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Employment

2017–present **University of California, Los Angeles**
Department of Linguistics
Associate Professor (2025–present)
Assistant Professor (2019–2025)
Assistant Adjunct Professor (2018–2019)
Lecturer (2017–2018)

Education

2012–2017 **University of Massachusetts Amherst**
Ph.D., Linguistics
Dissertation: *Movement and the semantic type of traces*
Committee: Rajesh Bhatt, Kyle Johnson (co-chairs), Barbara H. Partee, Ellen Woolford, Daniel Altshuler (external)

2008–2012 **University of Minnesota**
B.A., Linguistics · Scandinavian Languages & Finnish
Summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa

Publications

JOURNAL ARTICLES

2024 Poole, Ethan, Jon Ander Mendia & Stefan Keine. More on (the lack of) reconstruction in English *tough*-constructions.
Linguistic Inquiry 55:871–884. DOI: 10.1162/LING_A_00490.

2024 Poole, Ethan & Stefan Keine. Not all reconstruction effects are syntactic.
Natural Language & Linguistic Theory 42:1677–1725. DOI: 10.1007/S11049-023-09603-3.

2024 Poole, Ethan. (Im)possible traces.
Linguistic Inquiry 55:287–326. DOI: 10.1162/LING_A_00467.

2024 Poole, Ethan. Dependent-case assignment could be AGREE.
Glossa, 9. DOI: 10.16995/GLOSSA.9894.

2022 Poole, Ethan. Improper case.
Natural Language & Linguistic Theory 41:347–397. DOI: 10.1007/S11049-022-09541-6.

2017 Keine, Stefan & Ethan Poole. Intervention in *tough*-constructions revisited. *Linguistic Review* 34:295–329. DOI: 10.1515/TLR-2017-0003.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

2020 Poole, Ethan. Interpreting movement across phase boundaries. In *Proceedings of the 50th Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 50)*, eds. Mariam Asatryan, Yixiao Song, & Ayana Whitmal, volume 3, 49–58. Amherst, MA: GLSA.

2018 Keine, Stefan & Ethan Poole. Interpreting long scrambling in Hindi-Urdu. In *Proceedings of the 48th Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 48)*, eds. Shay Hucklebridge & Max Nelson, volume 2, 105–118. Amherst, MA: GLSA.

2018 Mendia, Jon Ander, Ethan Poole & Brian Dillon. Spurious NPI licensing and exhaustification. In *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory 28 (SALT 28)*, eds. Sireemas Maspong, Brynhildur Stefánsdóttir, Katherine Blake, & Forrest Davis, 233–250.

2018 Poole, Ethan. Constraining (shifting) types at the interface. In *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 22*, eds. Uli Sauerland & Stephanie Solt, volume 2, 217–234. Berlin: Leibniz-Zentrum Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft.

2018 Poole, Ethan. There are no property traces. In *Proceedings of the 35th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 35)*, eds. Wm. G. Bennett, Lindsay Hracs, & Dennis Ryan Storoshenko, 321–330. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project.

2016 Bhatia, Sakshi & Ethan Poole. Deriving subject and antisubject orientation. In *Proceedings of Formal Approaches to South Asian Linguistics 6 (FASAL 6)*, eds. Mythili Menon & Saurov Syed, 62–71.

2016 Keine, Stefan & Ethan Poole. Intervention in *tough*-constructions as a semantic-type mismatch. In *Proceedings of the 46th Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 46)*, eds. Chris Hammerly & Brandon Prickett, volume 2, 199–212. Amherst, MA: GLSA.

2015 Poole, Ethan. Deconstructing quirky subjects. In *Proceedings of the 45th Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 45)*, eds. Thuy Bui & Deniz Özyıldız, volume 2, 247–256. Amherst, MA: GLSA.

2015 Poole, Ethan. A configurational account of Finnish case. In *Proceedings of the Penn Linguistics Conference 38 (PLC 38)*, ed. David Wilson. Philadelphia, PA: University of Pennsylvania.

EDITED VOLUMES

2014 Huang, Hsin-Lun, Ethan Poole & Amanda Rysling, eds. *NELS 43: Proceedings of the 43rd Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society*. Amherst, MA: GLSA.

MANUSCRIPTS

2016 Poole, Ethan. Deconstructing subjecthood.
Ms., University of Massachusetts Amherst.

2015 Poole, Ethan. An argument for implicit arguments.
Ms., University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Presentations

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2026 [with Zahra Mirrazi]
Syntactic variables and semantic minimality.
Colloquium, University of California, Santa Cruz. 20 February 2026.

2024 [with Zahra Mirrazi]
Syntactic variables and crossover.
Universität Leipzig. 20 December 2024.

2024 [with Zahra Mirrazi]
Syntactic variables and crossover.
Colloquium, Universität Göttingen. 11 December 2024.

2024 Case and minimal compliance.
University of California, Berkeley. 15 February 2024.

2021 Dependent case and embedding.
Colloquium, University of Minnesota. 3 December 2021.

2019 Improper case.
Universität Leipzig. 18 December 2019.

2019 [with Stefan Keine]
Not all reconstruction effects are syntactic.
McGill University. 25 April 2019.

2019 Improper case.
McGill University. 18 April 2019.

2019 Improper case.
University of California, Los Angeles. 8 February 2019.

2018 (Im)possible traces.
University of Southern California. 20 February 2018.

2017 [with Stefan Keine]
Tough interpretations.
Universität Leipzig. 20 December 2017.

2014 Deconstructing quirky subjects.
MIT. 9 October 2014.

PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

2025 [with Zahra Mirrazi]
Syntactic variables and crossover.
GLOW 47 Workshop: (Universal) Paradigmatic Gaps, Frankfurt. 24 March 2025.

2019 Interpreting movement across phase boundaries.
NELS 50, MIT. 26 October 2019. [poster]

2018 [with Jon Ander Mendia & Brian Dillon]
Spurious NPI licensing is covert licensing.
SALT 28, MIT. 18 May 2018. [poster]

2018 [with Jon Ander Mendia & Brian Dillon]
Spurious NPI licensing is covert licensing.
WCCFL 36, UCLA. 21 April 2018.

2018 [with Stefan Keine]
Reconstruction beyond English.
GLOW 41, Budapest. 13 April 2018.

2017 [with Stefan Keine]
Reconstruction two ways: Evidence from Hindi-Urdu.
NELS 48, University of Iceland. 29 October 2017.

2017 Constraining (shifting) types at the interface.
Sinn und Bedeutung 22, Berlin/Potsdam. 9 September 2017.

2017 Movement of properties and properties of movement.
WCCFL 35, University of Calgary. 29 April 2017.

2017 Movement of properties and properties of movement.
GLOW 40, Leiden. 16 March 2017. [awarded best student/postdoc presentation]

2017 Movement of properties and properties of movement.
LSA Annual Meeting 2017, Austin, TX. 6 January 2017. [poster]

2016 The locality of dependent case.
WCCFL 34, University of Utah. 30 April 2016.

2016 [with Stefan Keine & Jon Ander Mendia]
It's tough to reconstruct.
GLOW 39, Göttingen. 6 April 2016. [poster]

2016 The locality of dependent case.
GLOW 39, Göttingen. 5 April 2016.

2016 [with Sakshi Bhatia]
Deriving subject and antisubject orientation.
FASAL 6, University of Massachusetts Amherst. 13 March 2016.

2015 [with Stefan Keine]
Syntactic vs. semantic intervention in *tough*-constructions.
NELS 46, Concordia University. 16 October 2015. [poster]

2015 [with Stefan Keine]
Intervention in *tough*-constructions.
GLOW 38, Paris. 17 April 2015.

2014 Deconstructing quirky subjects.
NELS 45, MIT. 31 October 2014. [poster]

2014 A configurational account of Finnish case.
GLOW 37, Brussels. 2 April 2014. [poster]

2014 A configurational account of Finnish case.
PLC 38, University of Pennsylvania. 29 March 2014.

NON-REFEREED PRESENTATIONS

2021 Towards a typology of reconstruction effects on TerraLing.
TerraLing Workshop 2021, Online. 21 October 2021.

2017 [with Stefan Keine]
Reconstruction two-ways: Evidence from Hindi-Urdu.
University of California, Berkeley. 20 October 2017. [presented by Stefan Keine]

2017 [with Stefan Keine]
Interpreting scrambling: Reconstruction in Hindi-Urdu II'.
University of California, Los Angeles. 22 May 2017. [presented by Stefan Keine]

2017 [with Stefan Keine]
Interpreting scrambling: Reconstruction in Hindi-Urdu I.
University of California, Los Angeles. 15 May 2017. [presented by Stefan Keine]

2014 Puzzles of partial control.
Southern New England Workshop in Semantics 2014, University of Massachusetts Amherst. 15 November 2014.

2014 [with Jon Ander Mendia & Megan Somerday]
Perfect asymmetries.
Southern New England Workshop in Semantics 2014, University of Massachusetts Amherst. 15 November 2014.

2012 Phase-based telicity: Evidence from the partitive in Finnish and Northern Swedish.
University of Minnesota. 6 April 2012.

2011 Verb-phrase pronominalisation in Mainland Scandinavian.
5th Annual Cornell Undergraduate Linguistics Colloquium, Cornell University. 16 April 2011.

Teaching

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES

[Winter 2027]	*LING 201B: Syntactic Theory II* (graduate)
Fall 2026	*LING 200B: Syntactic Theory I* (graduate)
Spring 2026	*LING 165B: Syntax II* (undergraduate)
Winter 2026	*LING 120B: Syntax I* (undergraduate)
Fall 2025	*LING 120B: Syntax I* (undergraduate) *LING 200B: Syntactic Theory I* (graduate)
Spring 2025	*LING 165B: Syntax II* (undergraduate)
Winter 2025	*LING 120B: Syntax I* (undergraduate) *LING 252: How dependencies accumulate* (graduate seminar, with Tim Hunter)
Fall 2024	*LING 200B: Syntactic Theory I* (graduate)
Spring 2024	*LING 120B: Syntax I* (undergraduate)
Winter 2024	*LING 201B: Syntactic Theory II* (graduate)
Winter 2023	*LING 201B: Syntactic Theory II* (graduate)
Fall 2022	*LING 200B: Syntactic Theory I* (graduate)
Winter 2022	*LING 252: The Williams Cycle* (graduate seminar)
Fall 2021	*LING 200B: Syntactic Theory I* (graduate)
Spring 2021	*LING 120B: Syntax I* (undergraduate)
Winter 2021	*LING 20: Introduction to Linguistic Analysis* (undergraduate)
Fall 2020	*LING 200B: Syntactic Theory I* (graduate)
Spring 2020	*LING 185A: Computational Linguistics I* (undergraduate) *LING 252: Reconstruction effects* (graduate seminar)
Winter 2020	*LING 120B: Syntax I* (undergraduate)
Fall 2019	*LING 200B: Syntactic Theory I* (graduate)
Spring 2019	*LING 185A: Computational Linguistics I* (undergraduate)
Winter 2019	*LING 105: Morphology* (undergraduate) *LING 120B: Syntax I* (undergraduate)
Fall 2018	*LING 120C: Semantics I* (undergraduate) *LING 165B: Syntax II* (undergraduate)

Spring 2018 *LING 120B: Syntax I* (undergraduate)
LING 165B: Syntax II (undergraduate)

Winter 2018 *LING 120B: Syntax I* (undergraduate)

Fall 2017 *LING 120C: Semantics I* (undergraduate)
LING 165C: Semantics II (undergraduate)

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST

Winter 2015 Teaching Assistant for *Linguist 201: Introduction to Linguistic Theory* [online]
Instructor: Kyle Johnson

Spring 2014 Teaching Assistant for *Linguist 201: Introduction to Linguistic Theory*
Instructor: Kyle Johnson

Fall 2013 Teaching Assistant for *Linguist 101: People and Their Language*
Instructor: Margaret Speas

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Spring 2012 Grader for *LING 5201: Syntax I* (graduate/advanced undergraduate)
Instructor: Hooi Ling Soh

Spring 2012 Grader for *LING 4201: Syntax I* (undergraduate)
Instructor: David Schueler

Advising

All advising is at UCLA unless indicated otherwise.

DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

ongoing Anand Abraham, committee member

ongoing Joseph Class, committee member

ongoing János Egressy, chair

ongoing Hunter Johnson, committee member

2026 Arthur Mateos, *Semantic conditions on disjunctive number agreement*, chair

2026 Hashmita Agarwal, *Read-Only: Rethinking phasehood*, committee member

2025 Huilei Wang, *Quantificational scope and clause-(un)boundedness*, co-chair with Yael Sharvit

2024 Colin Brown, *The form and function of interrogatives in Sm'algyax*, committee member

2023 Minqi Liu, *Featural relativized minimality in child grammar: An investigation of Mandarin long and short bei-passives*, co-chair with Nina Hyams

2022 Zhuo Chen, *No matter whether you ask: Yes-no questions and their kin in Mandarin*, committee member

2022 Renos Georgiou, *A′-dependencies in Greek: A movement approach to resumption*, University of Patras, external member

2021 Maura O'Leary, *The evaluation times of nominal predicates*, committee member

MA THESIS COMMITTEES

ongoing Sakshi Singh, committee member

2025 Isaac Warren, *Neither/nor and negative concord in Turkish*, committee member

2024 Anand Abraham, *Late modification and unary quantification*, committee member

2024 Joseph Class, *Case discrimination is relativized to individual probes: Evidence from Standard Gujarati*, committee member

2023 János Egressy, *Size- and position-dependent opacity in Hungarian*, chair

2023 Hunter Johnson, *Direct, inverse, and ineffable agreement in Guarani*, committee member

2023 Boram Kim, *Not every CP is a phase*, co-chair with Yael Sharvit

2022 Hashmita Agarwal, *Phases are read-only*, committee member

2022 Arthur Mateos, *ATB movement, case, and Late Unify*, chair

2021 Elizabeth Solá-Llonch, *Aspects and arguments of the Lachirioag Zapotec verb*, committee member

2021 Huilei Wang, *Exceptional-scope effects in Mandarin relative clauses*, co-chair with Yael Sharvit

2020 Colin Brown, *Illocutionary mood marking in Sm'algyax*, committee member

MA EXAM COMMITTEES

2024 Elyse Foreman, committee member

2023 Ashley Ghodsian, committee member

2023 Kimberly Maynard, committee member

2022 Kerri Devlin, chair

2019 Angelica Pan, committee member

UNDERGRADUATE HONORS THESES

2026 Lily Brawner, *Non-pivot argument hierarchy in Ilokano ditransitive constructions*

INDEPENDENT STUDIES

Winter 2026 Lindsey Yeonji Byun, "Case in Korean", *LING 197*

Winter 2026 Alex Koyoc, "A/$\overline{\text{A}}$-distinction", *LING 197*

Fall 2025 Lily Brawner, "Ilokano syntax", *LING 197*

Fall 2024 Anbu Vajuravel, "Dravidian anaphora", *LING 197*

Spring 2024 Anbu Vajuravel, "Tamil scrambling", *LING 197*

Winter 2022 Madeleine Kostant-Greeley, "Phrasal movement", *LING 197*

Fall 2020 Cindy Zheng, "Linearization of multidominant structures", *LING 197*

Winter 2020 Kerri Devlin & Tom Trigg, "Multidominance", *LING 596A*

Fall 2018 Estela Melgar, "Epistemic indefinites in Spanish", *LING 189HC*

Fall 2018 Siyue Wang, "$\overline{\text{A}}$-dependencies in Mandarin Chinese", *LING 189HC*

OTHER FORMAL ADVISING

2022–2024 Zahra Mirrazi, Elahé Omidyar Mir-Djalali Postdoctoral Fellowship in Iranian Linguistics

2022–2023 Arthur Mateos, Graduate Research Mentorship

2022 János Egressy, Summer Mentored Research Fellowship

2022 Arthur Mateos, Graduate Summer Research Mentorship

2021 Arthur Mateos, Summer Mentored Research Fellowship

2021 Huilei Wang, Graduate Summer Research Mentorship

Grants & Honors

2018 UCLA Non-Senate Faculty Professional Development Award

2017 Mouton GLOW Prize for best student presentation at *GLOW 40*

2017 Summer Dissertation Research Fellowship, University of Massachusetts Amherst

2012–2017 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship

2011–2012 Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS) for Finnish

2011 Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program, University of Minnesota

2010 Linguistic Service Award, Linguistic Society of America

Service

2026–present Associate Editor, *Language*

2026–2027 Graduate Admissions Committee
UCLA, Department of Linguistics

2025–2026 Teaching Evaluation Committee
UCLA, Department of Linguistics

2024–2025 Graduate Admissions Committee
UCLA, Department of Linguistics

2024–2025 Visiting Scholars Committee
UCLA, Department of Linguistics

2023–2024 Merit Review Committee
UCLA, Department of Linguistics

2023–2024 Graduate Student Research Funds Committee (Winter, Spring)
UCLA, Department of Linguistics

2023–2024 Student Fellowships & Awards Committee (Winter, Spring)
UCLA, Department of Linguistics

Winter 2023 GSRM Review Committee
UCLA, Division of Graduate Education

Winter 2023 Graduate Student Research Funds Committee
UCLA, Department of Linguistics

2022–2023 Mini Course & Visiting Scholar Committee (Winter, Spring)
UCLA, Department of Linguistics

2022–2023 Syntax Search Committee
UCLA, Department of Linguistics

Winter 2022 Student Fellowships & Awards Committee
UCLA, Department of Linguistics

Winter 2022 Teaching Evaluation Committee
UCLA, Department of Linguistics

2021–2022 Colloquium Committee (Fall, Winter)
UCLA, Department of Linguistics

2021–2022 Merit Review Committee
UCLA, Department of Linguistics

2021–2022 Climate Committee
UCLA, Department of Linguistics

2019–2021 Linguistics & Computer Science Faculty Advisor
UCLA, Department of Linguistics

2016 *NELS 47* Organizing Committee

2014–2016 Publication Manager, Graduate Linguistic Student Association
University of Massachusetts Amherst

2014–2015 Colloquium Dinner Coordinator, Graduate Linguistic Student Association
University of Massachusetts Amherst

2009–2013 Webmaster, Linguistic Society of America

Reviewing	Cambridge University Press: 2022, 2023, 2024 (×2) *Glossa*: 2021, 2022, 2023, 2025 *Journal of East Asian Linguistics*: 2018, 2019, 2020 *Linguistic Inquiry*: 2018 (×2), 2019 (×2), 2020, 2021, 2023 (×3), 2024, 2025 (×3), 2026 (×3) *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory*: 2015, 2016, 2017 (×2), 2021 (×2), 2024, 2025 (×2), 2026 *Natural Language Semantics*: 2019, 2020 NSF DDRI: 2021 *Semantics-Syntax Interface*: 2015 *Snippets*: 2019 *Syntactic Theory & Research*: 2026 *Syntax*: 2016, 2017, 2020, 2023
Conference Reviewing	NELS, WCCFL, GLOW, (F)ASAL, Sinn und Bedeutung

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