Department of Irish, University College Dublin, Ireland: 1979 – 1984.

Statutory Lecturer in Irish Language and Literature, University College Dublin, Ireland: 1984 – 1990.

Assistant Professor, Department of Linguistics, University of California, Santa Cruz: 1988 – 1990.

Associate Professor, Department of Linguistics, University of California, Santa Cruz: 1990 – 1993.

Professor, Department of Linguistics, University of California, Santa Cruz: July 1993 – June 2018.

Research Professor, Department of Linguistics, University of California Santa Cruz: July 2018 – *present*

#### VISITING POSITIONS HELD

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Linguistics, University of California San Diego: Spring 1981.

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Linguistics, University of California San Diego: Spring 1982.

Visiting Scientist, Center for Cognitive Science, MIT, Fall 1982.

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Linguistics and Philosophy, MIT, Fall 1983.

Visiting Associate Professor, Department of Linguistics, University of California San Diego: Spring 1985.

Instructor, Linguistic Institute of the Linguistic Society of America, MIT and Harvard, Summer 2005.

Instructor, Linguistic Institute of the Linguistic Society of America, Stanford University, Summer 2007.

Instructor, LOT Summer School, KUL Leuven, June 2015.

Instructor, Summer School of the School of Celtic Studies, Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies, July 2017.

Lectures on the Syntax of Polarity, University of Frankfurt, July 2018.

Lectures on Ellipsis, CreteLing 2018 (University of Crete Summer School of Linguistics), July 2018.

Member, External Review Panel, Department of Linguistics, McGill University, Montréal, Québec, Canada, December 2018-January 2019.

Panelist, Linguistics Program of the National Science Foundation, 2011–2014

Member, Governing Body, School of Celtic Studies, Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies, March 2010–2015.

Principal local organizer WCCFL 30 – Thirtieth West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics, April 13-15, 2012.

Chair, Department of Linguistics, University of California Santa Cruz, July 1st 2006–June 30th 2010.

Member, External Review Panel, School of Celtic Studies, Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies, June 16th-June 20th 2009.

Member, Visiting Committee, Department of Linguistics and Philosophy, MIT, September 2000–2006.

Member, Search Committee for Dean of Humanities, University of California Santa Cruz, 2006.

Member, External Review Panel, Department of Linguistics, University of Pennsylvania, April 2006.

Member, Committee on Committees, University of California Santa Cruz 2005–2006.

Member, Steering Committee, Institute for Humanities Research, University of California Santa Cruz, 2003–2006.

Director, Graduate Program in Linguistics, University of California Santa Cruz, Fall 1999–2003.

Member, Graduate Council, University of California Santa Cruz, Fall 1997–Spring 2000, Fall 2002–Spring 2003.

Co-coordinator, 'Mind and Meaning' Research Unit, Institute for Humanities Research, University of California Santa Cruz, January 2000–September 2003.

Member, Academic Planning Task Force for the University of California Santa Cruz Silicon Valley Regional Center, 2000.

Member, Advisory Committee of the University of California Humanities Research Center, Fall 1996–Winter 1999.

Member, External Review Panel, Department of Linguistics, University College Dublin, April 1999.

Member, Selection Committee, University of California President's Fellowships in the Humanities, 1998.

Member, External Review Panel, Department of Linguistics, University of Pennsylvania, February 1997.

Chair, Language Studies Major Program, University of California Santa Cruz, 1996-1998.

## SELECTED EDITORIAL SERVICE

- Associate Editor, *Language*, journal of the Linguistic Society of America. 2019.
- Associate Editor, *Language*, journal of the Linguistic Society of America. 2011–2015.
- Member, Editorial Board, *Semantics and Pragmatics*, 2007 – present.
- Associate Editor, *Language*, journal of the Linguistic Society of America, 2003–2005.
- Member, Editorial Board, *Syntax*, 2003–present.
- Member, Associate Editorial Board, *Linguistic Inquiry*, 1998–2017.
- Managing Editor (with Joan Maling and Liliane Haegeman) *Studies in Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* Book Series, Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1991–2001.
- Member, Board of Consulting Editors, *The Linguistic Review*, 1992– present.
- Member, Editorial Board, *Natural Language Semantics*, 1991– present.
- Member, Advisory Board, *Journal of Celtic Linguistics*, 1991– present.
- Member, Advisory Editorial Board, *Oxford Studies in Comparative Syntax*, 1990– present.
- Member, Editorial Board, *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*, 1983– present.
- Editor (with Sandra Chung, William Ladusaw, Junko Itô and Armin Mester) Squibs and Discussions, *Linguistic Inquiry*, 1993–1996.
- Member, Editorial Board, *Language, Culture and Curriculum*, 1987–2012.

## DOCTORAL STUDENTS SUPERVISED

- 2018            **Erik Zyman**  
*On the Driving Force for Syntactic Movement*  
Current Position: Provost's Postdoctoral Fellow in Linguistics, University of Chicago.
- 2018            **Jason Ostrove**  
*When  $\phi$ -Agreement Targets Topics: The View from San Martín Peras Mixtc*  
Current Position: Associate linguist with Pygmalion, a daughter company of GOOGLE.
- 2017            **Bern Samko**  
*Syntax and Information Structure: The Grammar of English Inversions*  
Current position: Linguistic Project Manager, Appen.
- 2014            **Judith Fiedler**  
*Germanic It-Clefts: Structural Variation and Semantic Uniformity*  
Current Position: Teacher at August Martin High School in NYC.
- 2013            **Matthew Tucker**  
*Building Verbs in Maltese*  
Current Position: Assistant Professor, Department of Linguistics, Oakland University.
- 2010            **Vera Gribanova**  
*Composition and Locality: The Morphosyntax and Phonology of the Russian Verbal Complex*  
Current Position: Associate Professor, Department of Linguistics, Stanford University.
- 2006            **Emily Manetta**  
*Peripheries in Kashmiri*  
Current Position: Associate Professor, Program in Linguistics, and Chair, Department of Anthropology, University of Vermont, Burlington.

- 2005 **Vera Lee-Schoenfeld**  
*Beyond Coherence: The Syntax of Opacity in German*  
 Current Position: Associate Professor, Program in Linguistics, University of Georgia, Athens.
- 2004 **Line Mikkelsen**  
*Specifying Who: On the Structure, Meaning, and Use of Specificational Copular Clauses*  
 Current Position: Associate Professor, Department of Linguistics, University of California, Berkeley.
- 1999 **Jason Merchant**  
*The Syntax of Silence: Sluicing, Islands, and Identity in Ellipsis*  
 Current Position: Lorna P. Straus Professor, Department of Linguistics and Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, University of Chicago.
- 1994 **Peter Svenonius**  
*Dependent Nexus: Small Clauses in English and the Scandinavian Languages*  
 Current Position: Senior Researcher, Centre for Advanced Study in Theoretical Linguistics (CASTL), University of Tromsø, Norway.
- 1994 **Robin Schafer**  
*Nonfinite Predicate Initial Constructions in Breton*  
 Current Position: Postdoctoral Associate, Magnetic Resonance Research Center, Yale University.
- 1993 **Cathal Doherty (Ó Dochartaigh)**  
*Clauses Without 'That': The Case for Bare Sentential Complementation in English*  
 Current Position: Associate Professor of Theology, University of San Francisco.

#### PUBLICATIONS

- Under Review* 'The Domain of Matching in Sluicing,' with Pranav Anand and Daniel Hardt.
- 2021 'The Santa Cruz Sluicing Dataset.' with Pranav Anand and Daniel Hardt. *Language* 97.1.
- 2019 'Prosody, Focus and Ellipsis in Irish,' with Ryan Bennett and Emily Elfner, *Language* 95: 66–106.
- 2017 *Cnuasach Chléire*, Breandán Ó Buachalla, edited James McCloskey and Cathal Goan, Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies. 360pp.
- 'Ellipsis, Polarity, and the Cartography of Verb-Initial Orders in Irish,' in *Elements of Comparative Syntax: Theory and Description*, Enoch Aboh, Eric Haeberli, Genevieve Puskás, Manuela Schönenberger (eds.), De Gruyter Mouton: pp 99-151.
- 'Object Positions (in Irish),' in *A Schrif to Fest Kyle Johnson*, Nicholas LaCara, Keir Moulton, and Anne-Michelle Tessier (eds.), ScholarWorks@UMassAmherst, Linguistics Open Access Publications.
- 'New Thoughts on Old Questions - Resumption in Irish,' in *Asking the Right Questions: Essays in Honor of Sandra Chung*, Jason Ostrove, Ruth Kramer and Joseph Sabbagh (eds.), pp 81-102. Department of Linguistics, University of California Santa Cruz.
- 'Resumption,' in *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Syntax, 2nd Edition*, Martin Everaert and Henk van Riemsdijk (eds.), John Wiley & Sons. Volume VI: 3809–3838.  
<https://doi.org/10.1002/9781118358733.wbsyncom105>.

- 2016 'Lightest to the Right: An Apparently Anomalous Displacement in Irish,' with Emily Elfner and Ryan Bennett, *Linguistic Inquiry* 47: 169-234.
- 2015 'Pronouns and Prosody in Irish,' with Ryan Bennett and Emily Elfner, in *Proceedings of the Fourteenth International Congress of Celtic Studies*, Liam Breatnach, Ruairí Ó hUiginn, Damian McManus and Katharine Simms (eds.), Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies. 19-72.
- 'Annotating the Implicit Content of Sluices,' with Pranav Anand, in *Proceedings of the Ninth Linguistic Annotation Workshop (LAW-IX)*, Adam Meyers, Ines Rehbein and Heike Zinsmeister (eds.), 178-187.
- 2014 'Irish Existentials in Context,' *Syntax* 17: 343-384.
- 2011 'Sluicing(:) Between Structure and Inference,' with Sandra Chung and William Ladusaw, in *Representing Language: Essays in Honor of Judith Aissen*, Rodrigo Gutiérrez-Bravo, Line Mikkelsen and Eric Potsdam (eds.), California Digital Library eScholarship Repository. Linguistic Research Center, University of California, Santa Cruz. 31-50.
- 'The Shape of Irish Clauses,' in *Formal Approaches to Celtic Linguistics*, Andrew Carnie (ed.), Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 143-178.
- 2010 'Syntax,' in *The Cambridge Encyclopedia of the Language Sciences*, Patrick Colm Hogan (ed.), Cambridge University Press, 822-828.
- 2009 'Impersonals in Irish and Beyond,' in *Hypothesis A/Hypothesis B: Linguistic Explorations in Honor of David M. Perlmutter*, Donna B. Gerdts, John C. Moore, and Maria Polinsky (eds.), *Current Studies in Linguistics* 49. Cambridge, Massachusetts: MIT Press: 323-344.
- 2008 'Irish as a World Language,' in *Why Irish?*, Brian Ó Conchubhar and Breandán Ó Buachalla (eds.), Arlen House, Syracuse University Press.
- 2007 'The Grammar of Autonomy in Irish,' *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 25, 825-857.
- 'Déantús an Chlásail i gCanúintí na Gaeilge.' in *Aistí ar an Nua-Ghaeilge - in ómós do Bhreandán Ó Buachalla*, Aidan Doyle and Siobhán Ní Laoire (eds.), Cois Life.
- 'On the Relationship of Typology to Theoretical Syntax,' with Mark Baker, *Linguistic Typology* 11, 285-296. Reprinted in *Linguistic Typology*, edited by Irina Nikolaeva, Routledge Critical Concepts in Linguistics Series, Routledge, 2018.
- 2006 'Questions and Questioning in a Local English,' in *Crosslinguistic Research in Syntax and Semantics: Negation, Tense, and Clausal Architecture*, Raffaella Zanuttini, Héctor Campos, Elena Herburger, and Paul H. Portner (eds), Georgetown University Press: 87-126.
- 'Resumption,' in *The Blackwell Companion to Syntax*, Martin Everaert and Henk van Riemsdijk, (eds), Blackwell Publishing: 94-117.
- 2005 'Predicates and Heads in Irish Clausal Syntax,' in *Verb First: On the Syntax of Verb-Initial Languages*, Andrew Carnie, Heidi Harley, and Sheila Ann Dooley (eds), John Benjamins: 155-174.
- 2003 'Working on Irish,' *GLOT* 7:63-72.
- 2002 'Resumption, Successive Cyclicity, and the Locality of Operations,' in *Derivation and Explanation in the Minimalist Program*, Samuel D. Epstein and Daniel Seely (eds.), Wiley Blackwell Publishers: 184-226.

- 2001 'On the Morphosyntax of WH-movement in Irish,' *Journal of Linguistics* 37: 67-100 .  
*Voices Silenced/Guthanna in Éag*, Cois Life, Dublin.  
 'Reciprocals, Parts, and Wholes,' in *The Jorge Hankamer WebFest*, Sandra Chung, James McCloskey, and Nathan Sanders (eds), <http://babel.ucsc.edu/jorgewebfest>.
- 'On the Distribution of Subject Properties in Irish,' in *Objects and Other Subjects*, William D. Davies and Stanley Dubinsky (eds.), Kluwer Academic Publishers, 157-192.
- 2000 'Quantifier Float and WH-movement in an Irish English,' *Linguistic Inquiry* 31: 57-84.
- 1999 'On the Right Edge in Irish,' *Syntax* 2: 189-209.
- 1998 'Trí Nóta Comhréire,' *Ériu* 49: 165-169.
- 1997 'Progress in Irish?' in *Dán do Oide, a Memorial Volume for Conn Ó Cléirigh*, Anders Ahlqvist and Vera Čapková (eds).  
 'A Global Silencing,' *Poetry Ireland Review* 52: 41-47.  
 'Guthanna in Éag,' *Irish Times*, Wednesday May 7th, 1997.  
 'Subjecthood and Subject Positions,' in *Elements of Grammar*, Liliane Haegeman (ed.), Kluwer Academic Publishers: 197-235.
- 1996 'Nótaí Comhréire,' *Ériu* 46: 159-164.  
 'Subjects and Subject Positions in Irish,' in *The Syntax of The Celtic Languages – A Comparative Perspective*, Robert Borsley and Ian Roberts (eds.), Cambridge: Cambridge University Press: 241-283.  
 'On the Scope of Verb Movement in Irish,' *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 14: 47-104.
- 1995 'Sluicing and Logical Form,' (with Sandra Chung and William Ladusaw) *Natural Language Semantics* 3: 239-282.
- 1994 'Chomsky's 1962 Program for Linguistics: A Retrospective,' with Steven R. Anderson, Sandra Chung and Fritz Newmeyer, in *Noam Chomsky: Critical Assessments (Volume One)*, Carlos Otero (ed.), Routledge: 691-707.
- 1993 'A crude test for unaccusativity in English,' in *Syntax At Santa Cruz, Volume 2*, Geoffrey K. Pullum and Eric Potsdam (eds.), 21-24, Santa Cruz, California: Linguistics Research Center.  
 'Constraints on Syntactic Processes,' in *Syntax: Ein internationales Handbuch zeitgenössischer Forschung*, Joachim Jacobs, Arnim von Stechow, Wolfgang Sternefeld and Theo Venneman (eds.), Walter de Gruyter: Berlin and New York: 496-506.
- 1991 'Coordination and Agreement in Old Irish,' in *A Festschrift for William Shipley*, Jorge Hankamer and Sandra Chung (eds.), Syntax Research Center, University of California Santa Cruz 105-114.  
 'There, It and Agreement,' *Linguistic Inquiry* 22: 563-567.  
 'Clause Structure, Ellipsis and Proper Government in Irish,' *Lingua* 85: 259-302.  
 'Control,' in *International Encyclopedia of Linguistics*, William Bright editor in chief, Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, 304-306.
- 1990 'Resumptive Pronouns,  $\bar{a}$ -Binding and Levels of Representation in Irish,' in *The Syntax of the Modern Celtic Languages*, Randall Hendrick (ed.), Volume 23 of *Syntax and Se-*

mantics, Academic Press: 199-248.

Republished, 2011, in *Resumptive Pronouns at the Interfaces*, Alain Rouveret (ed.), John Benjamins Publishing Company, pp 63-120.

- 1988 'Control and A-Chains in Modern Irish,' with P. Sells, *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 6: 143-189.
- 1987 'Government, Barriers and Small Clauses in Modern Irish,' with Sandra Chung, *Linguistic Inquiry* 18: 173-237.
- 'Syntactic Theory,' in *Linguistics: The Cambridge Survey, Volume One*. Fritz Newmeyer (ed.), Cambridge University Press, 18-59.
- 1986 'Right Node Raising and Preposition Stranding,' *Linguistic Inquiry* 17: 183-186.
- Review of Noam Chomsky: *Lectures on Government and Binding*, *Journal of Symbolic Logic* 50.1: 238-240.
- 'Inflection and Conjunction in Modern Irish,' *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 4: 245-281.
- 1985 'The Modern Irish Double Relative and Syntactic Binding,' *Ériu* 36: 45-84.
- 'Case, Movement and Raising in Modern Irish,' in *WCCFL Vol. 4: Proceedings of the Fourth West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, J. Goldberg, S. MacKaye and M. Wescoat (eds.), Stanford Linguistics Association, 190-205.
- 1984 'On the Syntax of Person-Number Inflection in Modern Irish,' with Kenneth Hale, *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 1: 487-533.
- 'Raising, Subcategorization and Selection in Modern Irish,' *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 1: 441-485.
- 1983 'A VP in a vso Language?' in *Order, Concord and Constituency*, Gerald Gazdar, Ewan Klein and Geoffrey Pullum (eds.), Foris Publications, 9-55.
- 'String-Vacuous Rule-Application,' with George N. Clements, Joan Maling and Annie Zaenen, *Linguistic Inquiry* 14: 1-17.
- 'The Syntax of Inflection in Modern Irish,' with Kenneth Hale, in *NELS XIII: Proceedings of the Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the North Eastern Linguistics Society*, Montréal, Canada, GLSA, Department of Linguistics, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 173-190.
- 'On the Interpretation of Certain Island Facts in GPSG,' with Sandra Chung, *Linguistic Inquiry* 14: 704-713.
- 1980 'Modern Irish Verbal Nouns and the VP-Complement Analysis,' *Linguistic Analysis* 6: 345-357.
- 'Is There Raising in Modern Irish?' *Ériu* 31: 59-99.
- 1979 *Transformational Syntax and Model Theoretic Semantics: A Case-Study in Modern Irish*, D. Reidel Publishing Company, Dordrecht and Boston.
- 1978 'Stress and Syntax in Old Irish Compound Verbs,' *Texas Linguistic Forum* 10: 58-71.
- 1977 'An Acceptable Ambiguity in Modern Irish,' *Linguistic Inquiry* 8: 604-609.

#### INVITED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

- 2021 Invited Speaker, *Formal Approaches to Celtic Linguistics*, University of Arizona. 'Verbless Clauses and the Extended Projections of Irish,' February 26th, 2021.



- 2020 Colloquium, 'Microparameters in a Tiny Space – Stranding at the Edges', University of Pennsylvania, December 3rd 2020.
- Invited Speaker, 'Irish Fragment Answers and the Typology of Ellipsis.' Leiden Workshop on Ellipsis, University of Leiden, January 24th 2020.
- 2019 Invited Speaker, 'Theory and Annotation: the Santa Cruz Sluicing Database,' SLUIC-ING@50 (Workshop on Sluicing), University of Chicago, April 13th, 2019.
- Commencement address, Boston University: 'Glamour, Grammar and Secret Knowledge', Saturday May 18th, 2019.
- 2018 Plenary speaker, Tenth Celtic Linguistics Conference, National University of Ireland, Maynooth, September 5th 2018. 'Gaps, Pronouns and Prejudice.'
- Colloquium, 'Understanding Ellipsis: Corpus, Annotation, Theory.' Cambridge University, United Kingdom, March 26th, 2018.
- 2017 Colloquium, 'Microvariation in a Tiny Space – Stranding at the Edge, Colloquium, Department of Linguistics, University of Chicago, May 18th, 2017.
- 2016 Plenary Speaker, 'Microvariation in a Tiny Space – Stranding at the Edge,' CAMCOS 5, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom, May 7th, 2016.
- Invited Speaker, 'Interpretation and the Typology of Head Movement,' Workshop on the Status of Head-Movement in Linguistic Theory, Stanford University, September 16th, 2016.
- Invited Speaker, 'Prosody, Focus, and Ellipsis in Irish,' Workshop on Prosody and Ellipsis, University of Leiden, the Netherlands, January 15th, 2016.
- Invited Lecture, 'On Striking the Balance – Polarity and Subjecthood in a vso Language, The Schultink Lecture, LOT Summer School, KU Leuven, The Netherlands, June 17th, 2015.
- 2015 Invited Speaker 'Ellipsis, Identity, and Head Movement,' Workshop on Parenthesis and Ellipsis, University of Groningen, the Netherlands, April 20th, 2015.
- 2014 Colloquium, 'Ellipsis in Irish and the Calculus of Redundancy,' Department of Linguistics, University of California Berkeley, December 8th, 2014.
- 'Covert Modality in Irish Nonfinite Clauses,' presented at the Annual Tionól of the School of Celtic Studies, Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies, November 15th, 2014.
- Colloquium, 'Irish Preverbs and the Architecture of VP,' Department of Linguistics, University of Calgary, Canada, October 24th, 2014.
- Colloquium, 'Phasehood, the Maximal Verbal Projection, and Preverbs in Irish,' Department of Linguistics and Philosophy, MIT, September 19th, 2014.
- Invited Speaker, 'Prosody, Focus, and Ellipsis in Irish,' ETI 3 (Exploring the Interfaces), McGill University, Montreal, Québec, May 8th, 2014.
- Colloquium, 'Phasehood, the Maximal Verbal Projection, and Preverbs in Irish,' Department of Linguistics, University of Connecticut, January 31st, 2014.
- Conference Presentation, 'Focus and the Grammar of Exceptives in Irish,' 19th International Congress of Linguists (ICL 19), University of Geneva, Switzerland, July 25th, 2013.
- 2013 Colloquium, 'Syntactic Theory and the Dialect Geography of Irish,' Department of Linguistics, Stanford University, May 17th, 2013.

- Invited Speaker, 'How to Make an Inflected Verb: Verum Focus in Irish,' 35th California Celtic Conference, University of California Berkeley, March 13th, 2013.
- 2012
- Invited Speaker, 'Objecthood in Irish and the Origin-Point of Subjects,' Generative Initiatives in Syntactic Theory 6, University of Ghent, the Netherlands, October 18th, 2012.
- Invited Speaker, 'The Dialect Geography of Irish Nonfinite Clauses,' New Perspectives on Celtic Syntax, University of California Berkeley, September 7th, 2012.
- Invited Speaker, 'Polarity, Ellipsis, and the Limits of Identity in Irish,' Workshop on Ellipsis, Nanzan University, Nagoya, Japan, July 19th, 2012.
- Colloquium, 'Preverbs, Phases, and Objecthood: An Irish Perspective on Some Old Problems,' Department of Linguistics, Northwestern University, May 10th, 2012.
- Colloquium, 'Polarity and Subjecthood in a vso Language,' Department of Cognitive Science, University of California Irvine, April 25th, 2012.
- Colloquium, 'Sex and the Irish Language: the Cultural Politics of Language Attrition,' Department of Linguistics, University of California, Davis, March 14th, 2012.
- 2011
- Plenary Lecture, 'Polarity and Case Licensing,' *cssp* (Colloque de Syntaxe et Sémantique à Paris), Université de Paris 8, Vincennes-Saint Denis, September 23rd, 2011.
- Invited Speaker, 'Irish Impersonals in Context,' Workshop on Impersonal Pronouns, CNRS Pouchet, Paris, September 20th, 2011.
- Invited Speaker, 'Inflection and Silent Arguments in Irish,' Workshop on Agreement, University of Tromsø, Norway, September 16th, 2011.
- Plenary Lecture, 'Pronouns and Prosody in Irish,' 14th International Congress of Celtic Studies, National University of Ireland Maynooth, August 1st – August 5th, 2011.
- Invited Speaker, 'Polarity and Case-Licensing: the Cartography of the Inflectional Layer in Irish,' Generative Initiatives in Syntactic Theory 3: Cartographic Structures and Beyond, University of Ghent, Belgium, May 12th – May 13th, 2011.
- Invited Speaker, 'Sluicing: Between Structure and Inference,' Workshop on Ellipsis, Stanford University, April 30th, 2011.
- Colloquium, 'Polarity, Ellipsis, and Case Licensing in a vso Language,' Department of Linguistics, UCLA, January 14th, 2011.
- 2010
- Invited Lecture, 'Problems, Mysteries, and Misconceptions in the Study of Language – the Chomskyan Revolution Fifty Years On,' Humanities Lecture Series, University College Cork, Ireland, October 7th, 2010.
- Invited Speaker, 'Polarity, Ellipsis, and the Construction of Finite Verbs,' Second Workshop of the Irish Network for Formal Linguistics, DCU, September 17th, 2010.
- Plenary Speaker, 'Lightest to the Right: An Anomalous Displacement in Irish,' (with Ryan Bennett, Andrew Dowd, and Emily Elfner), Sixth Conference on the Linguistics of the Celtic Languages, University College Dublin, September 10th, 2010.
- Invited Lecture, 'Yes, No, and the Construction of Finite Verbs in a vso Language,' Boston University, April 9th, 2010.
- 2009
- Colloquium, 'Further Reflections on Movement and Resumption,' MIT, October 9th, 2009.

'Lectures on Ellipsis,' Ninth Summer Doctoral School (Interfaces in Linguistic Theory), sponsored by the Swiss Society of Linguistics and the University of Geneva, Leysin, Switzerland, August 31st – September 3rd, 2009.

'Lectures on the Syntax of Irish,' University of Arizona, Tucson, March 23rd – March 29th, 2009.