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DEPARTMENT/COLLEGE: English/College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

PRESENT RANK & DATE OF RANK: Professor, 2006-current
Graduate Advisor, Fall 2019-current
Director, Linguistics Program, 2007-2017

WSU APPOINTMENT HISTORY: Assistant, Associate, Full Professor, 1991-current
Director of the Linguistics Program, 2007-2017

EDUCATION:

Baccalaureate: BA, University of Novi Sad (Yugoslavia)
Graduate: MA, University of Belgrade (Yugoslavia)
PhD, University of Southern California, Los Angeles

FACULTY APPOINTMENTS AT OTHER INSTITUTIONS (Years and Rank):

MIT, Cambridge, MA, Dept. of Linguistics and Philosophy, Visiting Scholar, 2018/2019
University of Chicago, Linguistic Society of America (LSA) Instructor, Summer School, 2015
Visiting Scholar, teaching and research, University of Venice, Italy, Winter Semester, 1995
Visiting Assistant Professor in Linguistics (full time, teaching three courses in syntax and coordinating a syntax reading group), Indiana University, Bloomington, 1990-91
Part-time Visiting Assistant Professor in Linguistics (teaching one course in semantics), Indiana University, January-May 1989
University of Southern California (USC), Graduate Teaching Assistant, 1986-88
English Language Assistant Professor, University of Novi Sad, February 1982 - August 1985

PUBLICATION

A. Scholarly Books Authored

(2019). *A Critical Introduction to Language Evolution: Current Controversies and Future Prospects*. Springer Briefs in Linguistics: Expert Briefs. Cham, Switzerland: Springer.

(2015) *Evolutionary Syntax*. Oxford Studies in the Evolution of Language. Oxford: Oxford University Press. Also: Oxford Scholarship Online: Oxford University Press. August 2015.
DOI: 10.1093/acprof:oso/9780198736547.001.0001

[Reviewed multiple times, including in the Linguistic Society of America journal *Language*, 92.4, 2016]

(2005) *A Syntax of Serbian: Clausal Architecture*, pp. 245. Slavica Publishers, Bloomington, Indiana.

(1994) *Negative and Positive Polarity: A Binding Approach*, pp. 168. Cambridge Studies in Linguistics 68. Cambridge University Press.

(1986) *Sinonimija u kolokacijama (Synonymy in Collocations)*, ISJK, Novi Sad, Yugoslavia (appeared under my former name Ljiljana Gotštajn).

B. Co-Editorship of Special Journal Issues/Books/Proceedings

(In progress) *Reconstructing Prehistoric Languages*. Co-editing a special journal issue, jointly with Antonio Benítez-Burraco (U-Seville, Spain), for the journal *Philosophical Transactions of Royal Society B*, with 19 contributors on board.

(In progress) *The Biology of Language under a Minimalist Lens: Promises, Achievements, and Limits*. Co-edited special journal volume, *Frontiers in Psychology*, jointly with Antonio Benítez-Burraco, Koji Fujita, and Koji Hoshi.

(2006) *The Syntax of Nonsententials: Multidisciplinary Perspectives*, book co-edited by Ljiljana Progovac, Kate Paesani, Eugenia Casielles and Ellen Barton. Pages: ix + 372. *Linguistik Aktuell (LA)* 93. John Benjamins, Amsterdam.

(1994) *Proceedings of MIT Workshop on Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics*, co-edited by Sergey Avrutin, Steven Franks and Ljiljana Progovac. Michigan Slavic Publications, Ann Arbor.

C. Journal Articles (Refereed)

(2020) “A four-stage model for language evolution under the effects of human self-domestication.” Joint paper with A. Benítez-Burraco as first author. *Language and Communication* 73, 1-17. doi.org/10.1016/j.langcom.2020.03.002

(2019) “From physical aggression to verbal behavior: Language evolution and self-domestication feedback loop.” Joint paper with A. Benítez-Burraco. *Frontiers in Psychology* 10. 3389. doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2019.02807

(2019) “Minimalism in the light of biology: What to retain and what to discard?” *Frontiers in Psychology* 10:1303. doi: 10.3389/fpsyg.2019.01303

(2018) “Neural correlates of syntax and proto-syntax: Evolutionary dimension.” Co-authors: Progovac, Ljiljana; Rakhlin, Natalia; Angell, William; Liddane, Ryan; Tang, Lingfei; and Ofen, Noa. *Frontiers in Psychology* 9:2415, 1-16. doi: 10.3389/fpsyg.2018.02415

(2018) “Diversity of grammars and their diverging evolutionary and processing paths: Evidence from Functional MRI study of Serbian.” Co-authors: Progovac, Ljiljana; Rakhlin, Natalia; Angell, William; Liddane, Ryan; Tang, Lingfei; and Ofen, Noa. *Frontiers in Psychology* 9:278, 1-13. Special Issue, *Language as Adaptive Systems*, edited by Enoch Aboh and Umberto Ansaldò. doi: 10.3389/fpsyg.2018.00278

- (2016) "A Gradualist scenario for language evolution: Precise linguistic reconstruction of early human (and Neandertal) grammars." *Frontiers in Psychology* 7:1714, 1-14. DOI: 10.3389/fpsyg.2016.01714.
- (2016) L. Progovac, and M. Ratliff. "Commentary: Beyond tone and climate: Broadening the framework." *Journal of Language Evolution* 1.1, 77-79. Doi:10.1093 /jole/izv006
- (2013) "Nonsentential vs. Ellipsis Approaches: Review and Extensions." *Language and Linguistics Compass* 7/11: 597-617. Review article.
- (2012) "Compounds and commands in the evolution of human language." *Theoria et Historia Scientiarum: An International Journal for Interdisciplinary Studies* IX: 49-70.
- (2012) "Protosyntax: A thetic (unaccusative) stage." Joint paper with Eugenia Casielles as first author. *Theoria et Historia Scientiarum: An International Journal for Interdisciplinary Studies* IX: 29-48.
- (2010) "Syntax: Its Evolution and Its Representation in the Brain." *Biolinguistics* 4.2-3, 233-254.
- (2009) "Sex and Syntax: Subjacency Revisited." *Biolinguistics* 3.2-3, 305-336.
- (2009) "The Urge to Merge: Ritual Insult and the Evolution of Syntax." Joint paper with John L. Locke as second author. *Biolinguistics*, 3.2-3, 337-354.
- (2002) "Correlative Conjunctions and Events: A Reply to a Reply." *Syntax: A Journal of Theoretical, Experimental and Interdisciplinary Research*, 5.3, 277-283.
- (1999) "Events and Economy of Coordination." *Syntax: A Journal of Theoretical, Experimental and Interdisciplinary Research*, 2.2., 141-159.
- (1998) "Event Pronominal To." *Journal of Slavic Linguistics*, 6.1, 3-39 (actually appeared in April 1999, due to a delay in publication).
- (1998) "Determiner Phrase in a Language without Determiners." *Journal of Linguistics*, 34.1, 165-179.
- (1998) "Structure for Coordination, Part 1," State-of-the-Articles. *Glott International* 3.7, 3-6 (newspaper format).
- (1998) "Structure for Coordination, Part 2," State-of-the-Articles. *Glott International* 3.8, 3-9 (newspaper format).
- (1994) "Negation and Comp," *Rivista di Linguistica*, 5.2, 329-347.
- (1993) "Long-Distance Reflexives: Movement-to-Infl vs. Relativized SUBJECT." *Linguistic Inquiry*, 24.4, 755-772.
- (1993) "Negative Polarity: Downward Entailment and Binding." *Linguistics and Philosophy*, 16.2, 149-180.
- (1993) "Subjunctive: The (Mis)Behavior of Anaphora and Negative Polarity." *The Linguistic Review* 10, 37-59.

- (1993) "Locality and Subjunctive-like Complements in Serbo-Croatian." *Journal of Slavic Linguistics* 1.1, 116-144.
- (1992) "Negative Polarity: A Semantico-Syntactic Approach." *Lingua* 86.4, 271-299.
- (1992) "Relativized SUBJECT: Long Distance Reflexives Without Movement." *Linguistic Inquiry* 23.4, 671-680.
- (1992) "Non-Negative Polarity Licensing Must Involve Comp." *Linguistic Inquiry*, 23.2, 341-347.
- (1991) "Polarity in Serbo-Croatian: Anaphoric NPIs and Pronominal PPIs." *Linguistic Inquiry* 22.3, 567-572.
- (1990) "Free-Choice *Bilo* in Serbo-Croatian: Existential or Universal?" *Linguistic Inquiry* 21.1, 130-135.
- (1986) "Od redundance do inkompatibilnosti obeležja u kolokacijama engleskog jezika" (From Redundancy to Incompatibility of Features in English Collocations). *ISJK Papers*, 7, 123-129, ISJK, Novi Sad, Yugoslavia (appeared under my former name Ljiljana Gotštajn).

D. Chapters

- (In preparation) Invited co-authored chapter for the *Cambridge Handbook on Minimalism*.
Chapter 54: Biology, genetics, and evolution.
- (2017) "Where is continuity likely to be found?" Commentary on 'The social origins of language' by Robert M. Seyfarth and Dorothy L. Cheney. Edited and introduced by Michael Platt, 46-61. Princeton and Oxford: Princeton University Press.
- (2016) "Ne-akuzativ u srpskom: Mini rečenice u evoluciji jezika." [Unaccusative in Serbian: Mini sentences in the evolution of language]. In *Srpski jezik u savremenoj lingvističkoj teoriji [Serbian Language in Modern Linguistic Theory]*, 125-140, ed. by Boban Arsenijević and Sabina Halupka. Niš: Filozofski fakultet.
- (2014) "Degrees of Complexity in Syntax: A View from Evolution." In *Measuring Grammatical Complexity*, 83-102, ed. by Frederick J. Newmeyer and Laurel B. Preston. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- (2010) "Imperative in Compounds: Implications for Historical and Evolutionary Studies." In *Development of Language through the Lens of Formal Linguistics*, 137-145, ed. by Petr Karlík. Munich: Lincom Europa.
- (2010) "When Clauses Refuse to be Recursive: An Evolutionary Perspective." In *Recursion and Human Language*, ed. by Harry van der Hulst, 193-211. The Hague: Mouton.
- (2009) "Layering of Grammar: Vestiges of Proto-Syntax in Present-Day Languages." In *Language Complexity as an Evolving Variable*, ed. by Geoffrey Sampson, David Gil and Peter Trudgill, 203-212. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

- (2006) "The Syntax of Nonsententials: Small Clauses and Phrases at the Root." In *The Syntax of Nonsententials: Multidisciplinary Perspectives*," 33-71, co-edited by Progovac, Paesani, Casielles and Barton. Benjamins, Amsterdam.
- (2006) "Introduction to *The Syntax of Nonsententials: Multidisciplinary Perspectives*," 1-9, co-authored by the editors of *The Syntax of Nonsententials: Multidisciplinary Perspectives*: Progovac, Paesani, Casielles and Barton. Benjamins, Amsterdam.
- (2006) "Epilogue: Wherefrom and Whereto?" 323-353, co-authored by the editors of *The Syntax of Nonsententials: Multidisciplinary Perspectives*:" Progovac, Paesani, Casielles and Barton. Benjamins, Amsterdam.
- (2005) "Nonsententials in Minimalism." Co-authored with Ellen Barton as first author. *Ellipsis and Nonsentential Speech*, 71-93, edited by Ray Elugardo and Robert J. Stainton. New York: Springer.
- (2005) "Negative and Positive Feature Checking and the Distribution of Polarity Items." *Negation in Slavic*, edited by Sue Brown and Adam Przepiórkowski, 179-217. Slavica Publishers, Bloomington, Indiana.
- (2003) "Structure for Coordination." *The Second Glot International State-of-the-Article Book: The Latest in Linguistics*, 241-288, edited by Lisa Cheng and Rint Sybesma. Mouton de Gruyter. Reprint from *Glott International* 1988.
- (2000) "Where do Clitics Cluster?" *Clitic Phenomena in European Languages*, 249-258, edited by Frits Beukema and Marcel den Dikken. John Benjamins, Amsterdam.
- (2000) "Coordination, C-command, and Logophoric N-words." *Studies on Negation and Polarity*, 88-114, edited by Laurence Horn and Yasuhiko Kato. Oxford University Press.
- (1999) "Eventive *To* and the Placement of Clitics in Serbo-Croatian." *Crossing Boundaries: Advances in the Theory of Central and Eastern European Languages*, 33-44, edited by Istvan Kenesei. John Benjamins, Amsterdam.
- (1999) "Conjunction Doubling and 'Avoid Conjunction' Principle." *Topics in South Slavic Syntax and Semantics*. Current Issues in Linguistic Theory Series 172, 25-39, edited by Mila Dimitrova-Vulchanova and Lars Hellan. John Benjamins, Amsterdam.
- (1998) "Morphological Studies of Reflexives in Second Language Acquisition," co-authored with Susan Bennett as first author. *The Generative Study of Second Language Acquisition*, 187-215, edited by Suzanne Flynn, Gita Martohardjono and Wayne O'Neal. Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, Mahwah, N.J.
- (1996) "Clitics in Serbian/Croatian: Comp as the Second Position." *Approaching Second: Second Position Clitics and Related Phenomena*, 411-428, edited by Aaron L. Halpern and Arnold M. Zwicky. CSLI Publications, Stanford University.
- (1993) "Non-augmented NPs in KiNande." *Theoretical Aspects of Bantu Grammar*, 257-269, edited by Sam Mchombo. CSLI Publications, Stanford University.

E. Papers Published in Conference Proceedings (Refereed)

(2020) "Natural/Sexual Selection: What's language (evolution) got to do with it?" *Yearbook of the Poznań Linguistic Meeting*, Volume 5.1., pp. 35-58. doi.org/10.2478/yplm-2020-0002

(2017) "Acquisition of clausal structure: The 'Weakest Continuity' view." Joint paper with Natalia Rakhlin as first author. *Proceedings of the 19th Annual International Conference of the Japanese Society for Language Sciences (JSLS)*, 54-57. Kyoto Women's University, Kyoto, Japan.

(2016) "What kind of grammar did early humans (and Neanderthals) command? A linguistic reconstruction." Keynote presentation. *Proceedings of the 11th International Conference on the Evolution of Language* (New Orleans, March 21-24, 2016), pp. 279-286. Ed. By S. Robert, C. Cuskley, L. McCrohon, L. Barceló-Coblijn, O. Fehér, and T. Verhoef. Available online: Doi:10.17617/2.2248195

(2015) "The absolutive basis of 'middles' and the status of vP and UTAH." *Proceedings of FASL 23* (Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics 23), University of California, Berkeley, Meeting, 2014, 242-261. Ann Arbor: Michigan Slavic Publications.

(2013) "Rigid Syntax, Rigid Sense: Absolutes/Unaccusatives as Evolutionary Precursors." *Proceedings of FASL 21* (Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics), The Third Indiana Meeting, 2012, Bloomington, IN, 246-259. Ann Arbor: Michigan Slavic Publications.

(2010) "On protolinguistic 'fossils': Subject-verb vs. verb-subject structures." Joint paper with Eugenia Casielles as first author. In Andrew D. M. Smith, Marieke Schouwstra, Bart de Boer, and Kenny Smith, eds., *The Evolution of Language: Proceedings of the 8th International Conference (EVLANG8)*, 66-73. New Jersey: World Scientific.

(2009) "Syntax and Evolutionary Tinkering." *Proceedings of Novi Sad Generative Syntax Workshop 2*, 49-73. Novi Sad, Serbia: University of Novi Sad.

(2009) "Evolving Syntax: Small Clauses, Subjacency, and Some Compounds." *Proceedings of FASL* (Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics) 17, The Yale Meeting 2008, 163-185. Ann Arbor: Michigan Slavic Publications.

(2009) "What is There When Little Words are not There: Possible Implications for Evolutionary Studies." In Ronald P. Leow, Héctor Campos & Donna Lardiere (eds.), *Little Words: Their History, Phonology, Syntax, Semantics, Pragmatics, and Acquisition*, 99-108. Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press.

(2008) "Root Small Clauses with Unaccusative verbs." *Proceedings of FASL* (Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics) 16, 359-373. Editors: Andrei Antonenko, John F. Bailyn, and Christina Y. Bethin. Ann Arbor: Michigan Slavic Publications.

(2008) "What Use is Half a Clause?" *Evolution of Language: Proceedings of the 7th International Conference, Barcelona, Spain, March 12-15*, pp. 259-266. Editors: Andrew Smith, Kenneth Smith, and Ramon Ferrer i Cancho. New Jersey: World Scientific.

(2006) "Classifying Adjectives and Noun Movement in Lithuanian," co-authored with Pawel Rutkowski as first author. *Proceedings of the 8th Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar (SICOGG 8)*, 265-277. Published by the Korean Generative Grammar Circle, Sookmyung Womens University, Seoul, Korea.

(2006) "Fossilized Imperative in Compounds and Other Expressions." Online Proceedings

of the First Inaugural Meeting of SLS (Slavic Linguistics Society). Bloomington, IN.

(2005) "Synthetic Agent Compounds in Serbian: An Incorporation Analysis." *Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics 13: The Columbia Meeting 2004*, 253-264, edited by Mila Tasseva-Kurktchieva, Steven Franks, and Frank Gladney. Michigan Slavic Publications, Ann Arbor.

(2005) "Classification Projection in Polish and Serbian." *Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics 13: The Columbia Meeting 2004*, co-authored with Paweł Rutkowski as first author, 289-299, edited by Mila Tasseva-Kurktchieva, Steven Franks, and Frank Gladney. Michigan Slavic Publications, Ann Arbor.

(2002) "Aspect Phrases, Perfective Prefixes and Congruent Prepositional Phrases in Serbian." *Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics 10: The Second Ann Arbor Meeting 2001*, 201-221, edited by Jindřich Toman. Michigan Slavic Publications, Ann Arbor.

(2001) "Clausal Functional Projections in Serbian." *Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics 9: The Bloomington Meeting 2000*, 229-257, edited by Steven Franks, Tracy Holloway King and Michael Yadroff. Michigan Slavic Publications, Ann Arbor.

(1998) "Events in Serbian." *Papers from Second Conference on Formal Approaches to South Slavic Linguistics, Sofia 1997*, 79-116. University of Trondheim Working Papers in Linguistics, Norway.

(1998) "Clitic Clusters and Coordination." *Proceedings of the Fourteenth ESCOL 1997*, 161-169, edited by Jennifer Austin and Aaron Lawson. Cornell University, Ithaca.

(1998) "Avoid Conjunction, Adjunction, and the Coordination of Likes Constraint." *Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics: The Connecticut Meeting 1997*, 252-266, edited by Željko Bošković, Steven Franks, and William Snyder. Michigan Slavic Publications, Ann Arbor.

(1997) "Slavic and the Structure for Coordination." *Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics: The Indiana Meeting 1996*, 207-224, edited by Martina Lindseth and Steven Franks. Michigan Slavic Publications, Ann Arbor.

(1994) "On the Placement of Serbo-Croatian Clitics." Co-authored with Steven Franks as first Author. *Indiana Slavic Studies* 7, 1-10, edited by George Fowler, Henry R. Cooper, Jr., and Jonathan Z. Ludwig. Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, Indiana University, Bloomington.

(1994) "Interaction between Morphological Complexity of Reflexives and Agreement in Developing Grammars." Co-authored with Susan Bennett as first author. *Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics: The MIT Meeting 1993*, 68-118, edited by Sergey Avrutin, Steven Franks and Ljiljana Progovac. Michigan Slavic Publications, Ann Arbor.

(1994) "Binding Domains and Functional Categories: Negative Polarity in Serbo-Croatian and Russian." *Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics: The Ann Arbor Meeting 1992*, 109-128, edited by Toman Jindřich. Michigan Slavic Publications, Ann Arbor.

(1992) "Relativized SUBJECTs for Reflexives." Co-authored with Steven Franks as second Author. *Proceedings of the 22nd North East Linguistics Society (NELS)*, 349-363. GLSA Publications, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

(1992) "Subjunctive: Transparency of Functional Categories." *The Penn Review of Linguistics*

16, 122-134. University of Pennsylvania Linguistics Club.

(1991) "Long-Distance Reflexives, Agr-SUBJECTs, and Acquisition." Co-authored with Phil Connell as second author. *Proceedings of the Formal Linguistics Society of MidAmerica (FLSM)*, 177-195. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

(1991) "Inversion as a Purely Structural Phenomenon." *1990 MALC Papers* (Mid-America Linguistics Conference), 277-293, edited by Frances Ingemann. The University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas.

Non-refereed Working Papers or Conference Proceedings

(1995) "Determiner Phrase in a Language without Determiners." *University of Venice Working Papers in Linguistics*, 5, 2, 81-102.

(1994) "Evidence of Transfer and Universal Grammar in Second Language Acquisition of Reflexive Binding." Co-authored with Susan Bennett as first author. *McGill Working Papers in Linguistics* 9, 77-101.

F. Book Reviews Published

a) Full Reviews

(2016). "Review of R. Berwick and N. Chomsky's 2016 book *Why Only Us: Language and Evolution*." Cambridge, MA: Cambridge University Press. *Language* 92.4, 992-6.

(2001) A review of: *A Handbook of Slavic Clitics*, by Steven Franks and Tracy Holloway King. Oxford Studies in Comparative Syntax, Oxford University Press, 2000. *Journal of Slavic Linguistics* 9.2, 317-324 (delayed publication - appeared only in 2004).

(1998) A review of *Negative Contexts: Collocation, Polarity and Multiple Negation*, by Ton van der Wouden, Routledge Studies in Germanic Linguistics, Routledge, London and New York 1997. *Journal of Linguistics* 34, 544-549.

b) Short Book Notices

(2004) *Second Language Acquisition and Universal Grammar*, by Lydia White, Cambridge Textbooks in Linguistics, Cambridge University Press, 2003; *Diachronica* 21.1, 247.

(2003) *The Syntax of Hungarian*, by Katalin É. Kiss, Cambridge University Press, 2002; *Diachronica* 20.1, 223.

(2003) *Diachronic Syntax: Models and Mechanisms*, edited by Susan Pintzuk, George Tsoulas, and Anthony Warner, Oxford University Press, 2000; *Diachronica* 20.2, 387-8.

(2002) *Common Slavic Nominal Morphology: A New Synthesis*, by Robert Orr, Slavica Publishers, Bloomington, 2000; *Diachronica* 19.2, 427.

G. Blogs

(2015) "Did human grammar(s) evolve?" Oxford Scholarship Online:
<http://blog.oup.com/2015/10/evolution-human-grammar>

H. Scholarly Presentations

1. Invited and/or Refereed Internationally or Nationally

2020. TBD. **Invited** lecture, Workshop on Biology of Language, International Congress of General Linguistics, University of Seville, Spain, June 23, 2020. **Postponed.**

2020. TBD. A series of **invited** lectures, on the topic of Language Evolution, for an event sponsored by the US-Serbia Cultural Exchange Program, University of Belgrade, May 24-29, 2020. **Postponed.**

2020. TBD. **Invited** talk, ELM (Expression, Language and Music) Workshop, University of Connecticut, Storrs, May 13-15, 2020. **Postponed.**

2020. TBD. **Invited** talk, Workshop on Language Evolution, Acquisition, and Processing. (LEAP). University of Chicago, February 14, 2020. **Postponed.**

2020. The First Argument: Deconstructing predication to its evolutionary size. **Plenary** talk. Virtual FASL 29 (Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics), University of Washington, Seattle, May 8-10, 2020.

2019. "From physical aggression to verbal behavior: Language evolution and self-domestication feedback loop." Co-authored paper with Antonio Benítez-Burraco as second author. Workshop on Prehistoric Languages Beyond the Limits of Comparative Linguistics. Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea (SLE), Leipzig, Germany. August 2019.

2019. "Macro variation in typology attributable to micro tinkering in evolution." Poster session. Co-authored paper with Antonio Benítez-Burraco as second author. Annual ProtoLang Conference, Lisbon, Portugal, September 2019.

2019. "What use is half a sentence: Grammar caught in the act of natural/sexual selection." **Invited** presentation at the Workshop on Human Language in Evolution: Some Key Perspectives, at the 2019 Crete Summer School of Linguistics, Crete, Greece, July 2019.

2019. "What kind of (non)person is *se*, and how might it be related to *-je* and *-mbo*?" Person and Perspective Workshop in honor of Maria Luisa Zubizarreta. University of Southern California, Los Angeles. May 2019.

2019. "Gradual evolution of some key postulates of syntax: Making sense of small clauses, middles, islands, exocentrics, and other syntactic shortcomings." **Invited** lecture at the eve of the Spring School on EvoLinguistics, University of Tokyo, Japan, March 10, 2019.

2019. "What use is half a sentence: Grammar caught in the act of natural/sexual selection." **Keynote** presentation at the Spring School on EvoLinguistics, University of Tokyo, Japan, March 12, 2019.

2019. "Syntax in the light of evolution: Intermediate stepping stones toward hierarchy, Move, and recursion." **Invited** lecture. Kyoto University, Japan, March 2019.

2018. "Transitivity as a derived phenomenon: Reconstruction to an intransitive absolutive grammar." Workshop on STASL (The Shaping of Transitivity and Argument Structure). October 2018, Pavia, Italy.

2018. "Natural/Sexual Selection: What's language (evolution) got to do with it?" **Keynote** presentation at the 48th Poznań Linguistic Meeting, September 2018, Poznań, Poland.

2017. "Simple syntax in Slavic, evolution, neuroimaging: Middles and absolutes." **Keynote** presentation at the Slavic Linguistic Society (SLS). Ljubljana, Slovenia, September 21-23.

2017. "Acquisition of clausal structure: The 'Weakest Continuity' view." Joint paper with Natalia Rakhlin as first author. The 19th Annual International Conference of the Japanese Society for Language Sciences (JSLS). Kyoto Women's University, Kyoto, Japan. July 1-2.

2016. "Proto-syntactic foundation: Argument omission at the two-word stage." **Invited** joint paper with Natalia Rakhlin. University of Ghent Workshop on 'A Probe into the multilingual mind. How languages evolve.' Ghent, Belgium, October 19-20.

2016. "A reconstruction of early human (and Neandertal) grammars." CIEL (International Conference on Evolutionary Linguistics) 8. Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, August 8-10, 2016.

2016. "What kind of grammar did early humans (and Neanderthals) command? A linguistic reconstruction." **Keynote** presentation, 11th International Conference on the Evolution of Language (New Orleans, March 21-24, 2016).

2015. "Expressive language in the evolution of grammar: More than nature needs." **Invited** presentation. ECOM Workshop on Expressive Language, University of Connecticut, Storrs. November 2015.

2014. "The absolute basis of 'middles' and the status of vP and UTAH." FASL 23 (Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics 23), University of California, Berkeley, May 2-4.

2014. "Topics from *A Program for Evolutionary Syntax*." Workshop on The Evolution of Syntax, University of Connecticut, Storrs. **Keynote** lecture, March 28.

2013. "Tinkering with Structure: Stages of Syntax and Language Representation in the Brain." **Invited** talk for the symposium *Transcending the Boundaries: Making Meaning: Origins of Communication*. Duke Institute for Brain Sciences, Duke University, April 2013.

2012. Topics in Serbian Syntax. Four invited lectures given at the Slavic Summer School organized in conjunction with FASL (Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics), Indiana University, Bloomington, May 2012.

2012. "Rigid Syntax, Rigid Sense." FASL (Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics), Indiana University, Bloomington, May 2012.

2012. "Syntactic curiosities from an evolutionary angle: Exocentrics, absolutes, unaccusatives." Invited Colloquium talk. Linguistics Program, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario. April 2012.

2012. "Stages of Proto-Syntax." Workshop on Proto-language, University of Virginia, Charlottesville. **Keynote speaker**. March 2012.

2012. "Degrees of Complexity in Syntax." Symposium on Formal Linguistics and the Measurement of Grammatical Complexity. University of Washington, Seattle. **Keynote** speaker. March 2012.

2010. "Formal Syntax and Darwinian Evolution." **Invited** paper presented at the SyntaxFest Workshop: New Horizons in the Minimalist Program, Bloomington, IN, June 19, 2010.

2010. "On Protolinguistic Fossils: Subject-Verb vs. Verb-Subject Structures." Joint paper with Eugenia Casielles as first author. Presented at the Eighth International Conference on Evolution of Language (EvoLang 8), Utrecht, Netherlands, April 2010.

2009. "Compounds and Commands in the Evolution of Language." Presented at *Ways to Protolanguage: The Initial Stages in the Evolution of Language*, Toruń, Poland.

2009. "Protosyntax: A Thetic (Unaccusative) Stage." Joint paper with Eugenia Casielles as first author. Presented at *Ways to Protolanguage: The Initial Stages in the Evolution of Language*,

Torún, Poland.

2008. "Syntax and Evolutionary Tinkering." **Keynote** lecture at the Novi Sad 2008 Generative Syntax Workshop, Novi Sad, Serbia, August 28, 2008.

2008. "Sex and Syntax: Subjacency Revisited." Paper presented at BALE (Biolinguistics: Acquisition and Language Evolution), University of York, England, July 2008.

2008. "Exocentric compounds, ritual insult, and the evolution of syntax." Paper co-authored with John L. Locke as second author, presented at BALE (Biolinguistics: Acquisition and Language Evolution), University of York, England, July 2008.

2008. "Evolving Syntax: Small Clauses, Subjacency, and Some Compounds." **Keynote** lecture at the 17th Annual FASL (Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics) Conference, Yale University, May 2008.

2008. "What Use is Half a Clause?" The Seventh International Conference on Evolution of Language (EvoLang 7), Barcelona, Spain, March 13, 2008.

2008. "The Core Universal and Language Evolution." The Bamberg Workshop on Foundations of Language Comparison: Universals as Constraints on Language Diversity, February 27-29, 2008, Bamberg, Germany. Submitted to *Biolinguistics*.

2007. "Imperative in Evolution, Acquisition, and Certain Compounds." The Annual Meeting of AATSEEL, Chicago, December 29, 2007.

2007. "Grammars Within without Recursion: Implications for Evolutionary Studies." Workshop on Recursion in Human Language. Illinois State University, Normal, IL, April 2007.

2007. "Root Small Clauses with Unaccusative Verbs." FASL (Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics) 16, Stony Brook, May 2007.

2007. "If syntax evolved, what might be some vestiges of its evolution in modern-day languages?" International Linguistic Association (ILA), Hunter College, New York.

2007. "Layering of Grammar: Vestiges of Evolutionary Development of Syntax in Present-Day Languages." Workshop on Language Complexity as an Evolving Variable, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, Germany.

2007. "What is there when little words are not there: Possible implications for evolutionary studies." GURT 2007: Workshop on Little Words, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

2006. "On the Syntactic and Semantic Status of NP Adjectives." With Paweł Rutkowski as first author. 34th Syntax Workshop in Klagenfurt, Austria.

2006 SLS "Fossilized Imperative in Compounds and Other Expressions." First Inaugural Meeting of SLS (Slavic Linguistics Society), September, Bloomington, IN.

2006 "Classifying Adjectives and Noun Movement in Lithuanian," co-authored with Paweł Rutkowski as first author. 8th Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar (SICOGG 8), Sookmyung Womens University, Seoul, Korea, August 9-12.

2004 FASL (Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics) 13, University of South Carolina, Columbia: "Synthetic Agent Compounds in Serbian: An Incorporation Analysis."

2004 FASL (Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics) 13, University of South Carolina, Columbia, co-authored with Paweł Rutkowski as first author: "Classification Projection in Polish

and Serbian.”

2001 FASL (Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics) 10, Ann Arbor, Michigan: "Perfective Prefixes and Congruent Prepositional Phrases in Serbian."

2000 FASL (Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics) 9, Bloomington, Indiana; **keynote** lecture: "Clausal Functional Projections in Serbian."

1999 LSA (Linguistic Society of America) Annual Meeting in Los Angeles, co-authored with Steven Franks as first author: "Clitic Second as Verb Second."

1998 Workshop on Comparative Slavic Morphosyntax, Spencer, Indiana. "Clitic Second and Verb Second."

1998 CLITE 1 (The First Conference on Linguistic Theory in East European Languages), University of Szeged, Hungary. **Keynote** lecture: "Eventive *to* and the placement of clitics in Serbian."

1997 ESCOL (Eastern States Conference on Linguistics), Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut: "Clitic Clusters and Coordination."

1997 FASSL (Formal Approaches to South Slavic Linguistics), New Bulgarian University, Sofia, Bulgaria. **Keynote** lecture: "Negation, Coordination, and Events in Serbian."

1997 Workshop on LD Reflexives, LSA (Linguistic Society of America) Summer Institute, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York: "Logophora with n-words."

1997 FASL (Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics) 6, University of Connecticut, Storrs: "Avoid Conjunction and Get Rid of Adjunction."

1997 LSA (Linguistic Society of America) Annual Meeting in Chicago: "'Negativization' and Negative Logophors."

1996 FASL (Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics) 5, Indiana University and Wabash College, Crawfordsville: "Slavic and the Structure for Coordination."

1996 LSA (Linguistic Society of America) Annual Meeting in San Diego: "(And) Coordination, and Coordination, ..."

1995 LSA Annual Meeting in New Orleans: "Choice of Complementizer in Serbian/Croatian."

1994 Annual Meeting of FLSM, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign; co-authored with David Gohre as first author: "Reflexives and Determiner Phrase."

1994 9th Biennial Conference on Balkan and South Slavic Linguistics, Literature, and Folklore, Indiana University, Bloomington; co-authored with Steven Franks as first author: "On the Placement of Serbo-Croatian Clitics."

1994 LSA Annual Meeting in Boston: "Clitics in Serbian/Croatian: Deriving the Second Position."

1994 LSA Annual Meeting in Boston: "The Acquisition of Long-Distance Linking in Serbo-Croatian;" co-authored with Danijela Kudra and Helen Goodluck, as first two authors.

1993 Workshop on Second-Position Clitics, LSA Summer Institute, The Ohio State University: "Serbian/Croatian Clitics: The Mystery of the Second Position."

1993 MIT Workshop on Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics, Cambridge: "LF Movement vs. Scrambling in Serbo-Croatian."

1993 MIT Workshop on Recent Advances on Second Language Acquisition; co-authored with Susan Bennett as first author: "Morphological Status of Reflexives in Second Language Acquisition."

1993 Annual Meeting of LSA (Linguistic Society of America), Los Angeles, co-authored with Steven Franks as second author: "Two Types of Sentential Complements in Serbo-Croatian."

1992 Workshop on Balkan and Slavic Syntax, University of Ottawa; co-authored with Helen Goodluck as second author: "On Movement Constraints in Serbo-Croatian."

1992 21st Annual University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Linguistics Symposium "The Reality of Linguistic Rules," co-authored with Phil Connell as second author: "L-2 Acquisition of Reflexives: Evidence for the Adult Access to UG?"

1992 Biannual Conference on Balkan and South Slavic Linguistics, Literature, and Folklore, University of Chicago: "Clausal Nature of NPI-Licensing: Evidence from Serbo-Croatian."

1992 Slavic Workshop on Functional Categories, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor: "Binding Domains and Functional Categories in Slavic."

1992 Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA), Philadelphia, PA, co-authored with Steven Franks as second author: "Binding Domains, Morphological Complexity and X-bar Compatibility."

1991 22nd Meeting of the North East Linguistics Society (NELS), University of Delaware, Newark, co-authored with Steven Franks as second author: "Relativized SUBJECTs for Reflexives."

1991 Second Annual Meeting of the Formal Linguistics Society of MidAmerica (FLSM), Ann Arbor, MI, co-authored with Phil Connell as second author: "Long Distance Reflexives, X⁰-SUBJECTS, and Acquisition".

1991 International Symposium on Germanic Languages and Literatures, Columbus, Ohio: "Filled Spec of Comp as the Trigger for Verb-Second".

1987 Annual Linguistic Society of America (LSA) Meeting, San Francisco: "Negative Polarity Items in Terms of Generalized Binding."

2. Invited and/or Refereed Locally/Regionally

2019. "Gradual evolution of some key postulates of syntax: Making sense of small clauses, middles, islands, exocentrics, and other syntactic shortcomings." Harvard Circle Talk. March 1, 2019, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.

2019. "Syntax in the shadow of evolution: Stepping stones into hierarchy, Move, recursion, coordination." MIT Syntax Square presentation, February 26, 2019, Cambridge, MA.

2018. "What use is half a clause? The Five Problems facing language evolution research." MIT Department of Linguistics Lunch presentation, October 2018, Cambridge, MA.
2018. "The absolutive vP-less basis of *se* "middles" in Serbian: A split-accusative language?" MIT Syntax Square presentation, September 2018, Cambridge, MA.
2016. "What kind of grammar did early humans and Neanderthals command? Invited colloquium talk, Michigan State University. April 2016."
2016. "How grammar evolved, and how it is represented in the brain." Invited talk by Wayne State School of Medicine Student Chapter of Alpha Omega Alpha, the Honor Medical Society. March 1, 2016.
2012. "Absolutives, Exocentrics and Unaccusatives from an Evolutionary Angle." Invited talk, University of Michigan Syntax Reading Group, Ann Arbor.
2010. "Formal Syntax from an Evolutionary Angle." Invited colloquium talk, Michigan State University, January 21, 2010.
2009. "Thetic vs. Categorical Statements and the Evolution of Language." Joint talk with Eugenia Casielles as first author, The Annual Meeting of Michigan Linguistic Society (MLS), University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, October 31, 2009.
2007. "Sex and Syntax: Another Angle on Subjacency." The Annual Meeting of Michigan Linguistic Society (MLS), Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, November 10, 2007.
- 2006, Michigan Linguistics Society (MLS) Annual Conference, Oakland University: "Syntax in Evolution: Can there be an Intermediate (Simpler) Stage?"
- 2006, Wayne State Linguistics Colloquium, "If syntax evolved, what might be the traces of its evolution in modern-day languages?"
- 2004, University of Michigan Syntax Group, "Suffixes on a Silent Verb: Serbian Second Position Clitics."
- 2004, Second Wayne State Workshop on Small Utterances, "Small Utterances: Formal Aspects."
- 2003, First Wayne State Workshop on Small Structures, "Case and Nonsententials."
- 2003, Michigan State University, "Aspect and (Universal) Quantification: the Case of Serbian Aspectual Prefixes."
- 2002, University of Chicago, "Negation, Polarity, Quantifier Raising."
- 2000, Michigan State University, "Coordination and Events."
- 2000 Michigan Linguistic Society, Oakland University, "Aspect Phrase(s)."
- 1995 Michigan Linguistic Society, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor: "Determiner Phrase in a Language without Determiners."
- 1994 Michigan Linguistic Society, Eastern Michigan, Ypsilanti: "Choice of Complementizer in Serbian/Croatian."

1992 Michigan Linguistic Society, Michigan State University, East Lansing: "Rhetorical wh-Questions or 'Who ever wanted to know?'"

1992 Penn Linguistics Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia: "Subjunctive: Functional Transparency."

1990 Mid-America Linguistics Conference, University of Kansas, Lawrence: "Inversion as a Purely Structural Phenomenon."

HONORS/AWARDS:

- Marilyn Williamson Endowed Distinguished Faculty Fellowship, 2020, \$20,000, for the project: "Language Evolution, Self-Domestication, and Verbal Aggression"
- Charles Gershenson Distinguished Faculty Fellowship, 2020, \$20,000
- Board of Governors Faculty Recognition Award, 2020, \$2,500, for the book "A Critical Introduction to Language Evolution: Current Controversies and Future Prospects. Springer Expert Briefs, 2019
- Sabbatical Leave, 2018/2019, Visiting Scholar position at MIT, working on projects and manuscripts addressing language evolution
- Board of Governors Faculty Recognition Award, 2016, \$2,500, for the book "Evolutionary Syntax," published by Oxford University Press
- Keal Faculty Fellowship, Department of English, Summer 2016, \$6,000, for the project: "Testing the proposal of *Evolutionary Syntax*: Genetics and neuroimaging"
- The Humanities Center Marilyn Williamson Endowed Distinguished Faculty Fellowship, 2014, \$20,000, for the experimental fMRI project "In Search of Protosyntax in the Brain"
- Keal Faculty Fellowship, Department of English, Summer 2013, \$6,000, for the book manuscript preparation, *A Program for Evolutionary Syntax*
- Sabbatical Leave, Winter 2013, for the book manuscript project, *A Program for Evolutionary Syntax*
- Gershenson Distinguished Faculty Award, 2007, \$13,000, for the project "Rudimentary Grammar in the Evolution of Human Language"
- Board of Governors Faculty Recognition Award, 2007, \$2,500, for the book "A Syntax of Serbian," published by Slavica
- Humanities Innovative Projects in the Arts and Humanities Grant for the project "Rudimentary Grammar in the Evolution of Human Language," 2006, \$4,000
- Wayne State University, English Department's Keal Fellowship, Summer 2006, \$7,000, for the project "Compounds: Headed and Headless"
- Wayne State University Summer Research Grant, Summer 2005, \$10,000, for the project "Fossils in Language: Compounds in Their Sentential Aspect"
- International Travel Grant, English Department, Summer 2005, \$250, for the project "Exocentric Compounds in Serbian"
- Humanities Working Group Grant, Humanities Center, Wayne State University, for the preparation of the co-edited book volume "The Syntax of Nonsententials," 2004-2005, \$1,500 total
- Humanities Working Group Grant, Humanities Center, Wayne State University, "The Syntax of Nonsententials," 2003-2004, \$1,500 total; funds applied toward organizing the Second Wayne State Workshop on Small Utterances/Nonsententials
- Sabbatical Leave, Fall 2004, for a project researching noun phrases in languages without determiners
- Humanities Working Group Grant, Humanities Center, Wayne State University, "The Syntax of Nonsententials," 2002-2003, \$1,500 total; funds applied toward organizing the First Wayne State Workshop on Small Utterances/Nonsententials
- President's Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2002, \$2,500
- NSF Grant, EMELD Project, with Anthony Aristar Principal Investigator, Summer 2002, \$3,400, for the project "Ontologies"
- Wayne State University Summer Research Grant, Summer 2001, \$3,390, for the book project "The

Syntax of Serbian”

- Wayne State University Career Development Chair (CDC), 1999/2000, a year off teaching plus equipment allowance, for the project “Economy of Coordination”
- Sabbatical Leave, Fall 1997, for the project: “Coordination and Modification in Natural Language”
- Full research and teaching grant at the University of Venice, Italy, Winter 1995, ~ \$5,000
- Wayne State University Board of Governors Faculty Recognition Award, 1995, \$2,000, for the book publication “Negative and Positive Polarity,” published by Cambridge University Press
- Participant in the Project on the acquisition of relative clauses, University of Ottawa, Summer 1992, CAN \$2,000
- Fulbright grant for the 1985-86 academic year, graduate studies at the University of Southern California (USC), Los Angeles, ~ \$17,000