

---

# Laura A. Michaelis

---

Professor and Chair  
Department of Linguistics  
295UCB  
University of Colorado  
Boulder, CO 80309  
(303) 618-9554

[laura.michaelis@colorado.edu](mailto:laura.michaelis@colorado.edu)

<https://www.colorado.edu/faculty/michaelis/>

## Academic Positions

---

Chair, Department of Linguistics, University of Colorado Boulder. July 2018-present.

Professor, Department of Linguistics, University of Colorado Boulder. Fall 2014-present.

Associate Professor, Department of Linguistics, University of Colorado Boulder. Fall 2002-Spring 2014.

Faculty Fellow, Institute of Cognitive Science, University of Colorado Boulder. Fall 1993-present.

Assistant Professor, Department of Linguistics, University of Colorado Boulder. Fall 1998-Spring 2002.

Senior Instructor, Department of Linguistics, University of Colorado Boulder. Fall 1997-Spring 1998.

Instructor, Department of Linguistics, University of Colorado Boulder. Fall 1995-Spring 1997.

Instructor, Department of Linguistics/Institute of Cognitive Science, University of Colorado Boulder. Fall 1993-Spring 1995.

## Education

---

Ph.D. in Linguistics, University of California, Berkeley, December 1993

M.A. in Linguistics, University of California, Berkeley, May 1988

B.A. in Linguistics, with highest honors, University of California, Berkeley, May 1986

## Dissertation

---

*Toward a Grammar of Aspect: The Case of the English Perfect Construction.* This study demonstrates that the interpretive and use conditions on tense-aspect combinations can be predicted from the type-selecting properties of two kinds of morphological constructions, type-shifting constructions, e.g., the Progressive, and type-sensitive constructions, e.g., the Present tense. Committee: Charles J. Fillmore (chair), Suzanne Fleischman, and Eve Sweetser.

## Academic Recognition

---

Invited as international lecturer, University of Antwerp, Belgium. May 2016.

Selected as Faculty Fellow, Center for Humanities and Arts, University of Colorado Boulder. Fall 2014-Spring 2015.

Appointed invited lecturer, International Summer School in Cognitive Linguistics, University of Bangor, Wales. July 2013.

Appointed visiting researcher, Research Centre for English and Applied Linguistics, Cambridge University. Fall 2009.

Appointed master-class instructor (with Benjamin Bergen and William Croft), International Summer Atelier: Modeling Language Evolution with Computational Construction Grammar (a satellite atelier of STAPHYS 2007), Ettore Majorana Foundation and Center For Scientific Culture, Erice, Sicily. July 2007.

Appointed visiting researcher, International Computer Science Institute, University of California, Berkeley. Fall 2002.

Elected fellow, Institute of Cognitive Science, University of Colorado Boulder, Fall 1993.

Awarded Grace Wiltshire Drake Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley, 1990.

Awarded Newhouse Foundation Scholarship, University of California, Berkeley, 1990.

Awarded Departmental Citation, Department of Linguistics, University of California, Berkeley, 1986.

Graduated with highest honors, University of California, Berkeley, 1986.

Early election to Phi Beta Kappa, University of California, Berkeley, 1985.

### Professional Memberships

---

Linguistics Society of America

International Cognitive Linguistics Association

### Areas of Teaching Competence

---

Formal and cognitive semantics, discourse pragmatics, formal syntax, lexical semantics, corpus linguistics, Indo-European historical linguistics, lexicography, etymology.

### Research Foci

---

Latin syntax and semantics, corpus linguistics, the syntax-semantics interface, discourse pragmatics, tense and aspect, Construction Grammar, Embodied Construction Grammar.

### Languages

---

Latin, French, Ancient Greek, German, Vietnamese

### Courses Taught (Since 2005)

---

All courses taught at CU Boulder.

Classics/Linguistics 1010: The Study of Words: 2010, 2012-2018

Linguistics 3430: Semantics: 2005, 2007

Linguistics 5430: Semantics and Pragmatics: 2005, 2007, 2009, 2014

Linguistics 5450: Syntactic Analysis: 2005, 2006

Linguistics 6450: Syntactic Analysis: 2008, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2015

Linguistics 7420: Advanced Syntax: 2006, 2012

Linguistics 7430: Advanced Semantics: 2007

Linguistics 7800: Tense and Aspect: 2005

### Educational Outreach and Course Development

---

Coordinator of graduate proseminar on professional development. Created and presented materials on professional networking, giving conference talks, plotting a research strategy, selecting appropriate publication outlets. 2012-21016.

Developed doctoral-level introduction to syntactic analysis (LING 6450) focusing on phrase-structure grammars, typological explanation and lexicalist approaches. Spring 2008.

Developed cross-listed version of CLAS 1010, LING 1010, a multi-section lower-division course focusing on the Latin and Greek foundations of the English vocabulary and the general principles of historical linguistics that word histories illustrate. Fall 2001.

Developed web- and lab-based corpus research component for graduate introduction to formal syntax (LING 5450), in which students learned to search for hierarchical syntactic structures in a parsed database of conversational English. Spring 2000.

“Gender Inequality in English”. Talk and panel discussion presented at a conference entitled ‘Terminology Bias, Access and Service’, sponsored by the Central Colorado Library System. Aurora, Colorado. May 1994.

### Sponsored Research

---

Senior personnel member, “eTASC: Empirical Evidence for a Theoretical Approach to Semantic Components”. Defense Threat Reduction Agency. December 2015–November 2018. \$750,000

Co-principal Investigator, “ITR: Emotional Speech: New Approaches to Generation and Interpretation in Speech-Enabled Systems”. Department of Homeland Security and National Science Foundation. Award number: 0325399. September 2003-December 2005. \$266,667.

Co-principal Investigator, “Linguistic Mismatch”. University of Hong Kong Research Committee. November 2001-October 2003. \$8,000.

Principal Investigator, “POWRE: Semantic, Discourse-Pragmatic and Syntactic Predictors of Lexical Subjects in Conversational English”. National Science Foundation. Award number: 9805829. August 1998-July 1999. \$25,000.

### Publications

---

#### Books and monographs

---

Kim, Jong Bok and Laura A. Michaelis. 2020. *Syntactic Constructions of English*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Michaelis, Laura A. and Josef Ruppenhofer. 2001. *Beyond Alternations: A Constructional Account of the Applicative Pattern in German*. Stanford: CSLI Publications.

Michaelis, Laura A. 1998. *Aspectual Grammar and Past-Time Reference*. London: Routledge.

#### Edited volumes

---

Francis, Elaine J. and Laura A. Michaelis (eds.). 2003. *Mismatch: Form-Function Incongruity and the Architecture of Grammar*. Stanford: CSLI Publications.

Fox, Barbara A., Dan Jurafsky and Laura A. Michaelis, (eds.). 1998. *Cognition and Function in Language*. Stanford: CSLI Publications.

Aske, Jon, Natasha Beery, Laura A. Michaelis and Hana Filip, (eds.). 1987. *The Proceedings of the Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society*. Berkeley: BLS, Inc.

### Articles in refereed journals

---

- Altshuler, Daniel and Laura A. Michaelis. 2020. "By now: Change of State, Epistemic Modality and Evidential Inference". *Journal of Linguistics* 56: 515 – 539.
- Sag, Ivan A., Rui P. Chaves, Anne Abeillé, Bruno Estigarribia, Dan Flickinger, Paul Kay, Laura A. Michaelis, Stefan Müller and Geoffrey K. Pullum. 2020. "Lessons from the English Auxiliary System". *Journal of Linguistics* 55: 1-69.
- Gould, Kevin and Laura A. Michaelis. 2018. "Transfer Verbs vs. Transfer Constructions: How Verb-Construction Interactions Modulate Motor Simulation Effects in English". *Constructions and Frames* 10: 234-268. [special issue on mismatch in syntax and morphology]
- Goldberg, Adele and Laura A. Michaelis. 2017. "One among Many: Anaphoric *one* and its Relationship to Cardinal *one*". *Cognitive Science* 41: 233-258.
- Francis, Elaine J. and Laura A. Michaelis. 2016. "When Relative Clause Extraposition is the Right Choice, it's Easier". *Language and Cognition* 8: 1-39.
- Ruppenhofer, Josef and Laura A. Michaelis. 2016. "Frames, Polarity and Causation". *Corpora* 11: 259-290.
- Michaelis, Laura A. and Hanbing Feng. 2015. "What is this, Sarcastic Syntax?" *Constructions and Frames* 7: 148–180. [special issue on genre]
- Michaelis, Laura A. 2011. "Stative by Construction". *Linguistics* 49: 1359-1400.
- Duffield, Jill and Laura A. Michaelis. 2011. "Why Subject Relatives Prevail: Constraints versus Constructional Licensing". *Language and Cognition* 3: 171-208.
- Ruppenhofer, Josef and Laura A. Michaelis. 2010. "A Constructional Account of Genre-Based Argument Omissions". *Constructions and Frames* 2: 158-184.
- Michaelis, Laura A. 2006. "What is an Action-Based Theory of Interpretation?". *Theoretical Linguistics* 32: 65-71
- Michaelis, Laura A. 2006. Review of Croft, William and D.A. Cruse, *Cognitive Grammar* (2004). *Language* 82: 898-901.
- Brenier, Jason M. and Laura A. Michaelis. 2005. "Optimization via Syntactic Amalgam: Syntax-Prosody Mismatch and Copula Doubling". *Corpus Linguistics and Linguistic Theory* 1: 45-88.
- Michaelis, Laura A. 2004. "Natural Semantic Metalanguage and Cognitive-Functional Linguistics". *Theoretical Linguistics* 29: 275-281.
- Michaelis, Laura A. 2004. "Type Shifting in Construction Grammar: An Integrated Approach to Aspectual Coercion". *Cognitive Linguistics* 15: 1-67.
- Gregory, Michelle L. and Laura A. Michaelis. 2001. "Topicalization and Left Dislocation: A Functional Opposition Revisited". *Journal of Pragmatics* 33: 1665-1706.
- Michaelis, Laura A. and Josef Ruppenhofer. 2001. "Valence Creation and the German Applicative: The Inherent Semantics of Linking Patterns". *Journal of Semantics* 18: 335-395.
- Lambrecht, Knud and Laura A. Michaelis. 1998. "Sentence Accent in Information Questions: Default and Projection". *Linguistics and Philosophy* 21: 477-544.
- Michaelis, Laura A. 1996. "On the Use and Meaning of *Already*". *Linguistics and Philosophy* 19: 477-502.

Michaelis, Laura A. and Knud Lambrecht. 1996. "Toward a Construction-Based Model of Language Function: The Case of Nominal Extraposition". *Language* 72: 215-247.

Michaelis, Laura A. 1994. "The Ambiguity of the English Present Perfect". *Journal of Linguistics* 30: 111-157.

Michaelis, Laura A. 1994. "A Case of Constructional Polysemy in Latin". *Studies in Language* 18: 45-70.

Michaelis, Laura A. 1994. "Expectation Contravention and Use Ambiguity: The Vietnamese Connective *cung*." *Journal of Pragmatics* 21: 1-36.

Michaelis, Laura A. 1993. "'Continuity' across Three Scalar Domains: The Polysemy of Adverbial *still*." *Journal of Semantics* 10: 193-237.

Michaelis, Laura A. 1992. "Aspect and the Semantics-Pragmatics Interface: The Case of *already*". *Lingua* 87: 321-339.

### Articles in handbooks and encyclopedias

---

Michaelis, Laura A. 2021. "Tense in English". In B. Aarts, A. MacMahon and L. Hinrichs, (eds.), *The Handbook of English Linguistics*, second edition. Oxford: Blackwell.

Michaelis, Laura A. 2017. "Meanings of Constructions". In M. Aronoff, (ed.), *Oxford Research Encyclopedia in Linguistics* (online). Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Michaelis, Laura A. 2013. "Sign-Based Construction Grammar". In T. Hoffman and G. Trousdale, (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Construction Grammar*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. 133-152.

Michaelis, Laura A. 2013. "Construction Grammar and the Syntax-Semantics Interface". In S. Luraghi and C. Parodi, (eds.), *The Bloomsbury Companion to Syntax*. London: Bloomsbury Publishing. 421-435.

Kay, Paul and Laura A. Michaelis. 2012. "Constructional Meaning and Compositionality". In C. Maienborn, K. von Stechow and P. Portner, (eds.), *Semantics: An International Handbook of Natural Language Meaning*. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter. 2271-2296.

Michaelis, Laura A. 2009. "Sign-Based Construction Grammar". In B. Heine and H. Narrog, (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Linguistic Analysis*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. 155-176.

Michaelis Laura A. 2006. "Construction Grammar". In K. Brown, (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Language and Linguistics*, Second Edition, Volume 3. Oxford: Elsevier. 73-84.

Michaelis, Laura A. 2006. "Tense in English". In B. Aarts and A. MacMahon, (eds.), *The Handbook of English Linguistics*. Oxford: Blackwell. 220-243.

Michaelis, Laura A. 2001. "Exclamative Constructions". In M. Haspelmath, E. König, W. Östlinger and W. Raible, (eds.), *Language Universals and Language Typology: An International Handbook*. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter. 1038-1050.

### Chapters in refereed volumes

---

Michaelis, Laura A. 2019. "Constructions are Patterns and so are Fixed Expressions". In B. Busse and R. Moehlig, (eds.), *Patterns in Language and Linguistics*. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter. (Topics in English Linguistics series) 193-220.

Kay, Paul and Laura A. Michaelis. 2018. "A Few Words to do with Multiword Expressions". In C. Condoravdi and T. Holloway King, (eds.), *Tokens of Meaning: Papers in Honor of Lauri Karttunen*. Stanford: CSLI Publications. 87-118.

Michaelis, Laura A. 2015. "Constructions License Verb Frames". In J. Rudanko, J. Havu, M. Höglund and P. Rickman, (eds.), *Perspectives on Complementation*. London: Palgrave MacMillan. 7-33.

- Francis, Elaine J. and Laura A. Michaelis. 2014. "Why Move? How Weight and Discourse Factors Combine to Predict Relative Clause Extraposition in English". In B. MacWhinney, A. Malchukov and E. Moravcsik, (eds.), *Competing Motivations in Grammar and Usage*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. 70-87.
- Ruppenhofer, Josef and Laura A. Michaelis. 2014. "Frames and the Interpretation of Omitted Arguments". In S. Katz Bourns and L. Myers, (eds.), *Linguistic Perspectives on Structure and Context: Studies in Honor of Knud Lambrecht*. Amsterdam: Benjamins. 57-86.
- Michaelis, Laura A. 2012. "Making the Case for Construction Grammar". In H. Boas and I. Sag, (eds.), *Sign-Based Construction Grammar*. Stanford: CSLI Publications. 31-69.
- Michaelis, Laura A. 2011. "Knowledge Ascription by Grammatical Construction". In J. Bengson and M. Moffett, (eds.), *Knowing How: Essays on Knowledge, Mind, and Action*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. 261-279.
- Thomas, Michael and Laura A. Michaelis. 2009. "Aspect Selectors and Contextual Operators: An Analysis of *by* Temporal Adjuncts". In R. Leow, H. Campos and D. Lardiere, (eds.), *Little Words: Their History, Phonology, Syntax, Semantics, Pragmatics and Acquisition*. Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press. 131-141.
- Michaelis, Laura A. and Hartwell S. Francis. 2007. "Lexical Subjects and the Conflation Strategy". In N. Hedberg and R. Zacharski, (eds.), *Topics in the Grammar-Pragmatics Interface: Papers in Honor of Jeanette K. Gundel*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins (Pragmatics and Beyond series). 19-48.
- Michaelis, Laura A. 2005. "Entity and Event Coercion in a Symbolic Theory of Syntax". In J.-O. Östman and M. Fried, (eds.), *Construction Grammar(s): Cognitive and Cross-Language Dimensions*. Amsterdam: Benjamins. 45-87.
- Michaelis, Laura A. 2003. "Word Meaning, Sentence Meaning and Construction Meaning". In H. Cuyckens, R. Dirven and J. Taylor, (eds.), *Cognitive Perspectives on Lexical Semantics*. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter. 163-209.
- Michaelis, Laura A. 2003. "Headless Constructions and Coercion by Construction". In E.J. Francis and L.A. Michaelis, (eds.), *Mismatch: Form-Function Incongruity and the Architecture of Grammar*. Stanford: CSLI Publications. 259-310.
- Lambrecht, Knud and Laura A. Michaelis. 1998. "On Sentence Accent in Information Questions". In J.P. Koenig, (ed.), *Discourse and Cognition: Bridging the Gap*. Stanford: CSLI Publications. 387-402.
- Michaelis, Laura A. 1996. "Cross-World Continuity: The Polysemy of Adverbial *Still*". In G. Fauconnier and E. Sweetser, (eds.), *Spaces, Worlds and Grammar*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. 179-226.
- Michaelis, Laura A. and Knud Lambrecht. 1996. "The Exclamative Sentence Type in English". In A. Goldberg, (ed.), *Conceptual Structure, Discourse and Language*. Stanford, CA: Center for the Study of Language and Information. 375-389.
- Michaelis, Laura A. 1993. "On Deviant Case-Marking in Latin". In R.D. Van Valin, (ed.), *Advances in Role and Reference Grammar*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins. 311-373.
- Michaelis, Laura A. 1989. "Indefinites in Vietnamese". In M. Taneri et al., (eds.), *Kansas Working Papers in Linguistics*. University of Kansas.

#### [Articles in refereed professional conference proceedings](#)

- Stowe, Kevin, Sarah Moeller, Laura A. Michaelis and Martha Palmer. 2019. "Linguistic Analysis Improves Neural Metaphor Detection". *Proceedings of the 23rd Conference on Computational Natural Language Learning (CoNLL)*. Hong Kong: Association for Computational Linguistics. 362-371.

Duffield, Cecily Jill, Jena D. Hwang and Laura A. Michaelis. 2010. "Identifying Assertions in Text and Discourse: The Presentational Relative Clause Construction". *Proceedings of the NAACL HLT Workshop on Extracting and Using Constructions in Computational Linguistics*. Los Angeles: Association for Computational Linguistics. 17-24.

Sikos, Les, Susan W. Brown, Laura A. Michaelis, Martha Palmer and Albert E. Kim. 2008. "Figurative Language: Meaning is often more than a Sum of the Parts". *AAAI Technical Report FS-08-04: Proceedings of the AAAI 2008 Fall Symposium on Biologically Inspired Cognitive Architectures*. Menlo Park, CA: AAAI Press.

Hirschberg, Julia, Stefan Benus, Jason Brenier, Frank Enos, Sarah Friedman, Sarah Gilman, Cynthia Girand, Martin Graciarena, Andreas Kathol, Laura A. Michaelis, Bryan Pellom, Elizabeth Shriberg and Andreas Stolke. 2005. "Distinguishing Deceptive from Nondeceptive Speech". *Proceedings of the Ninth European Conference on Speech Communication and Technology*. Lisbon, Portugal.

### Articles in conference proceedings

---

Michaelis, Laura A. 2012. "Complementation by Construction". In Z. Antic et al., (eds.), *The Proceedings of the Thirty-second Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society*. Berkeley: BLS, Inc. [Reprinted in A. Goldberg, (ed.), *Cognitive Linguistics: Critical Concepts in Linguistics*. London: Routledge]

Elizabeth Coppock, Jason M. Brenier, Laura S. Staum and Laura A. Michaelis. 2012. "ISIS is not a Disfluency, but how do we Know that?". In Z. Antic et al., (eds.), *The Proceedings of the Thirty-second Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society*. Berkeley: BLS, Inc.

Francis, Hartwell S., Michelle L. Gregory and Laura A. Michaelis. 1999. "Are Lexical Subjects Deviant?" *Papers from the Thirty-Fifth Annual Regional Meeting of the Chicago Linguistics Society*, Volume I.

Bellver, Phyllis and Laura A. Michaelis. 1999. "What is the Syntax-Information Structure Interface in Basque?" In J. Ruppenhofer et al., (eds.), *The Proceedings of the Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society*. Berkeley: BLS, Inc.

Lambrecht, Knud and Laura A. Michaelis. 1994. "On Nominal Extraposition: A Constructional Analysis". In S. Gahl, et al., (eds.), *The Proceedings of the Twentieth Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society: In Honor of the Contributions of Charles J. Fillmore*. Berkeley: BLS, Inc.

Michaelis, Laura A. 1992. "The Comparative Conditional in Latin." In W. Weigel et al., (eds.), *The Proceedings of the Eighteenth Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society*. Berkeley: BLS, Inc.

Michaelis, Laura A. 1991. "Temporal Priority and Pragmatic Ambiguity: The Case of *already*". In L. Sutton et al., (eds.), *The Proceedings of the Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society*. Berkeley: BLS, Inc.

### Conference Papers and Posters Presented

---

De Wit, Astrid and Laura A. Michaelis. 2018. "Inflectional Constructions and the Meaning of Progressive Performatives in English". Paper presented at the Tenth International Conference on Construction Grammar. Sorbonne Nouvelle University-Paris 3. July 2018.

Francis, Elaine and Laura A. Michaelis. 2016. "When Relative Clause Extraposition is the Right Choice, it's Easier". Paper to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. Washington, DC. January 2016.

De Wit Astrid, Laura A. Michaelis, Michael Meeuwis and Frank Brisard. 2015. "Performativity, Progressive Avoidance and Aspect". The Eighth Conference on Semantics and Philosophy in Europe (SPE8). University of Cambridge. September 2015.

Francis, Elaine J. And Laura A. Michaelis. 2012. "Effects of Weight and Definiteness on Speakers' Choice of Clausal Ordering in English". Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. Portland, OR. January 2012.

Francis, Elaine J. and Laura A. Michaelis. 2010. "Combining Weight and Discourse Factors to Predict Relative Clause Extraposition in English". Paper presented at the Conference on Competing Motivations. Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology. Leipzig, Germany. November 2010.

Duffield, Jill, Jena D. Hwang and Laura A. Michaelis. 2010. "Identifying Assertions in Text and Discourse: The Presentational Relative Clause Construction". Paper presented at Human Language Technologies: The Eleventh Annual Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL-HLT). June 2010.

Francis, Elaine J. and Laura A. Michaelis. 2010. "Combining Weight and Discourse Factors to Predict Relative Clause Extraposition in English". Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. Baltimore, MD. January 2010.

Ruppenhofer, Josef and Laura A. Michaelis. 2009. "A Constructional Account of Genre-Based Argument Omissions". Paper presented at the Eleventh International Pragmatics Conference. Melbourne, Australia. July 2009.

Ruppenhofer, Josef and Laura A. Michaelis. "Frames Predict Null-Complement Interpretation". Paper presented at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Society of Belgium. Lessius University, Antwerp. April 2009.

Duffield, C. Jill and Laura A. Michaelis. 2009. "Why do Subject Relatives Prevail?" Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. San Francisco, CA. January 2009.

Hwang, Jena D. and Laura A. Michaelis. 2009. "What is an Aspectual Particle?" Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. San Francisco, CA. January 2009.

Sikos, Les, Rodney D. Nielsen, Travis Rood, Laura A. Michaelis, Martha Palmer and Albert E. Kim. 2008. "On the Road to Conventionalization: A Corpus Analysis of Nominal Coercion". Poster presented at the Twenty-second Annual Meeting of the CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing. Davis, CA. March 2008.

Brenier, Jason M., Elizabeth Coppock, Laura S. Staum and Laura A. Michaelis. 2006. "ISIS is not a Disfluency, but how do we know that?". Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society. Berkeley, CA. February 2006.

Hirschberg, Julia, Stefan Benus, Jason Brenier, Frank Enos, Sarah Friedman, Sarah Gilman, Cynthia Girand, Martin Graciarena, Andreas Kathol, Laura Michaelis, Bryan Pellom, Elizabeth Shriberg and Andreas Stolke. 2005. "Distinguishing Deceptive from Nondeceptive Speech". Paper presented at the Ninth European Conference on Speech Communication and Technology. Lisbon, Portugal. September 2005.

Fowles-Winkler, Anna and Laura A. Michaelis. 2005. "An ACT-R Model of Sentence Sorting with Argument-Structure Constructions". Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. Oakland, CA. January 2005.

Brenier, Jason M. and Laura A. Michaelis. 2004. "Prosodic Optimization via Copula Doubling in Conversational English". Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. Boston, MA. January 2004.



Homer, Kristin and Laura A. Michaelis. 2001. "Complementizers as Subjects: A Discourse Explanation for the so-called *that*-trace Effect". Paper presented at Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society. Berkeley, CA. February 2001.

Homer, Kristin and Laura A. Michaelis. 1999. "A Discourse Constraint on Questions". Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Text and Discourse. Vancouver, BC. July 1999.

Francis, Hartwell S., Michelle L. Gregory and Laura A. Michaelis. 1999. "Morphosyntactic Consequences of a Marked Syntactic Choice: Lexical Subjects in English". Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Text and Discourse. Vancouver, BC. July 1999.

Roland, Douglas, Dan Jurafsky and Laura A. Michaelis. 1999. "Verb Behavior is not Verb Nature: Sense and Genre Bias as Sources of Verbal Subcategorization Possibilities". Poster presented at the CUNY Sentence-Processing Conference. City University of New York. March 1999.

Bellver, Phyllis and Laura A. Michaelis. 1999. "What is the Interface of Syntax and Information Structure in Basque?" Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society. Berkeley, CA. February 1999.

Gregory, Michelle L. and Laura A. Michaelis. 1999. "Using Computational Methods to Investigate a Use Opposition". Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. Los Angeles, CA. January 1999.

Laura A. Michaelis. 1999. "Aspectual Meaning as Constructional Meaning". Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. Los Angeles, CA. January 1999.

Gregory, Michelle L. and Laura A. Michaelis. 1998. "Topicalization and Left Dislocation: A Functional Opposition Revisited". Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Text and Discourse. Madison, WI. July 1998.

Gregory, Michelle L. and Laura A. Michaelis. 1998. "Topicalization and Left Dislocation: A Functional Opposition Revisited". Poster presented at the International Pragmatics Association conference. Reims, France. July 1998.

Lambrecht, Knud and Laura A. Michaelis. 1996. "On Sentence Accent in Information Questions". Paper presented at the Second Conference on Discourse, Conceptual Structure and Language. SUNY-Buffalo. April 1996.

Michaelis, Laura A. 1996. "Contextual Modulation and the Semantics of *already*". Paper presented at the 1996 Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. San Diego, CA. January 1996.

Michaelis, Laura A. and Knud Lambrecht. 1995. "Remarks on an Exclamative Construction in English". Paper presented at the First International Conference on Functional Approaches to Grammar. University of New Mexico. July 1995.

Michaelis, Laura A. and Knud Lambrecht. 1994. "The Exclamative Sentence Type in English". Paper presented at the First Conference on Discourse, Conceptual Structure and Language. UC San Diego. November 1994.

Michaelis, Laura A. and Knud Lambrecht. 1994. "On Nominal Extraposition: A Constructional Analysis". Paper presented at the Twentieth Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society. UC Berkeley. February 1994.

Michaelis, Laura A. 1994. "Temporal Anaphora and the Preterite-Perfect Contrast in English". Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. Boston, MA. January 1994.

Michaelis, Laura A. 1993. "Evidence for the Existence of a Resultative Perfect". Paper presented at the 1993 Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. Los Angeles, CA. January 1992.

Michaelis, Laura A. 1993. "Durational Adverbs and the Event-State Distinction". Paper presented at the Sixth Annual Meeting of the UCB-UCSD Cognitive Linguistics Workshop. UC Berkeley. October 1992.

Michaelis, Laura A. 1992. "The Latin Correlative Conditional". Paper presented at the Eighteenth Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society. UC Berkeley. February 1992.

Michaelis, Laura A. 1991. "Is the Perfect Polysemous?". Paper presented at the Fifth Annual Meeting of the UCB-UCSD Cognitive Linguistics Workshop. UC San Diego. May 1991.

Michaelis, Laura A. 1991. "Temporal Priority and Pragmatic Ambiguity: the Case of Already". Paper presented at the Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society. UC Berkeley. February 1991.

Michaelis, Laura A. 1990. "Temporal Operators and Scularity". Paper presented at the Fourth Annual UCB-UCSD Cognitive Linguistics Workshop. UC Berkeley. May 1990.

Michaelis, Laura A. 1989. "On the Polysemy of Adverbial *still*". Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. Washington, D.C. December 1989.

Michaelis, Laura A. 1987. "The Latin Correlative Construction". Paper presented at the First Annual UC Berkeley-UC San Diego Cognitive Linguistics Workshop. UC Berkeley. November 1987.

### Reviews of my Work

---

Barthdal, Johanna. 2003. Review of *Beyond Alternations*. *Studies in Language* 27: 663-671.

Andersson, Sven-Gunnar. 2001. Review of *Aspectual Grammar and Past-Time Reference*. *Studies in Language* 24: 716-722.

Chirkova, Katia. 2001. Review of *Aspectual Grammar and Past-Time Reference*. *Language* 77: 635-636.

Depraetere, Ilse. 2000. Review of *Aspectual Grammar and Past-Time Reference*. *Lingua* 110: 449-465.

### Invited Talks and Courses

---

"It goes without saying: Constructional and Frame Semantic Licensing of English Null Instantiation". Invited talk presented to Interdisziplinäres Zentrum für Lexikografie, Valenz- und Kollokationsforschung der FAU. Erlangen. February 2021.

"Null Complementation in Sign-based Construction Grammar". Plenary talk presented at the Twenty Seventh International Conference on Head Driven Phrase Structure Grammar (HPSG 2020). Berlin. August 2020.

"Shakespeare's Verbing". Invited talk presented in Workshop on Shakespeare and Linguistic Creativity. Shakespeare Association of America conference. April 2020.

"What is the Event Elaboration Constraint?" Invited talk presented at Beyond Time 2. University of Antwerp. Brussels. February 2020.

"Aspect Tense and Aktionsart: Ἀπόδοτε οὖν τὰ Καίσαρος Καίσαρι". Invited talk presented to Workshop on Tense and Narrativity. Society for Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. Denver, CO. November 2018.

"The Idiomaticity Continuum: A Lexicalist Approach". Plenary talk presented at the Tenth International Conference on Construction Grammar. Sorbonne Nouvelle University-Paris 3. July 2018.

"Tense Inflection as Construction: What we Learn about the Meanings of Tenses from Coercion Effects". Plenary talk presented at Morphology Days conference. Université Catholique de Louvain, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium. November 2017.

“Partial Inversion in English”. Plenary talk (co-authored with Paul Kay) presented at HPSG 2017: The Twenty-Fourth Annual Conference on Head-Driven Phrase Structure Grammar. University of Kentucky, Lexington. July 2017.

“Serving a Slice of Time: Unifying Tense, Aspect and Modality with Aspectual Constructions”. Plenary talk presented at the TAM-E Conference on Tense, Aspect, Modality and Evidentiality: Comparative, Cognitive, Theoretical and Applied Perspectives. University of Paris Diderot, in collaboration with the LaTTiCe group (Ecole Normale Supérieure, Université Sorbonne Nouvelle, CNRS). November 2016.

International Lecturer, Department of Linguistics, University of Antwerp. May 2016.

“How Constructions Mean”. Keynote talk (co-authored with Paul Kay) presented at the Eleventh Workshop on Multiword Expressions, North American Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL) conference. Denver, CO. June 2015.

“Non-canonical Syntax Meets Special Pragmatics: Postverbal agreement in English”. Invited talk (co-authored with Paul Kay) presented at international ISF-sponsored workshop, Grammar Development: Multilingual Aspects of the Syntax-Semantics Interface. University of Haifa/Open University of Israel. June 2015.

“Constructing Post-verbal Agreement in English”. Plenary talk (co-authored with Paul Kay) presented at the Eighth International Conference on Construction Grammar. University of Osnabrück, Germany. September 2014.

Invited lecturer, International Summer School in Cognitive Linguistics. University of Bangor, Wales, UK. July 2013.

“Know how via Construction: A Middle Ground between Procedural and Propositional Views of Skill Attribution”. Plenary talk presented at the Seventh International Conference on Construction Grammar. Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, Seoul, Korea. August 2012.

“Syntactic Innovation and Grammar Evolution: The Role of Constructions”. Plenary talk presented at the Fourth International Conference of the *Association Française de Linguistique Cognitive (AFLiCo)*, Lumière University of Lyon II. May 2011.

“Why Subject Relatives Preval: A Corpus Study”. Colloquium talk presented, with Jill Duffield, Institute of Cognitive Science, University of Colorado, Boulder. March 2010.

“Signs all the Way Down: The Case for Construction-Based Syntax”. Colloquium talk, Department of Linguistics, Cambridge University, Cambridge, UK. November 2009.

“Constructions as the Basis of Syntactic Explanation”. Colloquium talk, Research Centre for English and Applied Linguistics, Cambridge University, Cambridge, UK. November 2009.

“The Role of Constructions in Language Evolution”. Colloquium talk, School of Linguistics and English Language, Bangor University, Bangor, Wales. November 2009.

“Making the Case for Construction Grammar”. Plenary talk presented at Frames and Constructions: A Conference in Honor of Charles J. Fillmore. University of California, Berkeley. July 2009.

“What Constructions do”. Colloquium talk presented in the Department of Linguistics, University of Ghent. May 2009.

“Stative Coercion by Construction”. Invited workshop talk presented at the Third International AFLiCo Conference, University Paris Ouest. May 2009.

“Myths about Construction Grammar”. Plenary talk presented at the Fifth International Conference on Construction Grammar, University of Texas, Austin. September 2008.

“Traces of Grammar Evolution: Protoconstructions, Amalgams and Mismatch Effects”. Plenary talk presented at STATPHYS 2007 Satellite Workshop: Statistical Physics of Social Dynamics: Opinions, Semiotic Dynamics, and Language. Erice, Sicily. July 2007.

“Complementation by Construction”. Plenary talk presented at the Thirty-first Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society, University of California, Berkeley. February 2006.

“Know your Values and Frame the Issues: An Essential Guide for Construction Grammarians”. Talk presented to the Department of Linguistics, Rice University. October 2005.

“The Evidence for Construction Grammar”. Plenary talk presented at the Fourth International Conference on Construction Grammar. University of Aix-Marseilles. Marseilles, France. July 2004.

“Together Again: The Tense-Aspect Interface in Simulation Semantics”. Talk presented, with Nancy Chang and Srin Narayanan, at a panel session on Embodied Construction Grammar. International Cognitive Linguistics Association Meeting. University of La Rioja, Logroño, Spain. July 2003.

“What do Constructions do?” Seminar talk presented in the Department of Linguistics, Stanford University. November 2002.

“Why we believe that Syntax is Constructional”. Colloquium talk presented in the Department of Linguistics, University of California, Berkeley. October 2002.

“Is Grammar Construction-Based?” Colloquium talk presented in the Department of Linguistics and Cognitive Science, Brown University. September 2002.

“The Case for Construction Grammar”. Colloquium talk presented in the Department of Linguistics, SUNY Buffalo. September 2002.

“Type Shifting by Tense”. Talk presented at panel session on the Cognitive Organization of Grammatical Constructions. International Cognitive Linguistics Association Meeting. University of California, Santa Barbara. July 2001.

“Coercion via Construction”. Talk presented at Workshop on Constructional and Lexical Explanation in Syntax. Berkeley Formal Grammar Conference. University of California, Berkeley. July 2000.

“Coercion Effects in Unification Grammar”. Talk given in theme session on Construction Grammar. Linguistics Society of American 1999 Linguistic Institute, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. June 1999.

“When Sentence Accent isn’t Focus Accent”. Talk presented at panel session on prosody and information structure. PRAGMA 99: International Pragmatics Conference. Tel Aviv University and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. June 1999.

“Focus and Prosody in English: Iconicity and Inference”. Talk presented to the Committee on the History and Philosophy of Science, Department of Philosophy, University of Colorado Boulder, March 1998.

“How to do Things with Constructions”. Talk presented in the Department of Linguistics, University of California, San Diego. April 1996.

“A Construction-Based Model of Language Function”. Talk presented at the Institute for English Philology, Freie Universität Berlin, June 1995.

“Past-Time Reference in English: The Preterite-Perfect Contrast”. Talk presented at the bimonthly colloquium of the Institute of Cognitive Science, University of Colorado Boulder, November 1993.

### Committee Memberships and Professional Activities

### *Service to the Profession*

---

General Editor and founding member of editorial board, *Language and Cognition*. December 2007-present.

Member, scientific committee, International Symposium on Verbs, Clauses and Constructions: Theory, Variation and Change. University of La Rioja. November 2013.

Member, international scientific committee, UK-CLC4 (the Fourth Biennial Meeting of the UK Cognitive Linguistics Association). King's College, London. July 2012.

Associate director, 2011 Linguistics Society of America Linguistic Institute. University of Colorado Boulder. 2009-2011.

Member, Program Committee, NAACL HLT 2010 Workshop on Extracting and Using Constructions in Computational Linguistics. June 2010.

Member, international scientific committee, UK-CLC3 (the Third Biennial Meeting of the UK Cognitive Linguistics Association). University of Hertfordshire. July 2010.

Member, editorial board, *English Language and Linguistics*. January 2007-present.

Associate editor, *Language*. January 2006-2009.

Member, editorial board, *Cognitive Linguistics*. Fall 2003-2010.

Member, editorial board, [constructions-online.de](http://constructions-online.de). Fall 2004-present.

Proposal reviewer, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. December 2004.

Member, program committee, Cognitive Science Society Twenty-sixth Annual Meeting (COGSCI 2004), Chicago, IL. Spring 2004.

Manuscript reviewer for *Cognitive Linguistics*, *English Language and Linguistics*, *Journal of Linguistics*, *Journal of Pragmatics*, *Language*, *Linguistics and Philosophy*. 2000-2010.

Manuscript reviewer, Oxford University Press. June 2003.

Abstract reviewer, Sixth Conference on Conceptual Structure, Discourse and Language, Rice University. July 2002.

Abstract reviewer, International Cognitive Linguistics Conference, UC Santa Barbara. March 2001.

Proposal reviewer, National Science Foundation, Division of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences. Fall 2000.

Panel organizer, Berkeley Formal Grammar conference. Approaches to Mismatch Phenomena. University of California, Berkeley. July 2000. [with Elaine Francis]

Panel organizer, International Cognitive Linguistics Conference. Construction Grammar and Discourse. Stockholm. July 1999. [with Jan-Ola Östman]

### *Service to the University, College and Department*

---

Chair, Department of Linguistics, University of Colorado Boulder. July 2018-present.

Associate chair, Department of Linguistics, University of Colorado Boulder. Fall 2012-Spring 2017.

Acting Chair, Department of Linguistics, University of Colorado Boulder. February 1-July 31, 2014.

Member, Appeals Committee on Academic Rules and Policies (ACARP), College of Arts and Science, University of Colorado Boulder. Fall 2013-Spring 2015.

Department website manager, Department of Linguistics, University of Colorado Boulder. 2003-2016.

Acting Chair, Department of Linguistics, University of Colorado Boulder. May 2006-January 2007.

Member, Executive Committee, Institute of Cognitive Science. University of Colorado Boulder. AY 2003-2004.

Member, Dean's Budget Advisory Committee, College of Arts and Science. University of Colorado Boulder. Fall 2003-Spring 2005.

Member, Arts and Sciences Council. University of Colorado Boulder. Fall 2003-Spring 2004.

Faculty Advisor, Linguistics Circle. University of Colorado Boulder. Fall 1994-Spring 2009.

Acting Chair, Department of Linguistics, University of Colorado Boulder. Summer 2003.

Member, Executive Committee, Institute of Cognitive Science. University of Colorado Boulder. AY 1999-2000.

Member, Dean's Budget Advisory Committee, College of Arts and Science. University of Colorado Boulder. Fall 1998-Spring 2000.

Member, Strategic Plan Task Force. College of Arts and Science, University of Colorado Boulder. Fall 1999-Spring 2000.

Member, Arts and Sciences Council. University of Colorado Boulder. Fall 1998-Spring 2000.

### Current Doctoral Students

Jared Desjardins, preliminary exam passed

Tao Lin [co-advisor with Martha Palmer], preliminary exam passed

Timothy O'Gorman [co-advisor with Martha Palmer], preliminary exam passed

### Doctoral Dissertations Directed

Aous Mansouri. 2016. Stative and Stativizing Constructions in Arabic News Reports: A Corpus-Based Study.

Gould, Kevin. 2015. Now you see it, now you don't: The Influence of Lexical Class, Usage Frequency, and Constructional Context on Semantic Simulation.

Sikos, Les. 2011. Tipping the Balance: The Modulation of ERP Effects at the Syntax-Semantics Interface. [co-advisor with Albert Kim, PSYC]

Sams, Jessica. 2008. A Syntactic Analysis of Written English Quotatives.

Francis, Hartwell. 2006. Transitivity in Arapaho: A Construction Grammar Approach. [co-advisor with Andy Cowell]

Bellver, Phyllis. 2004. Communicative Strategies in Basque Discourse.

Homer, Kristin L. 2000. A Discourse Constraint on Questions.

Raymond, William D. 2000. Toward a Theory of Grammatical Encoding in Speech Production: Evidence from Speech Errors. [co-advisor with Alan Bell]

Brown, Linh-Chan. 1999. The Grammaticalization of Directed Motion in Vietnamese.

### Doctoral Thesis Committees

- Steve Duman. 2016. *The Space-time Topography of English Speakers*. (Advisor: Bhuvana Narasimhan)
- Kelly Weirich. 2015. *Truth and Consequences: Toward a New Account of Indicative Conditionals*. Department of Philosophy, CU Boulder. (Advisor: David Barnett)
- Ashwini Vaidya. 2015. *Hindi Complex Predicates: Linguistic and Computational Approaches*. (Advisors: Bhuvana Narasimhan and Martha Palmer)
- Claire Bonial. 2014. *Take a look at this! Form, Function and Productivity of English Light Verb Constructions* (Advisors: Bhuvana Narasimhan and Martha Palmer)
- Jena Hwang. 2014. *Identification and Representation of Caused Motion Constructions*. (Advisor: Martha Palmer)
- William Corvey. 2013. *Leveraging Pragmatic Features for Microblogged Information Extraction During Crises*. (Advisor: Martha Palmer)
- Susan Brown. 2010. *Finding Meaning: Sense Inventories for Improved Word Sense Disambiguation*. (Advisor: Martha Palmer)
- Armik Mirzayan. 2010. *Lakota Intonation and Prosody*. (Advisor: David Rood)
- Abayomi Okunowo. 2010. *Osundare's Intrigue of Tongues: Ways of Meaning in an African Literary Corpus*. Department of English, CU Boulder. (Advisor: Cheryl Higashida)
- Vicky Tzuyin Lai. 2009. *Understanding Metaphorical Expressions: Conventionality, Mappings, and Comparison Processes*. (Advisor: Bhuvana Narasimhan)
- Jason Brenier. 2008. *The Automatic Prediction of Prosodic Prominence from Text*. (Advisor: Dan Jurafsky)
- Huihsin Tseng. 2008. *The Use of Morphological Knowledge in Chinese Natural Language Processing*. (Advisor: Dan Jurafsky)
- Cynthia Girand. 2006. *Prenuclear Accentual Structure in Conversational English*. (Advisor: Alan Bell)
- Marc Moffett. 2003. *Communication, Meaning and the Attitudes: A General Theory of Content*. Department of Philosophy, CU Boulder. (Advisor: George Bealer)
- Michelle Gregory. 2001. *Linguistic Informativeness and Speech Production: An Investigation of Contextual and Discourse-Pragmatic Effects on Phonological Variation*. (Advisor: Dan Jurafsky)
- Debra Biasca. 1999. *The Effects of Jacobsen Syndrome (11q Deletion) and other Nonfatal 11th Chromosome Rearrangements on Language Acquisition*. (Advisor: Lise Menn)
- Maria Thomas-Ruzic. 1998. *Language and Activity: We, You, and I in Instructional Talk*. (Second reader; Advisor: Barbara Fox)
- Andrea Feldman. 1998. *Constructing Grammar: Fillers, Formulas and Function*. (Advisor: Lise Menn)
- Tilo Weber. 1998. *Shared Background and Repair in German Conversation*. (Second reader; Advisor: Barbara Fox)
- Barbara Diekmann. 1996. *The Mutual Shaping of Task Context and System Interface in Directory Assistance Conversations*. (Advisor: Barbara Fox)
- Evelyn Ferstl. 1994. *Contextual Effects in Syntactic Ambiguity Resolution: The Location of Prepositional Phrase Attachment*. Department of Psychology, CU Boulder. (Advisor: Walter Kintsch)
- Randall Sparks. 1994. *The Structure of Self-Repair in English Conversation*. (Advisor: Barbara Fox)

Elizabeth O'Dowd. 1993. *Prepositions and Particles in English: A Discourse-Based, Unifying Account*. (Second reader; Advisor: Barbara Fox)

#### MA and Honors Theses Directed

---

Taryn Davis. 2007. *The Frame Makes the Picture*. *Magna cum laude* Honors thesis in Linguistics.

Jared Barber. 2010. *The Past Tense in Indirect Speech*. *Summa cum laude* Honors thesis in Linguistics.