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EDUCATION

- 2012-2016 Ph.D. in linguistics, University of Southern California
Dissertation: *Syntax-prosody interactions in the clausal domain: Head movement and Coalescence* (committee chair: Andrew Simpson)
- 2010-2012 M.A. in linguistics, University of Southern California
Thesis: *On classes of French bare nouns and the lower nominal domain*
- 2006-2010 B.A. in linguistics with honors, Haverford College (major at Swarthmore)
Thesis: *A long-distance dependency analysis of Mandarin bei-passives in LFG*
- 2009 Courses taken at l'Université Paris Diderot – Paris VII

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2016-2017 Term Assistant Professor in Linguistics
Department of English, George Mason University

PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

Journal articles

- 2017 Hsu, Brian. Verb second and its deviations: an argument for Feature Scattering in the left periphery. *Glossa: a journal of general linguistics*, 2(1): 35.
DOI: <http://doi.org/10.5334/gjgl.132>

Refereed conference proceedings

- 2017 Hsu, Brian and [Karen Jesney](#). *Loanword Adaptation in Québec French: Evidence for Weighted Scalar Constraints*. In *Proceedings of the 34th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, ed. by Aaron Kaplan, Abby Kaplan, Miranda K. McCarvel & Edward J. Rubin, 249-258. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla. Available [online](#).
- 2016 Hsu, Brian. Unification of Feature Scattering and M-Merger as Coalescence. In *NELS 46: Proceedings of the 46th Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society: Volume 2*, ed. by Christopher Hammerly & Brandon Prickett, 133-146.

Amherst, MA: GLSA.

- 2016 Hsu, Brian. Information structure features and syntax-prosody mapping of Bangla embedded clauses: implications for Match Theory. In *Supplemental Proceedings of the 2014 Meeting on Phonology*, ed. by Adam Albright & Michelle A. Fulwood. Available online. [superseded]
- 2016 Hsu, Brian and [Karen Jesney](#). Scalar Positional Markedness and Faithfulness in Harmonic Grammar. In *Proceedings of the 51st Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society*, 241-255. Chicago: Chicago Linguistic Society.
- 2015 Hsu, Brian. Variation in Bangla complementizer order at the syntax-prosody interface. In *NELS 45: Proceedings of the 45th Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society: Volume 2*, ed. by Thuy Buy & Deniz Özyıldız, 35-44. Amherst, MA: GLSA.
- 2015 Hsu, Brian. Constraining exceptionality as prosody-morphology mismatch: a study of French nasal vowels. In *Proceedings of the 49th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society*. Chicago: Chicago Linguistic Society.
- 2014 Hsu, Brian. Unifying phonotactics and derived environment blocking through prosodic constraint indexation. In *Supplemental Proceedings of the 2013 Meeting on Phonology*, ed. by John Kingston, Claire Moore-Cantwell, Joe Pater, and Robert Staubs. Available [online](#).

Book chapters

- Submitted* Hsu, Brian. A derivational approach to bundled heads in strict and relaxed verb second effects. Invited submission to *Rethinking verb second* [Rethinking Comparative Syntax series], ed. by Theresa Biberauer, Sam Wolfe, Rebecca Woods. Oxford: Oxford University Press

Edited volumes

- 2015 *Proceedings of the 32nd West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*. Eds. Ulrike Steindl, Thomas Borer, Huilin Fang, Alfredo García Pardo, Peter Guekguezian, Brian Hsu, Charlie O'Hara, Iris Chuoying Ouyang. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project.

Manuscripts

- In prep.* Hsu, Brian. Coalescence: a theory of syntactic bundling.
- In prep.* Hsu, Brian and [Karen Jesney](#). Weighted scalar constraints and implicational process application.
- 2014 Hsu, Brian. Variation in Bangla complementizer order: The effect of intonational phrasing.
- 2012 Hsu, Brian. The CIP/NP split in bare nouns: evidence from French.

REFEREED CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- Jan. 2017 Hsu, Brian and [Karen Jesney](#). *A scalar constraint approach to the typology of loanword adaptation*. Poster presented at the Linguistic Society of America 2017 Annual Meeting. Austin, TX.
- May 2016 Hsu, Brian and [Karen Jesney](#). *Loanword Adaptation in Québec French: Evidence for Weighted Scalar Constraints*. Talk presented at the 34th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics. University of Utah.
- Mar. 2016 Hsu, Brian. *Bundled heads in the left periphery: Verb second and its deviations*. Talk presented at Rethinking Verb Second. University of Cambridge.
- Oct. 2015 Hsu, Brian. *Unification of Feature Scattering and M-Merger as Coalescence*. Talk presented at the 46th annual meeting of the North East Linguistics Society. Concordia University, Montréal.
- May 2015 Hsu, Brian and [Karen Jesney](#). *Weighted scalar constraints and implicational process application*. Talk presented at the 23rd Manchester Phonology Meeting. University of Manchester.
- Apr. 2015 Hsu, Brian and [Karen Jesney](#). *Scalar positional markedness and faithfulness in Harmonic Grammar*. Talk presented at Chicago Linguistic Society 51. University of Chicago.
- Jan. 2015 Hsu, Brian. *An interface approach to second position effects in Bangla complementation*. Poster presented at the Linguistic Society of America 2015 Annual Meeting. Portland, OR.
- Oct. 2014 Hsu, Brian. *Variation in Bangla complementizer order at the syntax-prosody interface*. Poster presented at the 45th annual meeting of the North East Linguistics Society. MIT.
- Sep. 2014 Hsu, Brian. *Information structure features and syntax-prosody mapping of Bangla embedded clauses: implications for Match theory*. Poster presented at the 2014 Annual Meeting on Phonology. MIT.
- May 2014 Hsu, Brian. *Prosodic structure building constrains syntactic movement: evidence from Bangla*. Poster presented at ETI 3: Prosody and Constituent Structure. McGill University.
- Nov. 2013 Hsu, Brian. *Unifying phonotactics and derived environment blocking through prosodic constraint indexation*. Poster presented at the 2013 Annual Meeting on Phonology. UMASS Amherst.
- Apr. 2013 Hsu, Brian. *Constraining exceptionality as morphology-phonology mismatch*. Talk presented at Chicago Linguistic Society 49. University of Chicago.
- Apr. 2013 Hsu, Brian. *Explaining exceptional patterns in language: an interface solution from syntax and phonology*. Talk presented at USC Graduate Research Symposium. University of Southern California.
- Dec. 2012 Hsu, Brian. *Two Categories of Bare Nouns: Evidence from French*. Talk presented at Going Romance 2012. KU Leuven.

INVITED TALKS

- Nov. 2016 *The role of bundled heads in cross-linguistic variation in clause structure: Evidence from verb-second effects.* Talk presented at GMU Linguistics Society Colloquium, George Mason University.
- Nov. 2014 *French linguistics.* Talk presented at the Undergraduate Students in Linguistics Language Workshop, University of Southern California.

TEACHING

- 2016-2017 George Mason University (as Term Assistant Professor)
- LING 520 Introduction to Linguistics (Fall 2016)
- LING 787 Syntax II (Fall 2016)
- LING 886 Advanced Syntax Seminar (Fall 2016)
- LING 522 Modern English Grammar (Spring 2017)
- LING 486 Syntax I (undergraduate) (Spring 2017)
- LING 786 Syntax I (graduate) (Spring 2017)
- 2011-2014 University of Southern California (as Assistant Lecturer)
- FREN 120 French I (Fall 2011, Spring 2012)
- FREN 150 French II (Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2014)

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2015-2016 Morkovin Endowed Fellowship. The Graduate School, USC.
- 2010-2015 College Doctoral Fellowship. Dornsife College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences, USC.
- 2010 Best Thesis in Theoretical Linguistics. Department of Linguistics, Swarthmore College.

SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIPS

- 2014-present Member, Linguistic Society of America
- 2016 Organizational committee, AMP 2016 at USC
- 2015 Ad hoc reviewer, *Lingua*
- 2014 Editorial board, Proceedings of WCCFL 32
- 2014 Organizing committee, WCCFL 32 at USC
- 2012-2013 Student-Faculty Liaison, USC Graduate Students in Linguistics

- 2011-2012 USC Graduate Student Government senator
- 2011-2012 Treasurer, USC Graduate Students in Linguistics
- 2010 English-French Translator, TED Open Translation Project

LANGUAGE ABILITIES

- English (native)
- Mandarin Chinese (native)
- French (fluent)
- Spanish (moderate)
- Japanese (moderate)

PROGRAMMING AND TECHNICAL ABILITIES

- MATLAB
- Python
- Praat