

Ling 504  
Advanced Syntactic Theory  
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Tuesdays 1-3:30 pm

**Course description:**

A continuation of LING 503, Foundations of Syntactic Theory I, taught within the Minimalist approach to syntactic theory, with a focus on principles of theory construction and empirical issues in binding, control, movement, structure, and the interfaces with semantics and morphology.

**Plan of action:** We will read two articles/book chapters or 80 pages of some book per week, discuss and dissect. We will also do some in-class activities, problem set work, etc. In general, we'll try to do one old and one new article per week, addressing related topics.

**Evaluation:**

10% in-class participation, activities, etc.  
10% in-class presentation (pick date today)  
10% paper topic statement (Due March 31 in dropbox in D2L)  
20% 4 'Official Questions' and 4 'Official Answers' in D2L discussion  
20% paper draft (Due April 14, in dropbox in D2L)  
30% paper final (Due May 5, in dropbox in D2L)

Meeting dates. Pick one to do your presentation on.

**TO DO: IRB proposal**

## Introduction

~~Jan 20~~

## Within the VP (Argument structure things)

~~Jan 27~~

Larson 1988 On the double object construction. *Linguistic Inquiry* (On d2L)

Harley, 2007. The bipartite structure of verbs cross-linguistically.

[http://ling.auf.net/lingbuzz/000435/current.pdf?\\_s=TlfZIo81eXscGK3V](http://ling.auf.net/lingbuzz/000435/current.pdf?_s=TlfZIo81eXscGK3V)

~~Feb 3~~

**RYAN** Kratzer 1996: Severing the external argument from its verb.

Jackson, Eric. 2005 Resultatives, Derived Statives, and Lexical Semantic Structure, chapter 4: Pima resultatives and derived statives.

~~Feb 10~~

**ABEL** Burzio, 1986. Chapter 1, "Intransitive verbs and auxiliaries", in *Italian Syntax: A government and binding approach*. p. 20-84. on D2L.

Alexiadou, Schäfer and Spathas. Delimiting Voice in Germanic: On object drop and naturally reflexive verbs. NELS 44. <http://ifla.uni-stuttgart.de/institut/mitarbeiter/florian/papers/nels44.pdf>

~~Feb 17~~

**NICK** Baker, Safire and Sikuku 2012 Sources of (a)symmetry in Bantu double object constructions. Proceedings of WCCFL 30

<http://www.rci.rutgers.edu/~mabaker/symmetrical-DOCs-WCCFL-paper-final.pdf>

Legate, Julie Anne. 2014. Voice and v: Lessons from Achenese. E-resource in library. PL5192 .L44 2014, chapters 1, 2 and 3, p. 1-83.

## Within the IP (A things)

~~Feb 24~~

Coon, Jessica. 2012. Split ergativity and transitivity in Chol. *Lingua* 122.3, 241-256

Marantz, 1991. [Case and licensing](#). *ESCOL*

~~March 3~~

Lasnik, H. 2008. [On the development of case theory: Triumphs and challenges](http://ling.umd.edu/assets/publications/Lasnik-2008-DevelopmentOfCaseTheory.pdf). In Freiden, Otero and Zubizarreta, *Foundational issues in linguistic theory*. <http://ling.umd.edu/assets/publications/Lasnik-2008-DevelopmentOfCaseTheory.pdf>

**JUSTIN**

Wurmbrand, Susi. 2014. Tense and aspect in English infinitives. *Linguistic Inquiry* 45.3 403-447

March 10

Thoms, Gary. Max Elide and clause structure in Scottish Gaelic. *Linguistic Inquiry* 45.1, 158-168 **COLLEEN**

~~Alexiadou and Anagnostopoulou 1998. Parameterizing AGR: Word order, V-movement and EPP checking. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 16, 491-539~~

Chomsky, N. 2013. Problems of Projection. *Lingua*.

[March 17 = Spring break]

March 24

Kalin, Laura. 2014. The syntax of OVS word order in Hixkaryana. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 32. 1089-1104

*Within the CP (A' things)*

March 31

Holmberg, Nayudu and Sheehan. [Three partial null-subject languages: A comparison of Brazilian Portuguese, Finnish and Marathi](#). Lingbuzz. **RACHEL**

Chomsky, N. (1977). On wh-movement. In: P. Culicover, T. Wasow and A. Akmajian (eds.). *Formal Syntax*. New York: Academic Press, 71-132.

April 7

(continued) Chomsky, N. (1977). On wh-movement. In: P. Culicover, T. Wasow and A. Akmajian (eds.). *Formal Syntax*. New York: Academic Press, 71-132.

~~[Pesetsky review of that trace effects](#). On lingbuzz.~~

McCloskey, James. 2002. 'Resumption, Successive Cyclicity, and the Locality of Operations. In *Derivation and Explanation in the Minimalist Program*. Edited by Samuel Epstein and Daniel Seely. Oxford, UK: Blackwell. **MOHAMMED**

van Urk and Richards 2015 Successive cyclicity in Dinka. *Linguistic Inquiry*

April 14

Watanabe, A. 2003. Wh and operator constructions in Japanese. *Lingua* 113, 519-558.

**SHANNON**

Cable, Seth. *The Grammar of Q. Q-particles, wh-movement and pied-piping*. Cambridge, MIT Press. Chapters 1 & 2, pp. 3-63

April 21 ~~OLARREA guest lecture~~ **Heidi podcast or Andrew guest lecture**

Wechsler, Stephen. 1991. Verb second and illocutionary force. In *Views on phrase structure*, eds. Katherine Leffel and Denis Bouchard, 177–191. Norwell: Kluwer.

Ziejstra, Hedde. 2013. Not in the first place. *NLLT* 31. 865-90

*What does the right model of syntax look like? Theory of theory.*

April 28

Chomsky Bare Phrase Structure, Derivation by Phase

Biberauer, Holmberg, Roberts. 2014 A syntactic universal and its consequences. *Linguistic Inquiry* 45.2 169-225

May 5

Chomsky Problems of Projection, Problems of Projection Extensions

Béjar and Rezac Cyclic agree.