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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT      Visiting Assistant Professor of Linguistics, Cornell University, 2008 – present

EDUCATION      Ph.D. Linguistics, MIT, 2008  
Thesis Title: Structural Competition in Grammar  
  
B.Sc. Mathematics, Tel-Aviv University, 2001, *summa cum laude*  
Special Program for Outstanding Students

RESEARCH INTERESTS      Computational Linguistics, Morphology, Semantics, Syntax

PAPERS AND MANUSCRIPTS      “Morpho-Semantic Mismatches, Structural Economy, and Licensing.” Submitted to *Linguistic Inquiry*.

(with Danny Fox) “On the Characterization of Alternatives.” Submitted to *Natural Language Semantics*.

“A Realistic Learning Procedure.” In preparation.

(with Timothy O’Donnell and Jelle Zuidema) “On Movement in Learning.” In preparation.

(with Raj Singh) “A Note on Presupposition Accommodation.” In preparation.

(2009) (with Asaf Bachrach) “Right-Node Raising and Delayed Spellout.” In K. Grohmann (ed.), *InterPhases: Phase-Theoretic Investigations of Linguistic Interfaces*. Oxford University Press.

(2009) (with Danny Fox) “On the Characterization of Alternatives for Implicature and for Focus.” In P. Égré and G. Magri (eds.), *Presuppositions and Implicatures*. MITWPL.

(2009) (with Raj Singh) “On the Absence of XOR in Natural Language.” In P. Égré and G. Magri (eds.), *Presuppositions and Implicatures*. MITWPL.

(2007) “Structurally-Defined Alternatives.” *Linguistics & Philosophy* 30:6, pp. 669–690.

(2007) (with Asaf Bachrach) “Spelling out QR.” In E. Puig-Waldmüller (ed.) *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 11*, pp. 63–75.

COLLOQUIA  
AND INVITED  
TALKS

(With Danny Fox) “On the Roles of Context and Structure in the Theory of Alternatives.” Syntax Brown Bag, NYU. November 6, 2009

“Description Length and Language Acquisition.” Interdisciplinary Colloquium, Tel-Aviv University. June 4, 2009

(with Ivona Kučerová) “Focus Alternatives and Givenness Effects.” Potsdam University, Potsdam. December 12, 2008

“Morpho-Semantic Mismatches and Licensing.” Queen Mary, University of London. December 11, 2007.

“Structurally-Defined Alternatives.” Workshop on Presuppositions and Implicatures, DEC-ENS, Paris. May 31, 2007.

(with Asaf Bachrach) “Right-Node Raising.” Syntax and Prosody in the Northeast, Cornell University. May 5, 2007.

(with Asaf Bachrach) “Antecedent-Contained Deletion as VP-Sharing.” DEC-ENS, Paris. March 23, 2007.

(with Asaf Bachrach) “Right-Node Raising and Delayed Spellout.” Departmental Seminar, The Hebrew University. January 9, 2007.

“Simple Alternatives.” Interdisciplinary Colloquium, Tel-Aviv University. January 4, 2007

(with Asaf Bachrach) “Antecedent-Contained Deletion without QR.” Departmental Seminar, Ben-Gurion University. January 2, 2007.

“Unsupervised Grammar Induction with Minimum Description Length.” Infolab, Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory, MIT. September 6, 2006.

“Learning Word Segmentation with Minimum Description Length.” Computational Cognitive Science Group, MIT. April 14, 2006.

CONFERENCE (with Ivona Kučerová) “Deriving Relative Givenness Effects from Focus  
AND Alternatives and Presupposition Domains.” DGfS, Osnabrück. March 5,  
WORKSHOP 2009  
PRESENTATIONS

(with Asaf Bachrach) “Antecedent-Contained Deletion without QR or Extraposition.” WCCFL 26, UC Berkeley. April 28, 2007

(with Asaf Bachrach) “Identity and Precedence.” Conference on Precedence Relations, CUNY. January 26, 2007.

“Implicatures and the Maxim of Manner.” South New England Workshop in Semantics, Yale University. September 30, 2006.

(with Asaf Bachrach) “Spelling out QR.” Sinn und Bedeutung 11, Barcelona. September 22, 2006.

(with Asaf Bachrach) “Right-Node Raising and Delayed Spellout.” Inter-Phases, Nicosia. May 20, 2006

TEACHING *LING 1101 Introduction to Linguistics*, Cornell, Fall 2009  
EXPERIENCE

*LING 4403 Syntax I*, Cornell, Fall 2009

*LING 4404 Syntax II*, Cornell, Spring 2009

*LING 6600 Field Methods*, co-taught with Prof. Abby Cohn, Cornell, Spring 2009

*LING 1101 Introduction to Linguistics*, co-taught with Prof. Carol Rosen, Cornell, Fall 2008

*LING 6616 Topics in Syntax*, Cornell, Fall 2008

*Programming for Linguists*, MIT, January 2005

*Calculus II*, Open University, Israel, Spring and Fall 2000

*Topics in Mathematics*, Open University, Israel, Fall 2000

*Calculus I*, Open University, Israel, Spring 2000

OTHER  
EMPLOYMENT      Research Assistant, Infolab, Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence  
Laboratory, MIT, Summers of 2004, 2005, 2006  
[Design and development of a syntactic parser, a semantic interpretation  
language, and a Latent Semantic Analysis module as part of a question-  
answering system]

Teaching Assistant for *24.900 Introduction to Linguistics*, taught by Prof.  
Norvin Richards, MIT, Fall 2005

Computational Linguist, Baobab Technologies, Israel, 2000 – 2002  
[Design and development of a morpho-syntactic module for natural lan-  
guage understanding and a frame-based expert system for natural language  
generation as part of a natural language dialogue system]

SCHOLARSHIPS  
AND AWARDS      Stipend from the Minerva Foundation to participate in a workshop in Com-  
putational Linguistics, Tübingen, Germany, 2002

Scholarship from the French government for a one month French language  
course in Besançon, France, 2002

Scholarship from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) for a  
two-month German language course in Berlin, Germany, 2000

Fellowship from the Special Program for Outstanding Students, Tel-Aviv  
University, 1996 – 2000

SERVICE            Organizer, Cornell Workshop on Grammar Induction, to take place May  
14–16, 2010

Organizer, Talk Series for Work in Progress, Cornell University, Fall 2009

Student representative, Department Curriculum Committee, MIT, Fall  
2006

Organizer, Grammar Architecture Reading Group, MIT, Spring 2005  
[Readings and presentations in Categorical Grammars, the Lambek Calculus,  
and Tree-Adjoining Grammars]

Organizer, Computational Linguistics Fest, MIT, January 2005  
[Two weeks of classes, tutorials, presentations, and guest lectures on topics  
in computational linguistics with special focus on learnability]

Organizer, Linguistics Colloquium, MIT, Fall 2004 and Spring 2005

REVIEWING

Reviewer for *Linguistic Inquiry*, *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*,  
and *Syntax*