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EDUCATION

- PhD** University of Massachusetts Amherst, Linguistics May 2011
Dissertation: “Constraining Interpretation: Sentence Final Particles in Japanese”
Committee: Christopher Potts (chair), Angelika Kratzer, John Kingston, Adrian Staub
- BA** University of Texas at Austin, Linguistics and Japanese May 2004
Graduated with Highest Honors and Departmental Honors (Linguistics)
Thesis: “Binding Conditions on Numeral Quantifiers: Evidence for a Movement Analysis of Relative Clauses in Japanese”
Advisor: Anthony Woodbury

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Publications

- 2009 Decisions, Dynamics, and the Japanese Particle *yo*. *Journal of Semantics* 26(4):329-366.
- 2009 The Pragmatics of Expressive Content: Evidence from Large Corpora. [Noah Constant, Christopher Davis, Christopher Potts, and Florian Schwarz]. *Sprache und Datenverarbeitung* 33(1-2):5-22.
- 2009 Expressives and Identity Conditions. [Christopher Potts, Luis-Alonso Ovalle, Ash Asudeh, Rajesh Bhatt, Seth Cable, Christopher Davis, Yurie Hara, Angelika Kratzer, Eric McCready, Tom Roeper, and Martin Walkow]. *Linguistic Inquiry* 40(2):356-366.

Other Publications

- 2010 Affective demonstratives and the division of pragmatic labor. [Christopher Davis and Christopher Potts]. In Maria Aloni, Harald Bastiaanse, Tikitu de Jager, and Katrin Schulz, eds., *Logic, Language, and Meaning: 17th Amsterdam Colloquium Revised Selected Papers*, 42-52. Berlin: Springer.
- 2010 Decision Theory and Discourse Particles: A Case Study from a Large Japanese Sentiment Corpus. *Proceedings of the 24th Pacific Asia Conference on Language, Information and Computation (PACLIC 24)*
- 2007 The pragmatic values of evidential sentences. [Christopher Davis, Christopher Potts, and Margaret Speas]. In Masayuki Gibson and Tova Friedman, eds., *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory 17 (SALT 17)*, 71-88. Ithaca, NY: CLC Publications.

Dissertation

- 2011 *Constraining Interpretation: Sentence Final Particles in Japanese*. Department of Linguistics, University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Primary advisor: Christopher Potts. Committee members: Angelika Kratzer, John Kingston, Adrian Staub.

PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

Conference and Workshop Presentations

- 2010 Decision Theory and Discourse Particles: A Case Study from a Large Japanese Sentiment Corpus. 24th Pacific Asia Conference on Language, Information and Computation (PACLIC 24). Tohoku University, November 5-7.
- 2009 Sentence final particles and intonation in Japanese. Fifth Workshop on Inferential Mechanisms and their Linguistic Manifestation, Kyoto University, July 19.
- 2008 Contexts, decisions, and the Japanese particle *yo*. Logic and Engineering of Natural Language. Asahikawa Convention Center, Hokkaido, June 9.
- 2007 Evidential marking, interrogatives, and the maxim of quality. [Christopher Davis, Christopher Potts, and Margaret Speas]. Semantics and Linguistic Theory 17, UConn, May 11-13.
- 2007 The Japanese discourse particle *yo*: a lexical modifier of sentential strength. Georgetown University Roundtable on Language and Linguistics (GURT), Georgetown University, March 8-11.
- 2006 The Japanese particle *yo* as a marker of illocutionary strength. Southern New England Workshop on Semantics (SNEWS), Yale, September 30.
- 2006 Evidence against movement in Japanese relative clauses. ECO5 Workshop, MIT.

Invited Talks

- 2011 Decomposing Rhetorical Questions. Semantics Research Group Meeting, Keio University, December 16
- 2011 Building Rhetorical Interpretations: Evidence, Bias, and Update. Pre-JK Workshop on Evidentials and Modals, Seoul National University, October 19.
- 2010 Particle Pragmatics. Kyoto University, November 8.
- 2010 Scope and prosody in the Japanese contrastive topic construction. The Fourth Workshop on Prosody, Syntax, and Information Structure (WPSI4), University of Delaware, September 17-18.

CORPUS AND DATA PROJECTS

UMass Amherst Linguistics Sentiment Corpora [Noah Constant, Christopher Davis, Christopher Potts, and Florian Schwarz].
Description: A set of large, multilingual [Chinese, English, German, and Japanese] sentiment corpora, derived from over 700,000 online product review sites.
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Massachusetts Amherst

- Spring 2011 Primary Instructor for Linguistics 201: Introduction to Linguistic Theory
- Spring 2010 Primary Instructor for Linguistics 201: Introduction to Linguistic Theory
- Fall 2008 Primary Instructor for Linguistics 201: Introduction to Linguistic Theory
- Fall 2007 Teaching Assistant for Linguistics 101: People and their Language
Primary instructor: Lisa Green
- Fall 2006 Teaching Assistant for Linguistics 201: Introduction to Linguistic Theory
Primary instructor: Kyle Johnson

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Journal Refereeing: Linguistics and Philosophy

Conference Refereeing: WCCFL, Going Romance

Editing: NELS 36: *Proceedings of the Thirty-Sixth Meeting of the North Eastern Linguistics Society*, volumes 1 and 2, Amherst MA: GLSA. [with Amy Rose Deal and Youri Zabbal]

HONORS AND AWARDS

Departmental Dissertation Fellowship (UMass Amherst)	2010
Fellowship for LSA Summer Institute at Stanford	2007
Presidential Graduate Fellowship for PhD Studies at MIT (declined)	2005
University of Texas Distinguished Scholar (UT Austin)	2002,2003
Boren Scholarship for Study in Japan (National Security Education Program)	2002
Bridging Scholarship for Study in Japan (Association of Teachers of Japanese)	2002
Jacolyn Alexander Scholarship (UT Austin)	2002
Texas Wranglers Scholarship (UT Austin)	2002

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

SUBTLE: Situation Understanding Bot Through Language and Environment Multidisciplinary University Research Initiative, Army Research Office Research Assistant to Christopher Potts	01.2009-05.2010
Expressive Context and the Semantics of Contexts NSF Grant No. BCS-0642752 Research Assistant to Christopher Potts	06.2007-12.2007
Epistemology and Indexicality in Navajo, Tibetan, and English NSF Grant No. BCS-0527509 Research Assistant to Margaret Speas and Tom Roeper	06.2006-08.2006

OTHER SKILLS

Computer Skills

LaTeX, Python, Ruby, R Statistical Programming Language, Linux OS.

Languages

English (native), Japanese (fluent speaking and reading).

Miscellaneous

Ryukyuan music (sanshin and singing).