

Ling 522
Lexical Semantics

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When: 2-3:15
Forbes, Rm 206

Topics:

Argument structure
Event structure
Lexical decomposition
Boundedness and the count/mass distinction
Scalar structure
Idiomacity
Linguistic relativism

Requirements:

→ *Read everything!*

20%: A presentation of an article in class

30%: A package of 3 abstracts, one in NELS format, the others in LSA format

i) the article you presented: NELS format

ii) an article that cites and discusses the article you presented: LSA format

iii) a third article that cites and discusses both of the first two articles

Abstract packages are due on April 12

10%: A topic statement for your paper, due March 29

40%: A paper on the topic of your choice, due on May 1

Dates, papers

Jan 12 *today*, syllabus

Also: Lexical? Semantics? Grammatical architectures?

Section 1: Argument Structure

Jan 17

Carter, Richard. 1976. Some constraints on possible words. *Semantikos* 1.2, p 27-66

Jan 19

Gruber, Jeffrey. 2003. Thematic Relations in Syntax. In M. Baltin and C. Collins, eds. *The Handbook of Contemporary Syntactic Theory*.

Jan 24

Presenter 1: Catherine

Gleitman, Lila. 1990. "The structural sources of verb meanings." *Language Acquisition*, Vol. 1(1), pp. 3-55, 1990

Jan 26

Carlson G. (1998). Thematic roles and the individuation of events. In S. Rothstein (ed). *Events and Grammar*. Kluwer. pp 35-51.

- Jan 31 Presenter 2: Heidi
 Rosen, S.T. (1999) The Syntactic Representation of Linguistic Events. A State-of-the-Article. *Glott International*, 4, 3-10.
- Feb 2 Rosen con't
- Feb 7: Ramchand on argument structure: First Phase Syntax
- Feb 9: Chomsky! *Remarks on nominalization*
- Feb 14 Presenter 3: Emma
 Fodor, J. 1970. Three reasons for not analyzing 'kill' as 'cause to die'
 also Harley response to that
- Feb 16 Marantz 1997: "Don't try morphological analysis in the privacy of your
 own lexicon." Also Kratzer.
- Feb 21 Lin, Jimmy. 2004. Fine-grained lexical semantic representations and
 compositionally derived events in Mandarin Chinese:
http://www.umiacs.umd.edu/~jimmylin/publications/Lin_HLT-NAACL2004_lexsem.pdf
- Feb 23 Brent, Michael. 1993. From Grammar to Lexicon: Unsupervised
 learning of lexical syntax. *Computational Linguistics* 19. 243-262.
 and Dorr and Jones, 1996. Acquisition of Semantic Lexicons: Using Word
 Sense Disambiguation to Improve Precision. <http://aclweb.org/anthology-new/W/W96/W96-0306.pdf>
- Feb 28 Zhibiao Wu and Martha Palmer. 1994. Verbs semantics and lexical
 selection. Proceedings of the 32nd annual meeting of the Association for
 Computational Linguistics 133-138
 and Miller, George. 1995. WordNet: A lexical database for English.
Communications of the ACM , 38.11, p 39-41

- Mar 1 Budanitsky & Hirst. 2006. Evaluating WordNet-based measures of lexical semantic relatedness. *Computational Linguistics* 32.1 13-46
- Mar 6 Presenter 6: Mike
Hale and Keyser 1993: "On argument structure and the lexical expression of grammatical relations"
- Mar 8 Kiparsky on denominal verbs & the Canonical Use Constraint (up), and my reply (not up). ☺
- Mar 20 Presenter 7: Zach
Jackendoff, R. 1991. Parts and Boundaries. *Cognition* 41, 9-45.
- Mar 22 Talmy 1985, 2002: Lexicalization patterns
- Mar 27 Presenter 8: Brecht
Slobin, D. 2004. "The many ways to search for a frog: Linguistic typology and the expression of motion events."
- Mar 29 Folli, Harley and Karimi on Persian complex predicates
Topic statement due
- Apr 3 Presenter 9: _____
Kennedy and McNally, 2005. Scale Structure, Degree Modification, and the Semantics of Gradable Predicates, *Language* - Volume 81, Number 2, June 2005, pp. 345-381
- Apr 5 Telicity and Durativity: A Study of Aspect in Dëne Sųłiné (Chipewyan) and German. By Andrea Wilhelm (some chapter(s) to be determined)
- Apr 10 Presenter 10: Katy
Dowty, David. 1991. Thematic proto-roles and argument selection.
- Apr 12 Kennedy's latest
Abstract Packages Due
- Apr 17 Presenter 11: Charlene
Harley, Heidi. (2002) 'How do verbs get their names? Denominal verbs, Manner Incorporation, and the ontology of verb roots in English,' To appear in a Kluwer volume edited by Nomi Shir and Tova Rapoport
- Apr 19 Punske on Wechsler.
- Apr 24 Presenter 12: Darin

Fodor from *Concepts: Where Cognitive Science Went Wrong* 'The demise of definitions: The linguist's tale'

Apr 26 Class cancelled

May 1 ***Final papers due***