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EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Ph.D. in Linguistics (specialization in semantics), expected 2017.
Thesis: Cross-categorial operators at the syntax/semantics interface
Committee: Irene Heim (co-chair), Danny Fox (co-chair), Kai von Stechow, David Pesetsky

McGill University

B.A. with First Class Honors in Linguistics, 2011.
Thesis: Patterns of prosodic prominence in English intransitive sentences
Advisor: Michael Wagner

Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 2013
University of Colorado, Boulder, 2011

FUNDING AND AWARDS

2015-2016 Noam Chomsky Graduate Fellowship, MIT Linguistics & Philosophy
2012-2016 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, doctoral fellowship
2012 Walter A. Rosenblith Presidential Graduate Fellowship, MIT
2011 Cremona Memorial Prize in Linguistics, McGill University

PUBLICATIONS

Hirsch, Aron. (2016). "DP conjunction" as vP conjunction: a case for conjunction reduction. In Hammerly, Christopher & Brandon Prickett (eds.), *Proceedings of the 46th meeting of the Northeast Linguistics Society*, Vol. 2, 105-118.

Hirsch, Aron. (2016). A compositional semantics for *wh-ever* free relatives. In Bade, Nadine, Polina Berezovskaya, & Anthea Schoeller, *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 20*, 341-358.

Ruth Brillman & Aron Hirsch. (in press). An anti-locality approach to English subject/non-subject asymmetries. In *Proceedings of the 50th meeting of the Chicago Linguistics Society*.

Hirsch, Aron & Michael Wagner (2016). Right node raising, scope, and plurality. In Brochhagen, Thomas, Floris Roelofsen, & Nadine Theiler, *Pre-proceedings of the Amsterdam Colloquium*, 187-197.

Hirsch, Aron. (2016). An unexceptional semantics for expressions of exception. *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics*, Vol. 22, Issue 1.

Hirsch, Aron & Michael Wagner. (2015). Rightward movement affects prosodic phrasing. In Bui, Thuy & Deniz Ozyldiz (eds.), *Proceedings of the 45th Northeast Linguistics Society*, Vol. 2, 11-24.

Hirsch, Aron & Martin Hackl. (2014). Incremental presupposition evaluation in disjunction. In Iyer, Jyothi & Leland Kusmer (eds), *Proceedings of the 44th meeting of the Northeast Linguistics Society*, Vol. 1, 177-190.

Hirsch, Aron. (2014). What is the domain for weight computation: the syllable or the interval? In Kingston, John, Claire Moore-Cantwell, Joe Pater, & Robert Staubs (eds.), *Proceedings of the 2013 Meeting on Phonology*, (eds.). Linguistic Society of America, Washington DC.

Dissertation materials

Hirsch, Aron. (2015). A case for conjunction reduction. Ms, MIT. [50pp]

Hirsch, Aron. (2016). Disjoined questions as mention-some questions. Ms, MIT. [40pp]

Hirsch, Aron. (2016). Fragments, pseudo-clefts, and ellipsis. Ms, MIT. [20pp]

Other manuscripts

Hirsch, Aron & Michael Wagner. (2016). Variable prosodic phrasing in a theory of incremental production planning. Ms, MIT/McGill. [65pp]

Hirsch, Aron, Martin Hackl, Florian Schwarz, & Jérémy Zehr. (in prep). Presupposition projection from disjunction in online processing. Ms, MIT/UPenn.

PRESENTATIONS

Refereed

Quek, Yihui & Aron Hirsch. (2016). *Separating focus meanings and focus forms in Standard and Colloquial Singapore English*. Poster presented at the 47th meeting of the Northeast Linguistics Society, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Oct. 14-16.

Zehr, Jérémy, Aron Hirsch, Akiva Bacovcin, & Florian Schwarz. (2016). *Priming local accommodation of hard triggers in disjunction*. Paper presented at the 47th meeting of the Northeast Linguistics Society, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Oct. 14-16.

Hirsch, Aron. (2016). *Disjoined questions as mention-some questions*. Paper presented at Sinn und Bedeutung 21, University of Edinburgh, Sept. 4-6.

- Hirsch, Aron, Florian Schwarz, & Jérémy Zehr. (2016). *Presupposition projection from disjunction in online processing*. Poster presented at Sinn und Bedeutung 21, University of Edinburgh, Sept. 4-6.
- Hirsch, Aron & Michael Wagner. (2015). *Right node raising, scope, and plurality*. Paper presented at the Amsterdam Colloquium, University of Amsterdam, Dec. 16-18.
- Hirsch, Aron. (2015). *“DP conjunction” as vP conjunction: a case for conjunction reduction*. Paper presented at the 46th meeting of the Northeast Linguistics Society, Concordia University, Oct. 16-18.
- Hirsch, Aron. (2015). *A compositional semantics for wh-ever free relatives*. Poster presented at Sinn und Bedeutung 20, Erhard Karls Universität Tübingen, Sept. 9-12.
- Hirsch, Aron & Michael Wagner. (2015). *Syntactic constraints on the variability of prosodic phrasing and parenthetical placement*. Paper presented at Experimental and Theoretical Advances in Prosody (ETAP) 3, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, May 28-30.
- Hirsch, Aron. (2015). *An unexceptional semantics for expressions of exception*. Paper presented at the 39th Penn Linguistics Conference, University of Pennsylvania, March 20-22.
- Hirsch, Aron (2015). *Exhaustivity and polarity mismatch*. Poster presented at the Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon, Jan. 8-11.
- Brillman, Ruth & Aron Hirsch. (2015). *An anti-locality account of English subject/non-subject asymmetries*. Paper presented at the Linguistic Society of American Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon, Jan. 8-11.
- Hirsch, Aron & Michael Wagner. (2014). *Prosodic evidence that parentheticals are placed by rightward movement*. Paper presented at the 45th meeting of the Northeast Linguistics Society, MIT, Oct. 31-Nov. 2.
- Hirsch, Aron. (2014). *Exhaustivity and polarity-mismatch*. Poster presented at the CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, The Ohio State University, March 13-15.
- Brillman, Ruth & Aron Hirsch. (2014). *Don't move too close*. Paper presented at the 50th meeting of the Chicago Linguistics Society, April 10-12.
- Hirsch, Aron & Martin Hackl. (2014). *Incremental processing and presupposition evaluation in disjunction*. Paper presented at Linguistic Evidence, Erhard Karls Universität Tübingen, Feb. 13-15.
- Hirsch, Aron & Martin Hackl. (2014). *Incremental processing and presupposition evaluation in disjunction*. Paper presented at the Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, Jan. 2-5.
- Hirsch, Aron. (2013). *Is the domain for weight computation the syllable or the interval?* Paper presented at Phonology 2013, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Nov. 9-11.

Hirsch, Aron & Martin Hackl. (2013). *Incremental presupposition evaluation in disjunction*. Paper presented at the 44th Meeting of the North East Linguistics Society, University of Connecticut, Oct. 18-20.

Hirsch, Aron & Michael Wagner. (2011). *Syntactic differences in the reliability of prosodic disambiguation*. Paper presented at Experimental and Theoretical Advances in Prosody (ETAP) 2, McGill University, Sept. 23-25.

Hirsch, Aron & Michael Wagner. (2011). *Context and prominence in English intransitive sentences*. Poster presented at Experimental and Theoretical Advances in Prosody (ETAP) 2, McGill University, Sept. 23-25.

Hirsch, Aron & Michael Wagner. (2011). *Patterns of prosodic prominence in English intransitive sentences*. Paper presented at the 34th Generative Linguistics in the Old World, University of Vienna, April 29-30.

Invited

Hirsch, Aron. (2016). A case for conjunction reduction. Colloquium talk at McGill University, Department of Linguistics, Feb. 4.

TEACHING AND ADVISING

As teaching assistant

Spring 2015 *Introduction to Linguistics, 24.900* (undergraduate, MIT)
Instructor: Sabine Iatridou
Duties: weekly recitation, grading, gave two class lectures.

Fall 2013 *Introduction to Semantics, 24.970* (graduate, MIT)
Instructor: Martin Hackl
Duties: weekly recitation, advised students on final papers.

Summer 2011 *Prosody in the lab* (LSA Summer Institute, UC Boulder)
Instructor: Michael Wagner
Duties: assisted students in the design and implementation of experimental projects, gave one class lecture.

Mini-courses as instructor

Summer 2013 *Introduction to Linguistics*. MIT High School Studies Program.
Co-taught 7-week course for high school students
(with Miriam Nussbaum)

Spring 2013 *Introduction to Linguistics*. MIT High School Studies Program.
Co-taught 7-week course for high school students
(with Coppe van Urk, Ruth Brillman)

Student supervision

- Yihui Quek (project on focus in Colloquial Singapore English; undergraduate senior paper)
- Mingshi Yang (undergraduate research assistant; MIT 2015-2016)

RESEARCH POSITIONS

prosody.lab, McGill University

Post-graduate researcher (2011-2012)

Honors thesis student (2010-2011)

Arts Research Internship Award, McGill Faculty of Arts (Summer 2010)

McGill Infant Development Centre, McGill University

Undergraduate research assistant (2009)

SERVICE

Ad hoc reviewing

Papers Journal of Semantics, Linguistic Inquiry (x2)

Abstracts Sinn und Bedeutung (2015, 2016)
Northeast Linguistics Society (2015, 2016)
Workshop “Non-at-issue meaning and information structure” (U. of Oslo; 2016)

Co-organizer

2013 Southern New England Workshop in Semantics, MIT

LANGUAGES

English (native), French (advanced), Italian (beginner), Irish, Javanese (research knowledge)
Programming: R

REFERENCES

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