

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Doctoral Dissertation

"Une analyse morphosyntaxique de l'accord grammatical en français" ("A morphosyntactic analysis of grammatical agreement in French"). Director: Professor Yves Roberge, University of Toronto.

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Areas of Doctoral Studies Concentration

Primary area: French morphology and syntax, especially the representation of agreement morphology, clitic pronouns and null arguments.

Secondary areas: Morphology and syntax of non-standard Romance varieties, including Québécois and Acadian French, Occitan, and the dialects of northern Italy. French and Romance phonetics and phonology.

Language acquisition, especially the acquisition of French as a second language; the implications of various current theoretical models of language acquisition for teaching French.

The use of the computer for research in linguistics and language teaching.

Degrees

Ph.D., University of Toronto, 1994.

M.A., University of Toronto, 1990.

B.A., University of Toronto, 1989.

Fellowships and Awards

Brock University Advancement Fund: Research Seed Grant – 2008 (with J. Ntakirutimana)
Humanities and Social Sciences Federation of Canada: Publication grant - 1997
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada: Post-Doctoral Fellowship - 1994.
University of Toronto: Doctoral Thesis Prize in French - 1994.
Ontario Graduate Scholarship - 1993 (declined).
University of Toronto: Simcoe Special Doctoral Fellowship - 1990, 1991, 1992 (declined 1993).
University of Toronto: Open Master's Fellowship - 1989.
Department of French, University of Toronto: Euphrasia E. Hislop Award - 1989.
Trinity College, University of Toronto: Provost Body Scholarship - 1988.
Trinity College, University of Toronto: Ellen Patteson Rigby Scholarship - 1987.
Department of French, University of Toronto: Sir Wilfrid Laurier Memorial Scholarship - 1987.

Professional Experience

- 2010-present Lecturer, Department of French, University of Toronto.
Courses given: FRE 272 (*The Structure of Modern French: An Introduction*), FRE 274 (*Introduction to the Linguistic Analysis of French*), FRE 378 (*French Syntax*), FRE 386 (*French Semantics*), FRE 387 (*French Morphology*), FSL 321 (*French Language III*).
Administrative duties: Study Elsewhere Advisor (2010-present), Liaison Officer (2012-present), Coordinator of FSL 100 and FSL 102 (2011-12), Coordinator of FSL321 (2012-present)
- 2005-2010 Assistant Professor, Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures, Brock University.
Courses given: FREN 1F00 (*Introductory French I*), FREN 1F50 (*Introductory French II*), FREN 1F90 (*Intermediate French*), FREN 2F00 (*French Grammar and Composition*), FREN 2P10 (*Introduction to the Linguistic Study of French*), FREN 2P57 (*Phonetics and Phonology*), FREN 3P03 (*Composition and Stylistics*).
Administrative duties: Coordinator of FREN 1F00 and FREN 1F50
- 2002-2005 French teacher and translator, Lingua Service.
- 2001-2002 Assistant Professor, Department of Modern Languages, Trent University.
Courses given: FR 103 (*French Composition - Level I*), FR 405 (*Didactique du français langue seconde*).
- 1999-2000 Assistant Professor, Department of French, University of Toronto.
Courses given: FSL 181 (*Language Practice I*), FSL 283 (*Language Practice II: Oral French*), FSL 382 (*Language Practice III: Written French*).

- 1998-99 Assistant Professor (part-time), Department of French, University of Toronto.
Course given: FSL 161 (*Practical French I*).
Assistant Professor (part-time), Department of French, University of Western Ontario.
Course given: FRENCH 295 (*General Linguistics in French*).
- 1996-98 Assistant Professor, Department of Modern Languages, Trent University.
Courses given: FR 100 (*Elementary French*), FR 101 (*Oral French - Level I*), FR 103 (*French Composition - Level I*), FR 201 (*Oral French - Level II*), FR 203 (*French Composition - Level II*), FR 215 (*Introduction à la linguistique structurale du français contemporain*), FR 405 (*Didactique du français langue seconde*).
- 1995-96 Assistant Professor, Department of French, University of Toronto.
Courses given: FSL 100 (*Introductory French I*) and FSL 181 (*Language Practice I*).
Administrative duties: Director of University College Language Laboratory
- 1994-95 Assistant Professor (part-time), Department of French Studies, Queen's University.
Courses given: FREN 413 (*La nouvelle grammaire du français*), FREN 811 (*Problèmes de morphosyntaxe française*).
Post-Doctoral Fellow, Department of French, University of Toronto. Research on the impairment of inflectional morphology and syntax in agrammatic speech.
- 1993-94 Teaching Assistant, Department of French, University of Toronto.
Grader, FRE 152 (*Introduction to French Studies: Language and Culture*).
- 1992-93 Teaching Assistant, Department of French, University of Toronto.
Language lab monitor.
- 1991-94 Research Assistant, Department of French, University of Toronto. Groupe de recherche en dialectologie comparative (Research Group in Comparative Dialectology): research on the morphology and syntax of non-standard Romance varieties.
- 1991-92 Teaching Assistant, Department of French, University of Toronto.
Course Instructor, FRE 161 (*Practical French I*, computer-assisted learning section).
- 1991 Teaching Assistant, Department of French, University of Toronto.
Course Instructor, FRE 161 (summer course).
- 1990-91 Teaching Assistant, Department of French, University of Toronto.
Course Instructor, FRE 161 (computer-assisted learning section) and oral section of FRE 171 (*Language Practice I*).

Publications

Articles:

- 2012 “La grammaticalisation de Meillet : un siècle plus tard”, *Voix plurielles* v. 9.1, pp. 234-241.
- 1998 “Theoretical vs. Experimental Approaches to Syllable Structure: a Response to Laubstein”, in Bhatt, P. and R. Davis (eds.) *Le cerveau linguistique/The Linguistic Brain*.
- 1996 “L'accord du participe passé en français : une approche morphosyntaxique”, *Canadian Journal of Linguistics/Revue canadienne de linguistique* v. 40.3, pp. 269-290.
- 1995 “L'accord grammatical en français : quelques implications pour l'interface morphologie-syntaxe”, *Proceedings of the 1995 Annual Conference of the Canadian Linguistic Association*, pp. 13-24.
- 1995 “Réacquisition langagière : un cas d'aphasie de conduction”, *Proceedings of the 1995 Annual Conference of the Canadian Linguistic Association*, pp. 25-36 (with P. Bhatt, S. Cummins and S. Mastromonaco).
- 1993 “Une analyse sociologique du sexisme du langage : l'exemple de l'argot des prisonniers” in Gezundhajt and Bessler (eds.) *La frontière du dit: A l'intérieur et autour du texte* (with K. McCormick).
- 1993 “The Lexicon-syntax interface”, *Toronto Working Papers in Linguistics* v. 12.1, pp. 3-12 (with S. Cummins, T. Nadasdi and Y. Roberge).
- 1993 “If a Template Fits...: Case Studies in Morphological Cliticization”, *Toronto Working Papers in Linguistics* v. 12.1, pp. 109-124 (with D. Heap, S. Mastromonaco, and T. Nadasdi).
- 1993 “Le rôle des schèmes morphologiques dans la cliticisation”, *Proceedings of the 1993 Annual Conference of the Canadian Linguistic Association* (with D. Heap, S. Mastromonaco and T. Nadasdi).
- 1992 “Some Properties of Attribution in English and German”, *Proceedings of the 1992 Annual Conference of the Canadian Linguistic Association*, pp. 15-28.
- 1992 “Cliticisation morphologique ou catégories fonctionnelles?”, *Proceedings of the 1992 Annual Conference of the Canadian Linguistic Association*, pp. 29-42 (with S. Cummins, D. Heap, T. Nadasdi and Y. Roberge).
- 1991 “La Caricature de De Gaulle par Tisot: Etude phonostylistique”, *Information/Communication* v. 12, pp. 19-32.

Book Reviews:

1995 Review of C. J. Jaenen (ed.) (1993) *Les Franco-Ontariens* in *Spirale* no. 140, p. 15.

1991 Review of F. Gadet (1987) *Saussure: Une science de la langue* in *Information/Communication* v. 12, p. 113.

Edited book:

1993 *La frontière du dit: A l'intérieur et autour du texte*, Toronto, Editions GFA (with H. Gezundhajt).

Authored book:

1999 *Une analyse morphosyntaxique de l'accord grammatical en français*, Les Presses de l'Université Laval.

Other scholarly contributions:

1998-present Reviewer, *Linguistica Atlantica*

2006-present Reviewer, *Voix plurielles*

2011-present Reviewer, *Canadian Journal of Applied Linguistics / Revue canadienne de linguistique appliquée*

Papers

“Dynamic Synchrony in Romance Morphosyntax”, Brock-UTM Symposium, University of Toronto at Mississauga, April 28, 2011.

“Studying sub-standard languages through TDB (Textual Data Bases)”, Brock – UTM Symposium, Brock University, April 28, 2009 (with J. Ntakirutimana).

“A Brief History of the *Volksdeutsche* in Europe”, Modern Languages Colloquium, Brock University, March 31, 2009 (with A. Heyer).

“Peripheral Voices of African French: A Sociolinguistic Study”, Modern Languages Colloquium, Brock University, March 3, 2009 (with J. Ntakirutimana).

“A Reanalysis of Reanalysis”, at the Conference “Image and Imagery”, Brock University, October 10, 2008.

“Past Participle Agreement across Romance Languages”, Department of Modern Languages Colloquium, Brock University, March 3, 2006.

"A Comparative Approach to Agreement" at the Conference "Functionalism and Formalism in Linguistics", University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, April 18, 1996.

"L'accord grammatical en français: quelques implications pour l'interface morphologie-syntaxe", at the Annual Conference of the Canadian Linguistic Association, Université du Québec à Montréal, June 5, 1995.

"Réacquisition langagière: évolution d'un cas d'aphasie de conduction", at the Annual Conference of the Canadian Linguistic Association, Université du Québec à Montréal, June 3, 1995 (with P. Bhatt, S. Cummins and S. Mastromonaco).

"Le rôle des schèmes morphologiques dans la cliticisation", at the Annual Conference of the Canadian Linguistic Association, Carleton University, May 31, 1993 (with D. Heap, S. Mastromonaco and T. Nadasdi).

"La représentation morphologique de la flexion verbale", at the Annual Conference of the Canadian Linguistic Association, Carleton University, May 31, 1993 (with Y. Roberge, S. Cummins and T. Nadasdi).

"Langage, technologie et interaction sociale", at the Conference "Présentation et représentation", University of Toronto, May 22, 1993 (with K. McCormick).

"A Morphosyntactic Analysis of Romance Clitic Constructions", at the Fourth Annual Canadian Workshop on Lexical Syntactic Relations, University of Toronto, February 20, 1993 (with S. Cummins, T. Nadasdi and Y. Roberge).

"If a Template Fits...: Case Studies in Syntactic vs. Morphological Cliticization", at the Fourth Annual Canadian Workshop on Lexical Syntactic Relations, University of Toronto, February 20, 1993 (with D. Heap, S. Mastromonaco and T. Nadasdi).

"Une analyse sociologique du sexisme du langage: l'exemple de l'argot des prisonniers", at the conference "La frontière du dit - A l'intérieur et autour du texte", University of Toronto, May 30, 1992 (with K. McCormick).

"Cliticisation morphologique ou catégories fonctionnelles?", at the Annual Conference of the Canadian Linguistic Association, University of Prince Edward Island, May 27, 1992 (with S. Cummins, D. Heap, T. Nadasdi and Y. Roberge).

"Some Properties of Attribution in English and German", at the Annual Conference of the Canadian Linguistic Association, University of Prince Edward Island, May 26, 1992.

"Le dit sémiotique de la caricature verbale: une imitation de Tisot", at the conference "Sémiolinguistique du discours", University of Toronto, February 15, 1991.

Other conference participation:

Session chair, *Image and Imagery*, Brock University, October 10, 2008

Session chair, *Starting the Process : First Drafts, Sketches and Experiments*, Brock University, October 27, 2007.

Session chair, Annual Conference of the Canadian Linguistic Association, Université du Québec à Montréal, June 5, 1995.

Guest Lectures

"The Science of Sound - Applications to Human Speech", Toronto Catholic District School Board Gifted Students Conference, University of Toronto, February 19, 2015.

"The Physics of Speech", Toronto Catholic District School Board Gifted Students Conference, University of Toronto, February 19, 2014.

"Morphology and Syntax of Romance pronouns", Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures, Brock University, Feb. 2, 2010.

"The Strasbourg Oaths", Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures, Brock University, Feb. 13, 2008.

"A Diachronic Analysis of Romance Past Participle Agreement", Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures, Brock University, Feb. 27, 2008.

"Accord du participe passé et variation dialectale", Department of French, University of Toronto, November 30, 1995.

"L'accord grammatical en français: une approche morphosyntaxique", Department of French Studies, Queen's University, January 17, 1995.

"A morphosyntactic approach to agreement", Department of Linguistics, University of Toronto, April 15, 1994.

"La spécificité du langage humain", Department of French, University of Toronto, January 13, 1994.

"La théorie des principes et paramètres", Department of French, University of Toronto, January 4, 1994.

Courses developed

2008: FREN 2P10 (*Introduction to the Linguistic Study of French*), a second-year course on French linguistics at Brock University.

1995: FREN 811 (*Problèmes de morphosyntaxe française*), a graduate course on French morphosyntax at Queen's University.

1994: FREN 413 (*La nouvelle grammaire du français*), a fourth-year course on French morphology and syntax at Queen's University.

1989: Assisted Prof. E. James in developing computer-assisted learning section of FRE 161 ("Practical French I"), an intermediate-level language course at the University of Toronto.

Non-Academic Administrative Experience

Liaison Coordinator, Department of French, University of Toronto, 2012-2014.

Brock-Niagara French Contest organizing committee, 2007 - 2010.

Representative of part-time faculty, Department of French, University of Toronto, 1995-96.

Member of Graduate French Association, University of Toronto, 1989-1993. Positions held: Social Events Convenor - 1989-91; Secretary/Treasurer - 1991-92; President - 1992-93.

Representative of Graduate French Association on Committee of Inquiry into Renewal of Curriculum in Undergraduate Studies, University of Toronto, 1991-92.

Principal Pedagogic Interests

French language, both oral and written, particularly grammar and corrective phonetics.

The use of the computer in teaching French grammar, and the use of pitch visualization and digital sound in teaching corrective phonetics.

French and Romance linguistics, particularly morphology and syntax.