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Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Language • Formal Semantics • Philosophy of Mind

Areas of Competence

Linguistic Justice • Philosophy of Race and Gender • Logic

Employment

2019-2021	Umeå Universitet	<i>Research Fellow</i>
2016-2019	University College London	<i>Teaching Fellow, 2018-2019 MA Tutor</i>

Education

May 2016	University of California, Berkeley Dissertation: “Two dogmas about demonstratives” Co-Chairs: John MacFarlane and Seth Yalcin	<i>PhD, Philosophy</i>
2011-2012	Russian State University for the Humanities Supervisor: Barbara Partee	<i>Fulbright Research Fellow</i>
2006	University of Oxford Thesis: “Making More Sense of Emergentism”	<i>BPhil, Philosophy</i>
2004	Reed College Thesis: “Bernard Williams against the Objectivity of Ethics”	<i>B.A., Political Science/Philosophy</i>

Papers

PUBLISHED AND FORTHCOMING

- Nowak, E. (forthcoming) [Multiculturalism, autonomy, and language preservation](#). *Ergo*.
- Nowak, E. and Michaelson, E. (forthcoming). [Discourse and method: why appeals to context won't go away](#). *Linguistics and Philosophy*.
- Nowak, E. Language extinction. (forthcoming). In Khoo, J. and Sterken, R., editors, [The Routledge Handbook of Social and Political Philosophy of Language](#). Routledge.
- Nowak, E. and Michaelson, E. (forthcoming). [On salience-based theories of demonstratives](#). In Archer, S., editor, *Salience: A Philosophical Inquiry*. Routledge.

- Nowak, E. (2014). *Demonstratives without rigidity or ambiguity*. *Linguistics and Philosophy* 37:5 409–436.

REVISIONS REQUESTED

- *Language loss and illocutionary silencing*.
(Revisions requested: 12/2018)
- *Complex demonstratives, hidden arguments, and presupposition*.
(Revisions requested: 11/2018)
- *No context, no content, no problem*.
(Revisions submitted: 6/2018)

UNDER REVIEW

- *Who's your ideal listener?*
(With Eliot Michaelson, initial submission: 7/2018)
- *Really complex demonstratives*.
(Initial submission 2/2018.)
- *Meta-meta-semantics*.
(With Eliot Michaelson, initial submission 2/2018)
- *The hard problem of complex demonstratives*.
(Initial submission: 8/2017)

IN PREPARATION

- *Silencing and Solidarity: The Value of Linguistic Diversity* (book manuscript).

Grants, Fellowships & Awards

University College London

2018 Nominated for Students' Choice Award as Outstanding Personal Tutor
2017 Nominated for Students' Choice Outstanding Teaching Award

Berkeley

2016	APA Pacific Division Graduate Student Stipend	
2014	APA Eastern Division Graduate Student Stipend	
2014	US Dept. of Education Summer Fellowship (FLAS)	<i>Moscow, Russia</i>
2013-2014	US Dept. of Education Academic Year Fellowship (FLAS)	
2013	Graduate Division Summer Research Grant	
2013	Graduate Division Travel Grant	
2011-2012	Fulbright US Student Research Grant	<i>Moscow, Russia</i>
2012	Philosophy Department Summer Research Grant	
2011	Philosophy Department Travel Grant	
2010-2011	Dean's Fellowship	
2009	US Dept. of Education Summer Fellowship (FLAS)	<i>Saint Petersburg, Russia</i>
2009	Critical Language Scholarship (declined)	<i>Kazan, Russia</i>
2006-2007	Ralph W. Church Fellowship	

Oxford

- 2004-2006 Philosophy Faculty Graduate Scholarship
2004-2006 Clarendon Bursary
2004-2005 Christ Church American Friends' Scholarship

Reed

- 2004 Phi Beta Kappa
2003 Rhodes Scholarship Trust, US Finalist (District VII)
2001-2004 3 Commendations for Academic Excellence

Presentations

'Language loss and illocutionary silencing'

- January 2018 APA Eastern Division Meeting, Savannah, GA
November 2017 UCL / Oxford Semantics and Pragmatics Workshop

Comments on Una Stojinac 'Context and the grammar of prominence'

- May 2017 Context and Variables, All Souls, Oxford

'No context, no content, no problem'

- April 2017 Workshop on Contextual Indefiniteness, IEA Paris

'Mad-dog variability'

- April 2017 APA Pacific Division Meeting, Seattle, WA
September 2016 National Research University, Moscow

'Hidden arguments and selection presuppositions'

- October 2016 Pragmatics Workshop, UCL Linguistics
June 2016 Definiteness Across Languages, UNAM/Colmex, México D.F.

'Demonstratives are free variables'

- March 2016 APA Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco, CA

'Demonstratives are not context-sensitive'

- May 2015 CSLI, Stanford (invited)
April 2015 National Research University, Center for Advanced Study, Moscow (invited)

'Complex demonstratives are definite descriptions'

- March 2015 New York Philosophy of Language Workshop (invited)
December 2014 Graduate Research Colloquium, UC Berkeley

'Hidden arguments and non-deictic demonstratives'

- December 2014 APA Eastern Division Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
May 2014 Berkeley/London Graduate Conference, University of London
October 2013 Wollheim Society, UC Berkeley
October 2013 Syntax and Semantics Circle, UC Berkeley

'Demonstratives, hidden arguments, and presupposition'

- June 2014 National Research University, Center for Advanced Study, Moscow (invited)

- April 2013 ‘Demonstratives aren’t rigid designators’
ASU Philosophy Graduate Conference
- March 2013 ‘Things a semantics for demonstratives should do’
Meaning Sciences Club, UC Berkeley
- June 2012 ‘Семантический анализ указательных выражений’
(‘A semantic analysis for demonstrative expressions’)
Russian Academy of Sciences, Institute of Philosophy, Moscow (invited)
- May 2012 ‘There’s nothing ambiguous about *that*’
Berkeley/London Graduate Conference, University of London
- November 2012 Northwest Philosophy Graduate Conference, Lewis and Clark College
- September 2011 Syntax and Semantics Circle, UC Berkeley

Teaching Experience

Offered as Primary Instructor

Spring 2019	Philosophy of Mind	UCL
Spring 2019	MA Proseminar in Value Theory	UCL
Fall 2018	Philosophy of Language	UCL
Fall 2018	MA Proseminar in Theoretical Philosophy	UCL
Spring 2018	Advanced Topics: Linguistic Semantics and the Philosophy of Language	UCL
Spring 2018	Logic 2	UCL
Fall 2017	Philosophy of Language	UCL
Fall 2017	Logic 1	UCL
Spring 2017	Advanced Topics: Linguistic Semantics and the Philosophy of Language	UCL
Spring 2017	Logic 2	UCL
Fall 2016	First-Year Graduate Seminar; Strawson’s <i>Individuals</i>	UCL
Fall 2016	Philosophy of Language	UCL
Fall 2016	Logic 1	UCL
Summer 2015	Introduction to Logic	UC Berkeley
Summer 2014	Introduction to Logic	UC Berkeley

Offered as Teaching Assistant

Fall 2015	Form and Meaning (Intro. to Formal Semantics)	Seth Yalcin
Spring 2015	Philosophical Methods (tutorial course in philosophical reading and writing)	Lara Buchak
Fall 2014	Confucius for Today	Kwong-Loi Shun
Fall 2012	History of Early Analytic Philosophy: Frege	Hans Sluga
Summer 2012	Introduction to Logic	Michael Rieppel
Fall 2010	Philosophical Methods	Alva Noë
Summer 2009	Modern Philosophy	Matthew Parrott
Fall 2008	Theory of Meaning	John Campbell
Spring 2008	Knowledge and its Limits	Andreas Anagnostopoulos
Fall 2007	The Nature of Mind	John Campbell

Professional Service

- 2018– Referee for *Journal of Philosophical Logic*
- 2017– Referee for *Synthese*

2017– Referee for *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*
2017– Referee for *Linguistics and Philosophy*
2015– Referee for *Mind*
2015– Referee for *Ergo*
2015 Referee for the Berkeley Women in Philosophy Undergraduate Philosophy Conference
2013 Co-organizer of the 6th California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics Conference
2009 Chair for APA Pacific Division Meeting colloquium

Volunteer Service

2000-2012 **Ayuda Directa USA Director**

- Co-founded and managed 501(c)(3) organization to design and implement volunteer projects in rural Ecuador.
- Led 8 summer expeditions in 6 communities, involving approximately 200 international volunteers and 2500 community members.
- Operations handed off in 2010 to Ayuda Directa ONLUS (Italy): www.ayudadirecta.org.

Languages

- English: native speaker
- Russian: fluent
- Spanish: fluent
- French: professional working proficiency
- Korean: intermediate
- Italian: basic
- Swedish: basic

References

- John MacFarlane (dissertation co-chair), Professor, UC Berkeley Department of Philosophy
- Seth Yalcin (dissertation co-chair), Associate Professor, UC Berkeley Department of Philosophy
- Daniel Rothschild, Professor, Department of Philosophy, University College London
- Barbara Partee, Distinguished University Professor Emerita, UMass Amherst Department of Linguistics