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**RESEARCH INTERESTS**      Generative syntax (ellipsis phenomena and the syntax-phonology interface; polarity; polar questions; argument structure); comparative syntax and linguistic typology; Taiwanese (Southern Min) syntax and tonology.

**EMPLOYMENT**      September 2015 – June 2017: Teaching Associate, Department of Theoretical and Applied Linguistics, University of Cambridge.

Jan 2014 – July 2015: Postdoctoral researcher, Department of Linguistics, University of Groningen. Project: *Incomplete Parenthesis*. Principal investigator: Mark de Vries.

**EDUCATION**      Ph.D. (2014), Linguistics  
University of California, Los Angeles  
Dissertation: *The Variables of VP Ellipsis*  
Committee: Tim Stowell (chair), Anoop Mahajan, Carson Schütze, Andrew Simpson

M.A. (2009), Linguistics  
University of California, Los Angeles  
Thesis: *Tagged for Deletion: A Typological Approach to VP Ellipsis in Tag Questions*

M.A. (2007), Linguistics  
University of Kansas  
Thesis: *Syntactic Patterns of Embedded Wh- Clauses*

B.A. (2005), Linguistics, English  
University of Kansas

PAPERS

- Sailor, Craig. Forthcoming. "The typology of head movement and ellipsis: a reply to Lipták & Saab." *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory*.
- Griffiths, James and Craig Sailor. 2015. "Prepositional object gaps in British English." *Linguistics in the Netherlands 2015*, 63-74.
- Sailor, Craig and Carson Schütze. 2014. "What is an adjunct?" Submitted for *The Book of Syntactic Questions – 100 Ideas for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Syntax*, eds. H. Haider and H. van Riemsdijk. Berlin: De Gruyter. lingbuzz/002180.
- Sailor, Craig and Carson Schütze. 2014. "Is there repair by ellipsis?" Submitted for *The Book of Syntactic Questions – 100 Ideas for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Syntax*, eds. H. Haider and H. van Riemsdijk. Berlin: De Gruyter. lingbuzz/002181.
- Sailor, Craig and Gary Thoms. 2014. "On the Non-Existence of Non-Constituent Coordination and Non-Constituent Ellipsis." In *Proceedings of WCCFL 31*, ed. R. E. Santana-LaBarge, 361-370. Cascadilla Proceedings Project.
- Sailor, Craig, and Anoop Mahajan. 2013. "Toward a Derivational Typology." In *Festschrift for Edward L. Keenan: Special issue of UCLA Working Papers in Linguistics 17*.
- Sailor, Craig, and Anoop Mahajan. 2013. "Toward a Derivational Typology." In *Proceedings of NELS 42*, eds. S. Keine and S. Sloggett, 121-134. GSLA.
- Sailor, Craig. 2012. "Inflection at the Interface." Ms., UCLA.
- Sailor, Craig. To appear (submitted 2011). "VP Ellipsis in Tag Questions: A Typological Approach." To appear in *Proceedings of CLS 46*.
- Ahn, Byron and Craig Sailor. To appear (submitted 2011). "The Emerging Middle Class." To appear in *Proceedings of CLS 46*.
- Zhang, Jie, Yuwen Lai, and Craig Sailor. 2011. "Modeling Taiwanese Speakers' Knowledge of Tone Sandhi in Reduplication." *Lingua* 121:181-206.
- Sailor, Craig, and Byron Ahn. 2010. "The Voices in our Heads." Ms., UCLA.
- Zhang, Jie, Yuwen Lai, and Craig Sailor. 2009. "Effects of phonetics and frequency on the productivity of Taiwanese tone sandhi." *Proceedings of CLS 43*, eds. M. Elliott, J. Kirby, O. Sawada, E. Staraki, and S. Yoon, 273-286.
- Zhang, Jie, Yuwen Lai, and Craig Sailor. 2009. "Opacity, phonetics, and frequency in Taiwanese tone sandhi." In *Current issues in unity and diversity of languages: Collection of papers selected from the 18th International Congress of Linguists (ICL 18)*, 3019-3038. Linguistic Society of Korea.

**PAPERS  
(CONT'D.)**

Zhang, Jie, Yuwen Lai, and Craig Turnbull-Sailor. 2006. "Wug-Testing the 'Tone Circle' in Taiwanese." *Proceedings of WCCFL 25*, eds. D. Baumer, D. Montero, and M. Scanlon, 453-461. Cascadilla Proceedings Project.

**WEB  
PUBLICATIONS**

Property definitions for polar questions and their answers (with Anders Holmberg). In *Syntactic Structures of the World's Languages (SSWL)*, <http://sswl.railsplayground.net/browse/properties> (Q01-Q22).

Syntactic properties of English (partial). In *Syntactic Structures of the World's Languages*, <http://sswl.railsplayground.net/browse/languages/English>

**INVITED  
PRESENTATIONS**

TBD. March 2017. Centre for Language and Linguistics talks series, University of Kent.

TBD. February 2017. Linguistics Research Seminar Series, University of Ulster.

*Polarity-driven inversion in British English and beyond*. February 2015. University College London.

*The size of silence: diagnosing the fine structure of VP ellipsis*. November 2012. University of Illinois at Chicago Talks in Linguistics.

**CONFERENCE  
PRESENTATIONS**

*PPs with gaps in* (with James Griffiths). January 2017. The 91st Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 91). Austin, TX.

*When silence gets in the way: asymmetric extraction from ellipsis in British dialects* (with Gary Thoms). January 2017. The 91st Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 91). Austin, TX.

*Rethinking 'Residual' Verb Second*. March 2016. Rethinking Verb Second Workshop, University of Cambridge, England.

*Inversion for fuck's sake: left-edge polarity operators and their effects*. January 2016. The 90th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 90). Washington DC.

*PPs with gaps in* (with James Griffiths). September 2015. The 2015 Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain (LAGB). University College London, England.

*PPs with gaps in* (with James Griffiths). February 2015. Linguistics in the Netherlands Day (TIN-dag). Utrecht University, the Netherlands.

CONFERENCE  
PRESENTATIONS  
(CONT'D.)

*On the derivational nature of ellipsis and the syntactic status of head movement.* January 2015. The 89th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 89). Portland, OR.

*'Fuck'-inversion in British English.* September 2014. The 2014 Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain (LAGB). University of Oxford, England.

*Obligatory object gaps in infinitival clauses* (with Byron Ahn). January 2014. The 88th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 88). Minneapolis, MN.

*On the non-existence of non-constituent coordination and non-constituent ellipsis* (with Gary Thoms). February 2013. The 31st West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 31). Arizona State University, AZ.

*Questionable negation.* January 2013. The 87th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 87). Boston, MA.

*On embedded polar replies.* 2012. Workshop on the Syntax of Answers to Polar Questions. Newcastle University, England.

*You can't "regret so" (even if you "think so").* 2012. The Illinois Language and Linguistics Society 4 (ILLS 4). University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

*Remarks on replies: on emphatic polarity in English.* 2012. The 86th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 86). Portland, OR.

*Toward a derivational typology* (with Anoop Mahajan). 2011. The 42nd Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 42). University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada.

*Remarks on retorts.* 2011. The 42nd Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 42). University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada.

*The voices in our heads: VoiceP in English* (with Byron Ahn). 2010. Workshop on Morphological Voice and its Grammatical Interfaces: Theoretic Modeling and Psycholinguistic Validation. University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria.

*Taiwanese VP ellipsis and the 'Progressive Prohibition'* (with Grace Kuo). 2010. The joint meeting of the International Association of Chinese Linguistics 18 (IACL-18) and the North American Conference on Chinese Linguistics 22 (NACCL-22). Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.

*VP ellipsis in tag questions: a typological approach.* 2010. The 46th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS 46). University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.

**CONFERENCE  
PRESENTATIONS  
(CONT'D.)**

*The emerging middle class* (with Byron Ahn). 2010. The 46th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS 46). University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.

*Opacity, phonetics, and frequency in Taiwanese tone sandhi* (with Jie Zhang and Yuwen Lai). 2008. Workshop on Interfaces in Phonology, held in conjunction with the 18th International Congress of Linguists (ICL 18). Seoul, Korea.

*Effects of phonetics and frequency on the productivity of Taiwanese tone sandhi* (with Jie Zhang and Yuwen Lai). 2007. The 43rd annual meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS 43). University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.

*Revisiting the psychological reality of Taiwanese tone sandhi* (with Jie Zhang and Yuwen Lai). 2006. Joint meeting of the 14th annual conference of the International Association of Chinese Linguistics and the 10th International Symposium on Chinese Languages and Linguistics (IACL-14/IsCCLL-10). Academia Sinica. Taipei, Taiwan.

*Wug-testing the "tone circle" in Taiwanese* (with Jie Zhang and Yuwen Lai). 2006. The 25th annual meeting of the West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 25). University of Washington, Seattle, WA.

**THESES &  
DISSERTATIONS  
SUPERVISED**

Kerr, Elisabeth. 2017 (expected). *The focus marker in Ekegusii*. Undergraduate dissertation, University of Cambridge.

Meadows, Tom. 2017 (expected). *A Minimalist approach to agreement in Sorani Kurdish*. Undergraduate dissertation, University of Cambridge.

Rolf, Molly. 2016. *Analysing the classification of split ergativity of WALS*. Undergraduate dissertation, University of Cambridge. (Grade: First Class.)

**TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE  
(GRADUATE)**

Topics in Syntax: Cartography. Instructor, University of Cambridge. Lent term, 2017.

English Dialect Syntax. Co-instructor (with David Hall), ACTL Autumn School, University College London. Fall 2016.

Topics in Syntax: Syntactic domains. Instructor, University of Cambridge. Lent term, 2016.

Linguistic Analysis. Co-instructor (with Mark de Vries), University of Groningen (LLS007M10). Spring 2015.

Topics in Ellipsis. Instructor, University of Groningen (LTX014M10). Spring 2014.

**TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE  
(UNDERGRAD.)**

Syntax (Part II). Instructor, University of Cambridge (Li.9). Michaelmas & Lent terms, 2016-2017.

Structures (Part I). Instructor, University of Cambridge (Li.2). Michaelmas term, 2016.

Syntax (Part II). Instructor, University of Cambridge (Li.9). Michaelmas & Lent terms, 2015-2016.

Structures (Part I). Instructor, University of Cambridge (Li.2). Michaelmas term, 2015.

Syntax III. Instructor, University of Groningen (LTX023B10). Fall 2014.

Syntax I. Teaching assistant to Dr. Martin Walkow, UCLA (Ling 120b). Winter 2013.

Syntax I. Teaching assistant to Dr. Anoop Mahajan, UCLA (Ling 120b). Fall 2012.

Introduction to Linguistics. Instructor, UCLA (Ling 20). Summer 2011.

Syntactic Typology. Teaching assistant to Dr. Ed Keenan, UCLA (Ling 127). Spring 2011.

Syntax I. Teaching assistant to Dr. Maziar Toosarvandani, UCLA (Ling 120b). Winter 2011.

Syntax I. Teaching assistant to Dr. Carson Schütze, UCLA (Ling 120b). Fall 2010.

Introduction to Linguistics. Instructor, UCLA (Ling 20). Summer 2010.

Introduction to the Study of Language. Teaching assistant to Dr. Russ Schuh, UCLA (Ling 1). Spring 2008.

Introduction to Linguistics. Instructor, University of Kansas (Ling 106). Summer 2006.

**RESEARCH  
ASSISTANT  
POSITIONS  
HELD**

Summer 2012, Spring 2013: Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. Tim Stowell, UCLA.

Fall 2008-Spring 2009: Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. Tim Stowell, UCLA. The syntax of parenthetical constructions.

2005-2007: Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. Jie Zhang, University of Kansas. Experimental investigations of the 'tone circle' in Taiwanese (Southern Min).

**FELLOWSHIPS  
AND AWARDS**

Academic year 2011-12: Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA. “The Syntax of Polarity.” Research advisor: Dr. Tim Stowell.

Academic year 2009-10: Graduate Research Mentorship, UCLA. “Antipassive without the ‘anti’ – Toward a unity of valency-changing operations.” Research advisor: Dr. Anoop Mahajan.

Summer 2008: Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA. “Investigating wh-question formation in Kaqchikel Mayan.” Research advisor: Dr. Anoop Mahajan.

Academic year 2007-08: Humanities Dean’s Lippman Fellowship, UCLA.

Academic years 2001-03: Coca-Cola Scholarship, University of Kansas.

**SERVICE**

Reviewer for *Linguistic Inquiry*, *Lingua*, *Linguistics in the Netherlands*, and *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*.

President, Graduate Linguistics Circle (GLC). UCLA Department of Linguistics, 2009-2010.

President, Linguistics Graduate Student Association (LGSA). University of Kansas Department of Linguistics, 2005-2007.