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Professional Experience

- 2008– Professor, Linguistics Department, New York University.
- 2006–2008 Associate Professor, Linguistics Department, New York University.
- 2005–2006 Professor, Linguistics Department, University of California, San Diego.
- 1999–2005 Associate Professor, Linguistics Department, University of California, San Diego.
- 1995–1999 Assistant Professor, Linguistics Department, University of California, San Diego.
- 1993–1995 Postdoctoral Researcher, Center for the Sciences of Language, U. of Rochester.
- 1991–1993 Postdoctoral Researcher, Center for Cognitive Science, Ohio State University.
- 1990–1991 Research Linguist at SRI International, Menlo Park.

Education

- 1991 PhD, Linguistics, University of California, Santa Cruz, under William A. Ladusaw.
- 1986 BA, Computer and Information Sciences, University of California, Santa Cruz.
- 1983 BA, English, Yale University.

Specialization

Theoretical linguistics: model-theoretic semantics, philosophy of language. Research interests include continuations, substructural logic, theory of computation, scope, vagueness, definiteness, thematic relations, lexical semantics, plurals, crossover, and possessives.

Books

- 2007 Chris Barker and Pauline Jacobson (eds). *Direct Compositionality*. Oxford.
- 1995 *Possessive Descriptions*, CSLI Publications, Stanford.
- 1992 Chris Barker and David Dowty, eds., *Proceedings of the Second Conference on Semantics and Linguistic Theory*. Ohio State University Working Papers in Linguistics #40, OSU Linguistics Department, Columbus, OH.

Papers in Refereed Journals

- In press Clarity and the grammar of skepticism. *Mind and Language*.
- 2008 Chris Barker and Chung-chieh Shan. Donkey anaphora is in-scope binding. *Semantics and Pragmatics* **1.1**: 1–42.
- 2007 Parasitic Scope. *Linguistics and Philosophy*. **30.4**: 407–444.
- 2006 Chris Barker and Chung-chieh Shan. Types as graphs: Continuations in Type-Logical Grammar. *Journal of Logic, Language, and Information* **15.4**: 331–370.

- 2006 Chung-chieh Shan and Chris Barker. Explaining crossover and superiority as left-to-right evaluation. *Linguistics and Philosophy* **29.1**:91–134.
- 2005 Remark on Jacobson 1999: Crossover as a local constraint. *Linguistics and Philosophy*. **28.4**: 447–472.
- 2002 Continuations and the nature of quantification. *Natural Language Semantics* **10.3**:211–242.
- 2002 The Dynamics of Vagueness. *Linguistics and Philosophy* **25.1**:1–36.
- 2000 Definite Possessives and Discourse Novelty. *Theoretical Linguistics* **26**:211–227.
- 1999 Individuation and Quantification. *Linguistic Inquiry* **30.4**:683–691.
- 1999 Temporary Accommodation: I am the oldest of my siblings. *Studies in the Linguistic Sciences*. **29.1**:3–11.
- 1998 Partitives, Double Genitives, and Anti-uniqueness. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* **16**:679–717.
- 1998 Episodic *-ee* in English: A thematic role constraint on new word formation. *Language* **74.4**:695–727.
- 1996 Presuppositions for Proportional Quantifiers. *Natural Language Semantics* **4**:237–259.
- 1992 Group terms in English: representing groups as atoms. *Journal of Semantics* **9**: 69–93.
- 1990 Chris Barker and Geoffrey K. Pullum, A Theory of Command Relations. *Linguistics and Philosophy* **13.1**: 1–34.

Refereed Book Chapters

- To appear Nominals don't provide criteria of identity. In Artemis Alexiadou and Monika Rathert (eds). *Nominalizations across languages and frameworks*. Series: Interface Explorations. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter.
- 2008 Reconstruction as delayed evaluation. In Erhard Hinrichs and John Nerbonne (eds). *Theory and Evidence in Semantics*. CSLI Publications.
- 2005 Possessive weak definites. In Kim, Ji-yung, Lander, Yury, and Partee, Barbara H. (eds). *Possessives and Beyond: Semantics and Syntax*. Amherst, MA: GLSA Publications. 89–113.

Submitted

- Under review Kilpatrick, Cynthia and Chris Barker. A compositional semantics for the double-modal construction in Southern English.
- Under review Continuations in Natural Language. Invited submission to a special issue of *Higher Order and Symbolic Computation* devoted to continuations.

Encyclopedia and handbook articles

- In press Possessives and relational nouns. In Maienborn, von Heusinger and Portner (eds). *Semantics: An International Handbook of Natural Language Meaning*. Berlin: de Gruyter. (10000 words).
- 2006 Vagueness. Encyclopedia article (3000 words). *Encyclopedia of Language and Linguistics, 2d edition*. Elsevier.
- 2002 Lexical Semantics. *Encyclopedia of Cognitive Science*, Macmillan (4000 words).

Papers in Proceedings of Refereed Conferences

- 2003 Chris Barker and Gina Taranto. The paradox of asserting clarity. In Paivi Koskinen (ed), *Proceedings of the Western Conference on Linguistics (WECOL) 2002*, Volume 14. Department of Linguistics, California State University, Fresno. 10–21.
- 2001 Introducing continuations. Proceedings of SALT 11, Rachel Hastings, Brendan Jackson, and Zsafia Zvolenszky, eds.
- 2001 Integrity: A syntactic constraint on quantifier scope ambiguity. WCCFL 20, Cascadilla Press. 56-67
- 1995 Episodic -ee in English: Thematic Relations and new word formation. In Mandy Simons and Teresa Galloway, eds., *The proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 5 Conference*, DMLL, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, 1-18.
- 1994 Unselective Determiners. In E. Duncan, D. Farkas, and P. Spaelti, eds., *The Proceedings of the Twelfth West Coast Conference in Formal Linguistics (WCCFL XII)*, Stanford Linguistics Association, CSLI, Stanford, CA, 485–500.
- 1993 Chris Barker and David Dowty, Non-verbal thematic proto-roles. Proceedings of NELS 23, Amy Schafer, ed., GSLA, Amherst, 49–62.
- 1993 A Presuppositional Account of Proportional Ambiguity. Proceedings from Semantics and Linguistic Theory III, U. Lahiri and A. Z. Wyner, eds., DMLL, Cornell, Ithaca, 1–18.
- 1993 Definite Possessives and Discourse Novelty. In C. Canakis, G. Chan and J. Denton, *CLS 28: Papers from the Twenty-Eighth Regional Meeting*, volume I, 26–41.
- 1993 Chris Barker and Christopher Culy, Nominal Control of Misplaced Modifiers. In C. Canakis, G. Chan and J. Denton, *CLS 28: Papers from the Twenty-Eighth Regional Meeting*, volume I, 42–55.
- 1990 Chris Barker, Jorge Hankamer, and John Moore, *Wa* and *Ga* in Turkish. In K. Dziwirek, P. Farrell and E. Mejias-Bikandi, eds., *Grammatical Relations: A Cross-Theoretical Perspective*, Center for the Study of Language and Information / SLA, 21–43.

Published Invited Papers

- 2007 Clarity and the grammar of skepticism. Carlota Smith and Alexis Palmer (eds). *Proceedings of the Fourth Workshop on Discourse*. University of Texas.
- 2007 Direct Compositionality on Demand. In Chris Barker and Pauline Jacobson (eds). *Direct Compositionality*. Oxford University Press. 102–131.
- 2007 Chris Barker and Pauline Jacobson. Introduction: Direct Compositionality. In Chris Barker and Pauline Jacobson (eds), *Direct Compositionality*. Oxford.
- 2004 Chris Barker and Chung-chieh Shan. Superiority and evaluation order. In Ileana Comorovski and Manfred Krifka (eds). *Proceedings of the ESSLLI workshop on the syntax, semantics and pragmatics of questions*. 38–45.
- 2003 Paraphrase is not enough. Commentary on a target article by Uwe Durst, 'The Natural Semantic Metalanguage Approach to Linguistic Meaning'. *Theoretical Linguistics* 29.3:201–209.
- 2004 Continuations in Natural Language. In Hayo Thielecke (ed). *Proceedings of the Fourth ACM SIGPLAN Continuations Workshop (CW'04)*. Technical Report CSR-04-1, School of Computer Science, University of Birmingham, Birmingham B15 2TT, United Kingdom. 1–11.
- 2003 A Presuppositional Account of Proportional Ambiguity. In Javier Gutiérrez-Rexach (ed). *Semantics: Critical Concepts in Linguistics*. Volume 6, part B: 303–319. Routledge, London. [Reprint of my 1993 SALT paper.]

- 2000 Parsing Syntactic Discontinuity Directly. In Osamu Fujimura, Brian D. Joseph, and Bohumil Palek, eds., *Proceedings of Linguistics and Phonetics 98: Item Order in Language and Speech*, Karolinum Press, Prague, 769–783.
- 1989 Extrametricality and the Cycle: Word Stress in Turkish. In J. Itô and J. Runner (eds.), *Phonology at Santa Cruz*, Volume 1, Syntax Research Center, University of California, Santa Cruz, 1–33. [UCSC working papers volume.]

Reviews

- 2002 Review of Honcoop 1998: *Dynamic Excursions on Weak Islands*. *Glott International* **6.7**: 210–214.
- 1999 Chris Barker and Maria Polinsky, Review of John Taylor, *Possessives in English*. *Language* **74.4**:838–843.

Presentations and invitations

- 2009 Wild Control Operators. Keynote speaker: The 36th Annual ACM SIGPLAN–SIGACT Symposium Principles of Programming Languages (POPL), Savannah, Georgia.
- 2008 Quantificational binding does not require c-command (or anything like c-command). UMass Amherst Linguistics Colloquium, Yale University Linguistics Colloquium, UCSC Linguistics Alumni Conference.
- 2008 Achieving clarity. Keynote speaker: Conference on Vagueness and Language Use. April, École Normale Supérieure, Paris.
- 2008 Reasoning about scope-taking in a substructural logic. Invited workshop presentation. American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Association for Symbolic Logic, Workshop on Natural Language Quantification.
- 2007 Nominalizations, events, and puzzles of identity. Workshop: Nominalizations across languages. Invited workshop presentation. Stuttgart University.
- 2007 Donkey anaphora is simply binding. Colloquium presentation. Frankfurt.
- 2007 Reasoning about contexts in Lambek grammars. Lambda Calculus and Formal Grammars Invited workshop presentation. Nancy, France.
- 2007 Invited colloquium: Scope-taking adjectives. SUNY Stonybrook.
- 2007 Invited colloquium: The grammar of clarity. CUNY Linguistics Colloquium series.
- 2007 Invited talk: Weak crossover and polarity licensing: It's order of evaluation, not linear order. University of Tokyo.
- 2006 Invited paper: Semantic side effects, and how to spot them. 1st Lisbon Workshop on Semantics. Faculty of Letters, University of Lisbon, Portugal.
- 2006 Invited commentary, on papers by Friederike Moltmann and Martin Hackl. Workshop on Scalar Meaning. University of Chicago.
- 2006 Invited paper: Reconstruction as delayed evaluation. Theory and Evidence in Semantics (Symposium in honor of David Dowty). Groningen, Holland.
- 2006 Invited paper: Grammaticized Metadiscourse. 4th Workshop on Discourse Structure. University of Texas at Austin.
- 2006 Chris Barker and Stanley Peters. Jointly delivered invited commentary. Commentary on papers by Kyle Rawlins and by Edward Keenan. Existentials Fest. Stanford University.

- 2005 Invited paper: Order of evaluation in quantification and in NPI licensing. Workshop on Quantification and Polarity. Seoul National University.
- 2005 Invited talk: *Same* is a scope-stealer. Stanford Humanities Center/Mellon Foundation, Graduate Research Workshop Program, Stanford Semantics and Pragmatics Workshop: 'The Construction of Meaning'.
- 2005 Invited commentary. Embedded Illocution. Commentary on Tim Stowell's "Parenthetical Main Clauses". Syntax and Semantics with Attitude, workshop in the linguistics/philosophy interface, USC.
- 2005 Invited talk. Parasitic Scope. NYU Linguistics department.
- 2005 Colloquium talk. Parasitic Scope. UCSC Linguistics Board of Studies.
- 2004 Invited speaker (jointly with Bart Geurts). Assigned topic: Interdisciplinary collaboration. Address at the awards ceremony for the Student Session at the European Summer School of Logic, Language and Information (Nancy, France).
- 2004 Invited speaker (jointly with Chung-chieh Shan). Workshop on Semantic approaches to binding theory. Organizers: Philippe Schlenker and Ed Keenan.
- 2004 Invited speaker (jointly with Chung-chieh Shan). Workshop on Syntax, semantics and pragmatics of questions. Organizers: Ileana Comorovski and Manfred Krifka.
- 2004 Invited speaker. Parasitic Scope. Semantics and Linguistic Theory 14, hosted by Northwestern University.
- 2004 Invited talk. Parasitic Scope. Department of Linguistics, UCLA.
- 2004 Invited speaker. Continuations in natural language. Fourth ACM SIGPLAN Continuations Workshop (CW'04). Venice, Italy.
- 2003 Invited talk. How weak crossover follows from order of evaluation. (Joint work with Chung-chieh Shan.) Department of Linguistics, NYU.
- 2003 Invited talk. How superiority follows from order of evaluation. (Joint work with Chung-chieh Shan.) Department of Linguistics, Rutgers University.
- 2003 Invited talk. The Paradox of Asserting Clarity. Department of Linguistics and Cognitive Science. Brown University.
- 2003 Invited talk, Explaining crossover. Workshop on Direct Compositionality, Brown.
- 2003 Invited talk, Relational weak definites. Princeton Semantics Workshop
- 2002 Chung-Chieh Shan and Chris Barker. A unified explanation for crossover and superiority in a theory of binding by generalized predicate abstraction. NELS 33 poster.
- 2002 Visiting researcher, INRIA-Lorraine, Nancy, France. 1 July – 30 July.
- 2002 Invited Talk, INRIA-Lorraine: Continuations and natural language.
- 2002 Invited talk. Metadefinite possessives. Possessives Workshop, UMass, Amherst (April).
- 2001 Invited talk. What vague gradable adjectives do to context. Department of Cognitive and Linguistic Sciences, Brown University.
- 2001 Invited talk. In-situ quantification: beyond Flexible Types. MIT Linguistics.
- 2001 Invited talk. The dynamics of vagueness. USC Linguistics.
- 2001 SALT 11 (New York): Continuations: in-situ quantification without storage or type-shifting. Refereed conference.
- 2001 Invited talk. Continuations, Integrity, and Quantification, UCI Linguistics.

- 2000 SALT 10 (Cornell). The dynamics of vagueness. Refereed conference.
- 1998 Invited talk. Anti-uniqueness, UCLA Linguistics.
- 1998 Invited talk. Nominal stages, USC Linguistics.
- 1998 Invited conference presentation: Parsing Syntactic Discontinuity Directly, presented at *Linguistics and Phonetics 98*, September.
- 1997 Invited talk. Varieties of (Implicit) Argumenthood, Ohio State Linguistics Colloquium series, Columbus, OH, November.
- 1996 Invited talk. The Visual Worlds Paradigm in Psycholinguistics: Context-Driven Domain Narrowing, at the Linguistics Graduate Research Mini-Conference, University of California, Santa Cruz.
- 1995 Invited talk. Thematic Relations, *-ee* and *-er* in English, AQUILEX II workshop, Cambridge, England.
- 1995 Poster. Joy Hanna, Michael Tanenhaus, and Chris Barker, Integrating Local and Discourse Constraints in Resolving Lexical Thematic Ambiguities, poster presented at the CUNY psycholinguistics sentence processing conference, Tucson, Arizona.
- 1995 Episodic *-ee* in English. on the role of a semantic theory of thematic roles in word formation, *Semantics and Linguistic Theory 5*, Austin, Texas. Refereed conference.
- 1994 Individuation and Quantification, Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting, Boston.
- 1993 Invited talk. Implicit and Explicit Arguments of Relational Nouns, Linguistics Department, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
- 1993 Invited talk. Nominal Relations, Linguistics Department, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 1993 Unselective Determiners, WCCFL XII, UC Santa Cruz.
- 1993 A Presuppositional Account of Proportional Ambiguity, SALT III, UC Irvine.
- 1993 Invited talk. Nominal Relations, Department of Linguistics, Georgetown University.
- 1993 Covert argument structure and two kinds of relational nouns. Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting, Los Angeles.
- 1992 Invited talk. Proportional Ambiguity, the weak/strong distinction, and domain narrowing, Center for the Sciences of Language, University of Rochester.
- 1992 Chris Barker and David Dowty, Non-verbal thematic proto-roles, NELS 23, Ottawa.
- 1992 Invited talk. Non-verbal thematic proto-roles, Linguistics Department, UC Santa Cruz.
- 1992 Invited talk. A modal approach to the proportion problem, Philosophy Department, Carnegie Mellon University.
- 1992 Invited talk. A modal approach to the proportion problem, Linguistics Department, Ohio State University.
- 1991 Pronouns as descriptions without E-type denotations. Conference on Logic and Linguistics, special session on Dynamic Theories of Anaphora, Association for Symbolic Logic and the Linguistic Society of America, Linguistic Institute, Santa Cruz.
- 1991 Quantification, Cases, and Proportion, Syntax Discussion Group, Stanford University.
- 1991 Separating the domain of quantification from the restriction: prenominal possessives in English. Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting, Chicago.

- 1990 Chris Barker, Jorge Hankamer, and John Moore, *Wa and Ga in Turkish*, San Diego Conference on Grammatical Relations.
- 1987 Chris Barker and Geoffrey K. Pullum, *The Smallest Command Relation*, Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting, San Francisco.
- 1987 'Number agreement in English: a semantic approach, Symposium on Plurals and Mass Nouns, the Joint Conference on Logic and Linguistics, sponsored by the Association for Symbolic Logic and the Linguistic Society of America, Linguistic Institute, Stanford.

Grants

- 2000 UCSD Academic Senate, funds to support creation of an on-line preprint archive for semantics (\$6000).

Honors

- 1989–1991 Bernard and Julia Bloch Memorial Fellow, Linguistic Society of America.
- 1990 Outstanding Teaching Assistant, University of California, Santa Cruz.
- 1983 Distinction in the Major, Yale University.
- 1979 High Honors, Philips Exeter Academy.

Web Resources

- 2001– Co-founder and co-maintainer of the semantics archive (<http://semanticsarchive.net>).
- 2001 Lambda-calculus Tutorial. <http://ling.ucsd.edu/~barker/Lambda> (λ -conversion software coded in JavaScript, with on-line exercises)

Editorships

- 2006– Editorial board, *Semantics and Pragmatics* (MIT & UT).
- 2006– Editorial board, *Language and Linguistics Compass*.
- 2004– Editorial board, *Journal of Semantics*.
- 2003– Editorial board, *Linguistics and Philosophy*.
- 2002– Managing editor (with Chris Kennedy) for *Studies in Semantics and Pragmatics* (SSAP), a book series at Oxford University Press.

Summer School teaching

- 2007 New directions for proof theory in linguistics. (Advanced course in Language and Logic.) Instructor, with Anna Szabolcsi, European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information (ESSLLI), August, Dublin, Ireland.
- 2004 Continuations. (Advanced course in Logic and Language.) Instructor, with Chung-chieh Shan, European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information (ESSLLI), August, Nancy, France.
- 1993 Instructor, Linguistic Institute, Ohio State University (Introduction to Semantics).

Professional Activities

Referee for *Linguistics and Philosophy*, *Natural Language Semantics*, *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*, *Language*, *Linguistic Inquiry*, *Journal of Linguistics*, *Journal of Morphology*, *Cognition*, *Synthese*, CSLI Publications, Kluwer, Cambridge University

Press, Oxford; abstract reviewer for ACL, SALT, CUNY, Cognitive Science, WCCFL, WECOL, SCIL, LSA, TSL, FLSM, and various workshops.

2002 Co-organizer, SALT 12.

2000–2003 Program committee, Linguistic Society of America (also in 1997).

1994 Co-organizer, SALT IV (Semantics and Linguistic Theory), 4–6 May, U. of Rochester.

1992 Co-organizer, SALT II, 1–3 May, Ohio State University.

1989–1991 Executive Committee of the Linguistic Society of America (ex-officio as the Bloch fellow)

Departmental service

2007– Director of Graduate Studies

Dissertations directed

2003 Gina Taranto. *Discourse Adjectives*. Published as a Routledge Outstanding Dissertation in Linguistics, 2006.

Dissertation committees: Raul Aranovich (UCSD) 1996, Tracy Mansfield (UCSD) 1997, Dan Herron (UCSD) 1998, William J. Byrne (UCSD) 1998, Michael Israel (UCSD) 1998, Gianluca Storto (UCLA) 2003, Lisa Levinson (NYU) 2007, Eytan Zweig (NYU) 2007, Nicholas Fleisher (Berkeley) 2008, Yoon-kyoung Joh (Penn) 2008, Laura Rimell (NYU) underway.