

Crosslinguistic variation in morphosyntax

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Note: **The order of events has changed** -- now it will be verbal phenomena first, nominal (phi-feature) phenomena second -- and four readings below are new (in Lecture 5: Nevins on dual, Frampton on Impoverishment, and in Lectures 1 and 2: Harley on causatives and Travis on event structure) since the readings page was first put up. The Travis reading is still not downloadable, though the others are; I'll get the Travis one up there if I can!

Languages & language families we'll consider data from in this course:

Assorted (Harley & Ritter, Harley 2006), Zuni (Cowper), Ojibwe (McGinnis), Latin (Williams), Russian (Bobaljik), Germanic (Frampton), Georgian (Bejar), Japanese (Harley 2005), Malagasy (Travis), St'at'imcets (Davis & Demirdache), Persian (Folli, Harley, Karimi), Inuktitut (Johns), Cupeno (Barragan), Navajo (Hale), Athapaskan (Rice)

Course Requirement for Credit: One short paper (5 pages), either addressing an issue in morphosyntax raised by this course with data not considered here, or a summary and evaluation of a paper on morphosyntax not included in the reading list here.

Due date: Submission to me by email by midnight, Sept. 7th.

Schedule of Topics:

Part 1: The bipartite structure of verbs

Lecture 1: Tuesday, Aug. 15

Syntacticocentric morphology: DM overview

Bipartite verb structure: Little v cross-linguistically

Harley, H. [On the causative construction](#). To appear in S. Miyagawa and M. Saito, eds, *Handbook of Japanese Linguistics*, OUP.

Lecture 2: Thursday, Aug. 17

Travis, Lisa. 2000. Event structure in syntax. In *Events as Grammatical Objects: The Converging Perspectives of Lexical Semantics and Syntax*, edited by Carol Tenny and James Pustejovsky, pp. 145-185. CSLI, Stanford

Davis, H. and H. Demirdache 2000. [On Lexical Verb Meanings: Evidence from Salish](#). In J. Pustejovsky and C. Tenny (eds.), *Events as Grammatical Objects: the Converging Perspectives of Lexical Semantics and Syntax*. CSLI: Stanford University Press, 97-142.

Lecture 3: Saturday, Aug. 19

More bipartite verb structure cross-linguistically

Folli, Raffaella, Heidi Harley and Simin Karimi. 2005. [Determinants of event type in Persian Complex Predicates](#). *Lingua* 115:1365-1401.

Johns, Alana. 2005. [Restricting Noun Incorporation: Root movement](#). Ms., University of Toronto. <http://www.chass.utoronto.ca/~ajohns/JohnsNI05.pdf>

Lecture 4: Tuesday, Aug. 22

Bipartite verb structure with strange orderings

Luis M. Barragan. 2003 [Movement and Allomorphy in the Cupeno Verb Construction](#). MITELF 5.

Hale, Ken. 2004. [On the significance of Eloise Jelinek's Pronominal Argument Hypothesis](#). In *Formal approaches to function in grammar*, ed. by A. Carnie, H. Harley and M. Willie. John Benjamins. 11-43.

Rice, Keren. 2000. *Morpheme Order and Semantic Scope: Word Formation in the Athapaskan Verb*. Cambridge University Press.

Part II: Numeration Variation: Phi-features

Lecture 5: Thursday, Aug. 24

Feature geometries: Organization of phi-features in pronominal bundles

Harley & Ritter (2002) [Person and number in pronouns: a feature-geometric analysis](#). *Language* 78:482-526

What's more marked than what?

McGinnis, M. 2006. [On markedness asymmetries in person and number](#). *Language* 81.3, 699-718

Cowper, E. 2006. [A Note on Number](#). *Linguistic Inquiry*. vol. 36: 441-455

Lecture 6: Saturday, Aug. 26

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Cowper, E. 2006. [A Note on Number](#). *Linguistic Inquiry*. vol. 36: 441-455

Lecture 5: Tuesday, Aug. 29

The significance of syncretism and the importance of impoverishment

Williams, Edwin. 1994. [Remarks on lexical knowledge](#), *Lingua* 92, pp. 7-34.

Bobaljik, Jonathan David 2001. [Syncretism without paradigms: Remarks on Williams 1981, 1994](#). *Yearbook of Morphology* 2001: 53-85

Frampton, J. 2002. [Syncretism, impoverishment and the structure of person features](#).
In Papers from the CLS Annual Meeting, 2002.
Nevins, A. 2006. "[Dual is still more marked than plural](#)."

Lecture 7: Thursday, Aug. 31

More on the significance of syncretism...

Harley, H. 2005. [Underspecification, Impoverishment and Meta-paradigms: Accounting for syncretism](#). To appear in Adger, Harbour and Bejar, eds, ..., OUP.

...and the syntax of markedness

Bejar, Susana. 2000. "[Locality, Cyclicity and Markedness of Georgian Verbal Morphology](#)".