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Work experience

Université de Paris, LLF, CNRS
Postdoctoral researcher   *2021 – present*

UC San Diego
Graduate Student Teaching Assistant   *2017 – 2020*

UC San Diego
Graduate Student Researcher   *2014 – 2017*

University of Edinburgh
Volunteer Research Assistant   *2011 – 2012*

Comunidad EcoActiva Kusikuna
Volunteer Teacher of English and Music   *2009 – 2010*
Cochabamba, Bolivia

Education

UC San Diego
PhD Student   *2014 – 2020*
Dissertation Title: Towards a Referential Theory of Ellipsis
Committee: Andy Kehler (chair; UCSD Linguistics); Roger Levy (co-chair; MIT BCS);
David Barner (UCSD Psychology & Linguistics); Ivano Caponigro (UCSD Linguistics);
Victor Ferreira (UCSD Psychology)

University of Paris Diderot
Visiting Student Researcher   *June – August 2019*
Dept. of Linguistics
Supervisors: Anne Abeillé and Philip Miller

Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Visiting Student Researcher   *October 2017 – June 2018*
Dept. of Brain & Cognitve Sciences
Supervisor: Roger Levy

University of Chicago
Linguistics Society of America Summer Institute   *August 2015*

University of Pennsylvania
International Student at the Institute for Research in Cognitive Science   *September 2012 – June 2013*

University of Edinburgh
MA, Mind & Language (equivalent of BSc Cognitive Science)   *2010 – 2014*
Thesis: *Inferring Word Meanings From the Semantic Context*
Advisors: Hannah Rohde (Linguistics) and Patrick Sturt (Psychology)

Journal articles

Poppels, T. & Miller, P. (under review). *Remnant Connectivity in Pseudogapping: Experimental Evidence for a Direct Generation Approach.* Journal of Linguistics.

Poppels, T. & Kehler, A. (under review). *Ellipsis and the QUD: Sluicing with Nominal Antecedents.* Information Structure and Discourse in Generative Grammar: Mechanisms and Processes.

von der Malsburg, T., **Poppels, T.**, & Levy, R. (2020). *Implicit Gender Bias in Linguistic Descriptions for Expected Events: The Cases of the 2016 US and 2017 UK Elections.* Psychological Science.

Poppels, T. & Kehler, A. (2019). *Reconsidering Asymmetries in Voice-Mismatched Verb Phrase Ellipsis.* Glossa: A Journal of General Linguistics, 4(1): 60. 1–22. DOI: `https://doi.org/10.5334/gjgl.738`.

Conference proceedings

Poppels, T. & Kehler, A. (2017). *Overcoming the Identity Crisis: Novel Evidence for a Referential Theory of Verb Phrase Ellipsis.* In Proceedings of the 53rd Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistics Society.

Poppels, T. & Levy, R. (2016). *Structure-Sensitive Noise Inference: Comprehenders Expect Exchange Errors.* In Papafragou, A., Grodner, D., Mirman, D., & Trueswell, J.C. (Eds.) (2016). Proceedings of the 38th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society. Austin, TX: Cognitive Science Society. P. 378-383.

Poppels, T. & Levy, R. (2015). *Resolving Quantity and Informativeness Implicature in Indefinite Reference.* In Brochhagen, T., Roelofsen, F., & Theiler, N. (Eds.) (2015). Proceedings of the 20th Amsterdam Colloquium, P. 313-322.

Invited talks & colloquia

Poppels, T., Boyce, V., Ajunwa, C., von der Malsburg, T., & Levy, R. (2021). *Bias Against 'she' Pronouns can be Rapidly Overcome by Changing Event Expectations.* Ling Lunch Colloquium Series, Université de Paris.

Poppels, T. & Kehler, A. (2019). *Anything can be Elided if you Know How: Clausal Ellipsis without Identity.* Ling Lunch, University of Paris Diderot.

Poppels, T. (2018). *Referring to Events by Omitting the Verb Phrase: English VP-Ellipsis as a Form of Reference.* Language & Cognition Group, Harvard University.

Poppels, T., Kehler, A. (2017). *Verb Phrase Ellipsis is Discourse Reference: Novel Evidence from Dialogue.* Center for Research in Language, UC San Diego.

Poppels, T., Levy, R. (2016). *Resolving Quantity- And Informativeness-Implicature in Indefinite Reference.* Center for Research in Language, UC San Diego.

Poppels, T., Levy, R. (2016). *Resolving Quantity- And Informativeness-Implicature in Indefinite Reference.* MIT Brain & Cognitive Sciences Annual Retreat, 6th June 2016, Newport, RI.

Conference talks

Poppels, T. & Kehler, A. (2020). *Anything can be Elided if you Know How: Sluicing, Voice Mismatch, and Tough Movement*. Workshop on Experimental and Corpus-Based Approaches to Ellipsis, 16th July 2020, Online Webinar.

Poppels, T. & Kehler, A. (2020). *Inferential Ellipsis Resolution: Sluicing, Nominal Antecedents, and the Question under Discussion*. 94th Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Society of America, 5th January 2020, New Orleans, LA.

Poppels, T. & Kehler, A. (2019). *Ellipsis and the QuD: Evidence from Sluicing with Nominal Antecedents*. California Meeting on Psycholinguistics, 26th October 2019, Santa Cruz, CA.

Boyce, V., von der Malsburg, T., **Poppels, T.**, Levy, R. (2019). *Remember 'Him', Forget 'Her': Gender Bias in the Comprehension of Pronominal Referents*. The 32nd Annual CUNY Sentence Processing Conference, 29th March 2019, Boulder, CO.

Poppels, T. & Kehler, A. (2018). *Asymmetries in Voice-Mismatched VP-Ellipsis*. California Meeting on Psycholinguistics, 2nd December 2018, Los Angeles, CA.

Poppels, T. & Kehler, A. (2018). *Asymmetries in Voice-Mismatched VP-Ellipsis*. 54th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistics Society, 27th April 2018, Chicago, IL.

Poppels, T. & Kehler, A. (2017). *Verb Phrase Ellipsis is Discourse Reference: Novel Evidence from Dialogue*. 53rd Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistics Society, 27th May 2017, Chicago, IL.

Poppels, T. & Kehler, A. (2017). *Verb Phrase Ellipsis is Discourse Reference: Novel Evidence from Dialogue*. Workshop on Experimental and Corpus-Based Approaches to Ellipsis, 29th July 2017, Lexington, KY.

von der Malsburg, T., **Poppels, T.**, & Levy, R. (2017). *The President Gave Her Inauguration Speech: Explicit Belief and Implicit Expectations in Language Production and Comprehension*. The 30th CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, 30th March 2017, Cambridge, MA.

Poppels, T. & Levy, R. (2016). *Structure-Sensitive Noise Inference: Comprehenders Expect Exchange Errors*. Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Society of America, 7th January 2016, Washington, D.C.

Poppels, T. & Levy, R. (2015). *Resolving Quantity and Informativeness Implicature in Indefinite Reference*. Workshop on 'Reasoning in Natural Language: Symbolic and Sub-Symbolic Approaches' at the 20th Amsterdam Colloquium, 17th December 2015, Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Poppels, T. & Levy, R. (2015). *Resolving Quantity and Informativeness Implicature in Indefinite Reference*. Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing (AMLaP) 2018, 5th September 2015, Valetta, Malta.

Poppels, T. & Levy, R. (2015). *Resolving Quantity and Informativeness Implicature in Indefinite Reference*. Experimental Pragmatics (XPRAG), 18th July 2015, Chicago, IL.

Poppels, T., Rohde, H., & Sturt, P. (2014). *Why Did Mary Grop? Inferring Word Meanings from the Semantic Context*. Annual Meeting of the undergraduate Linguistics Association of Britain, 26th April 2014, Edinburgh, UK.

Poppels, T. & Swingley, D. (2013). *How Do We Learn Vowels?*. Penn Psychology undergradu-

ate Research Fair, 26th May 2013, Philadelphia, PA.

Conference posters

Poppels, T., Boyce, V., Ajunwa, C., von der Malsburg, T., & Levy, R. (2021). *Bias Against 'she' Pronouns can be Rapidly Overcome by Changing Event Expectations*. The 34th Annual CUNY Sentence Processing Conference, 6th March 2021.

Poppels, T. & Kehler, A. (2020). *Anything can be Elided if you Know How: Sluicing, Voice Mismatch, and Tought Movement*. The 33rd Annual CUNY Sentence Processing Conference, 21st March 2020, Amherst, MA.

Miller, P. & **Poppels, T.** (2020). *Connectivity Evidence for a Direct Generation Approach to Pseudogapping*. The 33rd Annual CUNY Sentence Processing Conference, 21st March 2020, Amherst, MA.

Poppels, T. & Kehler, A. (2019). *Ellipsis and the QuD: Evidence from Sluicing with Nominal Antecedents*. Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing (AMLaP) 2019, Sep 6-8 2019, Moscow, Russia.

Poppels, T. & Kehler, A. (2019). *Syntactically-Mismatched Questions are Easy to Sluice if you Know How*. Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing (AMLaP) 2019, Sep 6-8 2019, Moscow, Russia.

Poppels, T. & Kehler, A. (2019). *Ellipsis and the QuD: Evidence from Sluicing with Nominal Antecedents*. XPRAG, 20th June 2019, Edinburgh, UK.

Poppels, T. & Kehler, A. (2019). *Sluicing Inferred Propositions*. Sluicing and Ellipsis at 50, 12-13th April 2019, Chicago, IL.

Poppels, T. & Kehler, A. (2019). *Ellipsis and the QUD: Evidence from Sluicing with Nominal Antecedents*. The 32nd Annual CUNY Sentence Processing Conference, 30th March 2019, Boulder, CO.

von der Malsburg, T., Boyce, V., **Poppels, T.**, Levy, R. (2018). *Gender-Biases in Language Processing: Explicit Beliefs About Event Outcomes vs. Implicit Linguistic Expectations*. Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing (AMLaP) 2018, 6th September 2018, Berlin, Germany.

Poppels, T. & Kehler, A. (2018). *Reconsidering Asymmetries in Voice-Mismatched Verb Phrase Ellipsis*. The 31st Annual CUNY Sentence Processing Conference, 16th March 2018, Davis, CA.

Boyce, V., von der Malsburg, T., **Poppels, T.**, Levy, R. (2018). *Implicit Gender Biases in the Production and Comprehension of Pronominal References*. The 31st Annual CUNY Sentence Processing Conference, 16th March 2018, Davis, CA.

Poppels, T. & Kehler, A. (2017). *Verb Phrase Ellipsis as Discourse Reference*. Sinn und Bedeutung 22, 8th September 2017, Potsdam, Germany.

Poppels, T. & Levy, R. (2016). *Structure-Sensitive Noise Inference: Comprehenders Expect Exchange Errors*. The 38th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society, 11th August 2016, Philadelphia, PA.

Poppels, T. & Levy, R. (2016). *Resolving Quantity and Informativeness Implicature in Indefinite Reference*. Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Society of America, 9th January 2016, Washington, D.C.

Poppels, T. & Levy, R. (2015). *Structure-Sensitive Noise Inference: Comprehenders Expect Exchange Errors.* Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing (AMLaP) 2018, 5th September 2015, Valetta, Malta.

Poppels, T. & Swingley, D. (2014). *How Do We Learn Vowels?.* Annual Meeting of the Edinburgh University Young Scientists Research Association, 20th May 2014, Edinburgh, UK.

Awards & funding

Graduate Student Association Travel Grant (*UC San Diego*)	*2019*
Labex 'Empirical Foundations of Linguistics' mobility grant (*University of Paris Diderot*)	*2019*
Teaching Assistant Excellance Award (*UC San Diego*)	*2019*
Graduate Student Association Travel Grant (*UC San Diego*)	*2015*
Linguistics Society of America Summer Institute Fellowship	*2015*
Kroner Fellowship	*2014–2018*
German National Academic Foundation: Master's Fellowship	*2014–2016*
German National Academic Foundation: Foreign Studies Award	*2012–2013*
James Hutchison Stirling Prize (*University of Edinburgh, Philosophy Department*)	*2012*
Certificate of Merit (*University of Edinburgh, Psychology Department*)	*2011*
Simon Gray Prize (*University of Edinburgh, Philosophy Department*)	*2011*
German National Academic Foundation: Undergraduate Fellowship	*2011-2014*
Stuart Bursary (*University of Edinburgh*)	*2011-2013*
CertiLingua Label of Excellence (*Maria-Wächtler Gymnasium High School*)	*2009*

Teaching

UC San Diego
LIGN 165: Computational Linguistics, Teaching Assistant — *Spring 2020*

UC San Diego
LIGN 17: Making and Breaking Codes, Teaching Assistant — *Winter 2020*

UC San Diego
LIGN 167: Deep Learning for Natural Language Understanding, Teaching Assistant — *Fall 2019*

UC San Diego
LIGN 160: Pragmatics, Teaching Assistant — *Spring 2019*

UC San Diego
LIGN 17: Making and Breaking Codes, Teaching Assistant — *Winter 2019*

UC San Diego
LIGN 167: Deep Learning for Natural Language Understanding, Teaching Assistant — *Fall 2018*

UC San Diego
LIGN 165: Computational Linguistics, Teaching Assistant — *Spring 2017*

Service

Reviewing for conferences
CAMP 2019; DETEC 2019; CAMP 2018   *2018 – 2019*

Reviewing for journals (secondary reviewer)
Glossa: a journal of general linguistics; Journal of Semantics   *2019*

References

Prof. Andrew Kehler (UCSD), thesis committee chair
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