

LSA Summer Meeting Preliminary Conference Program

Thursday, 22 June

4:00 – 7:00 PM

Conference Registration/Information

Kellogg Conference Center

7:00 – 8:00 PM

Opening Plenary

Kellogg Conference Center, Auditorium

Sex, truth & semantics

LSA President, Sally McConnell-Ginet (Cornell U)

Formal semantic methods give little insight into the communicative significance of content words like *marriage, rape, lover, woman, or queer*. Unlike more abstract expressions such as quantifiers or tense morphemes, content words often vary significantly across contexts in their contribution to truth conditions and to communicated inferences. They frequently resist codification and sometimes also serve as the focus for social negotiation or conflict. This variability and contestability is seen across many semantic domains, but it is work on linguistic dimensions of sex, gender, and sexuality that has forced me to confront difficult questions about word meanings, questions that lead some to reject completely truth-conditional theories of natural language semantics and often formal semantic methods more generally. I explore possibilities for an approach to lexical semantics and pragmatics that would not replace but would complement formal semantic frameworks, drawing illustrative cases from my own and others' work on language, gender, and sexuality.

8:15 – 10:00 PM

Reception

Kellogg Conference Center, Lincoln Room

Friday, 23 June

8:00 AM -

Conference Registration/Information

Wells Hall C314

8:00 - 8:30 AM

Coffee

Wells Hall 3rd floor corridor

8:30 - 10:00 AM

Session A: Prosody

Wells Hall C310

8:30 AM

Acoustic correlates of stress in Rainy River Ojibwe
Caroledith Olsen (U MN-Twin Cities)

9:00 AM

The effect of segmental structure on the Japanese pitch-accent contrast
Irina Shport (U OR)

9:30 AM

Pragmatics & prosody in interpreting not-because sentences
Yukiko Koizumi (Grad Ctr-CUNY)
Dianne Bradley (Grad Ctr-CUNY)
Eva M. Fernández (Queens C-CUNY / Grad Ctr-CUNY)
Janet Dean Fodor (Grad Ctr-CUNY)

Session B: Syntax

Wells Hall C313

8:30 AM *Attributive adjectival modification with de in Chinese*
Candice Chi Hang Cheung (USC)

9:00 AM *Coordinate structures & across-the-board movement in Russian*
Irina Agafonova (MI SU)

9:30 AM *NET-licensed VPE in Russian: An information-structural account of a syntactic puzzle*
Oksana Laleko (U MN-Twin Cities)

10:00 - 10:15 AM **Break**
Wells Hall 3rd floor corridor

10:15 - 11:45 AM **Panel: Professional Ethics**
Erickson Hall 226

Karen Klomparens (Dean, Grad Sch, MI SU)
Terry May (Res & Grad Studies, MI SU)
Wendy Wilkins (MI SU)

11:45 AM - 1:30 PM **Lunch**

1:30 - 3:00 PM **Session C: Acquisition/Experimental Studies**
Wells Hall C310

1:30 PM *Child reduction of /s/+C onset clusters: /s/ perceived as an unstressed degenerate syllable*
Bo-Young Kwon (MI SU)
James N. Stanford (MI SU)

2:00 PM *How do you know: Evidentiality in Turkish* **WITHDRAWN**
Ozge Isik Ozturk (U DE)
Anna Papafragou (U DE)

2:30 PM *An experimental study of the interpretability of ostensible subject-control promise*
Aaron J. Dinkin (U Penn)

Session D: Semantics

Wells Hall C313

1:30 PM *Existential sentences & pronominal reference*
Rachel Szekely (Grad Ctr-CUNY)

2:00 PM *Existentials & two types of negation in Chol (Mayan)* **WITHDRAWN**
Jessica Coon (MIT)

2:30 PM *Some modified plurals as semantically singular*
Stephanie Solt (Grad Ctr-CUNY)

3:00 - 3:15 PM **Break**
Wells Hall 3rd floor corridor

3:15 - 4:45 PM

Session E: Historical Typology/Morphology

Wells Hall C310

3:15 PM

Diachronic perspectives on demonstrative & personal pronouns in Japanese
Osamu Ishiyama (U Buffalo)

3:45 PM

Medial verbs & internally-headed relative clauses in Washo
Robert Peachey (U Chicago)

4:15 PM

Tonogenesis in progress: An experimental study of Kurtoep
Gwendolyn Lowes (U OR)

Session F: Semantics/Syntax

Wells Hall C313

3:15 PM

Semantics of an aspectual particle kwolh & verbs in Saanich
Masaru Kiyota (U BC)

3:45 PM

Sequence of tense & temporal adverbials
Hyuna Byun (USC)

4:15 PM

An anti-intervention effect
Ivona Kucerova (MIT)

4:45 - 6:00 PM

Poster Session

Wells Hall C312

Does disfluency have tones? A case study of Mandarin filled pauses
Yuan Zhao (Stanford U)

Morphological complexity & similarity: Arguments from latent semantic analysis
H. Ross Baker (Northwestern U)
Stefan Kaufman (Northwestern U)

On verb-copying construction in Mandarin Chinese
Binmei Liu (U FL)

Past tense marking in SWE & SAAE child speakers
Lekeitha Hartfield (LA SU)
Brandi Newkirk (LA SU)
Janna Oetting (LA SU)

Total reduplication without tonal repetition in Cantonese
Ho Leung Chan (U Pittsburgh)

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Dinner

8:00 - 9:30 PM

Workshop: Getting Published

Wells Hall C310

Mark Aronoff (U Stony Brook-SUNY)

Workshop: Getting Grants

Wells Hall C313

Cecile McKee (U AZ)

Saturday, 24 June

- 8:00 AM - **Registration/Information**
Wells Hall C314
- 8:00 - 8:30 AM **Coffee**
Wells Hall 3rd floor corridor
- 8:30 - 11:00 AM **Session G: Phonology**
Wells Hall C310
- 8:30 AM *Consonant harmony & deletion: Reconciling acquisition data with an OT framework*
Sharon Gerlach (U MN-Twin Cities)
- 9:00 AM *Forces behind second mention reduction*
Rachel Elizabeth Baker (Northwestern U)
- 9:30 AM *Opacity as a case of gesture coordination*
Hua Lin (USC)
- 10:00 AM *Adaptation of English alveopalatals in Korean & Japanese*
Younghyon Heo (U WI-Milwaukee)
- 10:30 AM *Introducing English [IZ] infixation: Snoop Dogg & bey-[IZ]-ond*
Joshua Viau (Northwestern U)
- Session H: Syntax**
Wells Hall C313
- 8:30 AM *PCCs & adverbs in Japanese*
Sachie Kotani (U DE)
- 9:00 AM *The left periphery in Standard Arabic clause structure*
Youssef A. Haddad (U FL)
- 9:30 AM *Verbal nouns as verbs*
So-Young Park (USC)
- 10:00 AM *On verb selection in expletive constructions*
Amy Rose Deal (U MA-Amherst)
- 11:00 - 11:15 AM **Break**
Wells Hall 3rd floor corridor
- 11:15 AM - 12:30 PM **Panel: Getting a Job**
Erickson Hall 226
- Gina Taranto (H5 Technology)
Mari Broman Olsen (Microsoft)
Susan Steele (DLI-Monterrey)
Stephen Anderson (Yale U)
Norma Mendoza-Denton (U AZ)
- 12:30 - 2:00 PM **Lunch**

2:00 - 3:00 PM

Plenary Address

Wells Hall B102

Parameters of comparison

Christopher Kennedy (U Chicago)

The ability to make and evaluate comparisons is a basic component of human cognition, yet languages vary widely in the way that comparisons are expressed syntactically. Why? Does this variability indicate a corresponding variability in the underlying semantics of comparative constructions or is it possible to maintain a universal semantics of comparison and explain the variability in some other way? If the former, what (if any) aspects of meaning are universal in comparative constructions, and what specifically is subject to parametric variation? If the latter, what is the universal semantics of comparatives, and what (nonsemantic) factors are responsible for the observed typological variation? The goal of this talk is to provide some initial answers to these questions and to advocate a particular methodological framework for investigating them, through a detailed examination of differences between comparatives in English and Japanese.

3:00 - 3:45 PM

Open Forum

Wells Hall B102

Chair: Sally McConnell-Ginet, 2006 LSA President

3:45 - 4:15 PM

Break

4:15 - 5:45 PM

Session I: Korean Syntax

Wells Hall C310

4:15 PM

The interpretation of wh-in-situ words in Korean second language acquisition
Myong-Hee Choi (Georgetown U)

4:45 PM

Disambiguation of attachment ambiguity of Korean relative clauses via prosody: Phrasing vs accenting
Yoonsook Mo (U IL-Urbana / Champaign)

5:15 PM

Split control into exhortative complements in Korean
Sean Madigan (U DE)

Session J: Dialect/L2 Acquisition

Wells Hall C313

4:15 PM

The distribution of Turkish articles: Implications for L2 English
Joan Lee (U Calgary)

4:45 PM

Dialect acquisition among Sui exogamous women
James N. Stanford (MI SU)

5:15 PM

Hearing each other differently: A gender-based effect on vowel perception
Katie Drager (U Canterbury, New Zealand)

6:30 - 8:00 PM

Dinner

8:00 PM -

Party

Harper's Brew Pub, East Lansing

Sunday, 25 June

8:30 - 9:00 AM

Coffee

Wells Hall B-wing corridor

9:00 - 10:00 AM

Plenary Address

Wells Hall B102

The sociophonetics of face-threatening behavior, or how to lose your cool with your Congressman

Norma Mendoza-Denton (U AZ)

Town Hall Meetings (THMs) are a hallmark of the relationship between members of the U.S. House of Representatives and their electoral constituencies, discursive spaces where members of the House explain themselves, their voting records, and Washington policies to their constituents at home (Fenno 1975). I examine the discourse taking place in a THM held by Republican Congressman Jim Kolbe (R-5th district, AZ). Kolbe agreed to be taped as part of a nonpartisan research project and allowed the presence of our cameras at 10 THMs over a period of 14 months during 2000-2001. We focus specifically on the sociophonetics and broader semiotics of face-threatening behavior by his constituents. Face-threatening behavior comes in the form of opinions, challenges, or questions that constituents deliver which threaten Kolbe's control of the structure of the THM. Gesture, intonation, vocalic variation, and speech breathing evidence are joined with conversational analysis to address linguistic as well as sociological questions on the deployment of power in language.

10:15 AM - 12:00 PM

Panel: The Future of the Profession

Erickson Hall 226

Ellen Kaisse (U WA)

Diane Lillo-Martin (U CT)

Gregory Ward (Northwestern U)