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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2010 to 2014 Assistant Professor
Department of Cognitive, Linguistic and Psychological Sciences
Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island

EDUCATION

2010 Ph.D., Linguistics, University of California, San Diego
Thesis: *Ellipsis Reconsidered*

2002 M.A., Liberal Studies, The Graduate Center, The City University of New York

1996 B.A. with highest honors, Linguistics, University of Texas at Austin

HONORS AND AWARDS

2011-2013 Richard B. Salomon Faculty Research Award, Brown University

2006-2008 Pre-Doctoral Fellow, Interdisciplinary Training in Language, Communication, and
the Brain (NIH), University of California, San Diego

1993-1994 Normandy Foundation Scholar, University of Texas at Austin

1992-1996 Terry Foundation Scholar, University of Texas at Austin

PUBLICATIONS

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Sharon Rose, Farrell Ackerman, George Gibbard, Peter Jenks, Laura Kertz, and Hannah Rohde.
(2014) Wh-questions in Moro. *Journal of African Languages and Linguistics* 35(1): 91–125.
- Laura Kertz. (2013) Verb phrase ellipsis: The view from information structure. *Language*
89.390–428.
- Andrew Kehler, Laura Kertz, Hannah Rohde, and Jeffrey L. Elman. (2008) Coherence and
coreference revisited. *Journal of Semantics* 25(1), 1-44.

BOOK CHAPTER

Laura Kertz. (2010) The argument structure of evaluative adjectives: A case of pseudo-raising. In Norbert Hornstein and Maria Polinsky (Eds.), *Movement Theory of Control* (pp. 269–298). John Benjamins.

MANUSCRIPT

Laura Kertz. (2013) Discourse Expectations and the Grammar of Ellipsis (47 p.).

REFEREED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Byron C. Wallace, Do Kook Choe, Laura Kertz, and Eugene Charniak. (2014) Humans Require Context to Infer Ironic Intent (so Computers Probably do, too). To appear on the *Proceedings of the 52nd Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics*.

Laura Kertz. (2008) Focus structure and acceptability in verb phrase ellipsis. In Natasha Abner and Jason Bishop (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 27th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics* (pp. 283-291). Cascadilla Proceedings Project.

Laura Kertz, Andrew Kehler, and Jeffrey L. Elman. (2006) Evaluating a coherence-based model of pronoun interpretation. In Ron Artstein and Massimo Poesio (Eds.), *Proceedings of the Ambiguity in Anaphora Workshop (ESSLLI 2006)* (pp. 49-56).

Laura Kertz, Andrew Kehler, and Jeffrey L. Elman. (2006) Grammatical and coherence-based factors in pronoun interpretation. In Ron Sun (Ed.), *Proceedings of the 28th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society* (pp. 1605-10).

Laura Kertz. (2006) Evaluative predicates: An adjunct control analysis. In Donald Baumer, David Montero, and Michael Scanlon (Eds.) *Proceedings of the 25th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics* (pp. 229-35). Cascadilla Proceedings Project.
<https://github.com/bwallace/ACL-2014-irony>

INVITED LECTURES

Laura Kertz (2013) Argument ordering and the structure of discourse. MIT Language Lab. Oct 23, 2013.

Laura Kertz. (2012) Comparative formation in Moro. Center for Cognitive Studies Linguistics Seminar. Tufts University. Nov 29, 2012.

Laura Kertz. (2012) Parallelism and Anaphora. Cognitive Science Colloquium. University at Buffalo, Oct 17, 2012.

Laura Kertz. (2010) Reconstruction effects under ellipsis: Where do they come from? CUNY Psycholinguistics Supper. The Graduate Center, The City University of New York, Nov 16, 2010.

Laura Kertz. (2010) What anaphor interpretation can tell us about discourse processing and vice versa. Language and Cognition series. Harvard University, Oct 25, 2010.

Laura Kertz. (2009) Information structural effects on ellipsis processing. UCLA Psycholinguistics Group. University of California, Los Angeles, Oct 21, 2009.

REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (ORAL PRESENTATION)

Laura Kertz and Corey Cusimano (2013) Coherence expectations for cross-clausal parallelism. Discourse Expectations: Theoretical, Experimental, and Computational Perspectives (DETEC). Workshop at the University of Tübingen, Germany, June 20-21, 2013.

Laura Kertz (2013) Variation in comparatives: New data in the degree(less) debate. Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Society of America. Boston, MA. Jan 3-6 2013.

Laura Kertz and Brendan Hainline. (2013) Eliciting ungrammatical ellipses. Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Society of America. Boston, MA. Jan 3-6 2013.

George Gibbard, Laura Kertz and Amanda Simons. (2010) Comparative Constructions in Moro. Annual Conference on African Linguistics. University of Toronto, May 6-8, 2010.

Laura Kertz. (2009) An experimental approach to verb phrase ellipsis. Annual Conference of the Texas Linguistics Society. University of Texas at Austin, Nov 13-15, 2009.

Laura Kertz. (2009) Information structure and ellipsis. First Annual Meeting of California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics (CUSP). University of California, Los Angeles, May 23-24, 2009.

Farrell Ackerman, George Gibbard, Peter Jenks, Laura Kertz and Sharon Rose. (2009) The Morphosyntax of Filler-Gap Constructions in Moro. Annual Conference on African Linguistics. University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Apr 9-11, 2009.

Farrell Ackerman, George Gibbard, Peter Jenks, Laura Kertz and Sharon Rose. (2009) Balancing Description, Typology, and Theory in Thetogovela Moro. Annual Conference on African Linguistics. University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Apr 9-11, 2009.

Laura Kertz. (2009) Ellipsis effects without ellipsis. Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Society of America. San Francisco, CA, Jan 8-11, 2009.

Laura Kertz. (2008) Focus structure and acceptability in verb phrase ellipsis. West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics. University of California, Los Angeles, May 16-18, 2008.

Laura Kertz. (2008) VP ellipsis in context. Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Society of America. Chicago, IL, Jan 3-6, 2008.

Laura Kertz, Andrew Kehler, and Jeffrey L. Elman. (2006) Evaluating a coherence-based model of pronoun interpretation. Ambiguity in Anaphora Workshop, European Summer School in Logic Language and Information. University of Málaga, Spain, Aug 7-11, 2006.

Laura Kertz. (2006) Evaluative predicates: An adjunct control analysis. West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics. University of Washington, Apr 28-30, 2006.

REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (POSTER)

- Jill Thorson, Laura Kertz, & James Morgan. (2014) "There is a cat and a BALL over there" How intonation interacts with new and given information to guide attention. To be presented at the International Conference on Infant Studies. Berlin, Germany. July 4, 2014.
- Byron C. Wallace, Do Kook Choe, Laura Kertz, and Eugene Charniak. (2014) Humans Require Context to Infer Ironic Intent (so Computers Probably do, too). To be presented at the 52nd Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics. Baltimore, Maryland. Jun 22-27, 2014.
- Jill Thorson, Laura Kertz, & James Morgan. (2014) How information structure and intonation guide toddler attention in discourse. Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Society of America. Minneapolis, MN. Jan 2-5 2014.
- Laura Kertz & Corey Cusimano. (2013) Coherence expectations underlie parallelism effects for conjoined clauses. Poster presented at the CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, University of South Carolina, March 21-23, 2013.
- Laura Kertz. (2012) Referential processing influences the resolution of verbal anaphors. Timing and Grammar Workshop, Generative Linguistics in the New World. University of Potsdam, Mar 27, 2012.
- Laura Kertz. (2012) A discourse explanation for ellipsis parallelism effects. CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, CUNY Graduate Center. March 14-16, 2012.
- Laura Kertz. (2011) Looking beyond ellipsis. CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing. Stanford University, Mar 24-26, 2011.
- Laura Kertz. (2009) Early parallelism effects in ellipsis. CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing. University of California, Davis, Mar 26-28, 2009.
- Laura Kertz. (2008) Information structural constraints on verb phrase ellipsis. CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Mar 13-15, 2008.
- Laura Kertz, Andrew Kehler, and Jeffrey L. Elman. (2006) Coherence, inference, and pronoun interpretation. OSU Workshop on Presupposition Accommodation. The Ohio State University, Oct 14, 2006.
- Laura Kertz, Andrew Kehler, and Jeffrey L. Elman. (2006) Grammatical and coherence-based factors in pronoun interpretation. Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society. Vancouver, BC, Canada, Jul 26-29, 2006.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS (INTRAMURAL)

- Laura Kertz (2013) Linguistic variation and the expression of comparison. Guest lecture in Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology. Brown, Oct 2, 2013.
- Laura Kertz. (2012) Grammar, Processor, and the Parallelism Preference. Cognition Seminar Series. Brown, April 13, 2012.

- Laura Kertz. (2008) Toward a discourse model of ellipsis. Presented at the Center for Research in Language. UCSD, Apr 15, 2008.
- Laura Kertz. (2008) Modeling grammar: Competence/performance revisited. Presented to the Institute for Neural Computation/Center for Research in Language Fellows. UCSD, Apr 3, 2008.
- Laura Kertz. (2007) What is experimental linguistics anyway? Presented to the Institute for Neural Computation/Center for Research in Language Fellows. UCSD, Mar 23, 2007.
- Laura Kertz. (2007) Gradient acceptability in verb phrase ellipsis. Presented at the Center for Research in Language. UCSD, Mar 13, 2007.
- Laura Kertz, Andrew Kehler, and Jeffrey L. Elman. (2006) The psycholinguistics of pronoun interpretation: ‘Preferences’ and coherence. Presented at the Center for Research in Language. UCSD, Feb 21, 2006.
- Maria Polinsky, Shin Fukuda, and Laura Kertz. (2004) Variation in control structures. Presented at the Linguistics Department Colloquium. UCSD, Nov 22, 2004.

RESEARCH GRANTS

- Alexander Warstadt and Laura Kertz. (summer 2014) Grammatical and Discourse Constraints on Coordinate Structures. New Frontiers UTRA Research Collaboration. Karen T. Romer Undergraduate Teaching and Research program, Brown University. (\$3,500 stipend to student)
- Byron Wallace (PI), Eugene Charniak, Laura Kertz (co-investigator, 10% effort), and Thomas Trikalinos. (2013-2016) Sociolinguistically Informed Natural Language Processing: Automating Irony Detection. Army Research Office. (\$298,446)
- Laura Kertz. (2011-2013) An Expectation-Based Model of Discourse Processing. Richard B. Salomon Faculty Research Awards fund, Brown University. (\$8,775)
- Jenna Zeigen and Laura Kertz. (summer 2011) It’s Not Funny!: Lexical Ambiguity Resolution’s Insight into Humor. New Frontiers UTRA Research Collaboration. Karen T. Romer Undergraduate Teaching and Research program, Brown University. (\$3,000 stipend to student)

SERVICE

TO UNIVERSITY

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| 2012-2014 | First year and sophomore advisor (4 students) |
| 2012-2013 | Faculty search committee (semantics/pragmatics), CLPS, Brown University |
| 2011-2012 | Faculty search committee (phonetics/phonology), CLPS, Brown University |
| 2011 to present | Faculty liaison to Linguistics undergraduate group, Brown University |

2011-2013	Faculty organizer, Ling/Lang lunch seminar series, Brown University
2011	Undergraduate library research award committee, Brown University
2010 to present	Library liaison for Linguistics subject area, Brown University
2006 to 2008	Academic information technology standing committee, UC San Diego
2006 to 2007	Faculty search committee, Department of Linguistics, UC San Diego
2003 to 2006	External relations committee, Department of Linguistics, UC San Diego

JOURNAL REFEREE

Cognitive Science

Cognition

Journal of Memory and Language

Journal of Pragmatics

Language & Philosophy

Language Variation and Change

Natural Language and Linguistic Theory

CONFERENCE REFEREE

Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing Conference (AMLaP)

CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing

International Conference of Linguists

European Cognitive Science Conference

SALT (Semantics and Linguistic Theory)

Linguistics Society of America Annual Meeting

North East Linguistics Society Annual Meeting

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

2014	Co-organizer with Byron Wallace, Can Cognitive Scientists Help Computers Recognize Irony? Workshop at the annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Québec City, QC, Canada, July 23, 2014.
2006 to 2007	Planning committee, 25 th CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, hosted by the Center for Research in Language (UCSD) at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla, California, March 29-31, 2007.

SERVICE TO COMMUNITY

2004	Tutor, Sudanese English Project, San Diego
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TEACHING

REGULAR COURSES

Spring 2014	CLPS 1330	Introduction to Syntax (5 students)
Spring 2013	CLPS 1330	Introduction to Syntax (14 students)
	CLPS 0050	Pidgins, Creoles, and the Emergence of Language (11 students)
Fall 2012	CLPS 1800	Language Processing (18 students)
Spring 2012	CLPS 1330	Introduction to Syntax (12 students)
	CLPS 1389	Discourse Processing (4 students)
Fall 2011	CLPS 0030	Introduction to Linguistic Theory (84 students)
Spring 2011	CLPS 1800	Language Processing (13 students)

INDEPENDENT STUDIES

Spring 2014	CLPS 2096	Directed Graduate Research (Lee Edelist)
Spring 2013	CLPS 2092	Graduate First Year Project Research (Junwen Lee)
Fall 2012	CLPS 2091	Graduate First Year Project Research (Junwen Lee)
Spring 2012	CLPS 1980	Directed Research in CLPS (Brendan Hainline, Jenna Zeigen)
Fall 2011	CLPS 1970	Directed Reading in CLPS (Leor Schtull-Leber)
	CLPS 1980	Directed Research in CLPS (Brendan Hainline, Jenna Zeigen)
	CLPS 2096	Directed Graduate Research (Neal Fox)
	CLPS 2095	Practicum in Teaching (Jill Thorson)
Spring 2011	CLPS 2092	Graduate First Year Project Research (Neal Fox)
	CLPS 2096	Directed Graduate Research (Jill Thorson)

RESEARCH ADVISING

2014	Graduate Advisor for Lee Edelist Summer UTRA advisor for Alex Warstadt
2012-present	Graduate Advisor for Junwen Lee
2011-2012	Undergraduate Honors supervisor for Jenna Zeigen Summer UTRA advisor for Jenna Zeigen
2010-2011	Graduate Advisor for Neal Fox
Spring 2011	Graduate Co-Advisor (with Sheila Blumstein) for Jill Thorson

RESEARCH COMMITTEES

2013-2014	Junwen Lee, first year project (co-chair with Pauline Jacobson)
2012-2013	Megan Reilly, preliminary examination, PhD thesis Guy Tabachnick senior thesis Jill Thorson, PhD thesis
2011-2012	Neal Fox, first year project (chair) Jenna Zeigen senior thesis (chair) Emma Cunningham, PhD thesis Ben Russell, PhD thesis Jill Thorson, preliminary examination
2010-2011	Emma Cunningham, PhD thesis

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