

Morphology 535
Fall 2008

When: Mondays 4:45-6 pm
Where: McClelland 118

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Course Requirements:

30%: Answers to problem sets and Official Questions
(OQs are a comprehension-type question based on that week's readings and/or class discussion; expected answer \leq 1-2 pgs)

20%: In-class presentation

Presenting a paper from the literature to the class

10%: Topic statement (1-2 pages) for the long paper, due at the end of class

40%: Paper (10-20 pages) either:

a) surveying a morphological phenomenon across three or more languages

b) providing an in-depth description and analysis of some morphological phenomenon in some language

Readings by date:

(Of course, we will certainly diverge from this schedule if time or interests dictate! I've certainly got too much here. But better to be too ambitious than not ambitious enough, right?)

Aug 25: Syllabus (this), Intro thinking, Morphological practice

Aug. 27: Basic morphological phenomena, terminology, more practice
Reading: Chapter 1 of Spencer, *Morphological Theory*, Blackwell
(handing out today)

Sept. 1: **No classes—Labor day**

Sept. 3: Framework development:

Main reading:

HALLE, Morris & Alec MARANTZ (1993) *Distributed Morphology and the Pieces of Inflection*. In: The View from Building 20, ed. Kenneth Hale and S.Jay Keyser. MIT Press, Cambridge, 111-176.



Supplemental readings:

Harley, H. and Noyer, R. 1999. [Distributed morphology](#). *Glott International*, 4, 4: 3-9.

<http://dingo.sbs.arizona.edu/~hharley/PDFs/HarleyNoyerDM1999.pdf>

Embick, David & Rolf Noyer (2004): "[Distributed Morphology and the Syntax/Morphology Interface](#)." To appear in: G. Ramchand & C. Reiss (eds.): *The Oxford Handbook of Linguistic Interfaces*. Oxford: University Press. [cf.<http://www.ling.upenn.edu/embick/ab.html>]

Sept. 8-10: Underspecification and syncretism

Sauerland, Uli. The Late Insertion of Germanic Inflection

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

Bobaljik, J. 2002. "[Syncretism without paradigms](#)." Ms., McGill. To appear in *Yearbook of morphology*

Sept. 15-17: Syncretism, cont

Stump, G. 1993. On rules of referral. *Language* 69.3: 449-79

Frampton, J. 2002. [Syncretism, impoverishment and the structure of person features](#). In Papers from the CLS Annual Meeting, 2002.

Colin G. -- Calabrese, Andrea. 2008. On absolute and contextual syncretism: remarks on the structure of case paradigms and on how to derive them. In Bacharach & Nevins, ed. *Inflectional Identity*. OUP, 157-205

Sept. 22-24: Feature organization, universals, feature markedness

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

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

Sept. 29-Oct. 1: Markedness, features and the interface with syntax and semantics

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

Kenne -- Nevins, A. 2006. "[Dual is still more marked than plural](#)."

Oct. 6-8: Morphosyntax: Morpheme Order, Bipartite Verbs

Jaehoon -- Baker, M., *The Mirror Principle and Morphosyntactic Explanation*, in *Linguistic Inquiry*, Volume 16, Number 3, Summer 1985.

Lionel -- Rice, Chapters 1-3, pp. 1-26

Oct. 13-15: Getting morphemes in the right order

Alex -- Chapter 6, pp. 79-124 Rice, Keren. 2000. Morpheme Order and Semantic Scope: Word Formation in the Athapaskan Verb. Cambridge University Press.

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

Chen-chun -- 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.

Oct. 20-22nd: Psycholinguistic models:

Brent -- Ullman, M. 1999. "[Acceptability ratings of regular and irregular past-tense forms: Evidence for a dual-system model of language from word frequency and phonological neighborhood effects.](#)" *Language and Cognitive Processes* 14(1), 47-67.

Embick, D. and A. Marantz. 2000. "[Cognitive neuroscience and the English past tense: Comments on the paper by Ullman et al.](#)" Ms, MIT.

Oct. 27-29: Erwin Chan Guest Lectures -- Harley at NSF

Nov. 3: Adam Ussishkin Guest Lecture -- Harley at USC

Nov. 5: Morphophonology and paradigms

McCarthy, John. 2005. Optimal Paradigms. In Downing, Hall and Raffelsein (eds), *Paradigms in Phonological Theory*, OUP press. 170-210.

Hyun-kyoung Jung -- Bobaljik, Jonathan. 2008. Paradigms (optimal and otherwise): A case for skepticism. In Bacharach & Nevins, ed. *Inflectional Identity*. OUP, 29-52

Nov. 10: Psychological Reality and Psycholinguistic Evidence

Production: Pfau, R. 2000. "[Speech errors and Distributed Morphology.](#)" Chapters 1, 2 and (mostly) 4 of dissertation.

Nov. 12: **CAUSATIVES FESTIVAL Pizza Night -- plan to stay til 7:30-8ish?**

Ben -- Travis

Curtis -- Harley

Greg -- Horvath-Siloni on Hungarian causatives

Nov. 17-19 Andy Wedel Guest Lecture -- Harley in Italy

Nov. 24-26 Work on your papers!!

Dec 1-3: More on brains and morphology

Chris Pylkkänen, L., Feintuch, S., Hopkins, E., & Marantz, A. (2004). Neural correlates of the effects of morphological family frequency and family size: an MEG study. *Cognition*, 91, B35-B45.

Sylvia **prelim?**

Comprehension: Longtin, C.-M., J. Segui and P.A. Hallé, 2000. "[Morphological priming without morphological relationship.](#)" *Language and Cognitive Processes* 18(3), 313-334.

Clahsen, H., Lueck, M. & A. Hahne 2007. How children process over-regularizations: Evidence from event-related brain potentials. *Journal of Child Language* 34: 601-622. [pdf]

Dec. 8-10: Other Frameworks

Anderson, Stephen R. (1999). "[An A-Morphous Account of Tagalog Second Position Clitics.](#)" to appear in *The Nature of the Word* (S. Inkelas and K Hanson, eds.), MIT Press.

Some options for other/alternate material to look at

More morphophonology

Kenstowicz. Paradigmatic uniformity and contrast. In Downing, Hall and Raffelsein (eds), *Paradigms in Phonological Theory*. Oxford, Oxford University Press. 145-69

Steriade, Donca. 2008. A pseudo-cyclic effect in Romanian morphophonology. A case for skepticism. In Bacharach & Nevins, ed. *Inflectional Identity*. OUP, 313-355

More on other frameworks

Raphael Finkel, Lei Shen, Greg Stump and Suresh Thesayi '[KATR: A Set-Based Extension of DATR](#)', (pdf)

Corbett, Greville G. and Norman M. Fraser (1993) Network morphology: A DATR account of Russian nominal inflection. *Journal of Linguistics* 29: 113-42

Sadock, J. "Some Pleasures and Pitfalls of Autolexical Syntax", in Schiller, Steinberg, and Need, eds., *Autolexical Theory: Ideas and Methods*, Mouton de Gruyter, Berlin, 189-206

More on verbal morphosyntax

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

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

Johns, Alana. 2007. [Restricting Noun Incorporation: Root movement](#). NLLT. <http://www.chass.utoronto.ca/~ajohns/JohnsNI05.pdf>

More on psycholinguistic investigation of morphological phenomena:

Cummings, I. & H. Clahsen 2007. The time-course of morphological constraints: Evidence from eye-movements during reading. *Cognition* 104: 467-494. [pdf]

Pinker, S. Words and rules (paper).

<http://pinker.wjh.harvard.edu/articles/papers/Edinburgh.pdf>

(also consider his book)

Marcus, G. F. (1995) L2 learners treat regular and irregular inflection differently in compounding. *Second Language Research*, 11, 88-

Marcus, G. F., Brinkmann, U., Clahsen, H., Wiese, R., and Pinker, S. (1995). German inflection: The exception that proves the rule. *Cognitive Psychology*, 29, 189-256.