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**Education.**

B.A. 1976, Linguistics and Classics, Harvard University.  
M.A. 1980, Linguistics, University of California at Berkeley.  
Diplôme d'Etudes Celtiques, 1983, Université de Haute Bretagne, Rennes.  
Ph.D. 1984, Linguistics, University of California at Berkeley.

**Academic employment.**

July 2000-present. Professor of Linguistics, UC-Berkeley.  
July 1990-2000. Associate Professor of Linguistics, UC-Berkeley.  
1984-90. Assistant Professor of Linguistics, University of California at Berkeley.

Currently on staff of two interdepartmental undergraduate major programs at UCB, the Program in Celtic Studies and the Cognitive Science Program.

Director, Program in Cognitive Science. July 2000-June 2004  
Director, Program in Celtic Studies, 1996-1997, 2006-09 and 2011-present

Have taught graduate and undergraduate courses in semantics, syntax, pragmatics, historical linguistics, and cognitive linguistics (including Cognitive Science 101 for the Cognitive Science Program), and undergraduate introductions to linguistics. Have also taught Breton language and literature courses, and Celtic Linguistics, for the UCB Celtic Studies Program. Co-taught a Sign Linguistics course with Dan Slobin (Psychology) and facilitated a Field Methods course on American Sign Language. Developed an undergraduate class on Language of Advertising in Spring 2013, and upper-division classes in Crosscultural Poetics, Linguistic Analysis of Literature, and Celtic Linguistics.

**Particular research interests:** Cognitive approaches to syntax and semantics, metaphor and semantic change, grammaticalization, the semantics of grammatical constructions, conditional constructions, Celtic languages, Middle Welsh, Celtic and Indo-European metrics and poetics, iconicity and metaphor in gesture accompanying speech, viewpoint and perspective in multimodal communication and in literary texts.

**Fellowships, awards, grants.**

1995: UC-Berkeley junior faculty summer stipend, summer 1985.  
1989 (fall): Fulbright Research Fellowship, University of Sofia (Bulgaria).  
2000-02: UC-Berkeley Faculty Bridging Research Grant (COR), 2000-02.  
2004-05: Fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford CA  
2008. Distinguished Lecturer in Residence, Academic Careers in Engineering and Science Program at Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland. Week of March 24-29, 2008.

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- 2012. Distinguished Visiting Professor, University of Beer Sheva, Israel. Week of May 29-June 3, 2012.
- 2012-2014. Co-PI of the IARPA-funded MetaNet project at ICSI.
- 2015-16. Coordinator of the Social Science Matrix funded seminar on Metaphor, on the Berkeley campus.
- 2016. Senior Fellow, Cinepoetics Institute, Freie Universität Berlin, June-July 2016

### **Service.**

#### **Campus service:**

- Undergraduate Advisor (Dept. of Linguistics), 1985-7, spring 1990, 1996-7, 1998-2000.
- Undergraduate Advisor, Celtic Studies Program, fall 1989-present.
- Undergraduate Advisor, Cognitive Science Program, fall 2000-spring 2004.
- Graduate Advisor, Dept. of Linguistics, 1990-93, 2006-08
- 1992-2000. Member of the Board of the UCB Association for Academic Women.
- 1993-5 and 1998-99: member of the UCB Academic Senate's Divisional Council, with attendant service on the Academic Planning Board (1994-5) and the Academic Programs Working Group of the APB.
- 1995-7: member of the UCB Committee on Educational Policy.
- 1996-7, 2007-9 Director of the Celtic Studies Program, UC-Berkeley.
- 1997-9: member of the Executive Committee of the College of Letters and Sciences, UC-Berkeley.
- 1999-2001: member of the Committee on Languages of the College of Letters and Sciences.
- July 2000-June 2004. Director of the interdisciplinary undergraduate Program in Cognitive Science.
- 2003-04: service on two UCB campus hiring committees, one in Linguistics and one in Cognitive Science.
- 2005-06: service on Linguistics Department's syntax hiring committee.
- 2006-07: service on the joint Linguistics/Cognitive Science hiring committee.
- 2006-2010: service on two departmental promotion committees and one hiring committee.
- 2007: service as campus liaison to External Review Committee of the Psychology Department.
- 2008: Service on campus ad hoc committee for promotion case in Education School.

#### **Conference and workshop organizing.**

- Member of the organizing committee for the University of California Celtic Colloquium Conference, 1985, 1987, 1989, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013, **2015**.
- 2007. Organizer, Utrecht-Berkeley workshop on Causality and Mental Spaces, April 14 2007, UC-Berkeley campus.
- 2009. Chair of the organizing committee, Frames and Constructions: A conference to honor Charles J. Fillmore, held at UC-Berkeley, July 31-Aug. 2, 2009.
- 2009. Member of the organizing committee of the Linguistic Society of America's 2009 summer Linguistic Institute, held on the UC-Berkeley campus, July-August 2009.
- 2013. Co-organizer, Workshop on Gesture Pragmatics, UC-Berkeley, Jan 11-13, 2013.
- 2016. Organizer, Metaphor workshop (concluding conference for Matrix Metaphor seminar), May 2016.

**Outside service:**

Editorial work and reading for: *Journal of Pragmatics*, *Journal of Cognitive Linguistics*, *Language*, *Journal of Celtic Linguistics*, University of Kentucky Press, Penn State University Press, Cambridge University Press, University of Chicago Press, Oxford University Press, and Blackwell.

1988. *Language* review committee member.

1990- present. Member of editorial board of *Journal of Pragmatics* and *Papers in Pragmatics*.

1993-1998: Co-editor of the University of Chicago Press book series in *Language, Cognition and Culture*.

1993-5: President of the International Cognitive Linguistics Association.

1995-1999: Member of the Board of the International Cognitive Linguistics Association.

1997-present: Member of the editorial board of *Metaphor and Symbol*.

1998-2005: Member of the editorial board of *Cognitive Linguistics*.

2000 - present: Founding editorial board member of *Gesture*.

2007-2011. Member of the Fachbeirat (Scientific Board) of the Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics, Nijmegen.

2006 – present. Member of the steering committee of the Section on Cognitive Linguistics and Biblical Literature, Society for Biblical Literature.

**Professional Organization Memberships.**

Linguistic Society of America

Celtic Studies Association of North America

Society for Biblical Literature

International Cognitive Linguistics Association

International Society for Gesture Studies

**Teaching outside UC-Berkeley:**

Summer 1992, Summer 1994: Warsaw University Linguistic Summer School.

Summer 1995: co-taught with Professor Phyllis Wilcox, a course on Metaphor in Signed and Spoken Languages, at the Linguistic Society of America Summer Linguistic Institute, held at the University of New Mexico at Albuquerque.

April 1996: graduate short course on Metaphor, jointly sponsored by the Universities of Aalborg and Odense, Denmark.

June 1996: graduate short course on Cognitive Linguistics, at the Semiotics Institute at Aarhus University, Denmark.

January 1998: graduate short course on the Semantics of Grammatical Constructions, at the National Linguistics Graduate Winter School of the Netherlands, held at the University of Leiden.

March-April 1998: graduate short courses on cognitive linguistics at the University of Rio de Janeiro and the University of Juiz de Fora, in Brazil.

July 1998: graduate course on the Semantics of Grammatical Constructions, at the Australian Linguistic Institute, held at the University of Queensland.

May-June 1999: one-month position, teaching three graduate and undergraduate short courses on Cognitive Linguistics, at the Université Paris 7 (Jussieu), France.

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- June 2000: one-week graduate short course on cognitive linguistics, at the University of Bergen, Norway.
- Summer 2001: a six-week Semantics course at the Linguistic Society of America's summer Linguistic Institute, held at the University of California at Santa Barbara.
- May 2003: Empirical Methods in Cognitive Linguistics workshop at Cornell University, May 2-4, 2003.
- May-June 2004: one-month position at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris.
- Workshop in Cognitive Linguistics and Biblical Studies, June 5-8, 2008. Co-taught with Drs. Bonnie Howe and Therese DesCamp, held on the campus of the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley CA.
- Short course on Mental Spaces and Viewpoint in Language. Summer seminar of Japan Society of Linguistics, held at Kyoto University, August 19-24, 2008.
- 2009: 3-week course on Conditional Constructions, taught at the 2009 Linguistic Institute of the Linguistic Society of America, held on the UC-Berkeley campus, July-August 2009.
- 2011: 4-week course on Lexical semantics and argument structure, at the July 2011 Linguistic Institute of the Linguistic Society of America, held at University of Colorado at Boulder.

**Dissertation advising outside Berkeley:** Have been a dissertation committee member and/or examiner for doctoral students at Tilburg University and Nijmegen University (the Netherlands), the University of Toulouse (France), The University of Ghent (Belgium), Brisbane and Sydney Universities (Australia), the University of Sofia (Bulgaria), at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes and the Sorbonne Nouvelle in Paris, and at US campuses including Cornell, the University of New Mexico, the University of California at Santa Cruz, and the University of California at San Diego, as well as multiple dissertation committees at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley.

**Recently completed dissertation committees outside Berkeley:**

- Jeanne Aptekman, Dec. 2006. Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (Paris).  
Directors: Professors Bernard Victorri and Daniel Andler. *De la logique à la linguistique: Une étude du sens de SI.*
- Vera Tobin. Spring 2008. (Chair, Professor Mark Turner, English Department, University of Maryland). *Literary Joint Attention: Social Cognition and the Puzzles of Modernism.*
- Claudine Korall. May 2009. Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (Paris).  
Director: Professor Jean-Claude Schmitt. *La sémiologie des rêves dans la littérature en ancien français, XIe-XIIIe siècles: Stratégies des non-dits et discours d'insoumission.*
- Erik Redling. June 2009. Universität Augsburg, Director: Professor Hubert Zapf. *From Mimesis to Metaphor: Intermedial Translations in Jazz Poetry.* (Habilitationsschrift in North American Literature and Culture).
- Line Brandt. May 2010. Aarhus University, Center for Semiotics. Director: Professor Svend Östergaard. *Language and enunciation: A cognitive inquiry with special focus on conceptual integration in semiotic meaning construction.*
- Sophie Raineri. June 2010. Université Paris 3 (Sorbonne Nouvelle), Director: Professor Claude Delmas. *Analyse contrastive français-anglais du passif dans une perspective constructionnelle.*

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Emilie L'Hôte, Dec. 2011. *The language of politics: Towards a cognitive analysis of New Labor discourse (1994-2007)*. University of Lille, Director Professor Maarten Lemmens.

Elizabeth Koier, October 2012 (defended March 2013), *Interpreting particles in dead and living languages: An approach to the semantics of Dutch ergens and Ancient Greek pou*. Leiden University, Director Professor Arie Verhagen.

Eric Mélac, Ph.D. Dec. 2014, Université Paris-3 (Sorbonne Nouvelle), *L'évidentialité en Anglais: Approche contrastive à partir d'un corpus Anglais-Tibétain*.

Christina Märzhäuser, Ph.D. 2015, Universität München, *Referential bare noun constructions in French and Spanish*.

Kobie van Krieken, Ph.D. 2016 (defense in September), Nijmegen, *Linguistic viewpoint in crime narratives: Form, function and impact*.

Current service on committee of Will Andrews, University of Chicago Divinity School.

**(See appended lists of publications and conference presentations.)**