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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Broad

Semantics, pragmatics, cross-linguistic variation, philosophy of language

Narrow

Evidentiality, epistemic modality, predicates of personal taste, subjective language, attitudes, clausal complementation, speech acts, non-canonical questions

EMPLOYMENT

2017-present Post-doctoral researcher

Linguistics Department, University of Konstanz

2016-2017 Post-doctoral researcher

Collaborative Research Center 833 "Construction of meaning", University of Tübingen

EDUCATION

2010-2016 **PhD in Linguistics**

University of California, Los Angeles

Dissertation: [Heterogeneity and uniformity in the evidential domain](#)

Committee: Yael Sharvit and Dominique Sportiche (co-chairs), Pranav Anand, Roumyana Pancheva, Tim Stowell

2003-2009 **BA+MA in Linguistics** (Specialist degree)

Russian State University for the Humanities; Moscow, Russia

MA Thesis: Temporal and aspectual suffixes in Adyghe

Chair: Yakov Testelets

VISITING AFFILIATIONS

Spring 2020 *Formal Linguistics Research Group, Pompeu Fabra University; Barcelona, Spain*

Feb 2019 *Department of English, Arizona State University; Phoenix, USA*

July 2017 *Linguistics Department, UC Santa Cruz; Santa Cruz, USA*

Fall 2015 *Philosophy Department, Carnegie Mellon University; Pittsburgh, USA*

Fall 2013 *Institut Jean-Nicod, CNRS-ENS-EHESS; Paris, France*

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2020 “Biased questions in Russian”
Young Scholar Bridge Fellowship
University of Konstanz
- 2017–2019 “Wh-scope marking and *wh*-parentheticals across Slavic”
Postdoctoral Research Fellowship; €63.600
Alexander von Humboldt Foundation
- 2019 “Ignorance and grammar”
Mentorship program, mutual visits with Tyler Peterson; €2.400
Center for Advanced Studies, University of Konstanz
- 2014–2015 Dissertation Year Fellowship; \$20.000 (+tuition)
UCLA
- 2010–2011 Mellon fellowship in the Humanities; \$10.000
UCLA

MANUSCRIPTS

- In prep. Questions for the theory of evidentiality, *Journal of Pragmatics*.
- In prep. The subjective heart of evidentiality, *Journal of Semantics*.
- In prep. Evidentiality in the Georgian tense and aspect system, *Zeitschrift für Sprachwissenschaft*.
- In prep. Biased questions across Slavic, an invited contribution to B. Gehrke and R. Šimík (Eds.) *Semantics of Slavic Languages* (peer-reviewed).
- Under review (3rd round)
(with P. Anand) [How to theorize about subjective meaning: A lesson from ‘de re’](#), *Linguistics and Philosophy*.

PUBLICATIONS

Journal articles

- 2020 [Interrogative flip and indexical shift are distinct phenomena](#). *Snippets* 39 (2):3-5.
- 2020 [Evidential meaning and \(not-\)at-issueness](#). *Semantics & Pragmatics* 13(4).
- 2019 [The embedding puzzle: Constraints on evidentials in complement clauses](#). *Linguistic Inquiry*, online first.
- 2010 (with Y. Lander) [Deriving affix ordering in polysynthesis: Evidence from Adyghe](#). *Morphology* 20(2):299–319.

Papers in collections (peer-reviewed)

- 2016 Disagreement with evidentials: A call for subjectivity. J. Hunter, M. Simons and M. Stone (Eds.), *JerSem: The 20th Workshop on the Semantics and Pragmatics of Dialogue*, 65-75.

Proceedings (peer-reviewed by abstract)

- Forth (with P. Anand) Find, must and conflicting evidence. *Sinn und Bedeutung* 25.
- 2019 (with J. Harris) Preference for single events guides perception in Russian: A phoneme restoration study. In Eszter Ronai, Laura Stigliano and Yenan Sun (Eds.) *Proceedings of the Fifty-Fourth Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society*. 149-164. CLS, Chicago.
- 2018 (with P. Anand) Acquaintance content and obviation. U. Sauerland and S. Solt. *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung* 22, vol. 1, ZASPiL 60, 55–72. ZAS, Berlin.
- 2017 Evidentials and (relayed) speech acts: Hearsay as quotation. S. D’Antonio, M. Moroney, and C.R. Little (eds.), *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory* 25, 676–694.
- 2015 Evidentials in attitudes: do’s and dont’s. E. Csipak and H. Zeijlstra (eds.), *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung* 19, 340–357.
- 2012 On alleged *wh*-scope marking in Russian. N. Arnett and R. Benett (eds.), *Proceedings of West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics* 30, 205–215.

Volumes edited

- In prep “Expressing evidence”, a special issue of *Journal of Pragmatics*. Proposal accepted. (with C. Bary).
- 2015 Kimmelman, V., N. Korotkova and I. Yanovich (eds.). *Proceedings of MOSS 2: Moscow Syntax and Semantics*. MIT Working Papers in Linguistics 75. Cambridge, MA.

Other publications

- 2009 Proshloe i “sverxproshloe” v adygejskom jazyke [The past and the “super-past” in Adyghe. In Russian]. In *Aspects of Polysynthesis: Essays on the Adyghe grammar*, 262–286. Moscow: RGGU.
- 2006 O pokazatele refaktiva -ʒ’ə- v adygejskom jazyke [On the refractive marker -ʒ’ə- in Adyghe. In Russian]. In *Field Studies of RGGU students. Ethnological, folklore, and linguistic studies*, 1, 180–183. Moscow: RGGU.

TALKS

Invited talks

- 2020 “*Find, must and conflicting evidence*”. Colloquium of the Formal Linguistics Group, University Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain. (Joint work with Pranav Anand)
- 2020 “*Find, must and conflicting evidence*”. *Colloquium of the Oberseminar General Linguistics*, University of Tübingen. (Joint work with Pranav Anand)
- 2019 “*Evidentiality and not-at-issue content*”. *Colloquium of the Oberseminar English Linguistics*, University of Tübingen.
- 2019 “*Hearsay and (non-)commitment*”. *Semantics Babble*, University of California, San Diego, USA.
- 2019 “*Subjective language*”. *Interdisciplinary Committee on Linguistics Colloquium*, Arizona State University, Phoenix, USA.
- 2019 “*The subjective heart of evidentiality*”. Colloquium of the Formal Linguistics Group, University Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain.
- 2018 “*The subjective heart of evidentiality*”. *Colloquium of the Oberseminar English Linguistics*, University of Göttingen, Germany.
- 2018 “*The subjective heart of evidentiality*”. Job talk, University of Southern California, USA.
- 2017 “*Subjective language*”. Forum Scientiarum, Center for Ethic in Sciences and Humanities, University of Tübingen, Germany.
- 2016 “*Evidentiality: An opinionated guide*”. Linguistics Department, Stanford University, USA.
- 2015 “*Evidentials and questions*”. Workshop *Differentiating contents*. Center for Formal Epistemology, Carnegie Mellon University, USA.
- 2015 “*Evidentials across languages: one class or not*”. Workshop *New work on speech acts and modality*. Zukunftskolleg, University of Konstanz, Germany.
- 2014 “*Varieties of evidential shift*”. *Cross-linguistic semantics colloquium*. Amsterdam Center for Language and Communication & Institute for Logic, Language and Computation, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- 2014 “*Varieties of evidential shift*”. *Semantics circle*, Center for General Linguistics (ZAS), Berlin, Germany.
- 2014 “*Non-uniformity of indexicals*”. Commentary on Orin Percus’ paper “*Unpronounced indexicality (and pronouns)*” at the workshop *Pronouns in embedded contexts at the syntax-semantics interface*, Universität Tübingen, Germany.

- 2013 “Embedding evidentials across languages”. *Discourse and Philosophy Colloquium*, Institute for Logic, Language and Computation, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- 2013 “How to embed evidentials”. UiL OTS, Utrecht university, Netherlands.

Conference presentations (peer-reviewed papers)

- 2016 “Disagreement with evidentials: A call for subjectivity”. *JerSem: the 20th Workshop on the semantics and pragmatics of dialogue*, Rutgers.

Conference presentations (peer-reviewed abstracts)

- 2021 (with P. Anand) “Find, must and conflicting evidence”. Workshop *Modal inferences*, University of Enna “Kore”, Sicily, Italy.
- 2020 (with P. Anand) “Find, must and conflicting evidence”. *Sinn und Bedeutung 25*, hosted virtually by University College London (UCL) and Queen Mary University of London (QMUL). [[video and slides](#)]
- 2020 “The subjective heart of evidentiality”. Workshop *Semantic universals in the modal and attitudinal domain*, GLOW 43, hosted virtually by ZAS and Humboldt University, Berlin. [[video and handout](#)]
- 2019 (with P. Anand) “Find”. Workshop *Evaluative language*, Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris.
- 2018 “Less is more: Revisiting interrogative flip”. Workshop *Meaning in non-canonical questions*, University of Konstanz.
- 2018 (with J. Harris) “Preference for single events guides perception in Russian: A phoneme restoration study”. *The 54th meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society*, University of Chicago.
- 2017 “Diagnosing the semantic status of evidentials”. Workshop *Questioning speech acts*, University of Konstanz.
- 2017 (with P. Anand) “Acquaintance content and obviation”. *Sinn und Bedeutung 22*, ZAS / University of Potsdam.
- 2017 (with P. Anand) “Acquaintance inferences and the grammar of directness”. Workshop *Subjectivity in language and thought*, University of Chicago.
- 2016 “On the semantic uniformity of evidentials” (poster presentation). *New Ideas in Semantics and Modelling*, Paris.
- 2016 (with P. Anand) “Predicates of personal taste and ‘de re’ construal”. Workshop *Perspectivization*, GLOW 39, University of Göttingen.
- 2016 (with J. Harris) “Preference for single events guides perception in Russian: A phoneme restoration study” (poster presentation). Workshop “Events in language and cognition” in conjunction with the 29th Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, University of Florida, Gainesville.

- 2015 “Evidentials and attitudes” (poster presentation). *Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 25*, Stanford University.
- 2014 “Varieties of evidential shift”. *Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB) 19*, University of Göttingen.
- 2013 “How do you think? Apparent *wh*-scope marking in Russian”. Workshop “*Parenthesis and ellipsis: Cross-linguistic and theoretical perspectives*” during the 35th annual meeting of the DGfS (the German Linguistic Society), University of Potsdam.
- 2012 “How perfect is the perfect of evidentiality: Evidence from Georgian”. *The Nature of Evidentiality*, Leiden University.
- 2012 “Against partial *wh*-movement in Russian” (poster presentation). *West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL) 30*, UC Santa Cruz.
- 2008 (with Y. Lander) “Affix ordering in polysynthesis: Evidence from Adyghe”. Workshop “Affix Ordering” during the *13th International Morphology Meeting*, University of Vienna.
- 2006 “Circassian *double* past and its counterparts in other West Caucasian languages”. *International Workshop on Morphosyntax of Caucasian Languages*, IN-ALCO, Paris.

TEACHING

Summer schools

- August 2021 [ESSLLI 32](#), Utrecht University, Netherlands
 “An opinionated guide to predicates of personal taste”
 Co-designed with Pranav Anand (solo teaching)
- July 2020 An invited class at
[WeSSLLI \(Web Summer School for Logic, Language, and Information\)](#)
 Hosted virtually by Brandeis University, USA
 “The notional category of evidentiality”
- August 2019 [ESSLLI 31](#), University of Latvia
 “Speech reports”
 co-designed with Pranav Anand (solo teaching)
- July 2018 [NASSLLI 8](#), Carnegie Mellon University, USA
 “An opinionated guide to predicates of personal taste”
 Co-taught with Pranav Anand

Invited mini-courses

- 2020 “The notional category of evidentiality” (4 lectures)
 Department of Translation and Language Sciences, Pompeu Fabra University

- 2016 “Evidentiality” (3 lectures)
English Department, University of Tübingen
- 2015 “The landscape of evidentiality” (5 lectures)
Philosophy Department, Carnegie Mellon University

UCLA (teaching assistant)

- 2013–2015 Introduction to Study of Language, online
- 2013 Semantics 1
- 2013 Introduction to Historical Linguistics
- 2012 Syntactic Typology and Universals
- 2012 Field Methods (Dholuo)
- 2012 Introduction to Linguistics (for non-majors)
- 2011 Introduction to Linguistics (for majors)

LINGUISTIC FIELDWORK

- 2014–present Turkish (Turkic)
individual work with consultants
Los Angeles, USA and Tübingen, Germany
- 2014–present Bulgarian (South Slavic)
individual work with consultants
Los Angeles, USA and Tübingen, Germany
- 2012–2015 Georgian (South Caucasian)
individual work with consultants
Los Angeles, USA
- 2012–2013 Imbabura Quichua (Quechuan)
field methods class
Los Angeles, CA
- 2007 Khakas (Turkic)
fieldwork trip with Russian State Humanities University
Kazanovka, Khakassia, Russia
- 2007 Kalmyk (Mongolic)
fieldwork trip with St. Petersburg State University
Yergenensky, Kalmykia, Russia
- 2004–2010 Adyghe (Northwest Caucasian)
fieldwork trips with Russian State Humanities University
Hakurinoabl & Hatazhukay, Adyghea, Russia

SERVICE

Reviewing

- Journals *Glossa, Inquiry, Journal of Semantics, Languages of the Caucasus, Linguistic Inquiry, Linguistics and Philosophy*
- Grants *National Science Foundation (USA)*
- Conferences *Experimental Pragmatics Conference (XPRAG), Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics (FASL), General Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW), Pronouns in the embedded contexts at the syntax-semantics interface, Northeastern Linguistics Society (NELS), Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT), Semantics and Philosophy in Europe (SPE), Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB), TripleA Workshop, , Web School for Logic, Language and Information Student Session, West Coast Conference in Formal Linguistics (WCCFL)*
- Other *Affix Ordering Across Languages and Frameworks (book chapter)*

Organizing

- June 2019 *Expressing Evidence*
workshop in linguistics and philosophy, co-organizer
University of Konstanz
- 2011–2013 *Semantics Tea*
seminar in semantics, founder and organizer
Linguistics department, UCLA
- 2007–2011 *Moscow Syntax and Semantics (MOSS) I, II, Syntactic Structures I, II*
international peer-reviewed conferences, co-founder and co-organizer
Moscow, Russia

SUMMER SCHOOLS

- 2016 NASSLLI 7
Rutgers University, USA
- 2014 ESSLLI 26
University of Tübingen, Germany
- 2012 NASSLLI 5
UT Austin, USA
- 2008 École d'Automne de Linguistique (EALING) IV
ENS, Paris, France
- 2007 LSA Summer Institute "Empirical Foundations for Theories of Language"
Stanford University, USA

LANGUAGES

Russian, native

English, fluent

German, advanced (TELC C1 certificate)

French, conversational

Bulgarian, elementary

Polish, elementary

INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT

2007–2010 *ABBYY Software, Moscow*
computational linguist
formal description of Russian and English syntax for parsing and machine translation

2005-2007 *Russian National Corpus, Moscow*
linguist
corpus annotation, morphological homonymy resolution