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EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles — Ph.D. in Linguistics, 2001

Dissertation: *The clause structure of Malagasy: A minimalist approach*

Co-advisors: Edward L. Keenan, Timothy Stowell

University of California, Los Angeles — M.A. in Linguistics, 1996

Thesis: *Raising and restructuring in Malagasy existentials*

Advisor: Anoop Mahajan

Reed College — B.A. in Linguistics, 1992

Thesis: *On the peculiar behaviour of the Swedish s-passive: Relation-changing operations and the analysis of multifunctional surface markers*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Reed College

Associate Professor of Linguistics (2007–present)

Assistant Professor of Linguistics (2006–2007)

Visiting Assistant Professor of Linguistics (2001–2006)

Courses taught: LING 211 “Introduction to Linguistic Analysis”, LING 311 “General Linguistics”, LING 312 “Advanced Linguistics: Minimalist Syntax”, LING 312 “Advanced Linguistics: The Structure of Austronesian”, LING 321 “Phonology”, LING 323 “Introductory Syntax”, LING 324 “Advanced Topics in Syntax”, LING 328 “Morphosyntactic Typology”, LING 329 “Morphology”, LING 336 “Linguistic Field Methods”, LING 341 “Semantics”, LING 344 “Historical Linguistics”, LING 481 “Independent Reading: Optimality Theory and OT Syntax”, HUM 411 “Senior Symposium”

University of Wisconsin, Madison

Adjunct Lecturer (1999–2000)

Courses taught: LING 101 “Human Language”, LING 301 “Introduction to Linguistics: Theoretical and Descriptive”, LING 302 “Introduction to Linguistics: Historical”, LING 330 “Syntax”

University of California, Los Angeles

Instructor, Watts Labor Community Action Center (summer 2001)

Lecturer, LING 20 “Introduction to Linguistics” (spring 2001)

Graduate Instructor, LING 10 “The Structure of English Words” (summer 1999)

Graduate Instructor, LING 20 “Introduction to Linguistics” (summer 1998)

Graduate Teaching Assistant (1994–1996, 1998–1999)

Courses TA'd: LING 1 “Introduction to Language”, LING 10 “The Structure of English Words”, LING 20 “Introduction to Linguistics”, LING HC56 “Honors Collegium: Language as a Window to the Mind”, LING 110 “Historical Linguistics”, LING 120B “Syntax I”, LING 127 “Morphosyntactic Typology”, LING 165B “Syntax II”

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

- Pearson, M. 2005. "The Malagasy subject/topic as an A'-element." *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 23(2): 381-457.
- Pearson, M. 2000. "Two types of VO languages". *The Derivation of VO and OV*, ed. P. Svenonius. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Pearson, M. in press. "Tense-marked obliques in Malagasy". *Studies in Philippine Languages and Cultures*. Summer Institute of Linguistics.
- Pearson, M. 2007. Review of Di Sciullo (2005) "Asymmetry in Morphology". *Journal of Linguistics* 43(2): 434-440.
- Pearson, M. 2005. "Tense (mis)matches between verbs and obliques in Malagasy". *Proceedings of AFLA 12*, ed. J. Heinz and D. Ntelitheos. UCLA Working Papers in Linguistics, UCLA Department of Linguistics.
- Pearson, M. 2005. "Voice morphology, case, and argument structure in Malagasy". *Proceedings of AFLA 11*, ed. P. Law, pp. 229-243. Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, Berlin.
- Pearson, M. 2002. "Evidence for clausal pied-piping in Malagasy long distance extraction". *MIT Working Papers in Linguistics* 44, ed. A. Rackowski and N. Richards, pp. 241-256. MIT.
- Pearson, M. 2001. "T-marking on Malagasy obliques: Tense, aspect, and the position of PPs". *UCLA Working Papers in African Languages*, ed. H. Torrance, pp. 14-39. UCLA Department of Linguistics.
- Pearson, M. 2000. "'Tense' marking on Malagasy obliques and the syntax of telic events". *Proceedings of AFLA VI*, ed. C. Smallwood & C. Kitto, pp. 279-296. Toronto Working Papers in Linguistics. University of Toronto.
- Pearson, M. 1999. "Feature inheritance and remnant movement: Deriving SOV order under the LCA". *Syntax at Sunset 2 [UCLA Working Papers in Linguistics 3]*, ed. G. Storto, pp. 133-173. UCLA Department of Linguistics.
- Pearson, M. 1998. "Predicate raising and 'VOS' order in Malagasy". *The structure of Malagasy*, vol. II [*UCLA Occasional Papers in Linguistics* 20], ed. I. Paul, pp. 94-110. UCLA Department of Linguistics.
- Pearson, M. 1998. "Rightward object shift and the syntax of adverbs". *The structure of Malagasy*, vol. II [*UCLA Occasional Papers in Linguistics* 20], ed. I. Paul, pp. 34-49. UCLA Occasional Papers in Linguistics 20, UCLA Department of Linguistics.
- Pearson, M. 1997. "Pied-piping into the left periphery". *Proceedings of NELS 27*, ed. K. Kusumoto, pp. 321-335. GLSA, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
- Pearson, M. 1996. "Domain phrases and topic arguments in Malagasy existentials". In Pearson & Paul 1996, pp. 113-141.

EDITED VOLUMES

Pearson, M., ed. 1998. *Recent papers in Austronesian linguistics: Proceedings of the third and fourth meetings of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA)*. UCLA Occasional Papers in Linguistics 21, UCLA Department of Linguistics.

Pearson, M. and I. Paul, eds. 1996. *The structure of Malagasy*, vol. I. UCLA Occasional Papers in Linguistics 17, UCLA Department of Linguistics.

PAPERS IN PROGRESS OR UNDER REVIEW

Pearson, M. in preparation. "Complements of perception verbs in Malagasy".

Pearson, M. in preparation. "Predicate fronting and constituent order in Malagasy".

Pearson, M. in preparation. "What's *no*? The Malagasy focus particle as a clause linker".

INVITED TALKS

Complements of perception verbs in Malagasy. Department of Linguistics, University of Toronto, Toronto, 19 May 2009.

Focus and temporal clauses in Malagasy. Department of Linguistics colloquium series, University of Washington, Seattle, 25 April 2008.

What's no? The Malagasy focus particle as a clause linker. Workshop on Comparative Austronesian Syntax, Center for Research in Language, UCSD, 6 October 2006.

The Malagasy subject as an A'-topic: Evidence and implications. Department of Linguistics, Harvard University, 14 March, 2003.

Malagasy isn't VOS after all: Evidence and consequences. Department of Linguistics, University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand, 18 February, 2002.

Deriving mirror-image word orders in Malagasy. Workshop on Antisymmetry Theory, Cortona, Italy, 15 May, 2000.

Deriving 'inverted' word orders in Malagasy. University of Wisconsin Linguistics Department colloquium series, 9 December, 1999

X(P)-movement and word order typology: Direct and inverse languages. MIT, 25 February, 1999.

Tense marking on Malagasy PPs and the syntax of aspect. UCLA Workshop on Tense and Aspect, Lake Arrowhead, CA, 18 May, 1998.

Feature inheritance, head movement, and pied-piping: Deriving head-final structures. Workshop on Japanese Syntax in a Comparative Context, LSA Summer Institute, Cornell University, 30 July 1997.

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

Another look at no: Pseudo-clefts and temporal clauses in Malagasy. AFLA XVI (Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association annual conference), University of California, Santa Cruz, 1 May 2009.

Complements of perception verbs in Malagasy. AFLA XV, University of Sydney, Australia, 2 July 2008.

- Tense marked obliques in Malagasy.* 10th International Conference on Austronesian Linguistics, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan, Philippines, 17 January 2006.
- Arguments for predicate fronting in Malagasy.* LSA Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 6 January 2006.
- Left- and right-peripheral topics: Verb-second versus predicate-first.* 38th Conference of the Societas Linguistica Europaea (“Formal, Functional, and Typological Perspectives on Discourse and Grammar”), Valencia, Spain, 7 September 2005.
- Tense (mis)matches between verbs and obliques in Malagasy.* AFLA XII, UCLA, 29 April 2005.
- Voice morphology, case, and argument structure in Malagasy.* AFLA XI, Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, Berlin, 23 April 2004.
- Malagasy voice morphology as wh-agreement.* AFLA X, University of Hawai’i at Manoa, 28 March 2003.
- The Malagasy pivot as topic: Evidence from long-distance dependencies.* AFLA VIII, MIT, 28 April 2001.
- Agreement and hierarchies in Distributed Morphology: Menominee verbal inflection* [with Marianne Milligan]. 4th Workshop on the Structure and Constituency of the Languages of the Americas, University of Newfoundland, 22 March 2001.
- Tense(?) -marking on Malagasy PPs: An argument/non-argument asymmetry.* AFLA VI, University of Toronto, 24 April 1999.
- X(P)-movement and word order typology: ‘Direct’ versus ‘inverse’ languages.* GLOW 99, Berlin, Germany, 30 March 1999.
- Two types of VO languages.* 2nd Syntax Workshop, University of Tromsø, Norway, 22 May 1998.
- Resultative complements and ‘non-active’ voice morphology in Malagasy.* AFLA V, University of Hawai’i at Manoa, 27 March 1998.
- Adjunct placement and object shift in Malagasy.* AFLA IV, UCLA, 25 April 1997.
- Pied-piping and expanded COMP in Malagasy.* ConSOLE V (Conference of Students of Linguistics in Europe), University College London and SOAS, London, 17 December 1996.
- Pied-piping into the left periphery.* NELS 27, McGill University, Montréal, 20 October 1996.
- Domain phrases: Overt topics in Malagasy existentials.* AFLA III, UCLA, 27 April 1996.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE, MEMBERSHIPS, AWARDS

- Chair, Department of Linguistics, Reed College (2006–2008, 2009–present)
- Stillman-Drake grant, Reed College (2008–2009)
- Chair, Division of Philosophy, Religion, Psychology, and Linguistics (2007–2008)
- Reed College Fellowships and Awards Committee (2006–2008)
- Reed College Library Board (2006–2008)
- Malagasy Consultant, Oxford English Dictionary (2007–present)
- Chair, Reed Interdisciplinary Program in Linguistics (2001–2004, 2005–2006)

CURRICULUM VITAE — PEARSON

Member, Linguistic Society of America (2002–2008)

Journal referee (2002–present)

Natural Language and Linguistic Theory (7 articles), *Oceanic Linguistics* (2 articles), *Linguistic Inquiry* (2 squibs), *Syntax* (2 articles), *Lingua* (2 articles), *Language* (1 article)

Chapter referee

Clause Structure and Adjuncts in Austronesian Languages, ed. H.-M. Gärtner, P. Law, and J. Sabel, Mouton de Gruyter (2006).

Sluicing: Cross-Linguistic Perspectives, ed. Jason Merchant, John Benjamins (2005).

Faculty Summer Research Grant, Reed College (2004)

UCLA Dissertation Fellowship (1997–1998)

Member, planning committee, Third and fourth annual Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA) conferences, UCLA (1996–1997)

President, UCLA Graduate Linguistics Circle (1995–1996)

Member, UCLA Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Studies Program Task Force and Coordinating Council (1994–1995)

UCLA Pauley Fellowship (1993–1994, 1996–1997)

Member, Graduate Admissions Committee, UCLA Linguistics Department (1993–1994)

Phi Beta Kappa (1992)