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Education

Degrees

- 2013 Ph.D., Department of Linguistics, University of Massachusetts Amherst.
Dissertation Title: *The Parsing and Interpretation of Comparatives: More than Meets the Eye*.
Advisor: Lyn Frazier, Ph.D.
- 2005 B.A., First Class Honours in Linguistics, McGill University.

Supplementary training

- 2013 Summer school of the Laboratoire d'Excellence *Empirical Foundations of Linguistics*. Theme: Experimental Grammar. Île de Berder, France.
- 2013 Summer school of the Centre national de la recherche scientifique: *Dynamique de la production écrite : approche pluridisciplinaire*, Université de Poitiers, France.
- 2007 Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute, Stanford University.

Employment

- Current Post-Doctoral Researcher, Institute of English and American studies, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.
- 2015-2016 Assistant Professor (Contractually Limited-Term Appointment), Department of Linguistics, University of Toronto.
- 2014 Post-Doctoral Fellow, Department of Linguistics, McGill University.
- 2014 Course Lecturer, Department of Linguistics, McGill University.
- 2013 Post-Doctoral Researcher, Laboratoire d'excellence: Empirical Foundations of Linguistics.

Laboratoire de linguistique formelle (LLF) and Analyse linguistique profonde à grande échelle (ALPAGE) labs, Université Paris Diderot.

Papers

Submitted/In Preparation

- Submitted Margaret Grant, Sonia Michniewicz* and Jessica Rett. Immediate commitment, but cost-free processing, for individual/degree polysemy.
- In prep. Margaret Grant, Brian Dillon and Shayne Sloggett. Processing ambiguities in attachment and pronominal reference.

Journal Articles

- 2015 Jana Häussler, Margaret Grant, Gisbert Fanselow and Lyn Frazier. Superiority in English and German: Cross-language grammatical differences? *Syntax* 18(3): 235-265.
- 2015 Adrian Staub, Margaret Grant, Lori Astheimer and Andrew Cohen. The influence of cloze probability and item constraint on cloze task response time. *Journal of Memory and Language* 82: 1-17.
- 2012 Margaret Grant, Lyn Frazier and Charles Clifton, Jr. The role of Non-Actuality Implicatures in Processing Elided Constituents. *Journal of Memory and Language* 66(1): 326-343.
- 2011 Adrian Staub, Margaret Grant, Charles Clifton, Jr., and Keith Rayner. Still No Phonological Typicality Effect on Word Reading Time (and No Good Explanation of One, Either): A rejoinder to Farmer, Monaghan, Misyak, and Christiansen. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory, and Cognition*. 37(5): 1326-1328.
- 2009 Adrian Staub, Margaret Grant, Charles Clifton and Keith Rayner. Phonological Typicality Does Not Influence Fixation Durations in Normal Reading. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory and Cognition* 35(3), 806-814.

Conference Proceedings

- 2016 Alexandra Motut† and Margaret Grant. Experiencers do not categorically block long-distance control of PRO. In *Proceedings of the West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, Cascadilla Press.
- 2014 Margaret Grant. Subset comparatives: A psycholinguistic investigation. In Michael Erlewine and Yasutada Sudo, Eds. *Proceedings of the MIT Workshop on Comparatives*. Massachusetts Institute of Technology Working Papers in Linguistics: Cambridge, MA.
- 2006 Margaret Grant. Sloppy Identity and Re-binding: Focus intervention by reconstruction. In Christopher Davis, Amy Rose Deal and Youri Zabbal, Eds. *Proceedings of the 36th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society*. Graduate Linguistic Student Association: Amherst, Mass.

Edited Volume

- 2011 Jesse A. Harris and Margaret Grant, eds. *UMass Occasional Papers 38: Processing Linguistic Structure*. Graduate Linguistic Student Association: Amherst.

Presentations

Refereed Presentations and Posters

- Upcoming Margaret Grant, Sonia Michniewicz, and Jessica Rett. Immediate commitment, but no evidence for a coercion cost, in individual/degree polysemy. Talk to be presented at the 39th annual meeting of the Deutschen Gelleschaft für Sprachwissenschaft, Universität des Saarlandes, March 8-10, 2017.
- 2016 Alexandra Motut† and Margaret Grant. Experiencers do not categorically block long-distance control of PRO. Poster presentation at the 34th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics, University of Utah, April 29-May 1, 2016.
- 2016 Margaret Grant, Sonia Michniewicz* and Jessica Rett. *Incremental interpretation in cases of individual/degree polysemy*. Poster presentation at the 29th CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, University of Florida, March 3-5, 2016.
- 2016 Kelly-Ann Blake*, Frederick Gietz† and Margaret Grant. *Prediction and inhibition of syntactic structure: Evidence from either (of the) . . . or*. Poster presentation at the 29th CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, University of Florida, March 3-5, 2016.

*Undergraduate student co-author.

†Graduate student co-author.

- 2015 Adrian Staub, Margaret Grant, Lori Astheimer and Andrew Cohen. *What does cloze probability measure? Response time and modeling evidence*. Poster presented at the 28th CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, University of Southern California, March 19-21, 2015.
- 2015 Margaret Grant, Brian Dillon and Shayne Sloggett. *Similarities in processing attachment and pronominal ambiguities*. Poster presented at the 28th CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, University of Southern California, March 19-21, 2015.
- 2014 Margaret Grant, Brian Dillon and Shayne Sloggett. *Ambiguity advantages in attachment and pronominal reference: Evidence from eye movements during reading*. Talk presented at the 20th Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing, University of Edinburgh, September 2014.
- 2014 Margaret Grant, Juliette Tuilier, Benoît Crabbé and Anne Abeillé. *The role of conceptual accessibility on word order alternations in French: Evidence from sentence recall*. Poster presentation at the International Workshop on Language Production, Geneva, July 2014.
- 2014 Juliette Tuilier and Margaret Grant. *Influence of noun dependents on French adjective placement in sentence production*. Poster presentation at the International Workshop on Language Production, Geneva, July 2014.
- 2014 Margaret Grant, Juliette Tuilier, Benoît Crabbé and Anne Abeillé. *The role of animacy in sentence production: Evidence from French*. Poster presentation at the Canadian Linguistics Association Conference, St. Catharines, May 2014.
- 2013 Margaret Grant. *Comparing Sets in On-Line Sentence Processing*. Poster Presentation at Linguistic Evidence, Humboldt University Berlin.
- 2011 Margaret Grant. *Readers need more than (just) world knowledge to process subset comparatives*. Poster Presentation at Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing, Université Paris Descartes.
- 2010 Margaret Grant. *Garden Paths in Comparatives*. Poster Presentation at the 23rd CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, NYU.
- 2010 Margaret Grant. *A Structure- and Parsing-based Analysis of Linear Order in Comparatives*. Poster Presentation at the 28th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics, University of Southern California.
- 2009 Margaret Grant, Lyn Frazier and Charles Clifton, Jr. *The role of Non-Actuality Implicatures in processing elided constituents*. Poster Presentation at the 22nd CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, University of California Davis.
- 2008 Margaret Grant. *A psycholinguistic investigation of MaxElide in variable-binding contexts*. Talk presented at the 39th meeting of the North East Linguistic Society, Cornell University.
- 2005 Margaret Grant. *Sloppy Identity and re-binding: Focus intervention by reconstruction*. Poster Presentation at the 36th meeting of the North East Linguistic Society 36, University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Invited talks

- 2016 Margaret Grant. *Processing ambiguous input: Mechanisms and interaction with working memory*. Invited colloquium at Simon Fraser University, June 2016.
- 2016 Margaret Grant. *Ambiguity and Incrementality in Sentence Processing*. Invited colloquium at the Cognitive Science of Language colloquium series, McMaster University, January 20, 2016.
- 2014 Margaret Grant (joint work with Brian Dillon and Shayne Sloggett). *Processing structural and referential ambiguities*. Invited colloquium at the University of Ottawa, November 21, 2014.
- 2014 Margaret Grant (joint work with Brian Dillon and Shayne Sloggett). *An ambiguity advantage for pronominal reference in real-time sentence processing*. Ling-lunch series, Paris Diderot University, June 26, 2014.
- 2014 Margaret Grant (joint work with Juliette Thuilier, Benoît Crabbé and Anne Abeillé). *Donner à une belette un oeuf frais, ou donner un oeuf frais à une belette? Le rôle de la caractère animé dans le choix de l'ordre des constituents*. Invited presentation at the *mercredis moins niaiseux* series, University of Quebec at Montreal, April 9, 2014.

Other Presentations

- 2016 Margaret Grant, Elena-Cristina Feraru*, Sonia Michniewicz* and Brian Dillon. *The influence of working memory demands on processing attachment ambiguity*. Talk presented at PsychoShorts, University of Ottawa, February 27, 2016.
- 2012 Margaret Grant. *Processing subset comparatives requires more than (just) world knowledge*. Talk presented at the University of Massachusetts Cognitive Brown Bag Seminar, October 17, 2012.
- 2011 Margaret Grant. *Processing Subset Comparatives*. Poster Presented at the Institute for the Computational and Experimental Study of Language launch workshop. University of Massachusetts Amherst.
- 2004 Ekaterini Klepousniotou, Margaret Grant, Erin Vensel and Shari R. Baum. *Processing costs for homonymous and polysemous words*. Poster presented at the Second Poster Session of the Centre for Research on Language, Mind and Brain. Faculty of Medicine, McGill University.

Teaching

Graduate level

- Winter 2016 LIN1205: *Experimental Design*. University of Toronto.
 Fall 2015 LIN1005: *Quantitative Methods*. University of Toronto.

Winter 2015 LIN1205: *Experimental Design*. University of Toronto.

Undergraduate level

Summer 2016 JLP374: *Psychology of Language*. University of Toronto.[‡]
 Winter 2016 JLP471/LIN1270: *Advanced Psycholinguistics*. University of Toronto.[§]
 Fall 2015 LIN305: *Quantitative Methods*. University of Toronto.
 Fall 2015 JLP374: *Psychology of Language*. University of Toronto.[‡]
 Winter 2015 JLP471/LIN1270: *Advanced Psycholinguistics*. University of Toronto.[§]
 Fall 2014 Linguistics 390: *The Neuroscience of Language*. McGill University.
 Winter 2014 Linguistics 390: *The Neuroscience of Language*. McGill University.

Teaching assistantships

Fall 2012 Teaching Assistant for Linguistics 101: *People and Their Language*. University of Massachusetts, primary instructor Dr. Lisa Green.
 Spring 2010 Teaching Assistant for Linguistics 201: *Introduction to Linguistics*. University of Massachusetts, primary instructor Dr. Kyle Johnson.

Workshops

August 2014 Co-instructor (with Jeffrey Claessen, Ph.D. candidate, McGill University). Seminar on using eye movement methods in language research, McGill University, August 27, 2014.
 February 2013 Linguistics Stats Workshop, Queen Mary University London and University College London, February 21-22, 2013.

Advising

2015-2016 Co-supervisor, Masters committee for Kristen DonPaul, University of Toronto. Topic: Second-language and heritage speaker knowledge of Spanish word order constraints. Completed Dec. 2016.
 2015-2016 Co-supervisor, Generals Paper committee for Ruth Maddeaux, University of Toronto. Topic: The processing of presuppositions in real time.
 2015 Second reader, Generals Paper committee for Patrick Murphy, University of Toronto. Topic: Perception of Quebec French phonological phenomena by Quebec and European French speakers.

[‡]Joint course in Linguistics and Psychology.

[§]Joint course in Linguistics and Psychology.

- 2015-2016 Supervisor for an undergraduate independent study project by Kelly-Ann Blake. Topic: Language Comprehension and Mindfulness.
- June 2015 Third reader, Generals Paper committee for Emily Blamire, University of Toronto. Project title: *Consonants and Vocal Attractiveness*.

Teaching mentorship

- Summer 2015 Mentor for Yu-Leng Lin, graduate student course instructor. Course title: *JLP 374: Psychology of Language*. University of Toronto.

Research Assistantships

- 2007-2011 Research Assistant to Lyn Frazier and Chuck Clifton, National Institutes of Health Grant No. NICHD HD-18708 "Language and Comprehension." Departments of Linguistics and Psychology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
- Spring 2008 Research Assistant to Margaret Speas and Tom Roeper, NSF Grant No. BCS-0527509 "Epistemology and Indexicality in Navajo, Tibetan and English." Department of Linguistics, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
- 2003-2006 Research Assistant to Shari R. Baum School of Communication Sciences and Disorders, McGill University.
- 2004 Research Assistant to Jon Nissenbaum Department of Linguistics, McGill University.

Awards and Honours

- 2011-2012 University Fellowship, University of Massachusetts Amherst. Value: \$16,000 USD
- 2007 Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute Fellowship.
- 2005 Cremona Memorial Prize in Linguistics, McGill University. \$1,000 CAN
- 2002 J.W. McConnell Award, McGill University. Value: \$ 3,500 CAN

Service

- 2015 Library liaison for the Department of Linguistics, University of Toronto.
- 2015 Outreach committee, Department of Linguistics, University of Toronto.
- 2015 Member, Teaching and Learning Community of Practice, Department of Psychology, University of Toronto.

- 2013 Co-organizer (with Juliette Thuilier), workshop on "Quantitative approaches in corpus linguistics and psycholinguistics: Word order and constituent order," at the Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales, Paris, October 18, 2013. Sponsored by the Association pour le Traitement Automatique des Langues and the Laboratoire d'Excellence: Empirical Foundations of Linguistics.
- 2010 Student member, Psycholinguistics/Phonology faculty search committee, University of Massachusetts.
- 2008-2011 Software trainer, University of Massachusetts Eyetracking Lab.
- 2006-2008 Manager of The Node, the departmental library of the Department of Linguistics, University of Massachusetts.

Reviewing

Ad hoc journal reviewing:

Cognitive Science

Lingua

Journal of Psycholinguistic Research

Ad hoc abstract reviewing:

Exploring the Interfaces 3: Prosody and Constituent Structure, McGill University: 2014

Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing, University of Edinburgh: 2014, University of Malta: 2015

Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe XXIII, Université Paris Diderot: 2015

West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics, Simon Fraser University: 2015, University of Utah: 2016

Canadian Linguistic Association meeting, University of Calgary: 2016

North East Linguistic Society meeting, University of Massachusetts: 2016

Languages

English (native), French (conversational).

Collaborated on experiments in German and Japanese (without proficiency in these languages).