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## Research

Specialization: Formal semantics and pragmatics of natural language

Interests: Anaphora, discourse structure, informativity, degree semantics, continuation semantics

- **The Hebrew University of Jerusalem** Jerusalem, Israel  
*Postdoctoral Research Fellow* 2017 – present
  - Attached to Edit Doron’s MABAR Project, now led by Elitzur Bar-Asher Siegal, studying linguistic discontinuity, language contact & the development of Modern Hebrew

## Education

- **Cornell University** Ithaca, NY  
*Ph.D. Linguistics; Cognitive Science minor* 2012 – 2017
  - Dissertation: *Anaphoric Reference to Propositions*  
Sarah E. Murray, Mats Rooth, chairs; John Whitman; Will Starr, Cog Sci advisor
- **Carnegie Mellon University** Pittsburgh, PA  
*B.A. Linguistics, Chinese* 2006 – 2010
  - Senior Honors Thesis: *The Semantics of Prepositions: an exploration into the uses of at and to*  
Mandy Simons, advisor
- **Shanghai International Studies University** Shanghai, People’s Republic of China  
*Study Abroad* Summer 2009

## Publications

- *submitted*. At-issueness & Propositional Anaphora. *Linguistics and Philosophy*.
- *to appear*. Light Verb Constructions in Biblical Hebrew. Selected papers from the 2nd Workshop on Biblical Hebrew Linguistics and Philology.
- 2019. Introducing Propositional Discourse Referents. In M. Teresa Espinal et al. (eds.), *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 23 (SuB 2018)*, vol. 2, pp. 317–332. Universitat Autònoma Barcelona.
- 2018. Expressing Comparison in Cheyenne (with Sarah E. Murray). In Monica Macaulay & Margaret Noodin (eds.), *Papers of the Forty-Seventh Algonquian Conference*, 291–308. Michigan State University Press.
- 2018. Distinguishing At-issueness from Anaphoric Potential: A Case Study of Appositives. In William G. Bennett, Lindsay Hracs, & Dennis Ryan Storoshenko (eds.), *Proceedings of the 35th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL)*, 374–381. Cascadilla Proceedings Project.
- 2017. At-issueness  $\neq$  anaphoric availability. In Patrick Farrell (ed.), *Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA)*, 2(39):1–15.
- 2016. Continuations for Comparatives. In Sunghye Cho (ed.), *Proceedings of the 39th Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC)*, 22(1):255–264. University of Pennsylvania.

- 2015. Informative Counterfactuals (with Adam Bjorndahl). In Sarah D'Antonio, Mary Moroney, & Carol Rose Little (eds.), *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT)* 25:1–17. LSA and CLC Publications.
- 2015. Using Tautologies and Contradictions. In Eva Csipak & Hedde Zeijlstra (eds.), *Proceedings of the 19th Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB 2014)*, 19:590–607. Georg-August-Universität Göttingen.

## Manuscripts & Other Papers

- *in prep.* Analyzing comparatives with continuation semantics.
- 2017. Anaphoric Reference to Propositions. Dissertation, Cornell University.  
*Sarah E. Murray, Mats Rooth, chairs; John Whitman; Will Starr, Cog Sci advisor.* Available on SemanticsArchive.
- 2015. Continuations for Comparatives. Qualifying paper, Cornell University.  
*Mats Rooth, chair; Miloje Despic; Molly Diesing.* Available on SemanticsArchive.
- 2014. Using Tautologies and Contradictions. Qualifying paper, Cornell University.  
*Sarah E. Murray, chair; Molly Diesing; Mats Rooth.* Available on SemanticsArchive.

## Volumes Edited

- 2104. Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 24. With Sarah D'Antonio and Mia Weigand. LSA and CLC Publications.
- 2013. Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 23. LSA and CLC Publications.

## Presentations (Refereed by Abstract)

- **Introducing Propositional Discourse Referents** Universitat Autònoma  
*Sinn und Bedeutung* *September 6, 2018*
- **Light Verbs in Biblical Hebrew** Hebrew University  
*2nd Workshop on Biblical Hebrew Linguistics and Philology* *June 27, 2018*
- **Distinguishing At-issueness from Anaphoric Potential** University of Calgary  
*West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics* *April 29, 2017*
- **Conditions on Propositional Anaphora** Austin, Texas  
*LSA Annual Meeting* *January 8, 2017*
- **Expressing Comparison in Cheyenne (with Sarah E. Murray)** University of Manitoba  
*Algonquian Conference* *October 23, 2015*
- **Informative Counterfactuals (with Adam Bjorndahl)** Stanford University  
*Semantics and Linguistic Theory* *May 15, 2015*
- **Continuations for Comparatives** University of Pennsylvania  
*Penn Linguistics Conference* *March 21, 2015*
- **Using Tautologies and Contradictions** Georg August University at Göttingen  
*Sinn und Bedeutung* *September 17, 2014*
- **Informative Counterfactuals (with Adam Bjorndahl)** University of Maryland  
*North American Summer School for Logic, Language and Information* *June 23, 2014*

- **Informative Counterfactuals (with Adam Bjorndahl)** University of East Anglia  
*Logic, Grammar & Meaning* June 7, 2014
- **Informative Counterfactuals (with Adam Bjorndahl)** University of Maryland  
*PHLINC2: Language and Other Minds* February 14, 2014

## Other Presentations

- **At-issueness & Propositional Anaphora** Graz University  
*Linguistics Department Colloquium* December 5, 2019
- **Informative Counterfactuals** Tel Aviv University  
*Linguistics Department Colloquium* November 14, 2019
- **Informative Counterfactuals** Hebrew University  
*Linguistics Department Colloquium* November 5, 2019
- **The Universal Density of Measurement Hypothesis & Modularity** Tel Aviv University  
*'Modularity of Language' Workshop* May 15, 2019
- **Light Verbs in Biblical Hebrew** Bar Ilan University  
*Semantics Group Meeting* March 14, 2019
- **Introducing Propositional Discourse Referents** Bar Ilan University  
*Linguistics Department Colloquium* December 25, 2018
- **Bias & Computational Learning Theory** Tel Aviv University  
*'Neural Networks & Linguistics' Workshop* November 28, 2018
- **Constraints on Propositional Anaphora** Tel Aviv University  
*Linguistics Department Colloquium* May 17, 2018
- **Expressing Comparison in Cheyenne** Bar Ilan University  
*Semantics Group Meeting* April 12, 2018
- **Constraints on Propositional Anaphora** Hebrew University  
*Linguistics Department Colloquium* October 31, 2017
- **Propositional Anaphora and Not-at-Issue Content** Cornell University  
*Cognitive Science Grad Lunch* May 12, 2016
- **Informative Counterfactuals** Cornell University  
*Cognitive Science Grad Lunch* May 8, 2015
- **Using Tautologies and Contradictions** Cornell University  
*Cornell Linguistics Circle Colloquium* December 9, 2013

## Teaching

- **Seminar: "The Semantics of Anaphora"** Hebrew University  
*Instructor* Fall 2019
- **Issues in Semantics** Hebrew University  
*Instructor* Spring 2019
- **Graduate Proseminar: "Foundations of Language"** Hebrew University  
*Co-Instructor* yearlong, Fall 2018–Spring 2019
- **Introduction to Computational Linguistics** Cornell University  
*Grader for John Hale* Spring 2017
- **English Words: Histories & Mysteries** Cornell University  
*Teaching Assistant for Alan Nussbaum, two discussion sections* Spring 2016

- **Freshman Writing Seminar: “Language: Myth & Reality”** Cornell University  
*Instructor* Fall 2015
- **Introduction to Cognitive Science** Cornell University  
*Teaching Assistant for Khena Swallow, one honors writing section* Spring 2015
- **Introduction to Computational Linguistics** Cornell University  
*Teaching Assistant for Mats Rooth* Fall 2014
- **Freshman Writing Seminar: “Language: Myth & Reality”** Cornell University  
*Instructor* Spring 2014
- **Introduction to Syntax and Semantics** Cornell University  
*Teaching Assistant for Molly Diesing, two discussion sections* Fall 2013
- **Linguistic Analysis** Carnegie Mellon University  
*Undergraduate Grader for Tom Werner* Spring 2010
- **Nature of Language** Carnegie Mellon University  
*Undergraduate Grader for Mandy Simons, Tom Werner* Fall 2008, Spring 2009

## Research Assistantships

- **Cheyenne Fieldwork Assistant** Montana  
*One week assisting Sarah E. Murray* Summer 2016
- **Language Documentation Lab Assistant** Cornell University  
*Cheyenne Field Recordings Analysis for Sarah E. Murray* Summer 2014

## Reviewing

### Journals

Journal of Semantics

Linguistics and Philosophy

### Conferences & Workshops

Linguistic Society of America (LSA)

North East Linguistics Society (NELS)

Israel Association for Theoretical Linguistics (IATL)

Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics (FASL)

International Conference for Graduate students on Diverse Approaches to Linguistics (IGDAL)

## Service

- **LaTeX for Social Scientists Workshop** Hebrew University, Martin Buber Society of Fellows  
*Writer, Presenter* March 2019
- **LaTeX for Linguists Workshop** Hebrew University  
*Writer, Presenter* November 2018
- **2nd Workshop on Biblical Hebrew Linguistics and Philology** Hebrew University  
*Organizer* June 2018
- **Approaches to Implicature Reading Group** Hebrew University  
*Organizer* 2017 – 2018
- **Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) Steering Committee**  
*Executive Assistant* July 2016 – present

<b>Graduate &amp; Professional Students Assembly</b>	Cornell University
<i>External Member, Trustee Nominating Committee</i>	2016 – 2017
<i>External Member, Campus Infrastructure Committee</i>	2016 – 2017
<i>Voting Member, Social Sciences</i>	2014 – 2017
<i>Representative, Linguistics Department</i>	2012 – 2014
<b>Cornell Workshop in Linguistics and Philosophy</b>	Cornell University
<i>Graduate Student Organizer</i>	annually, 2013 – 2016
<b>LaTeX for Linguists Workshop (with Zac Smith)</b>	Cornell University
<i>Writer, Presenter</i>	annually, 2013 – 2016
<b>Cornell Linguistics Circle</b>	Cornell University
<i>President</i>	2014 – 2015
<b>Semantics Reading Group</b>	Cornell University
<i>Graduate Student Organizer</i>	2012 – 2015
<b>Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT)</b>	Cornell University
<i>Assistant Editor, SALT 22</i>	Fall 2012

## Summer Programs

North American Summer School of Logic, Language, and Information (Rutgers)	2016
North American Summer School of Logic, Language, and Information (UMD)	2014

## Fellowships, Awards & Honors

Sage Fellowship (Cornell University)	2012, 2016
Travel Grant (Cornell University, Linguistics Department)	June 2014, July 2014, Sep 2014 Mar 2015, May 2015, Oct 2015
Travel Grant (Cornell University, Cognitive Science Program)	May 2015
Travel Grant (Cornell University, Graduate School)	June 2014, Sep 2014, Oct 2015
Phi Beta Kappa (Carnegie Mellon University)	2010
Phi Kappa Phi (Carnegie Mellon University)	2009
Dean's List High Honors (Carnegie Mellon University)	8 consecutive semesters
Humanities Scholars Program (Carnegie Mellon University)	2006

## Languages

English (native), Hebrew (conversational), Mandarin (intermediate), Spanish (intermediate)