

522 Syllabus

Wednesdays, 2:30-4:45, Douglass 206
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All theories of grammar incorporate some type of lexicon: the most basic step in characterizing the sound-meaning pairing that constitutes language is to identify phonological strings with concepts. The structure of the lexicon and the type of operations that are included in it can vary widely from theory to theory. The relationship of the lexicon to the rest of the grammar is a central topic for any linguistic model, and we will look at the question from several angles: morphological, syntactic, psychological, semantic and cross-linguistic.

Course Requirements:

Graduate Students:

- 30 %: assignments
- 20 %: short paper (4-8 pages) *Due: March 22nd, 1st class after spring break*
- 10 %: class participation
- 10 %: presentation
- 30%: long paper (10-15 pages) *Due: May 10th, first Wed. after last class*

Undergraduates:

- 50 %: assignments
- 40 %: short paper (5-10 pages) *Due: May 10th, first Wed. after last class*
- 10 %: class participation

N.B. Both graduates and undergraduates may and are encouraged to turn in drafts of papers early, for comments and suggestions; the grade will be based on the final draft, which is due on the dates above.

Reading availability:

Readings will be placed in the shelves outside my office (Douglass 208, to the left) for photocopying; when you borrow them to copy, please (a) sign them out with the sign-out sheet and (b) return them as quickly as possible. They will also be available on line through the electronic reserve service of the library; when I get it arranged, I'll give you a password, and you will be able to log in to the web site and print out the paper, which the library will have scanned in. More on this next week.)

Approximate Schedule of Topics:

Basics: (Anti-)lexicalism, linking, semantic encoding

Jan. 12 Intro

Jan 19

Jackendoff: Semantics and Cognition. Lexical Semantics and Syntactic Structure. in Lappin, ed., The Handbook of Contemporary Semantic Theory, Blackwell, London. (carry over)

Levin, B. (1993) "Introduction: The Theoretical Perspective", in B. Levin, English Verb Classes and Alternations: A Preliminary Investigation, University of Chicago Press, Chicago, IL, 1-19.

Jan 26

Pustejovsky, J. (1995) Chapter 2 of "The Generative Lexicon" MIT Press

Marantz, Alec. 1997 "No escape from syntax: don't try morphological analysis in the privacy of your own lexicon."

Marantz, Alec. 1999. Lecture notes from morphology class

(Harley, H and R. Noyer, "Distributed Morphology," GLOT 4)

Jackendoff, Ray 1992. Chapter 1 of "Semantic Structures": Overview of conceptual semantics

Conceptual Structure: atomism vs. decomposition, syntactic encoding

Feb 2

(selections from) Jackendoff, R., 1990. Semantic Structures. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.

Fodor, J.A., 1998. Chapter 2 of Concepts: Where Cognitive Science Went Wrong. Oxford: Clarendon Press

L Gleitman, 'The Structural Source of Verb Meanings', *Language Acquisition*, Vol. 1(1), pp. 3-55, 1990

Gropen, Jess, Steven Pinker, Michelle Hollander and Richard Goldberg, 1993, Affectedness and Direct Objects

Argument Structure, Linking

Feb 9

Dowty, D.R. (1991) "Thematic Proto-Roles and Argument Selection", *Language* 67, 547-619.

Hale, Ken and Samuel Jay Keyser The basic elements of argument structure

Hale, Ken and Samuel Jay Keyser. 1993 On Argument Structure and the Lexical Expression of Syntactic Relations. In: *The View from Building 20*, Hale & Keyser, eds. MIT Press

Carter, Richard. On Linking

Feb 16

Fodor, J.A. and Ernie Lepore, also Hale, Ken and Samuel Jay Keyser
"Impossible Words?" and Response

Bierwisch, Manfred, and Robert Schreuder. 1992. "From concepts to lexical items." *Cognition* 42, 23-60

Feb 23

Kiparsky, Paul. 1997. Remarks on Denominal Verbs. In Alex Alsina, Joan Bresnan & Peter Sells (eds.) *Complex Predicates*, 473-499. Stanford: CSLI Publications.

Harley, Heidi. 1999. "Denominal verbs and aktionsart".

Event structure

Dowty, David R. 1979. *Word Meaning and Montague Grammar*. Reidel, Dordrecht. Chapter 2: The Semantics of Aspectual Classes of Verbs in English. 37-132.

Jackendoff, R. 1991 'Parts and Boundaries' *Cognition* 41 (same as Levin&Pinker edited volume, cited above)

Levin, B. and M. Rappaport Hovav (1991) "Wiping the Slate Clean: A Lexical Semantic Exploration", *Cognition* 41, 123-151. (same as Levin&Pinker edited volume, cited above)

Mar. 1 Dr. Harley gone. Guest lecture?

Mar. 8 Dr. Harley gone. Guest lecture?

Mar 15 Break

Causation

Mar 22

Wunderlich, Dieter. 1997. Cause and the Structure of Verbs. *Linguistic Inquiry* 28.1: 27-68

Kratzer, Angelika. 1996. Severing the External Argument from its Verb. In Johan Roorijck & Laurie Zaring (eds.), *Phrase-Structure and the Lexicon*, 109-137. Dordrecht: Kluwer.

Mar 29

Fodor, J.A. 1971 .Why "kill" doesn't mean "cause to die"
(cf. Jackendoff's discussion of decomposition)

Harley, Heidi Chapter 3 Section 2 of "Subjects, Events and Licensing"

Weirzbicka, Anna. 1980 Chapter 5 of *Lingua Mentalis*

April 5

Pesetsky, David 1995. Chapter 2 of "Zero Syntax": Linking Problems with Experiencer Predicates

Harley, H. Possession and the double object construction, ms.

Naming, Lexicalization patterns

April 12

Wierzbicka, A. 1988. What's in a Noun? Chapter 9 of The Semantics of Grammar. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.

Bloom, Paul. 1994. Possible names: The role of syntax-semantics mappings in the acquisition of nominals. *Lingua* 92:297-329. (acquisition)

April 19

Talmy, L., 1985. Lexicalization patterns: semantic structure in lexical forms. In T. Shopen (ed.), *Language Typology and Syntactic Description*, Vol.3: Grammatical Categories and the Lexicon, 57-149. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Levin, B. and M. Rappaport Hovav. 1996. *Lexical Semantics and Syntactic Structure*. in Lappin, ed., *The Handbook of Contemporary Semantic Theory*, Blackwell, London.

Presentations

April 26**May 3**

Anytime

Piattelli-Palmarini, Massimo and Carlo Cecchetto. *The Problem of Meaning in Generative Grammar*