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## **Education**

- 1992-99 University of Delaware, Department of Linguistics, Ph.D. in Linguistics  
Thesis: *Leísta Spanish and the Syntax of Clitic Doubling*.  
Advisor: Peter Cole
- 1989-90 University of Granada, Granada, Spain.
- 1987-91 Central College, Iowa. B.A. with Interdisciplinary Major in Spanish,  
Anthropology, and Computer Science
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## **Research Interests**

Syntax, Syntax-semantics interface, Romance linguistics, Interpretation and morphological marking of noun phrases, Grammar formalisms and the expression of locality.

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## **Professional Experience**

- 2005- Lecturer and Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Linguistics,  
University of Maryland
- 2004 Visiting Researcher, Laboratoire de Linguistique Formelle, UMR 7110, CNRS,  
Université Paris 7. (January-September)
- 2002-05 Lecturer, Department of Linguistics, Northwestern University.
- 2001-02 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Linguistics, Northwestern University.
- 1999-01 Post-doctoral Fellow, Institute for Research in Cognitive Science, University of  
Pennsylvania.
- 1999 Visiting Researcher, TALANA (Traitement Automatique du Langage Naturel),  
Université Paris 7, April-August.
- 1998-99 Manager, XTAG Research Group, IRCS, University of Pennsylvania.
- 1997-98 Consultant, CoGenTex.
- 1996 Instructor, Department of Continuing Education, University of Delaware, winter  
and summer.
- 1995-97 Instructor, Department of Linguistics, University of Delaware.
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## **Publications**

- 2006 Sorin, C., T. Bleam & M.-T. Espinal. Bare Nouns, Number, and Types of Incorporation. In L. Tasmowski and S. Voegeleer (eds.), *Non-definiteness and Plurality*, Brussels 200, series *Linguistik Aktuell/Linguistics Today* 95, John Benjamins, 51-79.
- 2005 Bleam, T. The Role of Semantic Type in Differential Object Marking. In S. Voegeleer (ed.), *Bare Plurals, Indefinites and Weak-Strong Distinction*, special issue of the *Belgian Journal of Linguistics* 19:3-27.
- Sorin, C., T. Bleam & M.-T. Espinal. Noms nus, nombre, et types d'incorporation. In C. Dobrovi-Sorin (ed) *Noms nus et généricité*. Presses Universitaires de Vincennes, Saint-Denis, France.
- 2003 Bleam, T. Properties of the Double Object Construction in Spanish. In R. Núñez-Cedeño, L. López and R. Cameron, eds., *A Romance Perspective on Language Knowledge and Use*, John Benjamins, 233-252.
- Stone, M., C. Doran, B. Webber, T. Bleam, & M. Palmer. Microplanning with communicative intentions: the SPUD system. *Computational Intelligence* 19:4, 311-381.
- 2000 Bleam, T. Clitic Climbing and the Power of Tree Adjoining Grammar. In A. Abeillé and O. Rambow, eds., *Tree Adjoining Grammars: Formalisms, Linguistic Analysis and Processing*. CSLI Publications, Stanford.
- Bleam, T., C. Han, & J. Lidz. *Grammatical Downsizing and the Redistribution of Semantic Wealth*, Proceedings of the 24th Annual Penn Linguistics Colloquium, Vol.7.1.
- Dras, M. & T. Bleam. *How Problematic are Clitics for S-TAG Translations?* Fifth International Workshop on Tree Adjoining Grammars and Related Formalisms, Paris 7.
- Stone, M., T. Bleam, C. Doran, & M. Palmer. *Lexicalized Grammar and the Description of Motion Verbs*, Fifth International Workshop on Tree Adjoining Grammars and Related Formalisms, Paris 7.
- Xia, F. & T. Bleam. *A Corpus-based Evaluation of Syntactic Locality in TAGs*, Fifth International Workshop on Tree Adjoining Grammars and Related Formalisms.
- 1999 Bleam, T. Object Bare Plurals in Spanish in the Semantics of Personal *a*. In J.-M. Authier, B. Bullock, and L. Reed, eds., *Formal Perspectives on Romance Linguistics*, John Benjamins.
- Bleam, T. Deriving Kayne's Generalization in Spanish. In Austin and Lawson, eds., *Proceedings of ESCOL'97*, CLC Publications, Ithaca, NY.
- 1998 Bleam, T., M. Palmer, & K. Vijay-Shanker. *Motion Verbs and Semantic Features in Tree Adjoining Grammar*, Fourth International Workshop on Tree Adjoining Grammars and Related Formalisms, University of Pennsylvania.
- 1994 Bleam, T. *Clitic Climbing in Spanish: A GB Perspective*, Third International Workshop on Tree Adjoining Grammars, Paris 7.
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## **Presentations**

- 2006 *On the Status of Null Determiners*, Invited talk, CUNY Graduate Center, September 21, 2006.
- 2005 *Two cases of unambiguously property-denoting NPs in Spanish*. Conference on Indefinites and Weak Quantifiers, Brussels, January 7, 2005.  
*A Property Analysis of Existential Bare Singulars*, with Carmen Dobrovie-Sorin. Conference on Indefinites and Weak Quantifiers, Brussels, January 7, 2005.
- 2004 *Two Structures for the Dative Alternation in Spanish*, invited talk, Université Paris 8, UMR 7023, June 21, 2004.  
*A Property Analysis of Weak Nominals in Spanish: Bare Nominals and Prepositionless Accusatives*, Invited talk, CNRS Federation of Research in Typology and Language Universals, Architecture of the Phrase, May 10, 2004.
- 2002 *Restrictions on Bare Nominals in Spanish and the Syntax-Semantics Interface*, Invited talk, University of Chicago Linguistics Colloquium, October 24, 2002.  
*Properties of the Double Object Construction in Spanish*, Invited talk, University of Illinois at Chicago, October 9, 2002.  
*Deconstructing the Double Object Construction*, Invited talk, Language and Cognition Series, Northwestern University, February 11, 2002.
- 2001 *Lexically-independent Existential Closure, Externalization, and Bare Nouns in Spanish*, Conference de Syntaxe et de Semantique à Paris, October 4-6, 2001.  
*(Non-)Parallels between Double Object Constructions and IO Clitic Doubling*, Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages XXXI, April 20-22, 2001.  
*Interpretive Differences in Direct vs. Indirect Object Clitic-doubling*, Linguistic Society of America, Washington, DC, January 4-7, 2001.
- 2000 *A Corpus-based Evaluation of Syntactic Locality in TAGs* (with Fei Xia), Fifth International Workshop on Tree Adjoining Grammars and Related Formalisms, Paris 7, May 25-27, 2000.  
*Lexicalized Grammar and the Description of Motion Verbs* (with Matthew Stone, Christy Doran, and Martha Palmer), Fifth International Workshop on Tree Adjoining Grammars and Related Formalisms, Paris 7, May 25-27, 2000.  
*How Problematic are Clitics for S-TAG Translations?* (with Mark Dras), Fifth International Workshop on Tree Adjoining Grammars and Related Formalisms, Paris 7, May 25-27, 2000.  
*Clitic Doubling as Short A-scrambling*. Invited talk, Department of Linguistics, Northwestern University, April 10, 2000.  
*Grammatical Downsizing and the Redistribution of Semantic Wealth* (with Chung-hye Han and Jeff Lidz) 24th Penn Linguistics Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania, Feb. 26, 2000.
- 1999 *On Why the Structure of Clitic Doubling is Better than Clitic Doubling's Structure*. Invited talk, TALANA, University of Paris VII, June 7, 1999.

- 1998 *Motion Verbs and Semantic Features in Tree Adjoining Grammar* (with Martha Palmer and K. Vijay-Shanker), Fourth International Workshop on Tree Adjoining Grammars and Related Formalisms, University of Pennsylvania, August 1, 1998.
- How to Rotate a Poppet: Verb Semantics in the F16 Corpus* (with Christy Doran and Matthew Stone) Northeast Cognitive Science Society, Cornell University, May 1, 1998.
- Object Bare Plurals in Spanish and the Semantics of Personal "a"*, Linguistic Symposium on Romance Linguistics (LSRL), Pennsylvania State University, April 18, 1998.
- The Syntax and Semantics of Clitic Doubling*, Penn Linguistics Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania, February 28, 1998.
- 1997 *Deriving Kayne's Generalization in Spanish*, Eastern States Conference on Linguistics (ESCOL), Yale University, November 20, 1997.
- 1996 *Clitic Left-Dislocation, Quantification, and Quirky A-bar Movement*, Invited Talk, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, November 21, 1996.
- Toward a Syntactic Account of Doubling Restrictions: Evidence from Leísta Spanish*, Third Workshop on the Syntax of Central Romance Languages, Girona, Spain, November 16, 1996.
- 1994 *Clitic Climbing in Spanish: A GB Perspective*, Third International Workshop on Tree Adjoining Grammars, Paris VII, September 23, 1994.

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### **Service**

- 2006-2007 Proposal Reviewer, National Science Foundation, Linguistics Program.
- 2005-2006 Committee Member, Semantics Search Committee, Linguistics, UMD.  
Undergraduate Advisor, Department of Linguistics, University of Maryland.  
Reviewer for *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*.  
Reviewer for WCCFL.
- 2001-2 Honors Program External Examiner, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa.  
Reviewer for *SynCom: The Syntax Companion*.  
Program Committee Member for 6th International Workshop on Tree Adjoining Grammar and Related Formalisms (TAG+6), University of Venice, May 20-23, 2002.
- 2001 Reviewer for *Language and Computation*.  
Reviewer for *Penn Working Papers in Linguistics*.  
Reviewer for Penn Linguistics Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania, March 3-4, 2001.
- 2000 Reviewer for ESSLLI Workshop on Linguistic Theory and Grammar Implementation, University of Birmingham, Great Britain, Aug.14-18, 2000.  
Reviewer for TAG+5 Workshop, University of Paris VII, May 25-27, 2000.  
Reviewer for Penn Linguistics Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania, Feb.26-27, 2000.
- 1998-99 Reviewer for *Linguistic Inquiry*, Squibs and Discussion.

- 1996           Reviewer for A. Abeillé and O. Rambow, eds., *Tree Adjoining Grammars: Formalisms, Linguistic Analysis, and Processing*, CSLI Publications, 2000.
- 1996           Assistant Editor, *Linguistic Inquiry*, Squibs and Discussion.
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### **Courses taught**

#### **University of Maryland**

- Ling 200, *Introduction to Linguistics*, Fall 2005, Spring 2007.
- Ling 240, *Language and Mind*, Spring 2006, Fall 2006.
- Ling 311, *Syntax I*, Fall 2006, Spring 2007.
- Ling 312, *Syntax II*, Spring 2006.

#### **Northwestern University**

- Ling 206/260, *Formal Analysis of Words and Sentences*. (Undergraduate Introduction to morphology and syntax. Enrollment: 60) Winter 2002, Spring 2002, Fall 2002, Winter 2003, Fall 2003, Winter 2005, Spring 2005.
- Ling 306/360, *Fundamentals of Syntax*. (First-year graduate and undergraduate course on syntactic theory and argumentation. Enrollment: 10-20) Fall 2001, Fall 2002, Fall 2003, Fall 2004.
- Ling 372, *Formal Semantics*. (First-year graduate and advanced undergraduate introduction to formal semantics.) Winter 2002.
- Ling 428, *Seminar in Semantics: Interpretation of Bare Plurals*. (Advanced graduate seminar on the interpretation of nominal expressions, focusing on bare plurals and questions of cross-linguistic variation, learnability, and morphological marking of interpretations.) Spring 2002.
- Ling 461, *Proseminar in Syntax: Minimalism*. (Advanced graduate seminar on current theories in syntax, focusing on Chomsky's Minimalist Program. Co-taught with Chris Kennedy and Jeff Lidz.) Winter 2003.
- Ling 499, *Independent Study: The Syntax of DPs* (Graduate Student: Lewis Gebhardt) Winter 2003.

#### **University of Delaware**

- Ling 101, *Introduction to Linguistics*, Department of Linguistics. Spring 1997 (2), Spring 1996, Winter 1996, Winter 1995.
- EDST/Ling 477/677, *Structure of English*. Division of Continuing Education. (Graduate and undergraduate course for bilingual educators on the syntax, morphology, and phonology of English with comparisons to Spanish.) Summer 1996.
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