

# Till Poppels | Curriculum Vitae

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## Education

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### UC San Diego

PhD Student

2014 – 2020 (expected)

Dissertation Title: Preliminaries to 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 & Cognitive 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

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**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>.

von der Malsburg, T., **Poppels, T.**, & Levy, R. (accepted). *Implicit Gender Bias in Linguistic Descriptions for Expected Events: The Cases of the 2016 US and 2017 UK Elections*. *Psychological Science*; Pre-Print Available at <https://Psyarxiv.com/N5ywr>.

## Conference proceedings

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**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

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**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.

## Conference talks

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**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, January 5th, New Orleans, LA.

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

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

**Poppels, T. & Kehler, A. (2018).** *Asymmetries in Voice-Mismatched VP-Ellipsis.* 54th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistics Society, April 27th, 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, May 27th, 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, July 29th, 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, March 30th, Cambridge, MA.

**Poppels, T. & Levy, R. (2016).** *Structure-Sensitive Noise Inference: Comprehenders Expect Exchange Errors.* Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Society of America, January 7th, 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, December 17th, Amsterdam, Netherlands.

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

**Poppels, T. & Levy, R. (2015).** *Resolving Quantity and Informativeness Implicature in Indefinite Reference*. Experimental Pragmatics (XPRAG), July 18th, 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, April 26th, Edinburgh, UK.

**Poppels, T. & Swingley, D. (2013).** *How Do We Learn Vowels?*. Penn Psychology undergraduate Research Fair, May 26th, Philadelphia, PA.

## Conference posters

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

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

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

**Poppels, T. & Kehler, A. (2019).** *Ellipsis and the QUD: Evidence from Sluicing with Nominal Antecedents*. The 31st Annual CUNY Sentence Processing Conference, March 16th, Davis, CA.

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), September 6th, Berlin, Germany.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Awards & funding

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Graduate Student Association Travel Grant ( <i>UC San Diego</i> )	2019
Labex 'Empirical Foundations of Linguistics' mobility grant ( <i>University of Paris Diderot</i> )	2019
Teaching Assistant Excellence Award ( <i>UC San Diego</i> )	2019
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> )	2012
Certificate of Merit ( <i>University of Edinburgh, Psychology Department</i> )	2011
Simon Gray Prize ( <i>University of Edinburgh, Philosophy Department</i> )	2011
German National Academic Foundation: Undergraduate Fellowship	2011–2014
Stuart Bursary ( <i>University of Edinburgh</i> )	2011–2013
CertiLingua Label of Excellence ( <i>Maria-Wächtler Gymnasium High School</i> )	2009

## Teaching & work experience

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<b>UC San Diego</b> <i>LIGN 167: Deep Learning for Natural Language Understanding, Teaching Assistant</i>	Fall 2019
<b>UC San Diego</b> <i>LIGN 160: Pragmatics, Teaching Assistant</i>	Spring 2019
<b>UC San Diego</b> <i>LIGN 17: Making and Breaking Codes, Teaching Assistant</i>	Winter 2019
<b>UC San Diego</b> <i>LIGN 167: Deep Learning for Natural Language Understanding, Teaching Assistant</i>	Fall 2018
<b>UC San Diego</b> <i>LIGN 165: Computational Linguistics, Teaching Assistant</i>	Spring 2017
<b>UC San Diego</b> <i>Graduate Student Researcher</i>	2014 – 2017
<b>University of Edinburgh</b> <i>Volunteer Research Assistant</i>	2011 – 2012
<b>Comunidad EcoActiva Kusikuna</b> <i>Volunteer Teacher of English and Music</i> Cochabamba, Bolivia	2009 – 2010

## Service

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### Reviewing for conferences

*CAMP 2019; DETEC 2019; CAMP 2018*

2018-present

### Reviewing for journals (secondary reviewer)

*Glossa: a journal of general linguistics; Journal of Semantics*

2019

## References

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**Prof. Andrew Kehler** (UCSD), thesis committee chair

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