

Frederick M. Hoyt

EDUCATION

University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX USA *Linguistics Department*
present - Ph.D. program in Linguistics. Dissertation title: *Negative concord in Palestinian Arabic: A Formal Comparative Study*.

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY USA *Department of Linguistics*
M.A. Linguistics (8/2000). Thesis Title: "Agreement, Word Order, and Specificity Effects in Rural Palestinian Arabic Existential Constructions": Advisor: Wayne Harbert.

University of New Hampshire, Durham, New Hampshire USA
B.A., English, German May, 1990.

LANGUAGES

Arabic: 9 years of formal coursework in Modern Standard Arabic (MSA) and Levantine Colloquial Arabic (Cornell University, University of Texas at Austin). Informal practice includes research travel in the West Bank, extensive linguistic research related to structure and usage of Palestinian Arabic; digitized 45,000+ word corpus of folk tales in Palestinian dialect; various translation projects based on Palestinian dialect undertaken for academic purposes; extensive informal social use of Levantine Colloquial Arabic; extensive experience searching for and identifying dialect-specific data using internet search engines; rated at 3 (Superior) in MSA on the Interagency Language Roundtable (ILR) language proficiency scale.

German: 7 years of formal coursework in high school, undergraduate, and graduate education; strong reading skills; communicative ability in speaking and writing.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Theoretical Syntax, Semantics, Morphology:

Various aspects of Arabic syntax: negation, negative concord, restructuring and auxiliaries; interactions of agreement, word order, and semantic-pragmatic specificity; clitic-left-dislocation and topicalization; syntactic theory in various formal frameworks including Combinatory Categorical Grammar (CCG), Tree Adjoining Grammar (TAG), GB/Minimalism, Lexical Functional Grammar (LFG).

Computational Linguistics:

Grammar development using the OpenCCG project and the Xerox Language Environment (XLE); Arabic text vocalization and tokenization; probabilistic lexicon induction for CCG grammars.

Formal Semantics-Pragmatics:

The interpretation of indefinite noun phrases, in particular of "specific" and polarity sensitive indefinites; focus and question semantics; semantics of aspect; dynamic semantics and discourse representation theory.

Historical linguistics:

Arabic historical dialectology; morphosyntactic change and grammaticization; comparative Indo-European, in particular German and Celtic philology; "Tolkienian" philology (designed and taught linguistics course titled "The Linguistics of Middle-Earth").

HONORS AND AWARDS

2006: Fulbright-Hayes Doctoral Dissertation Research Award (DDRA).

2006: European Summer School for Logic, Language, and Information (ESSLLI) 2006 Student Grant.

2006: UT-Austin Bruton Fellowship.

2005: Arabic FLAS Fellowship, Department of Middle Eastern Studies, University of Texas at Austin. Attended ADLP Summer Arabic course at San Diego State University.

2004: Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Service to the Department of Linguistics as an Assistant Instructor, UT-Austin.

1996: German FLAS Fellowship, Department of European Studies, Cornell University.

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas USA

Graduate Research Assistant Fall 2006
Research under supervision of Prof. Jason Baldrige, Linguistics Department, UT-Austin.

Assistant Instructor Spring 2003 - Spring 2006
LIN 312 *The Linguistics of Middle Earth*: Designed and taught introductory-level undergraduate course in linguistics. Responsible for all aspects of course development, management, and teaching.

LIN 306: Taught and managed introductory level undergraduate course in linguistics. Responsible for all aspects of course management and teaching.

Teaching Assistant Fall 2002, Fall 2004
Course: LIN 386: *Syntax I* (instructor: Lisa Green).

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY USA

Graduate student Fall 1996-Spring 2000
Coursework and research leading up to a MA in Linguistics awarded in August, 2000.

Teaching Assistant Fall 1997 - Fall 1999
Department of Modern Languages, Cornell University.

University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH USA

Undergraduate studies majoring in English Literature and Composition, with concentration in Old English; completed substantial course-work in German and Spanish.

PUBLICATIONS

2001 "Agreement, Specificity Effects, and Word Order in Rural Palestinian Arabic Existential Constructions." In *Proceedings of the 13-14th Symposium on Arabic Linguistics*. John Benjamins (Philadelphia).

2004 (with Alexandra Teodorescu). "Multiple Sluicing in Romanian." In *Proceedings of LSRL 33*, John Benjamins (Philadelphia).

2006 "Negative Concord and Restructuring in Palestinian Arabic: A Comparison of TAG and CCG Analyses." In *Proceedings of the 8th International Workshop on Tree Adjoining Grammar and Related Formalisms*, edited by Laura Kallmeyer & Tillman Becker. pp. 49-56.

To appear (with Alexandra Teodorescu). "How many kinds of sluicing and why? Sin-

gle and Multiple Sluicing in Romanian, English, and Japanese.” in *Sluicing: Cross-linguistic explorations*, edited by Jason Merchant. John Benjamins (Philadelphia).

To appear in the *Encyclopedia of Arabic Linguistics, v.2: Syntactic Perspectives*, ed. Mushira Eid (Salt Lake City), Alaa Elgibali (Cairo), Kees Versteegh (Nijmegen, editor-in-chief), Manfred Woidich (Amsterdam) and Andrzej Zaborski (Cracow). Invited lemmas: “Nominal Sentence,” “Noun Phrase,” “Polarity,” “Predicate,” “Specificity,” and “Verb Phrase.”

to appear “An Arabic Wackernagel Clitic?: The Morphosyntax of Negation in Palestinian Arabic.” In *Proceedings of the 20th Symposium on Arabic Linguistics*. John Benjamins (Philadelphia).

PRESENTATIONS

Workshop on Concord Phenomena and the Syntax Semantics Interface, August 7-11 (Málaga, Spain): “Long-Distance Negative Concord and Restructuring in Palestinian Arabic.”

TAG+8 Workshop, July 15-16 2006 (Sydney, Australia): “Negative Concord and Restructuring in Palestinian Arabic: A Comparison of TAG and CCG Analyses.”

20th Symposium on Arabic Linguistics, March 3-5 2006, Western Michigan University (Kalamazoo, MI). “An Arabic Wackernagel Clitic?: The Morphosyntax of Negation in Palestinian Arabic.”

Linguistic Symposium on Romance Linguistics 33, April 24, 2003, Indiana University (Bloomington, ID). “Multiple Sluicing in Romanian” (with Alexandra Teodorescu).

UT Linguistics Department Colloquium, March 17, 2003. “Incremental Telicity and Extra-lexical Thematic Licensing in English Intransitive Resultative Constructions.”

UT Linguistics Circle, October 19 2002, UT-Austin: “Topic or Subject? Correlations between Case Marking, Discourse Configuration and Syntactic Predication in Standard Arabic, Japanese, and Korean.”

16th Symposium on Arabic Linguistics, March 2, 2002, University of Cambridge (Cambridge, UK). “Topic, Subject, and Syntactic Predication in Arabic Nominal Clauses.”

Texas Linguistics Society Annual Conference, March 2, 2001, UT-Austin: “Agreement, Specificity, and Phrase Structure in Rural Palestinian Arabic Existential Constructions.”

14th Symposium on Arabic Linguistics, March 11, 2000, UC-Berkeley (Berkeley, CA): “The Categorical Status of Existential *Fih*.”

Workshop on Semitic Linguistics, July 10, 1999, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Urbana, IN): “Reduced Agreement as a Specificity Effect in Rural Palestinian Arabic.”

13th Symposium on Arabic Linguistics, March 16 1999, Stanford University (Palo Alto, CA): “Reduced Agreement as a Specificity Effect in Rural Palestinian Arabic.”

FIELD RESEARCH

July-August 1998: Field research, Bir Zeit, The West Bank (in support of MA Thesis research).