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### EDUCATION

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PhD Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, 1985

Field of study: Romance linguistics

Dissertation title: *The Syntactic Role of Verbal Inflection in French and Brazilian Portuguese*

Dissertation director: Wayne Harbert, Dept. of Modern Languages and Linguistics

MA University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX, 1979

Field of study: French linguistics

Thesis title: *Auvergnat: A Study in Dialect*

BA College of Wooster, Wooster, OH, 1976

Field of study: French culture

Thesis title: *Le Québec: Une étude de l'identité canadienne-française à la lumière du passé*

### EMPLOYMENT

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Associate Professor of Linguistics and French, Dept. of Modern Languages and Literatures, Luther College, 2011-present

Assistant Professor of Linguistics and French, Dept. of Modern Languages and Literatures, Luther College, 2006-2011

Freelance copyeditor for academic publications in linguistics, 2005–2006.

Part-time Assistant Professor, Dept. of Modern Foreign Languages, Ohio Wesleyan University, 2003–2005, 2001–2002, Fall 1994

Visiting Assistant Professor and Acting Director of the Linguistics Program, Carleton College, 2002–2003, 2000–2001

Visiting Assistant Professor, Linguistics Program, Carleton College, 1999–2000, Winter and Spring 1994

Visiting Assistant Professor and Acting Director of the Linguistics Program, Reed College, 1997–1999

Visiting Assistant Professor, Linguistics Program, Macalester College, 1995–1997, Spring 1995

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Dept. of Linguistics, Indiana University, 1990–1993

Research Associate, Dept. of Linguistics, University of Ottawa, 1990–1991

Assistant Professor, Dept. of French and Italian, Indiana University, 1985–1993

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Work in progress

Diachronic change in verb/object order in Old French: Microparameters and competing grammars. Under revision for resubmission to *Diachronica*.

### Books

- (1995) *Phrase Structure and the Lexicon*. Coedited with J. Rooryck, Studies in Natural Language and Linguistic Theory. Dordrecht: Kluwer Academic Press.

### Articles (all peer refereed or reviewed)

- (2011) On the nature of OV and VO order in early Old French. *Lingua* 121, 1831–1852.
- (2010) Changing from OV to VO: More evidence from Old French. *Ianua. Revista Philologica Romanica* 10, 1-18.
- (1998) Object shift in Old French. In A. Schwegler, B. Tranel, and M. Uribe-Etxebarria (eds.), *Romance Linguistics: Theoretical Perspectives*, 319–332. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
- (1997) Qu'est-ce que *ce que*: The diachronic evolution of a French complementizer. Coauthored with P. Hirschbühler, in A. van Kemenade and N. Vincent (eds.), *Parameters of Morphosyntactic Change*, 353-379. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- (1996) Two 'be' or not two 'be': Identity, predication, and the Welsh copula. *Linguistics and Philosophy* 19, 103–142.
- (1994) On the relationship between subject pronouns and clausal arguments. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 12, 515–569.
- (1993) On a type of argument-island in French. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 11, 121–174.
- (1992a) Extensions of R-binding. In C. Laeuffer and T. A. Morgan (eds.), *Theoretical Analyses in Romance Linguistics: Current Issues in Linguistic Theory*, 74, 345–363. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
- (1992b) French *ce* as a clausal determiner. *Probus* 4, 53–80.
- (1991a) On Prepositions and Case-Marking in French. *Canadian Journal of Linguistics* 36, 363–377.
- (1991b) Deriving expletives as complements. In D. Wanner and D. A. Kibbee (eds.), *New Analyses in Romance Linguistics: Current Issues in Linguistic Theory*, 69, 371–387. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
- (1987) Antecedent government as proper government: Evidence from Welsh. In M. Crowhurst (ed.), *WCCFL VI: Proceedings of the West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, vol. 6, 329–339. Stanford, CA: Stanford Linguistics Association, Stanford University.
- (1985) Person/number inflection in S, NP and PP: A parametric approach. In G. Alvarez, B. Brody, and T. McCoy (eds.), *ESCOL '84: Proceedings of the First Eastern States Conference on Linguistics*, 152–164. Columbus, OH: The Ohio State University.

## PRESENTATIONS

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### Conference papers

“On the nature of embedded V2 in Old French,” Diachronic Generative Syntax Conference XIII, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, June 5, 2011.

“Reforging the American linguistic identity: Demythifying Standard English,” Forging Linguistic Identities: Language in the Region, the Nation, and the World Conference, Towson University, March 19, 2011.

“On the West Germanic properties of Early Old French,” Mid-America Linguistics Conference, University of Missouri, October 9-10, 2009, Columbia, MO.

“Object shift in Old French,” Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages, University of California, Irvine, February 20–22, 1997, Irvine, CA.

“Qu’est-ce que *ce que*: The diachronic evolution of a French complementizer,” Third Diachronic Generative Syntax Conference, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, March 30–April 1, 1994, Amsterdam.

“Two ‘be’ or not two ‘be’?” Linguistic Society of America, January 7–10, 1993, Los Angeles, CA.

“Welsh NP predicates,” Linguistic Society of America, Dec. 27–30, 1989, Washington, D.C.

“Extensions of R-binding,” Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages 19, April 22, 1989, Columbus, OH.

“Deriving expletives as complements: French *ce*,” Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages 18, April 8, 1988, Urbana, IL.

“Obviating obviation: Subject pronoun reference in passive subjunctive clauses,” Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, April 24, 1987, Lexington, KY.

“Antecedent government as proper government: Evidence from Welsh,” West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics VI, March 21, 1987, Tucson, AZ.

“VP Barriers and object extraction in Welsh,” Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, April 25, 1986, Lexington, KY.

“The Empty Category Principle and subjunctive clauses: More evidence from quantifier scope interpretation,” Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, April 25, 1986, Lexington, KY.

“Quantifier scope interpretation and the Empty Category Principle,” Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages 16, March 6, 1986, Austin, TX.

### Invited lectures

“Clueless or Cueless? Word Order Change in the History of French and English,” Luther College, February 8, 2006, Decorah, IA.

“Parameters of word order change: A tale of shifty objects,” Carleton College, May 24, 1999, Northfield, MN.

“Object shift in Old and Middle French,” University of Minnesota Linguistics Club Colloquium, May 16, 1997, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN.

“Understanding grammatical change: A surprising connection between cognition and literary language,” Dept. of English, University of Southwestern Louisiana, March 17, 1997, Lafayette, LA.

- “Why SOV in an SVO language? Evidence from shifty objects in Old French,” Reed College, February 27, 1997, Portland, OR.
- “Heads or tails in the history of French? Language acquisition and language change,” Macalester College, March 14, 1996, St. Paul, MN.
- “The non-optimal status of clausal determiners: Evidence from the history of French,” University of Minnesota Linguistics Club Colloquium, April 28, 1995, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN.
- “My, how you’ve changed! The role of acquisition in the evolution of French *ce que*,” Dept. of Foreign Languages and Literatures, University of Nebraska, February 4, 1994, Lincoln, NE.
- “Language acquisition and language change: Two sides of the same coin,” Dept. of Linguistics, Carleton College, April 27, 1993, Northfield, MN.
- “The function of *ce que* in clausal complements: A diachronic perspective,” Dept. of Romance Studies, Duke University, February 8, 1993, Durham, NC.
- “The ambiguous nature of *be*: Evidence from Welsh pseudo-clefts,” Indiana University Linguistics Department Colloquium Series, March 6, 1992, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN.
- “L’Extraction hors des complétives introduites par *à et de*,” Linguistics Colloquium series, Université du Québec à Montréal, Feb. 22, 1991, Montreal, PQ.
- “The syntax of copular constructions: Evidence from Welsh,” Indiana University Linguistics Department Colloquium Series, March 3, 1989, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN.
- “A cultural and historical overview of the Breton language,” Gertrude Force Weathers Lecture Series, Feb. 18, 1987, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN.

#### BOOK REVIEWS

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- (1995) In *The French Review* 69:2. Review of M. Mazzola (ed.) *Issues and Theory in Romance Linguistics*, Georgetown University Press, Washington, D.C., 1994.
- (1992) In *The French Review* 66:1. Review of D. Godard, *La syntaxe des relatives en français*, Editions du CNRS, Paris, 1988.
- (1991) In *The French Review* 64:5. Review of E. Verheugd-Daatzelaar, *Subject Arguments and Predicate Nominals*, Editions Rodopi, Amsterdam, 1990.
- (1987) In *The French Review* 60:6. Review of A. Azoulay-Vicente, *Les tours comportant l’expression de + adjectif*, Droz, Geneva, 1985.
- (1987) In *The French Review* 60:3. Review of *Syntaxe et sémantique des connecteurs (Revue québécoise de linguistique 15:1)*.
- (1986) In *Studies in Second Language Acquisition* 8:2. Review of D. Little, H. Murchee, and D. Singleton, *Towards a Communicative Competence for Irish*.

#### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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Linguistic Society of America

**RESEARCH GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Ruth Caldwell Endowed Faculty Fellowship, 2010-2011 (\$1, 210.00)

Reed College Summer Research Grant, June–August 1998 (\$1, 000.00)

Multidisciplinary Seminars Fund, Office of Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculties, Indiana University (\$25, 000), in collaboration with Clancy Clements, Phil Connell, George Fowler, Steve Franks, Johan Rooryck, Linda Schwartz, Alice ter Meulen, Natsuko Tsujimura; funds used for a year-long speaker series/seminar on the relation between phrase structure and the lexicon during 1992–1993.

Indiana University Grant-in-Aid, Research and University Graduate School, May 1988–April 1990 (\$200.00)

Indiana University Grant-in-Aid, Research and University Graduate School, May 1987–April 1988 (\$1,941.00)

Olin Mathieson Charitable Trust Fellowship, Cornell University, 1984–1985

Romance Studies Departmental Fellowship, Cornell University, Summer, 1984

Continuing Humanities Fellowship, Cornell University, 1983–1984

Continuing Humanities Fellowship, Cornell University, 1982–1983

Berkowitz Summer Fellowship, Cornell University, 1982

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

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Pi Delta Phi, Luther College, 2007

Award for Excellence in Graduate Study in French, University of Texas at Austin, 1981

Phi Kappa Phi, University of Texas at Austin, 1979

Phi Beta Kappa, College of Wooster, 1976

Phi Sigma Iota, College of Wooster, 1976

Departmental Honors in French, College of Wooster, 1976

German Department Book Prize, College of Wooster, 1976

John W. Olthouse and Willis C. Behoteguy Prizes in French, College of Wooster, 1975-1976

Mary Sanborn Allen Prize for Study Abroad, College of Wooster, 1975