

Curriculum Vitae

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Current position Assistant Professor of Linguistics, Dept. of English
Brooklyn College, City University of New York

Education

- Postdoctoral** Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary
NIH/NICDC research fellowship (2001-2003)
Director: Robert Hillman
- Graduate** Massachusetts Institute of Technology
PhD in Linguistics (2000)
Dissertation supervisors: Noam Chomsky, David Pesetsky
- Undergraduate** Oberlin College
BA in History (1992)

Academic appointments

- 2013– Brooklyn College, City University of New York
Assistant Professor, Linguistics Program, Department of English
- 2010-2013 Syracuse University
Assistant Professor, Dept. of Languages, Literatures & Linguistics
- 2003-2010 McGill University
Assistant Professor, Department of Linguistics
- 2002 (*spring*) Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Visiting Lecturer, Department of Linguistics and Philosophy
- 2001 (*fall*),
2000-2001 Harvard University
Lecturer on Linguistics, Department of Linguistics

Other teaching positions

- 2003 (*summer*) Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute, Michigan State University
- 1997 (*fall*) Wheelock College, *Visiting Lecturer, Department of Psychology*

Research affiliations

- 2003-present: Associate member, MRI Laboratory, Department of Radiology, Notre-Dame Hospital, CHUM, Montreal, QC
- 2003-2010: Principal / associate member, Speech Science Modeling Group, Centre for Research on Language, Mind and Brain, Montreal, QC
- 2003-2004: Associate member, Department of Otolaryngology, Faculty of Medicine, McGill University
- 2001-2003: Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Voice and Speech Laboratory, Department of Otolaryngology, Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Boston, MA

Grants and awards

- 2010: MRI-MRS Pilot Research Grant, University of Massachusetts, Amherst (P.I. John Kingston). Title: *High-speed imaging of larynx movements during speech production*. Total amount: 10,000.
- 2006-2011: CFI (Canada Foundation for Innovation), New Opportunities Fund. Title: *High-speed imaging of the vocal tract in motion: a research laboratory for investigating the articulatory control of speech intonation and prosody*. Total amount: 140,797.
- 2004-2007: FQRSC, *Établissement de nouveaux professeurs-chercheur* grant. Title: *Parametric variation in syntactic rule-ordering in the derivation of interrogative sentences*. Total amount: 39,000. [Final year suspended due to non-resident status.]
- 2003-2010: McGill University research start-up grant. Total amount: 20,000.
- 2003-2004: NIH / NIDCD, National Research Service Award. Title: *Articulatory mechanisms for pitch and voicing contrasts*. Total amount: USD 46,420. [Declined.]
- 2001-2003: NIH / NIDCD, National Research Service Award. Title: *Studies on the use of strap muscles for consonant voicing*. Total amount: USD 71,580.

Publications

- [in prep] Nissenbaum, J., “Parasitic gaps”. To appear in M. Everaert and H. von Stechow (eds.), *The Companion to Syntax*, 2nd edition, Wiley-Blackwell.
- 2012 Hackl, M. and J. Nissenbaum, “A modal ambiguity in *for*-infinitival relative clauses”. *Natural Language Semantics* 20:1, 59–81.
- 2011 Nissenbaum, J. and B. Schwarz, “Parasitic Degree Phrases”. *Natural Language Semantics* 19:1, 1–38.
- 2009 Nissenbaum, J. and B. Schwarz, “Infinitivals with *too*: Degree operator scope and Parasitic Gaps”. In T. Friedman and S. Ito (eds.), *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory XVIII*, Ithaca, NY: Cornell Univ., 551–568.
- 2008 Nissenbaum, J. and B. Schwarz, “Two puzzles about infinitivals with *too*”. In N. Abner and J. Bishop, (eds.), *Proceedings of the 27th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project, 344–352.
- 2006 Fox, D. and J. Nissenbaum, “Extraposition and scope: a case for overt QR”. In R. Friedin and H. Lasnik (eds.), *Syntax: Critical Concepts in Linguistics*, Vol. III, Routledge, 51–64 [Reprint of article in WCCFL 18].
- 2006 Hiraga, M. and J. Nissenbaum, “Sloppy readings of a ‘referential pronoun’ in Japanese”. In Y. Otsu (ed.), *Proceedings of the 7th Tokyo Conference on Psycholinguistics*, Tokyo: Hituzi Syobo Publishing, 121–144.
- 2005 Nissenbaum, J., “Kissing Pedro Martinez: (existential) anankastic conditionals and rationale clauses”. In E. Georgala and J. Howell (eds.), *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory XV*, Ithaca, NY: CLC publications, 134–151.
- 2004 Fox, D. and J. Nissenbaum, “Condition A and scope reconstruction”. *Linguistic Inquiry* 35:3, 475–485.
- 2003 Fox, D. and J. Nissenbaum, “VP ellipsis and the position of adverbs”. *Snippets* 7, 7–8.
- 2000 Nissenbaum, J., “Covert movement and parasitic gaps”. In M. Hirotsu, et al. (eds.), *Proceedings of the 30th annual meeting of the North East Linguistics Society*, Amherst, MA: GLSA Publications, 541–555.
- 1999 Fox, D. and J. Nissenbaum, “Extraposition and scope: a case for overt QR”. In S. Bird et al. (eds.), *Proceedings of the 18th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Press, 132–144.
- 1998 Nissenbaum, J., “Derived predicates and the interpretation of parasitic gaps”. In K. Shahin et al. (eds.), *Proceedings of the 17th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, Stanford, CA: CSLI Publications, 507–521.
- 1998 Nissenbaum, J., “Movement and derived predicates: evidence from parasitic gaps”. In O. Percus and U. Sauerland (eds.), *The Interpretive Tract*, MIT Working Papers in Linguistics 25, 247–295.

Presentations and published abstracts

Refereed conference and workshop presentations (linguistic theory)

- 2008 Nissenbaum, J. and B. Schwarz, "The scope of *too* with gapped infinitival clauses":
– Semantics and Linguistic Theory XVIII (alternate and poster session), University of Massachusetts, Amherst, March 21-23, 2008.
– West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics 27, University of California, Los Angeles, May 16-18, 2008.
– Canadian Linguistic Association, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, May 31-June 2, 2008.
- 2006 Nissenbaum, J., "Decomposing resultatives: two kinds of restitutive readings with *again*". Poster presented at North East Linguistic Society 37, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Oct. 13-15, 2006.
- 2006 Hiraga, M. and J. Nissenbaum, "Sloppy readings of a 'referential pronoun' in Japanese". Tokyo Conference on Psycholinguistics 7, Tokyo, Japan, March 17-19, 2006.
- 2005 Nissenbaum, J., "States, events and VP structure: evidence from purposive adjuncts". North East Linguistic Society 36, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Oct. 28-30, 2005.
- 2005 Nissenbaum, J., "Purposive adjuncts, argument-introducing heads, and the structure of the VP". Linguistic Society of America Institute, Workshop: Issues on the Form and Interpretation of Argument Structure, Massachusetts Institute of Technology / Harvard University, July 1, 2005.
- 2005 Nissenbaum, J., "Purposive adjuncts and the structure of the VP". Canadian Linguistic Association, University of Western Ontario, London, May 28, 2005.
- 2005 Nissenbaum, J., "Kissing Pedro Martinez: (existential) anankastic conditionals and rationale clauses". Semantics and Linguistic Theory XV, University of California, Los Angeles, March 26, 2005.
- 2003 Nissenbaum, J., "Covert movement and Condition A", 30-minute talk at the Linguistic Society of America, Atlanta, GA, Jan. 3, 2003.
- 2002 Nissenbaum, J., "Evidence for cyclic derivations: a parametric theory of (c)over movement and some consequences". Poster presented at North East Linguistic Society 33, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Nov. 11, 2002.
- 2000 Nissenbaum, J., "The syntax of focus and *wh-in-situ*: evidence for covert movement". Accepted for presentation at West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics 19, 2000.
- 1999 Nissenbaum, J., "Covert movement and parasitic gaps". North East Linguistic Society 30, Rutgers University, Oct. 23, 1999.

- 1999 Fox, D. and J. Nissenbaum, "Extraposition and scope: a case for overt QR". (with Danny Fox), West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics 18, University of Arizona, Tuscon, 1999.
- 1999 Hackl, M. and J. Nissenbaum, "The syntax and semantics of infinitival relatives". Conference on Tense and Mood Selection, Bergamo, Italy, 1999.
- 1998 Nissenbaum, J., "Derived predicates and the interpretation of parasitic gaps". West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics 17, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, 1998.
- 1998 Hackl, M. and J. Nissenbaum, "Variable modal force in *for*-infinitival relative clauses":
– Conference on Non-Lexical Semantics, University of Paris 7, May 1998.
– Workshop on modality in generative grammar, St. Andrews, Scotland, August 1998.

Refereed conference and workshop presentations (articulatory phonetics)

- 2011 Gilbert, G., J. Nissenbaum and G. Beaudoin, "Dynamic imaging of the vocal tract using a cine-MRI sequence: Protocol optimization and evaluation". Poster presented at the 19th annual meeting of the International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine, Montreal, May 9–13, 2011.
- 2010 Nissenbaum, J., "Articulatory vs. acoustic representation of tone". Poster presented at the 12th conference on Laboratory Phonology, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, July 8–10, 2010.
- 2010 Nissenbaum, J., "Tone in Cantonese: articulatory vs. acoustic representation". 18th annual meeting of the International Association of Chinese Linguistics, Harvard University, Cambridge, May 20–22, 2010.
- 2008 Nissenbaum, J., "Tone and register as articulatory parameters: evidence from Cantonese". Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Canadian Linguistic Association, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, May 31-June 2, 2008.
- 2005 Nissenbaum, J., "Fake raccoon soup: the re-appearance of the wily initial Low-tone in Japanese compounds". Montreal-Ottawa-Toronto Phonology Workshop, McGill University, Feb. 13, 2005.
- 2004 Nissenbaum, J. and G. Poliquin, "The use of MRI motion pictures in the study of articulation". International Workshop in Phonetics Dedicated to the Memory of Farkas Kempelin, Budapest, Hungary, March 11-13, 2004.
- 2003 Nissenbaum, J., J. Kan, J. Kirsch, J. Kobler, H. Curtin, M. Halle and R. Hillman, "Dynamic imaging of laryngeal gestures using high-speed MRI to study Cantonese speakers' production of tones". 30-minute talk at the Linguistic Society of America, Atlanta, GA, Jan. 3, 2003.
- 2002 Nissenbaum, J., J. Kirsch, M. Halle, J. Kobler, H. Curtin, and R. Hillman, "High-speed MRI: a new means for assessing hypotheses concerning the phonetic control of voice and f₀". North East Linguistic Society 33, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Nov. 11, 2002.
- 2002 Nissenbaum, J., R. Hillman, J. Kobler, H. Curtin, M. Halle and J. Kirsch, "High-speed magnetic resonance imaging of laryngeal gestures during speech production". Poster presented at the Acoustical Society of America 143rd meeting, Pittsburgh, PA, June 6, 2002.

Invited talks (linguistic theory)

- 2013 "What can optional and obligatory gaps tell us about VP structure?", Brooklyn College, Jan. 18, 2013.
- 2012 "Purpose clauses and verbal morpho-syntax: Gaps, shells and decomposition", Syracuse University, Feb. 2, 2012.
- 2011 "Purpose clauses and the syntax-semantics interface", University of Rochester linguistics colloquium series, Feb. 10, 2011.
- 2010 "Pseudo pseudo-scope", MIT linguistics colloquium series, Nov. 19, 2010.
- 2007 "Too clever to catch: the strange scope of *too* with gapped infinitival clauses", Harvard University, Dec. 14, 2007 [cancelled due to weather].
- 2007 "Phases, Islands and Interfaces", McGill's Canadian Conference for Linguistics Undergraduates, March 23, 2007.
- 2005 "Cyclic spellout and *wh*-movement: a derivational approach to islands and language variation", Concordia University linguistics colloquium series, Mar. 11, 2005.
- 2003 "Some unexpected evidence of covert movement (and its un-idiosyncratic properties)", McGill University, May 5, 2003.
- 2003 "Residual evidence for S-structure and the nature of LF", University of Connecticut, Storrs, Feb. 6, 2003.
- 2003 "Condition A, scope and logical form", University of Maryland, College Park, Feb. 4, 2003.
- 2003 "Interpretation by phase", MIT Workshop on phases and the EPP, Jan. 18, 2003.
- 2002 "Purpose clauses, parasitic gaps and the structure of the VP", University of Massachusetts, Amherst, linguistics colloquium series, Nov. 22, 2002.
- 2002 "Cyclic movement, logical form and sentence pronunciation", University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, linguistics colloquium series, Feb. 14, 2002.
- 1999 "Covert phrasal movement and parasitic gaps", Yale University linguistics colloquium series, Jan. 31, 1999.

Invited talks (experimental phonetics / speech production)

- 2003 "High-speed MRI of the moving vocal tract: An inventory of gestures for tone production", MIT Speech Communication Group seminar series, March 19, 2003.
- 2003 "Uncovering the hidden gestures of speech with high-speed MRI: the peculiar case of Cantonese mid-tones", University of Maryland, College Park, Feb. 5, 2003.
- 2003 "Speech articulators in motion: high-speed MRI of the talking vocal tract", guest lecture, *Anatomy of Speech and Hearing* (HST-718), Harvard Medical School / MIT, Jan. 28, 2003.
- 1999 "An MEG mismatch study of the McGurk Effect", Yale University linguistics department, Feb. 1, 1999.

Teaching

Syracuse University

Undergraduate/Graduate

- Languages of the World (*LIN 202*): Spring 2013
- Introduction to Linguistic Analysis (*LIN 301/601*): Fall 2010, 2011 & 2012
- Semantics (*LIN 411/611*): Spring 2012, Fall 2012
- Syntactic Analysis (*LIN 441/641*): Spring 2011, 2012 & 2013
- Morphological Analysis (*LIN 451/651*): Spring 2011
- Advanced Syntax (*LIN 741*): Fall 2010 & 2011

McGill University

Undergraduate

- Introduction to Linguistics (*LING 201*):
Phonetics/Phonology module: Winter 2010, Winter 2009, Fall 2006, Fall 2005.
Syntax/Semantics module: Fall 2008, Fall 2007, Fall 2006.
- Syntax 1 (*LING 371*): Winter 2010, Winter 2009, Winter 2004-2007.
- Topics at the Interfaces (*LING 417*): Fall 2009, Fall 2008.
- Special Topics: Phonology and phonetics of tone (*LING 418*): Winter 2008.
- Proseminar: The syntax-semantics interface (*LING 484*; *cross-listed with LING 683*): Fall 2004.

Graduate

- Syntax 3 (*LING 671*): Fall 2009, Fall 2003.
- Syntax 4 (*LING 675*): Winter 2009, Winter 2006, Winter 2005.
- Advanced Seminar: The syntax of complex predicates (*LING 771*): Winter 2007.
- Selected Topics: Syntax and semantics of infinitivals (*LING 782*): Fall 2007 (co-taught with Bernhard Schwarz).
- Selected Topics: The syntax-semantics interface (*LING 683*; *cross-listed with LING 484*): Fall 2004.
- Selected Topics: Experimental methods in linguistics (*LING 682*): Fall 2003 (co-taught with Yosef Grodzinsky).

Other institutions

Undergraduate

- The Syntax-Semantics Interface, Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute, Eastern Michigan University: Summer 2003.
- Topics in Linguistic Theory: Syntactic Cycles and Interface Systems, Massachusetts Institute of Technology: Spring 2002.
- Uncovering the Hidden Gestures of Speech with High-Speed Imaging, Massachusetts Institute of Technology: IAP course, January 2003.
- Language and Cognition, Harvard University: Fall 2001.
- Syntax, Language, and the Human Mind, Harvard University Extension School: Summer 2001.
- Intermediate Syntax, Harvard University: Spring 2001.
- Introduction to Semantics, Harvard University: Fall 2000.
- Introduction to Syntactic Theory, Harvard University: Fall 2000.
- Linguistics and Second Language Acquisition, Wheelock College: Fall 1997

Graduate

- Seminar: The Syntax-Semantics Interface, Harvard University: Spring 2001.

Student advising and research supervision

Syracuse University

Graduate research supervisor – Independent Study

2012 - Nabors, Rana: “*Ni* vs. *Niyotte* passives in Japanese”

2011 - Gungor, Ayten: “Reduplication in Turkish morphology”

- Ito, Hiromichi: “Rendaku voicing in Japanese”

- Tao, Xin: “VP-ellipsis and null objects in Chinese”

Academic mentor – Future Professoriate Program

2012-13: Sözen Özkan, Mélanie Gauchy 2011-2012: Rana Nabors

McGill University

Post-doctoral research supervisor

2009-10 Moulton, Keir: “The semantic roots of clausal complementation”.

Dissertation supervisor

2006 Ungureanu, Mona-Luisa: “DP-internal structure and movement in Romanian”.
(*Tenure-track Assistant Professor, Moncton University, New Brunswick*)

PhD evaluation paper supervisor

2009 Vander Klok, Jozina: “Adjectival modification in Javanese” (co-supervisor).

2008 Bouchard, David-Étienne: “Subordinate clauses as syntactic adjuncts”.

2008 Tsiamas, Athanasios: “Why Yannis can figure out ‘*if and who the police have arrested*’, but John can’t: Notes on reverse sluicing in Greek and English”.

2007 Dobler, Eva: “The complex structure of simple causatives”.

2007 Sugimura, Mina: “CED effects in covert syntax: some diagnostics from reflexive licensing”.

2006 Khordoc, Émile: “A revised theory of incorporation for French causatives” (co-supervisor).

2006 Skinner, Tobin: “Deriving parallel structures in antecedent-contained deaccenting”.

2006 Ono, Masaki: “On the positions of floated quantifiers”.

2005 Newell, Heather: “A derivational approach to bracketing paradoxes”.

2005 Umeda, Mari: “Japanese applicative constructions and the light verb *AGE*”.

2004 Morita, Chigusa: “Reexamination of quantifier scope in Japanese”.

Masters thesis supervisor

2004 Bolton, Laura: “Control in Evenki converbs” (co-supervisor).

2006 Ono, Masaki: “On the positions of floated quantifiers”.

Undergraduate honors thesis supervisor

2009 Scheer, Steffani: “German dislocation constructions and variable binding”,
winner of departmental award for excellence in research, McGill University.

2005 Grant, Meg: “Conditions on re-binding”, Cremona prize winner, McGill Univ.

2001 Hulsey, Sarah: “Extrapolation of relative clauses” (Harvard University).

Undergraduate independent study supervisor

- 2005 Hiraga, Misato: "Bound variable and co-referent pronouns in Japanese", McGill University
- 2002 Kan, Jennifer: "EMG and MRI studies of tone production by Cantonese speakers"; Voice and Speech Laboratory, Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary summer research internship.
- 2001 Chou, Denise: "Issues in the syntax of control", Harvard University.
- 2001 Gangemi, Maria (2001): "Philosophy of meaning in language", Harvard University.
- 2001 Holtz, Eva: "Study of a Boston variant of African American English", Harvard University.

Committee memberships (McGill University)

Dissertation committee

- 2009: -Heather Newell: "Aspects of the morphology and phonology of phases".
-Tobin Skinner: "Investigations of downward movement".
- 2008: -Andrea Santi: "Functional magnetic resonance imaging studies of Broca's Area in sentence comprehension"
- 2006: -Tohru Uchiumi: "Problems in arbitrary control"
-Naoko Tomioka: "Resultative constructions: cross-linguistic variation and the syntax-semantics interface"
- 2005: -Elena Valenzuela: "L2 ultimate attainment and the syntax-discourse interface: the acquisition of topic constructions in non-native Spanish and English".
- 2002: -Gulsat Aygen (Harvard University): "Licensing of structural case in Turkish".

PhD Evaluation paper committee

- 2010: -Walter Peterson: "Implicit arguments in formal grammars".
- 2009: -Walter Peterson: "Degree achievements and *again*".
- 2006: -Raph Mercado: "A phase-restricted optimality theoretic account of the Tagalog reduplicative aspectual morpheme".
- 2005: -Alan Bale: "Two dogmas of minimalism".
- 2004: -Yukio Furukawa: "The specificity condition as crossover".
-Heather Newell: "The phonological phase".
-Mari Umeda: "Wh-indefinites in English-Japanese interlanguage".

Oral dissertation defense committee

- 2009: -Larissa Nossalik: "L2 acquisition of Russian aspect".
- 2008: -Santi, Andrea: "Functional magnetic resonance imaging studies of Broca's Area in sentence comprehension".
-Umeda, Mari: "Second language acquisition of Japanese wh-constructions".
- 2007: -McCarthy, Corrine: "Morphological variability in second language Spanish".
- 2006: -Alan Bale: "The universal scale and the semantics of comparison".
-Naoko Tomioka: "Resultative constructions: cross-linguistic variation and the syntax-semantics interface".
-Mona-Luisa Ungureanu: "DP-internal structure and movement in Romanian".
- 2005: -Goldberg, Lotus: "Verb-stranding VP ellipsis: a cross-linguistic study".
- 2003: -Hosoi, Hironobu: "Internally headed construction in Japanese: a unified approach".

Service

Reviewing

Referee for professional journals

Linguistic Inquiry: 7+ manuscripts reviewed (1999–)
The Linguistic Review: 3 manuscripts reviewed (1999–)
Syntax: 5 manuscripts reviewed (2004–)
Lingua: 1 manuscript reviewed (2002)

Abstract reviewer for professional conferences

North East Linguistics Society (2002–)
Semantics and Linguistic Theory (2005–)
Western Conference on Linguistics (2007)
Formal Approaches to Japanese Linguistics (2001)

Syracuse University service

Departmental service

Linguistics program coordinator (2010-2013)
Linguistic theory M.A. concentration advisor (2010-2013)
Curriculum Committee, Dept. of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics (2011-2012)
Mellon-CNY Humanities Corridor, Linguistics cluster coordinator (2010-2012)
Working group on professional masters in linguistics (2010-2012)

Faculty/University service

SU Humanities Center faculty advisory board, linguistic studies rep. (2010–)
Oral Examination Committee Chair: Deke Gould, Philosophy (2010)

McGill University service

Departmental committees

Graduate admissions committee (2003-2010)
Fellowships committee (2003-2010)
Curriculum committee (2003-2010)
Graduate student review committee (2003-2010)
Syntax leave replacement search committee (2006)
Program review, semantics working group (2006)
Program review, syntax working group (2006)
Syntax search committee (2004-2005)
Semantics search committee (2004-2005)
Colloquium series organizer (2004-2006)

Faculty/University service

Humanities Review Committee, Faculty Review Group (2005-2007)
University SSHRCC Doctoral/Majors Committee, Cognitive Science subcommittee (2004-2005)
Faculty of Arts Committee on Graduate Studies (2003-2006)
Coordinator and faculty host for Honorary Degree recipient *Morris Halle* (2006)
Faculty host for Faculty of Arts Distinguished Lecturer *Luigi Rizzi* (2006)

Prodean service: Oral dissertation defense committees

- School of Management: *Carlos Rodriguez* (2010);
- Psychology: *Irina Baetu* (2009);
- Biochemistry: *Barbara Herdy* (2009);
- Religious Studies: *Roland de Vries* (2008);
- Neuroscience: *Nazile Sadeghi* (2008);
- Physics: *Alistair Armstrong-Brown* (2007)