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EMPLOYMENT

2020-Pres. Lecturer (fixed-term)
Department of Linguistics and English Language
University of Edinburgh

2017-2020 Postdoctoral researcher
Center for Advanced Study in Theoretical Linguistics
Formal Investigations into Structure and Hierarchy (CASTL-FISH)
University of Tromsø

2015-2017 Lecturer (fixed-term)
Department of Theoretical and Applied Linguistics
University of Cambridge

2014-2015 Postdoctoral researcher
Incomplete Parenthesis project, European Research Council (PI: Mark de Vries)
Department of Linguistics
University of Groningen

EDUCATION

2014 Ph.D. in Linguistics
UCLA
Dissertation: *The Variables of VP Ellipsis*

2009 M.A. in Linguistics
UCLA
Thesis: *Tagged for Deletion: A Typological Approach to VP Ellipsis in Tag Questions*

2007 M.A. in Linguistics
University of Kansas
Thesis: *Syntactic Patterns of Embedded Wh-Clauses*

2005 B.A. in Linguistics & B.A. in English
University of Kansas

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- In progress Cruschina, Silvio and Craig Sailor. What is “residual verb second”? And what does Romance have to do with it? *Isogloss. Open Journal of Romance Linguistics* special issue, *Residual verb second in Romance*, ed. S. Cruschina, J. Avelar, A. Fábregas, and C. Meklenborg Nilsen.
- In revision Sailor, Craig. Ellipsis and the phonological prespecification of roots. Squib.
- To appear Newell, Heather and Craig Sailor. Minimalism and the syntax-phonology interface. For *The Cambridge Handbook of Minimalism*, ed. K. Grohmann and E. Leivada. Cambridge University Press.
- 2022 Sailor, Craig. The morphophonology of ellipsis: Evidence for Segregated Transfer. In *The Derivational Timing of Ellipsis*, ed. Anikó Lipták and Güliz Güneş, chapter 6, 225-252. Oxford University Press.
- 2020 Sailor, Craig. Rethinking ‘residual’ verb second. In *Rethinking Verb Second*, ed. Rebecca Woods and Sam Wolfe, chapter 6, 126-149. Oxford University Press.
- 2018 Sailor, Craig. The typology of head movement and ellipsis: a reply to Lipták & Saab (2014). *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory* 36:851-875.
- 2015 Griffiths, James and Craig Sailor. Prepositional object gaps in British English. *Linguistics in the Netherlands 2015*, 63-74.
- 2011 Zhang, Jie, Yuwen Lai, and Craig Sailor. Modeling Taiwanese speakers’ knowledge of tone sandhi in reduplication. *Lingua* 121:181-206.

NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

- To appear Ahn, Byron, Sunwoo Jeong, and Craig Sailor. Systematic ‘stray’ focus stress in English? Apparently! In *Proceedings of the 39th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 39)*, ed. G. de la Cruz Sanchez, R. W. Smith, L. Irizarry, T. Ni, and H. Harley. Cascadilla Proceedings Project.
- 2018 Thoms, Gary and Craig Sailor. When silence gets in the way: extraction from ‘do’-ellipsis in British dialects. In *NELS 48: Proceedings of the Forty-Eighth Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society*, ed. S. Hucklebridge and M. Nelson, volume 3, 145-154.
- 2017 Sailor, Craig. Negative inversion without negation: on ‘fuck’-inversion in British English. *Cambridge Occasional Papers in Linguistics (COPiL) 10*, ed. J. Baker and J. Song, 88-110. University of Cambridge.
- 2014 Sailor, Craig and Gary Thoms. On the non-existence of non-constituent coordination and non-constituent ellipsis. In *Proceedings of the 31st West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 31)*, ed. R. E. Santana-LaBarge, 361-370. Cascadilla Proceedings Project.

- 2014 Sailor, Craig. VP ellipsis in tag questions: a typological approach. In *Proceedings of the 46th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS 46)*, 372-386. University of Chicago.
- 2014 Ahn, Byron and Craig Sailor. The emerging middle class. In *Proceedings of the 46th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS 46)*, 357-371. University of Chicago.
- 2013 Sailor, Craig and Anoop Mahajan. Toward a derivational typology. In *NELS 42: Proceedings of the Forty-Second Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society*, ed. S. Keine and S. Sloggett, 121-134. GSLA.
- 2012 Sailor, Craig, and Anoop Mahajan. Toward a derivational typology. In *Theories of everything: In honor of Ed Keenan*, ed. T. Graf, D. Paperno, A. Szabolcsi, and J. Tellings, 367-381. UCLA.
- 2009 Zhang, Jie, Yuwen Lai, and Craig Sailor. Effects of phonetics and frequency on the productivity of Taiwanese tone sandhi. In *Proceedings of the 43rd Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS 43)*, ed. M. Elliott, J. Kirby, O. Sawada, E. Staraki, and S. Yoon, 273-286. University of Chicago.
- 2009 Zhang, Jie, Yuwen Lai, and Craig Sailor. Opacity, phonetics, and frequency in Taiwanese tone sandhi. In *Current issues in unity and diversity of languages: Collection of papers selected from the 18th International Congress of Linguists (ICL 18)*, 3019-3038. Linguistic Society of Korea.
- 2006 Zhang, Jie, Yuwen Lai, and Craig Turnbull-Sailor. Wug-Testing the 'tone circle' in Taiwanese. In *Proceedings of the 25th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 25)*, ed. D. Baumer, D. Montero, and M. Scanlon, 453-461. Cascadilla Proceedings Project.

MANUSCRIPTS

- In progress Griffiths, James and Craig Sailor. PPs with gaps in.
- In progress Sailor, Craig and Gary Thoms. When silence gets in the way of successive-cyclic movement.
- In progress Sailor, Craig. Ellipsis in a modular perspective.
- 2013 Sailor, Craig and Carson Schütze. What is an adjunct? lingbuzz/002180. (Originally solicited for a canceled volume, *The Book of Syntactic Questions – 100 Ideas for 21st Century Syntax*, ed. H. Haider and H. van Riemsdijk.)
- 2012 Sailor, Craig. Tag questions and the typology of VP ellipsis. Ms., UCLA. (Google Scholar citations: 21)
- 2012 Sailor, Craig. Inflection at the interface. Ms., UCLA. (Google Scholar citations: 14)
- 2010 Sailor, Craig and Byron Ahn. The Voices in our heads: The VoiceP in English. Ms., UCLA. (Google Scholar citations: 28)

WEB-BASED PUBLICATIONS

- 2014 Sailor, Craig and Carson Schütze. Is there repair by ellipsis? On *Faculty of Language*, <http://facultyoflanguage.blogspot.com/2014/12/the-4th-hilbert-question-is-there.html> (Originally solicited for a canceled volume, *The Book of Syntactic Questions – 100 Ideas for 21st Century Syntax*, ed. H. Haider and H. van Riemsdijk.)
- 2012 Holmberg, Anders and Craig Sailor. Property definitions for polar questions and their answers. In *Syntactic Structures of the World's Languages (SSWL)*, <http://sswl.railsplayground.net/browse/properties> (Q01-Q22).
- 2012 Holmberg, Anders and Craig Sailor. Syntactic properties of English (partial). In *Syntactic Structures of the World's Languages (SSWL)*, <http://sswl.railsplayground.net/browse/languages/English>

INVITED TALKS

- 2021 Probing the structure of complex possessive PPs in British English: Some experimental results (with James Griffiths). November 2021. *Departmental Colloquium in Linguistics*, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.
- 2021 Ellipsis isn't deletion at PE. October 2021. *NYU Seminar on Ellipsis*.
- 2021 Partial V2: residue or innovation? June 2021. *The Residual Verb Second in Romance (ReVerSe 1)* workshop.
- 2021 When silence takes scope: A vulgar argument for null operators in English innovative V2. April 2021. *AcqVA colloquium series*, NTNU.
- 2021 Ellipsis in a modular perspective. March 2021. *SyntaxLab*, University of Cambridge.
- 2020 Partial V2: residue or innovation? June 2020 (suspended due to COVID-19). *The Residual Verb Second in Romance (ReVerSe 1)* workshop, University of Oslo.
- 2019 Segregated Transfer of ellipsis sites: Evidence from Taiwanese. October 2019. *A symposium by Team Stowell: in honor of Tim Stowell*, University of Greenwich.
- 2019 Exhortative clauses in Scots (with Gary Thoms). May 2019. Presented to the *Eh-Lab: Syntax of Speech Acts* research group, University of British Columbia.
- 2019 Pseudopassives and PPs with gaps in (with James Griffiths). April 2019. Guest lecture in *The comparative syntax of Germanic* graduate seminar, organized by Richard Kayne and Gary Thoms, NYU.
- 2019 The role of syntax in semantics-prosody misalignments (with Byron Ahn). April 2019. *Princeton Symposium on Syntactic Theory (PSST) 2*, Princeton University.
- 2018 Apparent rule orderings involving ellipsis. August 2018. Keynote talk at *The Timing of Ellipsis* workshop, *51st Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europea (SLE 51)*, University of Tallinn.

- 2017 How English rediscovered verb-second. March 2017. *Centre for Language and Linguistics talks series*, University of Kent.
- 2017 Head movement is syntactic, and ellipsis is too: evidence from Mainland Scandinavian. February 2017. *Linguistics research seminar series*, University of Ulster.
- 2016 Narrow-syntactic interactions of head movement and ellipsis. July 2016. *Linguistics colloquium*, University of Konstanz.
- 2015 Polarity-driven inversion in British English and beyond. February 2015. *Linguistics colloquium*, University College London.
- 2012 The size of silence: diagnosing the fine structure of VP ellipsis. November 2012. *Talks in linguistics series*, University of Illinois at Chicago.

CONFERENCE TALKS

- 2022 The derivational non-uniformity of verum phenomena (with Byron Ahn). August 2022. Talk to be given in *How to mark the truth: a cross-linguistic approach to verum workshop, 55th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea (SLE 55)*, University of Bucharest.
- 2022 Ellipsis in a modular perspective. April 2022. Poster to be presented at the *45th Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW 45)* general colloquium, Queen Mary University of London.
- 2021 Inclusiveness in the phonology and the source of the Prosodic Hierarchy (with Heather Newell). December 2021. The *14th Brussels Conference on Generative Linguistics (BCGL 14): 'Where syntax and phonology meet'*, KU Leuven.
- 2021 Ellipsis and the phonological prespecification of roots. December 2021. The *14th Brussels Conference on Generative Linguistics (BCGL 14): 'Where syntax and phonology meet'*, KU Leuven.
- 2021 Systematic 'stray' focus stress in English? Apparently! (with Byron Ahn and Sunwoo Jeong). April 2021. The *39th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 39)*, University of Arizona.
- 2020 Segregated Transfer of ellipsis sites: evidence from Taiwanese. October 2020. The *Linearising Constituents Across Domains* conference, Bled, Slovenia.
- 2020 Co-speech gestures under ellipsis: a first look (with Valentina Colasanti). January 2020. The *94th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 94)*, New Orleans, LA.
- 2019 Situating ellipsis within the derivational timeline. April 2019. The *Sluicing and Ellipsis at 50 (Sluicing@50)* workshop, University of Chicago.
- 2019 Exhortative clauses in Scots (with Gary Thoms). March 2019. The *European Dialect Syntax (EDiSyn) Workshop IX*, University of Glasgow.

- 2019 The landscape of semantics-prosody mismatches (with Byron Ahn). January 2019. The *93rd Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 93)*, New York, NY.
- 2019 Exhortative clauses in Scots (with Gary Thoms). January 2019. The *93rd Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 93)*, New York, NY.
- 2018 Exhortative and jussive particles in Scots (with Gary Thoms). September 2018. The *Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain (LAGB)*, University of Sheffield.
- 2018 Principled mismatches in the mapping from semantics to prosody (with Byron Ahn). September 2018. The *Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain (LAGB)*, University of Sheffield.
- 2018 Exhortative and jussive particles in Scots (with Gary Thoms). August 2018. The *12th Triennial Conference of the Forum for Research on the Languages of Scotland and Ulster (FRLSU)*, University of Glasgow.
- 2017 When silence gets in the way: extraction from *do*-ellipsis in British dialects (with Gary Thoms). October 2017. Poster presented at the *48th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 48)*, University of Iceland.
- 2017 When silence gets in the way: extraction from *do*-ellipsis in British dialects (with Gary Thoms). September 2017. The *Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain (LAGB)*, University of Kent.
- 2017 Probing the PP domain: complex possessive PPs in British English (with James Griffiths). May 2017. The *Morphosyntactic Variation in Adpositions* workshop, University of Cambridge.
- 2017 PPs with gaps in (with James Griffiths). January 2017. The *91st Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 91)*, Austin, TX.
- 2017 When silence gets in the way: extraction from *do*-ellipsis in British dialects (with Gary Thoms). January 2017. The *91st Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 91)*, Austin, TX.
- 2016 Rethinking 'residual' verb second. March 2016. The *Rethinking Verb Second* workshop, University of Cambridge.
- 2016 Inversion for *fuck*'s sake: left-edge polarity operators and their effects. January 2016. The *90th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 90)*, Washington DC.
- 2015 PPs with gaps in (with James Griffiths). September 2015. The *Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain (LAGB)*, University College London.
- 2015 Prepositional object gaps in British English (with James Griffiths). February 2015. *Linguistics in the Netherlands Day (TIN-dag)*, Utrecht University.
- 2015 On the derivational nature of ellipsis and the syntactic status of head movement. January 2015. The *89th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 89)*, Portland, OR.

- 2014 *Fuck*-inversion in British English. September 2014. The *Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain (LAGB)*, University of Oxford.
- 2014 Obligatory object gaps in infinitival clauses (with Byron Ahn). January 2014. The *88th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 88)*, Minneapolis, MN.
- 2013 On the non-existence of non-constituent coordination and non-constituent ellipsis (with Gary Thoms). February 2013. The *31st West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 31)*, Arizona State University.
- 2013 Questionable negation. January 2013. The *87th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 87)*, Boston, MA.
- 2012 On embedded polar replies. June 2012. The *Syntax of Answers to Polar Questions* workshop, Newcastle University.
- 2012 You can't *regret so* (even if you *think so*). April 2012. The *Illinois Language and Linguistics Society 4 (ILLS 4)* conference, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2012 Remarks on replies: on emphatic polarity in English. January 2012. The *86th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 86)*, Portland, OR.
- 2011 Toward a derivational typology (with Anoop Mahajan). November 2011. The *42nd Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 42)*, University of Toronto.
- 2011 Remarks on retorts. November 2011. Poster presented at the *42nd Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 42)*, University of Toronto.
- 2010 The voices in our heads: VoiceP in English (with Byron Ahn). June 2010. The *Morphological Voice and its Grammatical Interfaces: Theoretic Modeling and Psycholinguistic Validation* workshop, University of Vienna.
- 2010 Taiwanese VP ellipsis and the Progressive Prohibition (with Grace Kuo). May 2010. Joint meeting of the *International Association of Chinese Linguistics 18 (IACL-18)* and the *North American Conference on Chinese Linguistics 22 (NACCL-22)*, Harvard University.
- 2010 VP ellipsis in tag questions: a typological approach. April 2010. The *46th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS 46)*, University of Chicago.
- 2010 The emerging middle class (with Byron Ahn). April 2010. The *46th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS 46)*, University of Chicago.
- 2008 Opacity, phonetics, and frequency in Taiwanese tone sandhi (with Jie Zhang and Yuwen Lai). July 2008. The *Interfaces in Phonology* workshop, held in conjunction with the *18th International Congress of Linguists (ICL 18)*. Seoul, Korea.
- 2007 Effects of phonetics and frequency on the productivity of Taiwanese tone sandhi (with Jie Zhang and Yuwen Lai). May 2007. The *43rd annual meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS 43)*, University of Chicago.

- 2006 Revisiting the psychological reality of Taiwanese tone sandhi (with Jie Zhang and Yuwen Lai). May 2006. Joint meeting of the *International Association of Chinese Linguistics 14 (IACL-14)* and the *10th International Symposium on Chinese Languages and Linguistics (IsCLL-10)*, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan.
- 2006 Wug-testing the “tone circle” in Taiwanese (with Jie Zhang and Yuwen Lai). April 2006. The *25th annual meeting of the West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 25)*, University of Washington.

WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED

- 2019 The *Thirty Million Theories of Features* workshop (co-organized with Peter Svenonius), May 2019, University of Tromsø.

THESES/DISSERTATIONS SUPERVISED

- 2022 Clarke, Cerys. Title TBA. MSc thesis, University of Edinburgh.
- 2022 Chen, Xinmiao. Title TBA. MSc thesis, University of Edinburgh.
- 2021 Yang, Chenhui. Syntactic change of the auxiliary *ought* (co-supervised with Pavel Iosad). MSc thesis, University of Edinburgh.
- 2017 Kerr, Elisabeth. Focus marking in Ékègùsì. Undergraduate dissertation, University of Cambridge.
- 2017 Meadows, Tom. A Minimalist approach to object-marking in Mukri Kurdish. Undergraduate dissertation, University of Cambridge.
- 2016 Rolf, Molly. Analysing the classification of split ergativity of WALS. Undergraduate dissertation, University of Cambridge.

THESIS/DISSERTATION DEFENSE OPPONENT

- 2019 Rosendal Ehlers, Katrine. November 2019. Number sensitive reflexive pronouns in Danish. External opponent in Ph.D. Thesis Seminar, Aarhus University.
- 2019 Agyeiwaa, Abigail. November 2019. Reconstruction Effects in A-Dependencies: a comparison of Akan and English. External examiner and defense opponent for the Master's thesis in English Linguistics and Language Acquisition, NTNU.
- 2018 Frøseth Larsen, Frida. May 2018. “He is in (the) jail” – A comparative study of bare singular count nouns in British English and Scottish English. External examiner and defense opponent for the Master's thesis in English Linguistics, NTNU.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Invited mini-courses

- 2020 Types of meaningful silence: operators, deleted copies, and ellipsis. April 2020 (suspended indefinitely due to COVID-19). Princeton University.
- 2019 The synchronic and diachronic status of Verb Second in English. November 2019. Aarhus University.
- 2016 Dialect Syntax and Variation (with David Hall). Autumn 2016. ACTL Autumn School, University College London.

Graduate-level courses

- 2020 Introduction to Syntax (with Caroline Heycock). Semester 1 2020/21. University of Edinburgh.
- 2017 Fine Structures: Cartography, Nanosyntax, and Distributed Morphology. Lent 2017. University of Cambridge.
- 2016 Topics in Syntax: Syntactic domains. Lent 2016. University of Cambridge.
- 2015 Linguistic Analysis (with Mark de Vries). Spring 2015. University of Groningen.
- 2014 Topics in Ellipsis. Spring 2014. University of Groningen.

Undergraduate-level courses (in alphabetical order)

Dialects of English in Britain and Ireland	University of Edinburgh (team lecturer: Semester 1 2021/22)
Guided Research Seminar: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Dialect Syntax</i>• <i>Linguistic Modularity</i>	University of Edinburgh Semester 2 2020/21 Semester 1 2021/22
Introduction to Linguistics (for majors)	UCLA (Summer 2010 and 2011) University of Kansas (Summer 2006)
Linguistics and English Language (1A/1B)	University of Edinburgh (team lecturer: 2021/22)
Linguistic Theory and the Structure of English (2A)	University of Edinburgh (as tutor: Semester 1 2020/21)
Scots & Scottish English	University of Edinburgh (team lecturer: Semester 2 2021/22)
Syntax I	University of Cambridge (Michaelmas 2015 and 2016) UCLA (as TA: Fall/Winter 2010-2011, 2012-2013)
Syntax II	University of Cambridge (Michaelmas/Lent 2015-2017)

Syntax III	University of Groningen (Fall 2014)
Syntax: Theory and Practice	University of Edinburgh (Semester 2 2021/22)
Syntactic Typology	UCLA (as TA: Spring 2011)
The Study of Language (for non-majors)	UCLA (as TA: Spring 2008, Summer 2013)

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2011-2012	Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA. The syntax of polarity.
2009-2010	Graduate Research Mentorship, UCLA. Antipassive without the 'anti' – Toward a unity of valency-changing operations.
2008	Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA. Investigating wh- question formation in Kaqchikel Mayan.
2007-2008	Humanities Dean's Lippman Fellowship, UCLA.
2001-2003	Coca-Cola Scholarship, University of Kansas.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE

2012-2013	Research assistant to Tim Stowell, UCLA. The syntax of ellipsis.
2008-2009	Research assistant to Tim Stowell, UCLA. The syntax of parenthetical constructions.
2005-2007	Research assistant to Jie Zhang, University of Kansas. Experimental investigations of the 'tone circle' in Taiwanese (Southern Min).

SERVICE

2020-Pres.	Personal Tutor to ca. 35 undergraduates, University of Edinburgh.
2018-2020	CASTL Colloquium organizer, University of Tromsø.
2017	Graduate admissions committee (MPhil in Linguistics), University of Cambridge.
2009-2010	President, Graduate Linguistics Circle, UCLA.
2005-2007	President, Linguistics Graduate Student Association, University of Kansas.
Ad hoc	Journal reviewer for <i>Canadian Journal of Linguistics</i> , <i>Glossa</i> , <i>Journal of Comparative Germanic Linguistics</i> , <i>Linguistic Inquiry</i> , <i>Lingua</i> , <i>Linguistics in the Netherlands</i> , <i>Linguistic Variation</i> , <i>Natural Language & Linguistic Theory</i> , <i>Phonological Data and Analysis</i> , and <i>Syntax</i> .

Ad hoc Abstract reviewer for various workshops and conferences, including BCGL, Cam-CoS, ConSOLE, LAGB, NELS, and WCCFL.