

Robert Henderson

Education

- 2007–2012 University of California, Santa Cruz
Ph.D. in Linguistics (September 2012).
- 2009 M.A. in Linguistics.
- 2003–2007 University of Texas at Austin
B.A. in Linguistics and Latin American Studies with highest honors.

Employment

- 2015–present Assistant Professor of Linguistics
University of Arizona.
- 2013–2015 Assistant Professor of Linguistics
Wayne State University.
- 2012–2013 Postdoctoral Fellow
McGill University
Supervisor: Lisa Travis.

Publications

In Peer-Reviewed Journals

- to appear Prosodic smothering in Macedonian and Kaqchikel.
with Ryan Bennett and Boris Harizanov
Linguistic Inquiry.
- to appear Adverbs and variability in Kaqchikel Agent Focus A reply to Erlewine (2016).
with Jessica Coon (first author = Henderson)
Natural Language and Linguistic Theory. 1-26.
- 2016 Mayan Semantics.
Language and Linguistics Compass. 10(10), 551-588.
doi: 10.1111/lnc3.12187
- 2016 Introduction to Mayan Linguistics.
with Ryan Bennett & Jessica Coon (no first author)
Language and Linguistics Compass. 10(10), 455-468.
doi: 10.1111/lnc3.12159
- 2016 Swarms: Spatiotemporal Grouping Across Domains.
Natural Language & Linguistic Theory. 1-43
doi: 10.1007/s11049-016-9334-z
- 2015 At-issue proposals and appositive impositions in discourse.
with Scott AnderBois & Adrian Brasoveanu (no first author)
Journal of Semantics. 32(1), 93-138.
doi: 10.1093/jos/fft014

- 2014 Dependent indefinites and their post-suppositions.
Semantics & Pragmatics. 7(6), 1-58.
 doi: 10.3765/sp.7.6
- 2014 Towards a Development-Based Approach to Language Revitalization.
 with Brent Henderson & Peter Rohloff (no first author)
Language Documentation & Conservation. 8, 75-91.
- 2013 Accent in Uspanteko.
 with Ryan Bennett (no first author)
Natural Language and Linguistic Theory. 31(3), 589-645.
 doi: 10.1007/s11049-013-9196-6
- 2012 Morphological alternations at the intonational phrase edge: The case of K'ichee'.
Natural Language and Linguistic Theory. 30(3), 741-789.
 doi: 10.1007/s11049-012-9170-8

In Peer-Reviewed Edited Volumes

- to appear Mayan Pluractionality.
 In Judith Aissen, Nora England, and Roberto Zavala (eds.), *The Mayan Languages*.
 Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2015 Linguistically establishing discourse context: Two case studies from Mayan languages.
 with Scott AnderBois (no first author)
 In Ryan Bochnak and Lisa Matthewson (eds.), *Methodologies in Semantic Fieldwork*, 207-233.
 Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2013 Typology.
 In *Oxford Bibliographies Online*. doi: 10.1093/obo/9780199772810-0041
- 2011 Two binding puzzles in Mayan.
 with Jessica Coon (no first author)
 In Rodrigo Gutierrez-Bravo, Line Mikkelsen, and Eric Potsdam (eds.), *Representing Language: Essays in Honor of Judith Aissen*, 51-67. Santa Cruz, CA. Linguistics Research Center

In Proceedings of Peer-Reviewed Conferences

- 2016 A demonstration-based account of (pluractional) ideophones.
 In Mary Moroney, Carol-Rose Little, Jacob Collard, and Dan Burgdorf (eds.),
Semantics and Linguistic Theory 26, 664-683.
- 2015 Expressive, much?.
 with Daniel Gutzmann (no first author)
 In Eva Csipak and Hedde Zeijlstra (eds.), *Sinn und Bedeutung 19*, 266-283.
- 2013 Quantizing scalar change.
 In Todd Snider (ed.), *Semantics and Linguistic Theory 23*, 473-492.
- 2012 The pragmatics of quantifier scope: A corpus study.
 with Scott AnderBois & Adrian Brasoveanu (no first author)
 In Ana Aguilar, Anna Chernilovskaya, and Rick Nouwen (eds.), *Sinn und Bedeutung 16*, 15-28.
- 2011 Pluractional distributivity and dependence.
 In Neil Ashton, Anca Chereches, and David Lutz (eds.), *Semantics and Linguistic Theory 21*,
 218-235.
- 2011 Agent focus morphology without a focused agent: Restrictions on objects in Kaqchikel.
 with Juan Ajsivinac (no first author)
 In *Formal Approaches to Mayan Linguistics*. Boston, MA: MIT Working Papers in Linguistics

- 2010 Crossing the appositive / at-issue meaning boundary.
with Scott AnderBois & Adrian Brasoveanu (no first author)
In Satoshi Ito and Ed Cormany (eds.), *Semantics and Linguistic Theory 20*, 328-346.
- 2010 “So that we don’t lose words”: Reconstructing a Kaqchikel medical lexicon.
with Emily Tummons & Peter Rohloff (no first author)
In Coronel-Molina, S.M. and McDowell, J.H. (eds.) *The proceedings of the Symposium on Teaching Indigenous Languages of Latin America*, Indiana University.
- 2009 Varieties of distributivity: *One by one vs. each*.
with Adrian Brasoveanu (no first author)
In Nan Li and David Lutz (eds.), *Semantics and Linguistic Theory 19*, 55-72.
- 2008 Observaciones sobre la sintaxis de la extracción de los adjuntos en kaqchikel (Maya).
In Mateo Toledo, B. (ed.), *Memorias del Congreso de Idiomas Indígenas de Latinoamérica 3*.
Austin, TX: Archive of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas.

Books Edited

- 2015 Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics 2.
with Lauren Eby Clemens & Pedro Mateo Pedro
Boston, MA: MIT Working Papers in Linguistics. <http://mitwpl.mit.edu/catalog/mwpl74/>

Presentations

Keynotes

- 2017 Dogwhistles and the At-Issue / Not-at-Issue distinction (with Eric McCready)
DGfS Workshop on Secondary Meaning. (Saarbrücken, 3/8-10).
- 2016 Variation in dependent indefinites
Journées Co-Distributivité 2016 / Workshop Co-Distributivity 2016. (Paris, 2/11-12).
- 2015 Pluractional demonstrations
Logic and Engineering of Natural Language Semantics 12. (Tokyo, 11/15-17).
- 2015 Mayan positionals at the syntax-semantics interface
Workshop on Structure and Constituency in Languages of the Americas 20. (Tucson, 1/23).
- 2012 A scalar account of Mayan positional roots
Semantics of Underrepresented Languages of the Americas 7. (Ithaca, 5/6).

Colloquia and Invited Presentations

- 2016 Pluractional Demonstrations
University of Tromsø Colloquium. (Tromsø, 9/30).
- 2016 Pluractional ideophones in Tsetal and Upper Necaxa Totonac
Brown University Linguistics / Anthropology Latin American Languages Speaker Series. (Providence, 4/25).
- 2016 Pluractional demonstrations
New York University Colloquium. (New York City, 4/22).
- 2015 Expressive, much? (co-authored with Daniel Gutzmann)
Kyoto University, CREST International Workshop on Formal and Computational Semantics. (Kyoto, 11/21).
- 2015 Mayan morphology at the syntax-phonology interface
University of Maryland, Mayfest 15: Morphfest. (College Park, 4/1).

- 2014 A Resource-sensitive Account of the Miners Puzzle
Wayne State Philosophy Colloquium. (Detroit, 11/20).
- 2014 Swarms: Spatiotemporal Grouping Across Domains
Cornell Linguistics & Philosophy Workshop: Plurals. (Ithaca, 11/8).
- 2014 Dependent Indefinites and their Post-suppositions
University of Michigan Linguistics Colloquium. (Ann Arbor, 3/21).
- 2014 Dependent Indefinites and their Post-suppositions
Michigan State University Linguistics Colloquium. (East Lansing, 3/20).
- 2014 Dependent Indefinites and the Semantics of Scope
University of Frankfurt Institute of Linguistics Colloquium. (Frankfurt, 1/16).
- 2014 The Dynamics of Nominal Apposition
University of Frankfurt Research Unit 1783 "Relative Clauses" guest lecture. (Frankfurt, 1/14).
- 2013 Dependent Indefinites and the Semantics of Scope
University of Chicago Linguistics Colloquium. (Chicago, 11/14).
- 2013 Reclaiming Wycliffe Bibles for Linguistic Research
Computational Fieldwork Workshop, (Montreal, 5/28).
- 2013 Crossing the Appositive/At-Issue Meaning Boundary
Carleton University Logic, Language and Information Lab. (Ottawa, 4/5).
- 2013 How to build a gradable predicate in Mayan
Carleton University Colloquium. (Ottawa, 4/5).
- 2013 How to build a gradable predicate in Mayan
Wayne State University Job Talk. (Detroit, 2/8).
- 2013 The morphosemantics of Mayan positional derivation
University of Utah Linguistics Colloquium. (Salt Lake City, 2/1).
- 2012 Two lectures on corpus linguistics for formal semantics
University of Oslo. (Oslo, 12/5-12/6).
- 2012 The morphosemantics of Mayan positional derivation
McGill University Linguistics Colloquium. (Montreal, 9/7).
- 2012 Computación e idiomas mayas: Donde estamos, donde vamos
Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics II. (Patzun, 8/1).
- 2012 Linguists and development agenda: Partnerships for language maintenance
Stanford Linguistics Job Talk. (Palo Alto, 4/16).
- 2011 A corpus-based approach to quantifier scope disambiguation
MIT S-square. (Boston, 5/9).
- 2011 Why linguists should partner with medical NGOs
UC Santa Cruz American Indian Resource Center. (Santa Cruz, 5/4).
- 2011 Documenting and describing tone in Uspanteko: Issues and first fruits
UC Berkeley Fieldwork Forum. (Berkeley, 4/28).
- 2011 Nab'ey Täq Tzij pa ruwi' Molaj Q'ajarik pa Qach'ab'al
(An introduction to semantics through Kaqchikel)
Kaqchikel Cholchi, Academy of Mayan Languages. (Chimaltenango, 2/23 & 3/2).
- 2010 (with Ryan Bennett) Accent in Uspanteko, a Mayan language.
International Symposium on Accent and Tone. (Tokyo, 12/18).

- 2010 Una escisión sujeto-objeto en el sistema de concordancia del kaqchikel
Quinto Encuentro de Teoría de Optimidad. (Mexico City, 12/10).
- 2010 Pluractional distributivity and dependence
Harvard Language Universals and Fieldwork Speaker Series. (Boston, 11/1).
- 2010 Pluractional effects on verbal aktionsart
Universiteit Leiden Friday Afternoon Lecture Series. (Leiden, 8/27).

Peer-Reviewed Conference Presentations

- 2016 Pluractional demonstrations.
Semantics and Linguistic Theory 26 (Austin).
- 2015 When adverbs embed clauses: An explanation for variability in Kaqchikel agent focus. (with Jessica Coon)
46th meeting of the East Linguistic Society (Montreal).
- 2015 Prosodic smothering in Kaqchikel and Macedonian. (with Ryan Bennett and Boris Harizanov)
Chicago Linguistics Society Annual Meeting (Chicago).
- 2015 Expressive questions, much? (with Daniel Gutzmann)
DGfS: The prosody and meaning of (non-)canonical questions across languages (Leipzig).
- 2014 Expressive, Much? (with Daniel Gutzmann)
Sinn und Bedeutung (Göttingen).
- 2013 Micro- and macro-parameters in Mayan syntactic ergativity. (with Jessica Coon and Lisa Travis)
Towards a Theory of Syntactic Variation (Bilbao).
- 2011 Partnerships for Domain-Specific Language Revitalization. (with Emily Tummons and Peter Rohloff)
Symposium on Teaching Indigenous Languages of Latin America (Bloomington).
- 2011 Pluractional distributivity and dependence.
Semantics and Linguistic Theory 21 (New Brunswick).
- 2011 Accent in Uspanteko. (with Ryan Bennett)
CUNY Conference on Phonology of Endangered Languages (New York).
- 2011 The pragmatics of quantifier scope: A corpus study. (with Scott AnderBois & Adrian Brasoveanu)
Sinn und Bedeutung 16 (Utrecht)
The Proper Use of Quantification in Ordinary Language ESSLLI Workshop (Ljubljana).
- 2010 Pluractionality-based distributivity and dependent indefinites in Kaqchikel.
Workshop on Pluractionality: Towards a Typology of Verbal Number (Leiden).
- 2010 Crossing the appositive/at-issue meaning boundary. (with Scott AnderBois & Adrian Brasoveanu)
Semantics and Linguistic Theory 20 (Vancouver).
- 2010 “If not for” counterfactuals: Negating counterfactuality in natural language.
28th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (Los Angeles).
- 2010 Latest insertion in K’ichee’. (with Matt Tucker)
LSA Annual Meeting (Baltimore).
- 2010 “So that we don’t lose words”: Reconstructing a Kaqchikel medical lexicon. (with Emily Tummons and Peter Rohloff)
Symposium on Teaching Indigenous Languages of Latin America (Bloomington).

- 2009 Morphological alternations at the intonational phrase edge in K'ichee'.
40th meeting of the North East Linguistics Society (Cambridge, MA).
- 2009 Una escisión sujeto-objeto en el sistema de concordancia del kaqchikel
Congreso de Idiomas Indígenas de Latinoamérica IV (Austin).
- 2009 Varieties of distributivity: *One by one vs. each.* (with Adrian Brasoveanu)
Semantics and Linguistic Theory 19 (Columbus).
- 2007 Observaciones sobre la sintaxis de la extracción de los adjuntos en kaqchikel (Maya).
Congreso de Idiomas Indígenas de Latinoamérica III (Austin).

Other Presentations

- 2013 Invited Discussant on Sam Cumming's "Attentional Foundations of Coherence"
University of Michigan Linguistics and Philosophy Workshop (Ann Arbor).
- 2013 Invited Discussant on Stefan Kaufmann's "Causal Premise Semantics"
Workshop on Modal Talk and Reasoning (Ithaca).
- 2013 Language Death, Language Revitalization, and the Development Agenda
Wayne State University Humanities Center Brown Bag, (Detroit).
- 2012 Invited Discussant on Sarah Murray & Will Starr's "The structure of speech acts"
Workshop on Communicative Acts (Ithaca).
- 2012 A scalar account of Mayan positional roots
CUSP IV (Los Angeles).
- 2011 The pragmatics of quantifier scope: A corpus study. (with Scott AnderBois & Adrian Brasoveanu)
CUSP III (Palo Alto).
- 2010 "If not for" counterfactuals: Negating counterfactuality in natural language
Stanford Workshop on Counterfactuals, Causality, and Inertia. (Palo Alto).
- 2009 Pluractionality-based distributivity (in Kaqchikel)
California Semantics and Pragmatics II (Santa Cruz).
- 2009 A non-defeasible causal counterfactual
California Semantics and Pragmatics I (Los Angeles).

Teaching

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| As Instructor of Record | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Computational Semantics and Pragmatics, Spring 2017 Mathematical Approaches to Language, Fall 2016 Formal Semantics, Fall 2016 Semantics Seminar "Dependent Plurals," Spring 2016 Mathematical Approaches to Language, Fall 2015 Formal Semantics, Fall 2015 Morphology, Spring 2015 Semantics Seminar "What do verbs mean?," Fall 2014 Languages of the World, Fall 2014 Semantics Seminar "Quantification in Logic and Natural Language," Winter 2014 Introduction to Linguistic Theory, Winter 2014 Languages of the World, Fall 2013 Linguistic Typology, Fall 2010. |
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As TA Linguistic Typology, Spring 2010;
Semantics I, Fall 2008.

Academic and Development Work in Indigenous Communities

Linguistic Fieldwork

Kaqchikel Summer 2005, Summer 2006, Winter 2006, Summer 2007, Summer 2009, Summer 2010, Spring 2011, July 2012, July 2013, Summer 2014.
Uspanteko Summer 2010, Winter 2010, Spring 2011, August 2014, Summer 2016.
K'ichee' Summer 2008.
Chuj Fall 2012.

Development

2010-present Wuqu' Kawoq advisory board. Planning and overseeing the organization's Mayan language documentation and revitalization initiatives.
2007-2010 Co-founder and board member of Wuqu' Kawoq, a community-directed NGO dedicated to delivering linguistically responsible medical care in Guatemala by operating in indigenous languages and supporting indigenous practitioners.

Grants and Awards

2016 Collaborative Research: Investigations into tone and stress in a complex prosodic system. National Science Foundation. Proposal: #1551666. Award: \$166,923.
2015 Selected as an alternate. SIAS Summer Institute "The Investigation of Linguistic Meaning: In the Armchair, in the Field, and in the Lab".
2013-2014 Wayne State University Humanities Center Resident Scholar.
2012 Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada conference funding: "Corpus Approaches to Mayan Linguistics", #646-2011-1601, with Jessica Coon.
2009-2012 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, #1000051754, Awarded 2007.
2009 National Science Foundation conference funding: "Formal Approaches to Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi) Workshop" #0841282, 2009-2010 (PI David Pesetsky), wrote and submitted grant with Jessica Coon.
2007-2009 Cota-Robles Graduate Fellowship. A UC-wide competitive award for students that increase the representation of communities historically underrepresented in academia.
2007 UT Austin Dean's Distinguished Graduate (1 of 12 for class of 2007).

Advising

PhD

2015- Ryan Smith: Co-Supervisor.
2016- Rana Nabors: Committee Member.

Qualifying

Spring 2016 Skye Anderson, Prelim Committee, member.

- Fall 2016 Rachel Brown, Prelim Committee, member.
 2015- Stanley Donahoo, Prelim Committee, member.
 Fall 2016 Rana Nabors, Prelim Committee, member.
 Undergrad
 2012-2013 Liwen Hou: BA thesis committee, chair.

Departmental Service

- 2016-2017 Tech Team Lead, Peer Evaluation Committee, Social & Behavioral Sciences Research Institute Advisory Board.
 2015-2016 Tech Team Lead, Outreach Committee, SPFI Hiring Subcommittee.

Service to the Profession

- Reviewing *Language, Natural Language and Linguistic Theory, Studia Logica, Journal of Semantics, Natural Language Semantics, Semantics & Pragmatics, Gloss, Lingua, International Journal of American Linguistics, Linguistics, Tlalocan, Transactions of the Philological Society, SALT, SuB, SULA, NELS, GLOW.*
- 2016 Co-organizer of the Taller sobre la Fonética Práctica (Workshop on Practical Phonetics) with Ryan Bennett.
 2014 Co-organizer of FAMLi III (Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics) with Rodrigo Gutiérrez-Bravo and Jessica Coon.
 2013 External Reviewer for Gabrielle Tandent *Negation and Negative Pronouns in Chontal Mayan*, Harvard B.A. Thesis.
 2012 Co-organizer of FAMLi II (Formal Approaches to Mayan Linguistics) and CAML (Corpus-based Approaches to Mayan Linguistics) with Jessica Coon.
 2010 Co-founder and co-organizer of FAMLi (Formal Approaches to Mayan Linguistics) with Jessica Coon.
 2010 Conference committee, Formal Approaches to Japanese Linguistics 5.
 2009 Conference committee, 16th meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association.
 2009 Linguistics colloquium committee, *UC Santa Cruz*.
 2008 Conference committee, UCSC Alumni Reunion and Conference.
 2006 Linguistics External Review Undergraduate Committee Member, *UT Austin*.

Languages

- English native
 Spanish fluent
 Kaqchikel fluent
 K'ichee' intermediate
 Uspanteko fieldwork
 Chuj fieldwork