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Academic appointments

2022– Professor, Linguistics, The University of Texas at Austin
2021–22 Professor, Linguistics, The Ohio State University
2016–2021 Associate Professor, Linguistics, The Ohio State University
2013–2016 Associate Professor (on term), Linguistics, Yale University
2012–13 Donald D. Harrington Faculty Fellow, Department of Linguistics, University of Texas at Austin (on leave from Yale)
2007-2013 Assistant Professor, Linguistics, Yale University
2006–07 Lecturer, Linguistics, Yale University

Short-term academic appointments (by invitation)

2023 Faculty, Linguistic Society of America, Linguistic Institute, University of Massachusetts, Amherst Course on *Diachronic Semantics* (Second session)
2022–23 Adjunct Professor, Linguistics, The Ohio State University
2019 Faculty, Crete Summer School of Linguistics, Course on *Meaning Change*, taught with Cleo Condoravdi and Paul Kiparsky.
2019 Visiting scholar (Summer 2019) at the Mandel Scholion Interdisciplinary Research Center, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Project: “The interdisciplinary research group on diachrony and formal semantics: Universal meaning categories in recurrent patterns of semantic change” (Boneh, Bar-Asher Siegal, Rubinstein)
2018 Faculty, Crete Summer School of Linguistics, Course on *Historical Linguistics* taught with Paul Kiparsky and Hedde Zeilstra.
2017 Visiting Fellow at the Center for Advanced Studies, Ludwig Maximilians University, Munich Germany (May 20–June 20, December 2017)
2015 Faculty, Linguistic Society of America, Linguistic Institute, University of Chicago, Course on *Advanced Topics in Historical Linguistics: Semantic Change* (First session)

Education

2006 Ph.D. in Linguistics, Stanford University
Dissertation title: *Tense and Aspect in Indo-Aryan Languages: Variation and Diachrony*
Committee: Paul Kiparsky (chair), Cleo Condoravdi, Beth Levin, Peter Sells
1999 M.A. in Sanskrit (specialization in the Pāṇinian grammatical tradition), Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth, Pune, India
1999 M.A. in Linguistics, Deccan College Post Graduate and Research Institute, Pune, India
1997 B.A. in Social Work, Bombay University, India

Fellowships, Grants, Awards

2013–2019 NSF BCS-1660959. *CAREER: The emergence of New Indo-Aryan – Tense, aspect and modality* (\$408,652)

- 2012–2017 NSF Grant 1248100. *INSPIRE: The underpinnings of semantic change: A linguistic, cognitive, and information-theoretic Investigation*. Co-PI (with Maria Piñango (Yale, Lead PI), Mokshay Madiman (U. Delaware), and Robert Constable (Yale)) (\$729,708)
- 2013–2015 MacMillan Center Research Fellow in International and Area Studies, Yale University
- 2013 MacMillan Center Director’s Award, Yale University (\$10,000)
- 2012–2013 Donald D. Harrington Faculty Fellowship. Research Fellowship for the academic year at UT Austin (on leave from Yale)
- 2011 Macmillan Center award, *South Asian languages: theory, typology, and diachrony*. Conference held on September 27-29 2012 (\$7,500)
- 2009 Provost’s office grant for organizing workshop *Imperfective form and imperfective meaning*, April 2009 (\$4,000)
- 2008 Stanford Humanities Center Grant, *The encounter of Perso-Arabic and Sanskrit poetic traditions in South Asia*. with Paul Kiparsky (\$10,000)
- 2006-2008 Consultant on the SFB project at University of Konstanz *The role of semantic fields in the development of postpositions and case markers*, Primary Investigator: Miriam Butt
- 2005-2006 Geballe Dissertation Fellowship, Stanford Humanities Center, Stanford University
- 2003-2005 Dissertation Improvement Grant, NSF-BCS-0318478. *Diachronic change and synchronic typology: Morphosyntactic variation in the languages of North Maharashtra*
- 2003-2004 Junior Research Fellowship, American Institute of Indian Studies
- 2003 Research grant at University of Konstanz for project on the metrical structure of Sanskrit verse (Summer project)
- 2001 Graduate Research Opportunities Grant, Stanford University, for summer research
- 1999 Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth award for ranking first in the university at the M.A. examination in Sanskrit
- 1997 Annie Saraiyya Gold Medal for ranking first in Bombay University for B.A. (Social Work)

Publications

Journal articles

- In prep. Settling the future: The performative effects of aspectual contrasts.
- In prep. Marathi =*ts* and its counterparts in Indo-Aryan.
- In prep. On the prosodic realization of pragmatic focus in Chodri, Gujarati, and Marathi (with Judith Tonhauser).
- In prep. Marathi tense marking: a window into the lexical encoding of tense meanings.
- Revisions Addressing the widest question: English “just” as a domain widener (with William Thomas), *Journal of Semantics* (accepted with minor revisions).
- 2023 Interview with Paul Kiparsky *Skase Journal of Theoretical Linguistics* pg. 117–132, <http://www.skase.sk/Volumes/JTL51/07.pdf>
- 2022 Could be stronger: Raising and resolving questions with Hindi =*to*. *Language* 98 (4): 716-748.

- 2022 Word-meaning variation in English *have*-sentences: the impact of cognitive vs. social factors on individuals' linguistic context-sensitivity. (with Muye Zhang and Maria Piñango) *Language* 98.1:123–156.
- 2020 Subject animacy and underspecified meaning: The conceptual and cortical underpinnings (with Yao-Ying Lai, Cheryl Lacadie, Maria Piñango). *Journal of Neurolinguistics* 56 2020.100912.
- 2016 Reanalyzing the complement coercion effect through a generalized lexical semantics for aspectual verbs. (with Maria Piñango). *Journal of Semantics* 33:2, 359–408.
- 2015 The semantic and pragmatic underpinnings of grammaticalization paths: The progressive and the imperfective. *Semantics & Pragmatics* 8 14:1–52.
- 2015 Diachronic semantics. *Annual Review of Linguistics, Vol. 1*, pp.179–197.
- 2012 The imperfective-perfective contrast in Middle Indic. *Journal of South Asian Linguistics* 5, pp.3–33.
- 2012 Complement coercion: aspectual and psychological verbs. (with Argyro Katsika, David Braze, and Maria Piñango). *The Mental Lexicon* 7.1, pp.58–76.
- 2009 Unifying the imperfective and the progressive: Partitions as quantificational domains, *Linguistics & Philosophy* 32.5, pp.475–521.
- 2007 Grammatical constraints on variation: *be* and *'nt* in the Survey of English Dialects (with Joan Bresnan and Devyani Sharma). *English Language and Linguistics* 11.2, pp. 301–346.
- 2007 Derivational morphology in inheritance-based lexica: Insights from Panini. *Lingua* 117, pp.175–201.
- 2007 The metrical organization of Classical Sanskrit verse. *Journal of Linguistics* 43.1, pp. 63–114.
- 2006 Typological variation in the ergative morphology of Indo-Aryan languages. (with Devyani Sharma). *Linguistic Typology* 10.3, pp.369–418.

Book chapters

- In press Formal semantics and language change. In Claire Bowerman and Beth Evans ed. *Routledge Handbook of Historical Linguistics* (2nd edition)
- 2021 Copular Contrasts in Indo-Aryan Diachrony. In *Proceedings of the 31st Annual UCLA Indo-European Conference Vol. 31*, pp. 95–119, Tübingen: Helmut Buske Verlag.
- 2021 The particular-characterizing contrast in the Marathi copula/auxiliary system. In Dankmar Enke, Thilo Weber, Larry Hyman, Johanna Nichols, and Guido Seiler eds. *Language Change for the Worse*, Language Science Press.
- 2021 Operationalizing the role of Context in Language Variation (with Martin Fuchs and Maria Piñango). In: Gamerschlag, Thomas; Kalenschner, Tobias; Löbner, Sebastian; Schrenk, Markus, and Zeevat, Henk (eds.). *Concepts, Frames and Cascades in Semantics, Cognition and Ontology*, 201–217. Language, Cognition, and Mind Series. Springer.

- 2020 Imperfectivity. In Lisa Matthewson, Cecile Meier, Hotze Rullman, and Thomas Ede Zimmerman, eds., *Companion to Semantics*, 1–32. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell.
- 2020 The progressive-to-imperfective shift: contextually determined variation in Rioplatense, Iberian, and Mexican Altiplano Spanish. (with Martin Fuchs and Maria Piñango). In *Hispanic Linguistics. Current trends and new directions*, 119–136. John Benjamins.
- 2017 Dialects in the Indo-Aryan Landscape. In John Nerbonne, Dom Watt, and Charles Boberg eds. *Handbook of Dialectology*, 535–546. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell.
- 2017 Developments into and out of ergativity: Indo-Aryan diachrony. (with Miriam Butt) In Lisa Travis, Jessica Coon, and Diane Massam (eds) *Handbook of Ergativity*, 530–552. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2017 On mechanisms by which languages become [nominative-]accusative. In Claire Bower, Laurence Horn & Raffaella Zanuttini (eds.), *On looking into words (and beyond)*, 311–331. Berlin: Language Science Press.
- 2017 Complement Coercion as the Processing of Aspectual Verbs: Evidence from Self-Paced Reading and fMRI. (with Yao-ying Lai, Cheryl Lacadie, Todd Constable, and Maria Piñango). For Yoad Winter and James Hampton (eds.) *Concept Composition and Experimental Semantics/Pragmatics*. New York: Springer.
- 2014 Aspect shifts in Indo-Aryan and trajectories of semantic change. (with Cleo Condoravdi) In Chiara Gianollo, Agnes Jäger, and Doris Penka (eds.) *Language Change at the Syntax Semantics Interface*, Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter, pp.261–292.
- 2014 Formal semantics and language change. In Claire Bower and Beth Evans ed. *Routledge Handbook of Historical Linguistics*, New York: Routledge, pp.393–409.
- 2012 Morphology. In Robert Binnick ed. *Oxford Handbook of Tense and Aspect*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp.155–183.
- 2011 Poetries in contact: Arabic, Persian, and Urdu (with Paul Kiparsky). In Maria-Kristina Lotman and Mihhail Lotman eds. *Frontiers of Comparative Metrics*, Bern, New York: Peter Lang, pp.147–173.
- 2010 A new methodology for the study of aspect in contact. (with Devyani Sharma). In James Walker ed. *Aspect in Grammatical Variation*, Amsterdam: John Benjamins, pp.111–130.
- 2008 Variation and change in the individual: Evidence from the Survey of English Dialects. (with Devyani Sharma and Joan Bresnan). In Robin Cooper and Ruth Kempson eds. *Language in Flux: Dialogue Coordination, Language Variation, Change and Evolution*, College Publications, pp.265–321.

Conference proceedings and other articles

- In prep. Asking a polar question while invoking a wh-question: Hybrid interrogatives in Hindi–Urdu. In *Proceedings of the 13th Formal Approaches to South Asian Languages*.
- In press ‘Just’ as a scale widener with maximum-standard adjectives: emphatic/ precisifying effects (with William Thomas). In *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 28*.
- 2023 Coordinated on the context: the many uses of Marathi =ts. In *Proceedings of the 12th Formal Approaches to South Asian Languages*, pp. 65–84.

- 2020 The interaction of *just* with modified scalar predicates (with William Thomas). In *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 24*: 354–372.
- 2019 Achievement Predicates and Tense Paradigms in Hazaragi. (with Saira Banu and Miriam Butt). In: Proceedings of the Lexical Functional Grammar Conference, Canberra, July 8-10 2019.
- 2018 Real-time roots of meaning change: Electrophysiology reveals the contextual-modulation processing basis of synchronic variation in the location-possession domain. (with Muye Zhang and Maria Piñango. In *Proceedings of the 40th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*, Madison, Wisconsin.
- 2016 Copular Distinctions and Constrained Variability in Copular Use in Iberian and Mexican Spanish. (with Sara Sanchez-Alonso and Maria Piñango) In: *UPenn Working Papers in Linguistics, Vol. 23.1*.
- 2015 Extracting semantic information without linguistic cues from generic sentences. (with Mokshay Madiman). In *Proceedings of the 53rd Annual Allerton Conference on Communication, Control, and Computing*.
- 2014 Complement coercion as the processing of aspectual verbs: Evidence from Self-Paced Reading and fMRI. (with Yao-ying Lai, Cheryl Lacadie, Todd Constable, and Maria Piñango). In *Proceedings of the Cognitive Science Society Meeting 2014*, pp.2525–2530.
- 2013 From change to value difference in degree achievements. (with Itamar Francez and Andrew Koontz-Garboden). *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory 23*, pp.97–115.
- 2011 Quantification and context in measure adverbs (with Maria Piñango). *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory 21*, pp.295–312.
- 2010 Contact-based aspectual restructuring: A critique of the lexical aspect hypothesis. (with Devyani Sharma). In Queen Mary OPALs Series.
- 2009 Imperfective readings: partitions as quantificational domains. *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory 19*, pp.109–123.
- 2009 Temporal genericity and the contribution of imperfective marking. *Proceedings of the Tenth Symposium on Logic and Language (LoLa 10)*, Hungarian Academy of Sciences. pp.109–118.
- 2009 Aspect shifts in Indo-Aryan (with Cleo Condoravdi). In *Current issues in unity and diversity of languages. Collection of the papers selected from the 18th International Congress of Linguistics*, pp. 2057–2076. Seoul: The Linguistic Society of Korea.
- 2001 Ergativity in Indo-Aryan. (with Miriam Butt). *KURDICA Newsletter for Kurdish Language and Studies, Volume 5*.
- 2001 An Optimality-theoretic account of variation in Indo-Aryan morphology (with Devyani Sharma). In *Proceedings of WECOL*, pp. 202–216.

Presentations

Keynote/Invited talks at conferences and workshops

- 2023 Invited Speaker at *Formal Diachronic Semantics 8*, Bayonne, September 28–29 2023 (*Persistence of semantic contrasts*).

- 2023 Plenary Panel on Models of Morphosyntactic Change at the *International Conference on Historical Linguistics*, Heidelberg, September 4–8 2023.
- 2023 Plenary speaker at the Annual Meeting of the LSA (*Linguistic Society of America*), Denver, Colorado, January 5–8 2023 (*Succeeding to fail: Why ‘better’ strategies lose their edge*).
- 2022 Invited speaker at FASAL 12 (*Formal Approaches to South Asian Languages*), University of Utah, April 9–10 2022 (*Coordinated on the context: Discourse salience, exclusivity, mirativity, precisification, and intensification in Marathi*).
- 2021 Invited speaker at DIGS 2021 (*Diachronic Generative Syntax Conference*), University of Konstanz, May 19–22 2021 (*The emergence of split-oblique case systems: A view from the Bhili dialect continuum*).
- 2021 Demonstrative contrasts and the loss of exophoricity. Invited speaker at the Formal Diachronic Semantics workshop (FoDS5), Hebrew University, January 2021. [Postponed due to COVID-19]
- 2019 Copular contrasts in Indo-Aryan diachrony. Invited speaker at the West Coast Indo-European Conference, UCLA, November 8-9, 2019.
- 2019 The emergence of split-oblique case systems: A view from the Bhili dialect continuum. Invited speaker for Workshop on Western Indo-Aryan syntax/semantics, University of Oslo, October 17-18, 2019.
- 2019 Hindi =*hi* and the use of “only” in Indian English. Invited speaker at the International Conference on Hindi as a Second Language, University of Lisbon, June 5-7 2019.
- 2018 On the prosodic realization of pragmatic focus in Chodri, Gujarati, and Marathi (with Judith Tonhauser). Workshop on Prosody of South Asian Languages, University of Konstanz, June 18 2018.
- 2018 Alternative circumstances of evaluation: The *ser/estar* distinction in Spanish, Plenary speaker OSUCHiLL 2018, OSU, March 30.
- 2017 Grammaticalization paths and indexical content. FoDS 2 (*Formal Diachronic Semantics workshop*), University of Saarland, November 20-21.
- 2017 Fine-tuning the progression of grammaticalization paths. Meaning in Flux Workshop, Yale University, October 12-14.
- 2017 Marathi tense marking: a window into the lexical encoding of tense meanings. Language Change for the Worse, Workshop at LMU, Munich, May 25-26.
- 2017 Keynote Speaker for PLC 41 (*Penn Linguistics Conference*, University of Pennsylvania, March 24–26 2017 (*Marathi tense marking: a window into the lexical encoding of tense meanings*))
- 2017 Marathi tense marking: a window into the lexical encoding of tense meanings. FASAL 6 (*Formal Approaches to South Asian Languages*), MIT, March 4-6 2017.
- 2017 Contextual conditioning in semantic change. Bridging computational and psycholinguistic approaches to the study of meaning. Workshop at Stanford University, February 17-18 2017.

- 2016 Invited Speaker for *XPRAG meets Historical Linguistics*, Cologne, November 13–14 2016 (Unable to attend due to health reasons)
- 2015 Invited Speaker for *SALT 25 (Semantics and Linguistic Theory)*, Stanford University, May 15–17. *Scale Structure and Genericity*.
- 2015 Invited Speaker for *ICHL 22 (International Conference of Historical Linguistics)*, Naples, July 27–31. *Formal Semantics/Pragmatics and Grammaticalization Paths*.
- 2015 Invited Speaker for *States and Events*, Thematic Workshop at GLOW 38 (*Generative Linguistics in the Old World*), Paris, April 15–18. *Copular contrasts and the individual-level/stage-level distinction*.
- 2014 Invited Speaker for *SuB 19 (Sinn und Bedeutung)*, University of Göttingen, September 15–17. *Deconstructing grammaticalization paths*.
- 2011 Invited Speaker for *Finiteness in South Asian Languages*, University of Tromsø, June 9–10. *The particular–characterizing contrast in Indo-Aryan copulas and the diachronic emergence of overt tense marking*.
- 2011 Invited Speaker for *FASAL 1 (Formal Approaches to South Asian Languages)*, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, March 19–20. *The particular–characterizing contrast in Indo-Aryan copulas*.
- 2008 Invited Speaker for *Workshop on Non-Canonical Perspectives on Case*, University of Konstanz, May 8-10. *Dative, Locations, and Possessors: Case syncretism in Marathi Diachrony*.
- 2006 Invited speaker for *South Asian Linguistics Workshop at LFG 11 (Lexical Functional Grammar)*, July 11–13. *The perfect-to-perfective shift in Indo-Aryan*.
- 2002 Invited Speaker for *Workshop on Complex Predicates, Particles, and Subevents*, University of Konstanz, September 30-October 2. *A diachronic perspective on complex predicates in Indo-Aryan*.

Other invited talks/colloquia

- 2023 Asking a polar question while invoking a wh-question: Hybrid interrogatives in Hindi–Urdu. Stanford Construction of Meaning workshop, Thursday May 4, 2023.
- 2023 Coordinated on the context: Discourse salience, exclusivity, mirativity, precisification, and intensification in Marathi. University of Southern California, Colloquium, November 6, 2023.
- 2022 Languages without borders: Distinguishing systems in the Bhili dialect continuum, Invited talk, Ashoka University, October 12, 2022.
- 2022 Coordinated on the context: Discourse salience, exclusivity, mirativity, precisification, and intensification in Marathi. University of Michigan, Colloquium, October 7 2022
- 2022 Languages without borders: Distinguishing systems in the Bhili dialect continuum, Workshop on Language Diversity, Linguistic Theory and Cultural Identity in South Asia, Yale University, April 29-30 2022.
- 2021 The emergence of split-oblique case systems: a view from the Bhili dialect continuum (Indo-Aryan), University of Ghent, October 20 (Virtual colloquium).

- 2021 The strongest assertable alternative: Marathi =*c* and its counterparts, University of Düsseldorf, May 12 (Virtual colloquium).
- 2020 The strongest assertable alternative: Marathi =*c* and its counterparts, University of Stuttgart Colloquium, June 9 (Virtual colloquium).
- 2019 Marathi tense marking: A window into the lexical encoding of tense meanings, Hebrew University Colloquium, May 25.
- 2019 Marathi tense marking: A window into the lexical encoding of tense meanings, Harvard Colloquium, March 7.
- 2018 Marathi tense marking: A window into the lexical encoding of tense meanings, UC Berkeley Colloquium, October 22.
- 2018 The emergence of split-oblique case systems: A view from the Bhili dialect continuum, UC Berkeley Syntax-Semantics Circle, October 22.
- 2018 Case syncretism patterns in Indo-Aryan diachrony Evidence from the Bhili dialect continuum. University of Chicago Language Variation and Change Workshop, April 20.
- 2018 Alternative circumstances of evaluation: The ser/estar distinction in Spanish, Michigan State University Colloquium, April 5.
- 2018 Alternative circumstances of evaluation: The ser/estar distinction in Spanish, Colloquium, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, February 15.
- 2017 Alternative circumstances of evaluation and the ser/estar distinction in Spanish, Colloquium, University of California at Santa Cruz, October 6.
- 2017 Invited Lecture series (Indo-Aryan (diachronic) semantics), University of Mumbai, February 2–4 2017.
- 2017 Invited lecture series (Indo-Aryan (diachronic) semantics), Deccan College, Pune, January 22–25 2017.
- 2016 Invited lecture series (Indo-Aryan (diachronic) semantics), English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad, December 6–8 2016.
- 2016 Meaning Change in Grammar. Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, April 18.
- 2016 Computational Techniques for Perennial Questions: Meaning Change in Grammar, Colloquium, Ohio State University, March 21.
- 2016 Understanding Semantic Change, Colloquium, University of California at San Diego, February 24.
- 2016 Academy Colloquium on language variation in action, Trippenhuis (Amsterdam, Royal Academy of Arts and Sciences), February 17-19, 2016.
- 2016 Formal Semantics/Pragmatics and grammaticalization paths, University of Cambridge, February 16.
- 2016 Formal Semantics/Pragmatics and grammaticalization paths, Oxford University, February 15.
- 2016 Formal Semantics/Pragmatics and grammaticalization paths, Indian Institute of Technology (Mumbai, India), January 14.

- 2016 Formal Semantics/Pragmatics and grammaticalization paths, IISER (Pune, India), January 8.
- 2015 Formal Semantics/Pragmatics and grammaticalization paths, Colloquium, University of Indiana, October 28.
- 2015 Deconstructing grammaticalization paths, Colloquium, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, September 25.
- 2015 The imperfective-perfective contrast in Middle Indic, Colloquium, University of Iowa, March 6.
- 2014 The semantic and pragmatic underpinnings of grammaticalization paths: An evolutionary game-theoretic interpretation, Colloquium, Cornell University, May 1.
- 2014 The imperfective-perfective contrast in Middle Indic, Colloquium, Deccan College, Pune, India, January 12.
- 2013 The emergence of accusative case marking in New Indic, *Patterns of Alignment in the Indo-Iranian Languages: Towards a Typology*, Workshop at the LSA Institute, Ann Arbor, July 13–14.
- 2013 The semantic and pragmatic underpinnings of grammaticalization paths: The progressive and the imperfective, Colloquium, Stanford University, May 10.
- 2013 The particular–characterizing contrast in Indo-Aryan copulas and the diachronic emergence of overt tense marking, Colloquium, University of North Texas, April 25.
- 2013 The semantic and pragmatic underpinnings of grammaticalization paths: The progressive and the imperfective, Colloquium, University of Chicago, March 14.
- 2013 The particular–characterizing contrast in Indo-Aryan copulas and the diachronic emergence of overt tense marking, Language Variation and Change Workshop, University of Chicago, March 11.
- 2013 The particular–characterizing contrast in Indo-Aryan copulas and the diachronic emergence of overt tense marking, UT Austin, February 22.
- 2013 Formal Semantics and Language Change, LSA Satellite Workshop: Foundations of Historical Linguistics, January 5–6.
- 2012 The semantic and pragmatic underpinnings of grammaticalization paths, Colloquium, University of Texas at Austin, November 12.
- 2011 Cyclical trajectories in aspectual change: the resultative, perfect, perfective cycle (with Cleo Condoravdi), *Dimensions of Grammar*, Workshop at University of Konstanz in honor of Paul Kiparsky, August 2-3.
- 2011 The morphosemantics of *-ed* (with Itamar Francez and Andrew Koontz-Garboden), *Dimensions of Grammar*, Workshop at University of Konstanz in honor of Paul Kiparsky, August 2-3.
- 2010 Poetries in Contact: Arabic, Persian, and Urdu (with Paul Kiparsky), Stanford Poetics Workshop, April 10.
- 2009 Unifying the Imperfective and the Progressive: Partitions as Quantificational Domains, Colloquium, University of Connecticut at Storrs, December 4.

- 2008 Grammaticalization and Syncretism: Is there a coherent intersection?, Friday Lunch Talk, Department of Linguistics, Yale University.
- 2008 Invited presentation commenting on SFB Project A-24 at the University of Konstanz, SFB Colloquium, January 26-28.
- 2006 Semantic Change in Aspectual Categories: Towards explaining the perfect-to-perfective shift in Indic, Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania, February 6.
- 2005 Quantitative templates in Classical Sanskrit verse, Linguistics of the Language Arts group, University of California at Berkeley, March 15.
- 2005 Quantitative templates in classical Sanskrit verse, Language and Poetic Form workshop, Stanford University. February 16.
- 2005 Tense and aspect in Indo-Aryan languages, Construction of Meaning workshop, Stanford University, March 8.
- 2002 Typological variation in Indo-Aryan languages and dialects (with Devyani Sharma), Stanford Syntax Workshop.
- 2002 The organization of the Taddhita section in the Aṣṭādhyāyī, Workshop on Panini, Stanford University, March 1-2.
- 2001 The rise of the Inflectional Phrase (IP) in Indo-Aryan, Historical Morphosyntax workshop, University of Konstanz, 6–8 June.
- 2001 The *-ta* form in Indo-Aryan diachrony, Berkeley-Stanford Workshop on Linguistic Change.
- 2000 Typological variability in ergative marking and verb agreement in Indo-Aryan (with Devyani Sharma), Stanford/UCSC Joint Workshop on Optimal Typology, December 8.

Peer-reviewed conference presentations (Talks)

- 2023 Asking a polar question while invoking a wh-question: Hybrid interrogatives in Hindi-Urdu. CLS 58, April 28–30 2023.
- 2023 Preference for independent shared commitments: CG update with Marathi (Indo-Aryan) final *na*. WCCFL 41, May 5-7 2023.
- 2020 Tracking Case Innovation: A Perspective from Marathi (with Miriam Butt and Christin Schätzle), DiGS 22, May 14–16, 2020 [Postponed to 2021 due to COVID-19]
- 2019 Achievement Predicates and Tense Paradigms in Hazaragi. (with Saira Banu and Miriam Butt). Lexical Functional Grammar Conference, Canberra, July 8-10 2019.
- 2019 Settling the future: The performative effects of aspectual contrasts. Formal Approaches to South Asian Languages 9 (FASAL 9), Reed College, March 16–17 2019.
- 2018 Understanding oblique-based ergative patterns in two Bhili languages (with Damayanti Tiwari). South Asian Languages and Analysis 34, University of Konstanz, June 19–21.
- 2018 Analyzing oblique-based ergative patterns in two Bhili languages (with Damayanti Tiwari). Formal Approaches to South Asian Languages 8 (FASAL 8), Wichita State University, March 31–April 1.

- 2017 On the role of situational context in language variation and change: experimental evidence from Iberian, Mexican Altiplano, and Rioplatense Spanish, (with Martin Fuchs and Maria Piñango). International Conference of Historical Linguistics (ICHL) 23. Workshop on Atomizing Linguistic Change and the Nuclear Step: From Individual Realization to Emergence. July 31–August 4, 2017. San Antonio, TX, USA.
- 2017 Variation in Spanish Copula Use: Innovative Uses in Monolingual and Heritage Speakers. Oral Presentation at GURT 2017 (with Sara Sanchez-Alonso and Maria Piñango), March 10–12, Georgetown University.
- 2016 The Progressive to Imperfective shift: empirical evidence of contextually determined variation in Rioplatense Spanish and Mexican Altiplano Spanish, (with Martin Fuchs and Maria Piñango). Hispanic Linguistics Symposium 2016. October 7–9. Georgetown University, Washington DC.
- 2016 Variation in Copular Use in Spanish: Implications for the Study of Spanish as a Heritage Language. Heritage Language Acquisition Workshop (with Sara Sanchez-Alonso and Maria Piñango, September 19, UiT the Arctic University of Norway.
- 2016 Operationalizing the role of Context in Language Variation: the Progressive to Imperfective Shift in Spanish (with Martin Fuchs and Maria Piñango), Cognitive Structures: Linguistic, Philosophical and Psychological Perspectives. September 15-17. Heinrich Heine University, Düsseldorf, Germany.
- 2016 Language Variation as a Gateway into Lexico-Semantic Representations. Oral Presentation at Cognitive Structures Conference: Linguistic, Philosophical and Psychological Perspectives (with Sara Sanchez-Alonso and Maria Piñango. September 15–17, Dusseldorf, Germany.
- 2016 Contextual conditioning in semantic change. FoDS (Formal Diachronic Semantics), September 12–14, University of Konstanz
- 2016 The performativity of aspect: imperfective assertions in Marathi. GLOW 39, April 5–8, Göttingen.
- 2016 Varying circumstances of evaluation and the *ser/estar* distinction in Spanish. (with Sara Sanchez-Alonso and Maria Piñango). GLOW 39, April 5–8, Göttingen.
- 2016 Processing Spanish Copulas: Discourse and Gender-Based Differences. (with Sara Sanchez-Alonso and Maria Piñango). Penn Linguistics Conference 40, March 18–20.
- 2016 Variable ergative marking and agreement patterns in Pawri Bhili (with Luke Lindemann). Formal Approaches to South Asian Languages, March 12–13, UMass Amherst.
- 2016 The structured individual hypothesis for processing aspectual verbs. (with Yao-ying Lai, Cheryl Lacadie, Todd Constable, and Maria Piñango). Berkeley Linguistics Society 42, February 5–7.
- 2015 Complement Coercion Revisited: The structured individual hypothesis for processing aspectual verbs. (with Yao-ying Lai, Cheryl Lacadie, Todd Constable, and Maria Piñango). Society for the Neurobiology of Language, October 16–18.
- 2015 Extracting semantic information without linguistic cues from generic sentences. (with Mokshay Madiman). 53rd Annual Allerton Conference on Communication, Control, and Computing, September 30–October 2.

- 2014 Marathi =c: Identifying the strongest true alternative. Formal Approaches to South Asian Linguistics (FASAL) 4, Rutgers, March 29–30.
- 2013 Aspectual verbs and real-time concept composition (with Maria Piñango), Concept Composition and Experimental Semantics/Pragmatics, University of Utrecht, September 2-3.
- 2013 Variability in copula systems. Semantic Variation Workshop, U Chicago, October 25–26.
- 2013 A historical perspective on dative subjects in Indo-Aryan (with Miriam Butt), LFG 2013, Debrecen University, Hungary, July 18–20.
- 2013 From change to value difference in degree achievements (with Itamar Francez and Andrew Koontz-Garboden), SALT 23, UCSC, May 3–5.
- 2013 Tense auxiliaries and the rise of progressive aspect in Middle Hindi. Formal Approaches to South Asian Linguistics (FASAL) 3, University of Southern California, March 9–10.
- 2012 Building multiple events: the cost of context retrieval (with Maria Piñango, Yao-ying Lai and Emily Foster-Hanson) Experimental Psycholinguistics Conference, Madrid, November 7–9.
- 2012 The performativity of aspect: Imperfective assertions in Marathi. *Sinn und Bedeutung* 17, Paris, September 8–10. (unable to attend for visa reasons)
- 2012 Aspectual verbs and the coercion effect. (with Maria Piñango). SALT 22, University of Chicago, May 18–20.
- 2012 Settling the future: aspectual marking and performative effects in Marathi. Ottawa Modality Workshop, University of Ottawa, April 20–21.
- 2011 The imperfective-perfective contrast in Late Middle Indic. ICHL 20, Kyoto, July 24–29.
- 2011 Quantification and context in measure adverbials. (with Maria Piñango). SALT 21, Rutgers, May 20-22.
- 2011 The characterizing–particular contrast in Marathi. CHRONOS 10, Aston, UK, April 18-20 (unable to attend for visa reasons).
- 2010 Generic sentences and subjective probability (With Mokshay Madiman). SALT 20, Vancouver, April 29–May 1.
- 2009 Temporal genericity and the contribution of imperfective marking. The Tenth Symposium on Logic and Language (LoLa 10), Hungary, August 26–29.
- 2009 Imperfective aspect and genericity: partitions as quantificational domains, Genericity Conference, Paris, May 11-13.
- 2009 Imperfective readings: A unified account, Imperfective Form and Imperfective Meaning Workshop, Yale, April 10-11.
- 2009 Characterizing and progressive readings of the imperfective: partitions as quantificational domains, SALT 19, OSU, April 3-5.
- 2009 Tense auxiliaries and the imperfective-progressive contrast. Stanford Semantics Fest 10, March 13-14.
- 2008 Progressive marking with tense auxiliaries. Chronos 8, UT Austin, October 3-5.
- 2008 Aspect shifts in Indo-Aryan. (with Cleo Condoravdi). CIL 18, Seoul, Korea, July 21-26.

- 2007 Lexical and sentential aspect in Indian English tense-aspect restructuring (with Devyani Sharma). LSA 81st Annual meeting, Anaheim, January 4-7.
- 2006 The relation between the imperfective and the progressive aspects. CLS 42, Chicago, April 6-8.
- 2006 Analyzing the relation between the resultative, the perfect, and the perfective. LSA 80th Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, January 5-9.
- 2005 Typological and probabilistic constraints on individual grammatical variation of *be* and *'nt* in the Survey of English Dialects (with Joan Bresnan and Devyani Sharma). International Conference on the Linguistics of Contemporary English, Edinburgh, June 23-26.
- 2004 Typological variation in the ergative morphology of Indo-Aryan languages. Annual meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain, August 30-September 2. (with Devyani Sharma).
- 2003 Valency change and case marking: Marathi dative experiencers. Workshop on Case, Valency, and Transitivity, University of Nijmegen, June 17-20.
- 2003 Derivational morphology and the Taddhita section in the Aṣṭādhyāyī of Pāṇini. The XIIth World Sanskrit Conference, University of Helsinki, July 14-19.
- 2001 The diachronic origins of dative subjects in Marathi. South Asian Languages Analysis XXI, University of Konstanz, October 7-11.
- 2000 An OT account of variation in Indo-Aryan ergative morphology (with Devyani Sharma). Western Conference on Linguistics (WECOL), Parasession on South Asian Languages. October 27-29.

Peer-reviewed conference presentations (Posters)

- 2020 The strongest assertable alternative: Marathi =*c* and its counterparts. Semantics and Linguistic Theory 30, Cornell University, August 17-20 2020.
- 2017 Eventive iteration construal during comprehension: one process, differing sources, (with Yao-Ying Lai, Emily Foster-Hanson, Cheryl Lacadie, Todd Constable, and Maria Piñango). Poster presented at 30th Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing. March 30–April 1, MIT, Cambridge.
- 2017 A unified conceptualization for the locative & possessive comprehension of English *have*, (with Muye Zhang and Maria Piñango). Poster presented at 30th Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing. March 30–April 1, MIT, Cambridge.
- 2017 Experimental evidence on the role of situational context in language change: the case of the Spanish Progressive to Imperfective shift, (with Martin Fuchs and Maria Piñango). Poster presented at 30th Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing. March 30–April 1, MIT, Cambridge.
- 2017 Diachronic Development through Synchronic Variation in Copular Use. (with Sara Sanchez-Alonso and Maria Piñango). Poster presented at the 30th Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing. March 30th–April 1st, MIT, Cambridge.

- 2017 Copular Variation as a Gateway into their Lexico-Semantic Differences, (with Sara Sanchez-Alonso and Maria Piñango). Poster presented at CSLI Workshop: Bridging Computational and Psycholinguistic Approaches to the Study of Meaning, Stanford University, California.
- 2016 The Acceptability and Real-Time Processing Implications of Copular Variation, (with Sara Sanchez-Alonso and Maria Piñango). Poster accepted at the 10th International Conference on the Mental Lexicon, University of Ottawa, Canada.
- 2016 Language Variation Manifested in Real-Time: Processing Spanish Copulas Across Spanish Dialects. (with Sara Sanchez-Alonso and Maria Piñango). Poster accepted at the 22nd AMLaP Conference: Architectures and Mechanisms of Language Processing, Bilbao, Spain.
- 2016 *ser* and *estar* as presuppositional variants: formal analysis and experimental evidence. (with Sara Sanchez-Alonso and Maria Piñango). Poster presentation at SALT 26, May 12–15, UT Austin.
- 2016 Gender and discourse-based differences in processing Spanish copulas. (with Sara Sanchez-Alonso and Maria Piñango). Poster presentation at CUNY 29, March 2–4.
- 2015 Context modulation and the *ser/estar* distinction in Iberian Spanish. (with Sara Sanchez-Alonso and Maria Piñango). Poster presented at XPRAG 2015, July 16–18
- 2014 Complement coercion as the processing of aspectual verbs: Evidence from Self-Paced Reading and fMRI. (with Yao-ying Lai, Cheryl Lacadie, Todd Constable, and Maria Piñango). Poster presented at The Cognitive Science Society Meeting, Quebec, July 23–26.
- 2014 Complement coercion as aspectuality: Evidence from SPR and fMRI. (with Yao-Ying Lai, Cheryl Lacadie, Todd Constable, and Maria Piñango), Poster presented at 27th Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, Ohio State University, March 13-15.
- 2012 Building multiple events: the cost of context retrieval (with Maria Piñango, Yao-ying Lai and Emily Foster-Hanson). Poster presented at AMLaP 18, Italy, September 6–8.

Workshops and conferences organized

- 2020 Formal Approaches to South Asian Linguistics 10, March 20-22 2020, The Ohio State University
- 2019 Formal Diachronic Semantics 4, November 15-16 2019, The Ohio State University
- 2015 Patterns and Models of Semantic Change, Workshop at International Conference on Historical Linguistics, July 27-28 2015. (co-organized with Cleo Condoravdi, Stanford).
- 2015 Formal Approaches to South Asian Linguistics (FASAL) 5, April 11-12 2015, Yale University.
- 2013 Systematic Semantic Change Symposium, April 5–6, 2013, UT Austin (supported by the Harrington Faculty Fellows program and the Department of Linguistics).

- 2012 South Asian Languages: Theory, Typology, and Diachrony, September 27–29 2012 (Funding from Macmillan Center and Yale South Asian Studies Council).
- 2009 Imperfective Form and Imperfective Meaning, April 10–11 2009. (co-organized with Itamar Francez).
- 2009 Yale Hindi Pedagogy Workshop (for Yale South Asian Studies Council), April 16 2009.

Fieldwork

I am interested in the documentation of the tense–aspect–modality systems of selected Bhili and Khandeshi languages (under-studied members of the Central subgroup of the Indo-Aryan family). With this goal, I have done short-term field research (between 3 and 6 weeks per session) in communities speaking *Ahirani* (2004), *Dehawali Bhili* (2004, 2008), *Pawri* (2003–04, 2008, 2012, 2013, 2014), *Noiri* (2008, 2012, 2017), and *Kukna-Dang* (2004, 2012, 2014) languages.

Corpus building

I have been working on developing two resources for Indo-Aryan languages:

- A.** A searchable corpus of Old Marathi texts (~ 400,000 words) together with a basic morphological analyzer and dictionary.
- B.** A searchable corpus of Middle Indo-Aryan texts (~ 400,000 words) and producing a digitally searchable version of the 1926 edition of a Prakrit-Hindi dictionary (~45000 words).

Service to the field

Editorial/reviewing work

- 2020 Senior Chair, Program Committee of the LSA
- 2019–2021 Associate Editor, *Linguistics and Philosophy*
- 2019–2021 Associate Editor, *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory*
- 2019– Editorial Board, *Transactions of the Philological Society*
- 2010– Editorial board, *Semantics & Pragmatics*
- 2008– Editorial Board, *Journal of South Asian Linguistics*
- 2015–2018 Editorial board, *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory*
- 2008–2014 Editor, *Language and Linguistics Compass*, Historical Section

Ad-hoc reviewing

Journals: *Natural Language Semantics*, *Language*, *Semantics & Pragmatics*, *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*, *Transactions of the Philological Society*, *Linguistics and Philosophy*, *Journal of Semantics*, *Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience*, *Journal of South Asian Linguistics*, *Journal of Linguistics*

Conferences: Sinn und Bedeutung, Semantics and Linguistic Theory, Generative Linguistics in the Old World, Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics, Formal Approaches to South Asian Languages, North-Eastern Linguistics Society, South Asian Language Analysis

Funding agencies: National Science Foundation, Israel Science Foundation

Publishers: Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, CSLI publications

Service to the University (UT Austin)

2024	Committee for Mentoring and Thematic fellowship competitions, COLA
2024	Fulbright U.S. Student Program campus selection committee

Service to the University (Yale)

2014 (Fall)	Interim Chair, South Asian Studies Council, Yale.
2013–2016	Language Program Director, South Asian Studies Council, Yale.
2011	Chair, Language Lector review committee, South Asian Studies Council, Yale.
2008–2016	Member, Executive Committee of the South Asian Studies Council, Yale.
2008–2010	Language Program Director for the South Asian Studies Council, Yale.
2009	Member, Committee for Marshall, Mitchell, Rhodes Scholarships.
2009	Initiated and developed the Yale Summer Program in Mumbai (Study Abroad session) and taught two summer in the program (2010, 2011)
2009	Chair, Lector Search Committee (Hindi, Tamil, Sanskrit), South Asian Studies Council.

Service to the Department (UT Austin)

2022–	Executive Committee (Member), Linguistics, UT Austin
2022–	Curriculum Committee (Chair), Linguistics, UT Austin

Service to the Department (OSU)

2018–2021	Department Senator, ASC Senate
2018–2021	Faculty coordinator, Speakers Committee
2016–2018	Member, Graduate Studies Committee
2020–2021	Member, Graduate Studies Committee

Service to the Department (Yale)

2014–2015	Faculty advisor for the Colloquium series
2014	Graduate Admissions Committee
2012	Diversity Recruitment Coordinator (Linguistics admissions)
2011	Open House organization for incoming students (with Gaja Jarosz)
2010	Open House organization for incoming students (with Jelena Krivokapic)
2008–10	Faculty advisor for the Colloquium series
2007	Member, Historical Linguistics Search Committee

Teaching (UT Austin)

Seminar on Modality (G)	FA2023
Seminar on Discourse Particles (G)	SP2022
Semantics 1 (G)	SP2023, SP2024
Semantics Research Group	SP2022
A Linguistic History of India (UG)	SP2023, SP2024
Meaning and Message (UG)	FA2022, FA2023

Teaching (OSU)

Syntax-Semantics Reading Group (G)	AU2019, SP2020
Changelings Reading Group (G)	AU2018, SP2019

Semantics 1 (G)	AU2018, AU2019, AU2020, AU2021
Semantics 2 (G)	SP2018, SP2019
Semantic Change (G seminar)	SP2018
Linguistic Meaning (UG)	AU2017, SP2019, AU2019, SP2020, AU2020, AU2021

Teaching (Yale)

Graduate/Undergraduate mixed

Indo-Aryan Languages	Fall 2013, Spring 2015
Introduction to Linguistics	Spring 2012
(Introduction to) Semantics	Fall 2006, Spring/Fall 2009, Spring/Fall 2011, Fall 2013, Spring/Fall 2015
Linguistic Change	Spring 2011, Spring 2012
Historical Linguistics	Spring 2007, Fall 2007, Fall 2008, Fall 2014
Elementary Sanskrit	Spring 2007, Fall 2008
Semantic Theory (with Itamar Francez)	Spring 2008
A Linguistic History of India (Yale in Mumbai)	Summer 2010, Summer 2011

Graduate seminars

Aspectual Phenomena in Language	Fall 2015
Cognitive Foundations of Meaning Change (with Maria Piñango)	Fall 2014
Semantic Change	Fall 2011; Spring 2013 at UT Austin
Variation and Change in Tense/Aspect Categories	Fall 2006, Fall 2009
Event Structure and Argument Realization	Fall 2007
Focus (with Laurence Horn)	Spring 2009

Student Advising (UT Austin)

Ph.D. thesis advisor

1. May Helena Plumb (expected 2024) (co-advising with Anthony Woodbury)

Ph.D. thesis committee member

1. James Tandy

Qualifying Paper advisor/reader

1. James Tandy
2. Se Yeon Park
3. Oscar Rojas Villaroel

Student Advising (OSU)

Ph.D. thesis advisor

1. Elena Vaiksnoraite (co-advising with Shari Speer)
2. William Thomas (co-advising with Kathryn Campbell-Kibler)

Ph.D. thesis committee member

1. Taylor Mahler

2. Shuan Karim
3. Anahita Hoose (UCLA Indo-European Studies)
4. Joshua Philips (2021) (Yale Linguistics)
5. Martin Fuchs (2020) (Yale Linguistics)
6. Ian Hollenbaugh 2021 (UCLA Indo-European Studies)
7. James Leow, (2020) (OSU Spanish and Portuguese)
8. Mark Hoff (2019), (OSU Spanish and Portuguese)

Qualifying Paper advisor/reader

1. Damayanti Tiwari (Linguistics, QP1 advisor)
2. William Thomas (Linguistics, QP1 and QP2 advisor)
3. James Leow (Spanish and Portuguese, QP2 reader)
4. Taylor Mahler (Linguistics, QP2 reader)
5. Elena Vaiksnoraite (Linguistics, QP2 reader)
6. Clint Awai (Linguistics, QP1 reader)
7. Jessi Jordan (Linguistics, QP1 reader)

Student Advising (Yale)

Ph.D. thesis advisor

1. Alysia Harris (2019)
2. Sara Sanchez-Alonso (2017) (co-advisor with Maria Piñango)
3. Nicole Palffy-Muhoray (2016)
4. Ilkyu Kim(2013) (co-advisor with Laurence Horn)

Ph.D. thesis committee member

1. Yao-Ying Lai (2017)
2. Michael Freedman (2014)
3. Yuan-chen Yang (2012)
4. Jennifer Mack (2010)
5. William Salmon (2008)

Qualifying Paper advisor

1. Luke Lindemann (2015)
2. Sara Sanchez-Alonso (2014)
3. Alysia Harris (2012)
4. Nicole Palffy-Muhoray (2011)
5. Michael Freedman (2009)

6. Argyro Katsika (co-advisor with Maria Piñango, 2009)
7. Yuan-Chen Yang (2007)
8. Rashad Ullah (2006)

External Ph.D. thesis reviewer

1. Meagan Ashley Louie (PhD 2014, University of British Columbia)
2. Tafseer Ahmed (PhD 2008, University of Konstanz)

Senior thesis advisor

1. Melinda Becker (2015)
2. Ryan Caro (2012)
3. Destiny Tolliver (2012)
4. Divya Subrahmaniam (2011)
5. Alfonso Espinosa (2010)