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Education

UC San Diego

PhD Student

2014–2019 (expected)

Dissertation Title: Towards a Referential Theory of VP-Ellipsis

Committee: Andy Kehler (co-chair; Linguistics); Roger Levy (co-chair; MIT BCS);

David Barner (Psychology & Linguistics); Ivano Caponigro (Linguistics);

Victor Ferreira (Psychology)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Visiting Student Researcher

2017–2018

Dept. of Brain & Cognitive Sciences

Supervisor: Roger Levy

University of Chicago

Linguistics Society of America Summer Institute

2015

University of Pennsylvania

International Student at the Institute for Research in Cognitive Science

2012–2013

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. & Kehler, A. (under review). *Reconsidering Asymmetries in Voice-Mismatched Verb Phrase Ellipsis*. *Glossa: A Journal of General Linguistics*.

von der Malsburg, T., **Poppels, T.**, & Levy, R. (under review). *Implicit Gender Bias in Linguistic Descriptions for Expected Events*. *Psychological Science*; Pre-Print Available at <https://Psyarxiv.com/N5ywr>.

Poppels, T. & Levy, R. (in prep). *Quantity and Informativeness in the Rational Speech Act Model: The Resolution of Multiple Implicature-Driving Forces*.

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. (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.

Conference talks

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

Conference posters

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. & 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 (<i>UC San Diego</i>)	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 (<i>University of Edinburgh, Philosophy Department</i>) Best Performance in ‘Knowledge & Reality’.	2012
Certificate of Merit (<i>University of Edinburgh, Psychology Department</i>) Best Overall Performance in First Year Psychology.	2011
Simon Gray Prize (<i>University of Edinburgh, Philosophy Department</i>) Outstanding Performance in Logic 1.	2011
German National Academic Foundation: Undergraduate Fellowship	2011-2014
Stuart Bursary (<i>University of Edinburgh</i>) Best First Year Performance in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.	2011-2013
CertiLingua Label of Excellence (<i>Maria-Wächtler Gymnasium High School</i>)	2009

Teaching & work experience

UC San Diego <i>LIGN 165: Computational Linguistics, Teaching Assistant</i>	2017
UC San Diego <i>Graduate Student Researcher</i>	2014–2017
Comunidad EcoActiva Kusikuna <i>Volunteer Teacher of English and Music</i> Cochabamba, Bolivia	2009–2010