

Vanessa Metcalf

Education

- 1999 – present PhD program in Linguistics, The Ohio State University, Columbus
Current research interests: HPSG-based syntax, constraint-based grammar implementation, computer-aided language learning technologies
- August 2004 MA in Linguistics, The Ohio State University, Columbus
- May 1998 BA *summa cum laude* in Linguistics, The University of New Hampshire, Durham, New Hampshire
Minor: English

Awards and Honors

- 2003 Summer GRA in Cognitive Science, The Center for Cognitive Science, The Ohio State University
- 2002 Adjacent Technology Fellowship, Program for the Enhancement for Graduate Study (PEGS), The Ohio State University
- 1999 Distinguished University Fellowship, The Ohio State University

Research and Teaching Experience

Graduate Teaching Associate, Department of Linguistics

- Spring 2004 Linguistics 365: Language Across Cultures
Instructor
- Autumn 2003 Linguistics 201: An Introduction to Language
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- Autumn 2001 Linguistics 680: Formal Foundations of Linguistics
Teaching assistant to David Dowty
- Winter 2001 Linguistics 201: An Introduction to Language
Instructor
- Autumn 2000 Linguistics 602.01: Syntactic Theory I
Teaching assistant to David Dowty

Graduate Research Associate, Department of Linguistics

- 2004 Research assistant in a project to Advance the Milca English Resource Grammar (MERGE), a broad-coverage HPSG-based grammar implementation. Project leader: Detmar Meurers.
Tasks: Further development of the grammar originally developed for the MiLCA project.

- 2002 – 2003 Research assistant in the *Media-intensive teaching modules in the computational linguistics curriculum* (MiLCA) project. Project leader: Detmar Meurers.
Tasks: Implementation of the English Resource Grammar (ERG) and an algorithm for compiling lexical rules in the Trale system.
- 2001 Research assistant in a research project on child language acquisition. Project leader: Peter Culicover.
Tasks: Analysis of transcribed speech data in the Child Language Data Exchange System (CHILDES) database, using the Computerized Language Analysis (CLAN) program.

Publications

Vanessa Metcalf (forthcoming). *Argument Structure in HPSG as a Lexical Property: Evidence from English Purpose Infinitives*. The Ohio State University Working Papers in Linguistics (OSUWPL). Columbus, Ohio.

Detmar Meurers, Kordula De Kuthy & Vanessa Metcalf:
 “Modularity of grammatical constraints in HPSG-based grammar implementations”. Proceedings of the ESSLLI 2003 Workshop “Ideas and strategies for multilingual grammar Engineering”. Vienna, Austria.

Presentations

- April 2005 *“The noise woke up us”: Detecting word order errors in Computer-Aided Language Learning (CALL)*
 Brownbag presentation at the Ohio State University Center for Cognitive Science
- December 2003 *English purpose infinitives*
 Second pre-generals presentation
- July 2003 *A linearization account of Spanish obligatory subject NP inversion*
 Presentation to HPSG-2003, The 10th International Conference on Head-Driven Phrase Structure Grammar
- May 2003 *Spanish obligatory subject NP inversion*
 First pre-generals presentation
- November 2002 *On large-scale English grammar implementation in Trale*
 Presentation to Clippers, the Computational Linguistics discussion group
- May 2002 *Processing lexical rules*
 Presentation to Clippers, the Computational Linguistics discussion group
- May 2002 *A linearization account of subject NP inversion in Spanish*
 Presentation in Colloquium Fest, Department of Linguistics

Service

- 2000-2001 Working Papers in Linguistics Committee, The Ohio State University
 Co-editor of Issue 56 of the Working Papers in Linguistics, the first electronically available version, published in autumn 2001.

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