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## Education

University of Wisconsin–Madison	Ph.D.	1983
University of Wisconsin–Madison	M.A.	1978
Oxford University (Institute of Social Anthropology)	Diploma	1975
Kent State University (Summa Cum Laude)	B.A.	1974

## Academic Positions

2022–Prsnt	Distinguished Professor, Department of Linguistics, Stony Brook University
1997–2022	Professor, Department of Linguistics, Stony Brook University
2016–Prsnt	Fellow, Roshon Cultural Heritage Institute
2015–Prsnt	Guest Professor, Beijing Language and Culture University, Beijing, PRC
2009	Plurality Research Fellow, Research Center of Chinese Linguistics, Peking University, PRC (April 2008 - March 2009).
2008	Professor, National Dutch Graduate School in Linguistics (LOT), Tilburg, The Netherlands (January)
2005	Professor, Linguistics Society of America Summer Institute, MIT, MA
2005	Professor, Universidad del País Vasco, Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain (February)
1999	Professor, National Dutch Graduate School in Linguistics (LOT), Amsterdam, The Netherlands (January)
1992	Professor, Girona International Summer School in Linguistics, Girona, Spain
1991	Professor, Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute, Santa Cruz, CA
1989–97	Associate Professor, Department of Linguistics, Stony Brook University
1988–89	Associate Professor, Department of Linguistics and Philosophy, MIT
1986	Professor, Linguistics Society of America Summer Institute, CUNY, New York
1985–88	Assistant Professor, Department of Linguistics and Philosophy, MIT
1984–85	Assistant Professor, Department of Linguistics, University of Pennsylvania

1984	Visiting Scholar, Center for the Study of Language and Information, Stanford University (June - August)
1983–84	Sloan Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Cognitive Science, MIT
1982–83	Sloan Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Cognitive Science, University of Texas at Austin
1982	Research Associate, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford, CA. (January-June)
1978-79	Teaching Assistant, Department of Linguistics, University of Wisconsin–Madison

## Society Membership

Linguistic Society of America

American Association for the Advancement of Science

## Honors & Awards

Fellow, Linguistic Society of America, 2021.

Dean's Award for Excellence in Graduate Teaching by a Faculty Member, Stony Brook University, 2016

EduCom Medal for development of technology–based teaching materials, EDUCAUSE, 1998

Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching, Stony Brook University, 1998

President's Award for Excellence in Teaching, Stony Brook University, 1998

Merit Award for Teaching and Curriculum Development, Stony Brook University, 1995

Graduate Council Teaching Award, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1989

Dean's Assigned Fellow, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 1981–82

Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation Fellow, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 1979–80; Sem I, 1978; Sem I, 1977

Knapp Fellow, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 1976–77

Overseas Student Fee Scholarship, Merton College, Oxford University, 1975

McGraw–Hill Award to Outstanding Graduating Senior in Anthropology, Kent State University, 1974

## Grants

Roshan Cultural Heritage Institute, Élahe Omidyar Mir-Djalali Fellowship in Endangered Iranian Languages 2018-2022 (\$210K)

NSF Grant BCS-1747687 AP Linguistics Conference Support. (\$19K)

Roshan Cultural Heritage Institute. First North American Conference on Iranian Linguistics (NACIL 1). 2016-2017 (\$20K)

New York Community Trust. International Morris Memorial Symposium on Language & Communication. (with John Drury) 2011-2013 (\$134K)

New York Community Trust. International Morris Memorial Symposium on Language & Communication. 2007-2009 (\$133K)

New York Community Trust. International Morris Memorial Symposium on Language & Communication. 2003-2004 (\$134K)

NSF Grant BCS-0236952 The Comparative Grammar of Intensional Transitive Verbs, (\$104K)

NSF Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant BCS-0215746 Prenominal Adjectives in Japanese (\$12K)

NSF RAIRE grant (administered via SUNY-SB RAIRE program), 1999 (\$5K)

NSF Grant UFE-9653366 Linguistics and the Language Sciences: New Computer-based Methods and Materials for Undergraduate Education, (\$55,255) (with B. Lust, Cornell Univ.)

NSF Grant, DUE 9350967 Teaching with Combinatorica and Semantica 6/15/93-05/31/96 (\$51,027) (with S. Skiena and D. Warren)

NSF Grant USE-9150417 (Supplement), Linguistic Semantics as Science (with D. Warren) (\$15K) 1995

NSF Grant, USE-9150417, Linguistic Semantics as Science 9/1/91-8/31/94 (\$222,337) (with D. Warren)

NSF Grant, BNS-8819813, MIT Workshop on Control, 1/1/89-3/31/89 (\$9730.)

Linguistic Fieldwork Grant, Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies, Canberra, A.C.T., 1981 (\$1K AU)

Vilas Foreign Travel Grant, Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison, 1979-1980 (\$1700.)

President. Stony Brook University Senate 07/01/2020-

Member-at-Large, Section Z (Linguistics & Language Science), American Association for the Advancement of Science, 02/2019-02/2023

Chair, AP Linguistics Committee, Linguistic Society of America 06/15/2016-12/31/2021.

Advisory Board of *Language Faculty and Beyond. Internal and External Variation in Linguistics* (John Benjamins)

Advisory Board of *Frontiers in Linguistics* (The Hong Kong Polytechnic University – Peking University Research Centre on Chinese Linguistics)

Advisory Board of Institute of Linguistics, Academia Sinica, Taiwan.

Editorial Board member of *Language and Linguistics* (Institute of Linguistics, Academia Sinica, Taiwan)

Associate editor of *Natural Language Semantics*, *LINCOM Studies in Theoretical Linguistics*

## Academic & Professional Service

Manuscripts reviewed for: *Linguistic Inquiry*, *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*, *Linguistics and Philosophy*, *Language, Mind and Language*, *Language*

Grants reviewed for National Science Foundation

Linguistics Department Chair (1999–2002), (2011–2018)

Linguistics MA Program Director (2008–2011)

Panel member, NSF Instrumentation and Laboratory Improvement Grants Review (1992,1995)

Language Learning Center Steering Committee, SUNY at Stony Brook (1992–93)

Foreign Language Proficiency Committee, SUNY at Stony Brook (1992–93)

SBS Dean Search Committee, SUNY at Stony Brook (1991)

1990 Program Committee, Association for Computational Linguistics

Senator, University Senate, SUNY at Stony Brook (1989–1990; 1995–1996)

Membership Committee, Linguistic Society of America (1985–88)

Working Group Member, MIT Center for Cognitive Science (1986–89)

## Publications (Articles)

- f.c Larson, R.K. VP-Preposing and Constituency "Paradox". *Linguistic Inquiry*.
- i.p. Samiian, V. and R.K. Larson, Ezafe in Middle Persian. In *Advances in Iranian Linguistics 2*, S. Karimi, N. Nematollahi, R. Kabiri & JG Ngui (eds). Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
- 2022 Larson, R.K. Adjectives, case and concord. In *A<sup>0</sup>: The Adjective as a Lexical Category*, P. Panagiotidis and M. Mitrovic (eds). Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
- 2022 Larson, R.K. and Chong Zhang. Applied objects in Mandarin and the nature of selection. In *New explorations in Chinese theoretical syntax*, A. Simpson (ed). Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
- 2020 Larson, R.K. and V. Samiian. The Ezafe construction revisited. In *Advances in Iranian Linguistics*. R.K. Larson, S. Moradi and V. Samiian, eds., 173-236. Amsterdam: J. Benjamins Press.
- 2020 Larson, R.K. The DP hypothesis and (a)symmetries between DP and CP. *Linguistic Analysis* 42(3-4): 507-548.
- 2020 Larson, R.K. and V. Samiian. Ezafe, PP and the nature of nominalization. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*. <http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11049-020-09471-1>
- 2019 M. DeSalvo, R.K. Larson and L. Repetti. On the introduction of linguistics in the Secondary School curriculum through Latin. In *La linguistica moderna nella pratica didattica: dalla riflessione alle competenze*. S. Bertoldo and G. Cavallo, eds. 73-88. Padova: CLEUP.
- 2019 Larson, R.K., K. Denham and A. Lobeck. The AP Linguistics initiative. *Language* 95: 381-393.
- 2019 Larson, R.K., S. Antonyuk and L. Liu. 2018. Superiority and scope freezing. *Linguistic Inquiry* 50: 233–252

- 2018 Cheung, C. and R.K. Larson. 'Make' causatives in English and Mandarin. *Lingua Sinica* 4:4 <https://doi.org/10.1186/s40655-018-0036-9>
- 2018 Larson, R.K. AP-de ( ) adverbs in Mandarin. *Studies in Chinese Linguistics* 39: 01-28.
- 2018 Larson R.K., M. den Dikken and P. Ludlow. Intensional transitive verbs and abstract clausal complementation. In Grzankowski, Alex and Michelle Montague (eds.) *Non-Propositional Intentionality*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2017 Larson, R.K. and I. LaTerza. Revisiting Article-S. *Revista Linguística* 13: 51-87.
- 2017 Zhang C. and R.K Larson. Light heads and applicative shift in Mandarin. In Feng, Shengli & Wei-tien Dylan, Tsai (eds.). *Hanyu qingdongci jufa yanjiu (Studies in Chinese Light Verb Syntax, 《汉语轻动词句法研究》)*. Beijing: Peking University Press
- 2017 Larson, R.K. Hierarchies of features vs. hierarchies of projections. In Fuzhen Si (ed.) *Studies in Syntactic Cartography*. (pp.41-65). Beijing: China Social Sciences Press.
- 2017 Larson R.K. On "Dative Idioms" in English. *Linguistic Inquiry* 48: 389-426.
- 2015 Cheung, C. and R. K. Larson. Psych verbs in English and Mandarin. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 33: 127-189.
- 2012 Larson, R.K, and M. Sawada. Root Transformations and Quantificational Structure. In L. Haegeman, R. Nye and L. Aelbrecht (eds.) *Main Clause Phenomena: New Horizons*. (pp. 47-77) Amsterdam: John Benjamins
- 2011 Larson, R.K. Clauses, propositions and phases. In A-M DiSciullo and C. Boeckx (eds.) *The Bilingual Enterprise: New Perspectives on the Evolution and Nature of the Human Language Faculty*. (pp. 366-391) Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2010 Larson, R.K. On Pykkänen's semantics for low applicatives. *Linguistic Inquiry* 41: 701-704.
- 2009 Larson, R.K. Chinese as a reverse Ezafe language. *Yuyanxue Luncong (Journal of Linguistics)* 39: 30-85.
- 2009 Larson, R.K, and N. Harada. Datives in Japanese. In R. Shibagaki and R. Vermeulen (eds.) *Proceedings of the 5th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics (WAFL5)*. MIT Working Papers in Linguistics Vol. 54. (pp. 3-17) Cambridge, MA.
- 2008 Larson, R.K., and H. Yamakido. Ezafe and the deep position of nominal modifiers. In McNally, L. and C. Kennedy (eds.) (2008). *Adjectives and Adverbs: Syntax, Semantics, and Discourse*. (pp. 43-70) Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2007 Larson, R.K., and N. Takahashi. Order & interpretation in prenominal relative clauses. In M. Kelepir and B. Öztürk (eds.) *Proceedings of the 2nd Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics (WAFL 2)*, (pp. 101-120) MITWPL.
- 2005 Vassilieva, M. and R.K. Larson. The semantics of the plural pronoun construction. *Natural Language Semantics* 13: 101-124.
- 2004 Larson, R.K., and F Marusic. Indefinite pronoun structures with AP. *Linguistic Inquiry* 35: 268-287

- 2004 Larson R.K. Sentence-final adverbs and "scope". In M. Wolf and K. Moulton (eds.) *Proceedings of NELS 34*. (pp. 23-43) UMass: GLSA.
- 2004 Sawada, M. and R.K. Larson Presupposition & root transforms in adjunct clauses. In M. Wolf and K. Moulton (eds.) *Proceedings of NELS 34*. UMass: GLSA.
- 2003 Larson, R.K. Event descriptions in Fon and Haitian Creole. In D. Adone (ed.) *Development in Creole Studies*. (pp. 67-90) Niemeyer, Tuebingen.
- 2003 Larson, R.K., and S. Cho Temporal adjectives and the structure of possessive DPs. *Natural Language Semantics* 11: 217-247.
- 2003 Larson, R.K. Time and event measure. In J. Hawthorne and D. Zimmerman (eds.) *Philosophical Perspectives 17. Language and Philosophical Linguistics*. (pp. 247-258) Malden, MA : Blackwell Publishing Inc.
- 2002 Larson, R.K. The grammar of intensionality. In Preyer, G., ed., *Logical Form and Language*. (pp. 228 -262) Oxford: Clarendon Press.
- 2002 Larson, R.K. and H. Yamakido A new form of nominal ellipsis in Japanese. In P. Clancy (ed.) *Japanese/Korean Linguistics Vol. 11*. CSLI, Stanford.
- 2001 Vassilieva, M. and R.K. Larson. The semantics of the plural pronoun construction. In R. Hastings, B. Jackson, and Z. Zvolensky, eds., *Proceedings from Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) XI*. Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
- 1999 Larson, R.K., and S. Cho Temporal adjectives and the structure of possessive DPs. *Proceedings of the 18th West Coast Conference in Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 18)*.
- 1998 Larson, R.K., Events and modification in nominals. In D. Strolovitch and A. Lawson, eds., *Proceedings from Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) VIII*. Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
- 1996 den Dikken, M., Larson, R.K., and Ludlow, P. Intensional "transitive" verbs and concealed complement clauses. *Rivista di Linguistica* 8(2): 331-348.
- 1995 Larson, R.K. Semantics. In: L. Gleitman and M. Liberman, eds., *Invitation to Cognitive Science. Vol. 1 Language*, MIT Press, Cambridge.
- 1993 Larson, R.K. and Ludlow, P. *Interpreted logical forms*. *Synthese* 95: 305-355.
- 1991 Larson, R.K. *Promise and the theory of control*. *Linguistic Inquiry* 22: 103-139.
- 1991 Larson, R.K. Some issues in verb serialization. In C. Lefebvre, ed., *Verb Serialization*, John Benjamins, Amsterdam.
- 1991 Larson, R.K. and C. Lefebvre. Predicate clefting in Haitian Creole. In Sherer, T. (ed.) *Proceedings of NELS 21*. GLSA, University of Massachusetts at Amherst.
- 1990 Larson, R.K. Double objects revisited: reply to Jackendoff. *Linguistic Inquiry* 21: 589-632.
- 1990 Larson, R.K. Extraction and multiple selection in PP. *The Linguistic Review* 7: 169-182.
- 1990 Larson, R.K. Semantics. In: D. Osherson, (ed.) *Invitation to Cognitive Science. Vol. 1 Language*. MIT Press, Cambridge.

- 1990 Larson, R.K. and May, R. Antecedent containment or vacuous movement: reply to Baltin. *Linguistic Inquiry* 21: 103-122.
- 1989 Kim, Y.j. and Larson, R.K. Scope interpretation and the syntax of psych-verbs. *Linguistic Inquiry* 20: 681-688.
- 1988 Larson, R.K. Implicit arguments in Situation Semantics. *Linguistics and Philosophy* 11: 169-201.
- 1988 Larson, R.K. On the double object construction. *Linguistic Inquiry* 19: 335-391.
- 1988 Larson, R.K. Scope and comparatives. *Linguistics and Philosophy* 11: 1-26.
- 1987 Larson, R.K. 'Missing prepositions' and the analysis of English free relative clauses. *Linguistic Inquiry* 16: 239-266.
- 1985 Larson, R.K. On the syntax of disjunction scope. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 3: 217-264.
- 1985 Larson, R.K. Bare-NP adverbs. *Linguistic Inquiry* 14: 595-621.
- 1982 Larson, R.K. A note on the interpretation of adjoined relative clauses. *Linguistics and Philosophy* 5: 473-482.
- 1982 Larson, R.K. and Cooper, R. The syntax and semantics of *when*-questions. *Linguistics and Philosophy* 5: 155-169.
- 1980 Larson, R.K. On a recent analysis of English auxiliaries. In John T. Jensen (ed.) *Cahiers Linguistiques d'Ottawa* 9: 283-293.

## Publications (Books)

- 2022 Larson, R.K. *Semantics as Science*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.
- 2020 Larson, R.K., S. Moradi and V. Samiiian. *Advances in Iranian linguistics*. Amsterdam: J. Benjamins.
- 2014 Larson, R.K. *On Shell Structure*. London: Routledge.
- 2010 Larson, R.K. *Grammar as Science*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.
- 2010 Larson, R.K., V. Depez, and H. Yamakido (eds.) *Evolution of Human Language: Bilingual Perspectives*. Cambridge: CUP.
- 1995 Larson, R.K. and Segal, G. *Knowledge of Meaning*. Bradford Books/MIT Press, Cambridge.
- 1992 Larson, R.K., Iatridou, S., Lahiri, U., and Higginbotham, J. *Control and Grammar*. Kluwer Academic Publishing Group, Dordrecht.

## Publications (Software)

- 2017 Larson, R. K., D.S. Warren, J. Freire, P. Gomez, and K. Sagonas. *Semantica for JAVA*. MIT Press, Cambridge.
- 2010 Larson, R. K., D.S. Warren, J. Freire, K. Sagonas and S.V. Ramanan. *Syntactica for JAVA*. MIT Press, Cambridge.

- 1997 | Larson, R. K., D.S. Warren, J. Freire, P. Gomez, and K. Sagonas. *Semantica*. MIT Press, Cambridge.
- 1996 | Larson, R. K., D.S. Warren, J. Freire and K. Sagonas. *Syntactica*. MIT Press, Cambridge.

## Theses Directed

- Abney, Steven. 1987. *The English noun phrase in its sentential aspect*. Ph.D. dissertation, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
- Sato, Eriko. 1996. *The logical Interpretation of English and Japanese sentences*. Ph.D. dissertation, Stony Brook University.
- Kappus, Martin. 2000. *Topics in German negation*. Ph.D. dissertation, Stony Brook University.
- Citko, Barbara. 2000. *Parallel merge and the syntax of free relatives*. Ph.D. dissertation, Stony Brook University.
- Cho, Sungeun. 2002. *Three forms of case agreement in Korean*. Ph.D. dissertation, Stony Brook University.
- Yamakido, Hiroko. 2005. *The nature of adjectival inflection in Japanese*. Ph.D. dissertation, Stony Brook University.
- Vassilieva, Maria. 2005. *Associative and pronominal plurality*. Ph.D. dissertation, Stony Brook University.
- Marušič, Franc. 2005. *On non-simultaneous phases*. Ph.D. dissertation, Stony Brook University.
- Kawamura, Tomoko. 2007. *Some interactions of focus and focus sensitive elements*. Ph.D. dissertation, Stony Brook University.
- Mykhaylyk, Roksolana. 2010. *Optional object scrambling in child and adult Ukrainian*. Ph.D. dissertation, Stony Brook University.
- Shu, Chih-hsiang. 2011. *Sentential adverbs in the kingdom of agree*. Ph.D. dissertation, Stony Brook University.
- Asano, Yukiko. 2012. *Thematic resultative expressions in English and Japanese: A view from the syntax of event aspect*. Ph.D. dissertation, Stony Brook University.
- Mitrovic, Ivana. 2014. *The DP category and Serbian nominal structure*. Ph.D. dissertation, Stony Brook University.
- Antonyuk, Svitlana. 2015. *Quantifier scopepe and scope freezing in Russian*. Ph.D. dissertation, Stony Brook University. (With John Bailyn)
- Takahashi, Hisako. 2017. *On the syntax of spatiotemporal PPs*. Ph.D. dissertation, Stony Brook University.
- Pasternak, Robert. 2018. *The mereology of attitudes*. Ph.D. dissertation, Stony Brook University.



Cepeda, Paola. 2018. *Negation and time: against expletive negation in temporal clauses*. Ph.D. dissertation, Stony Brook University.

Wu, Hongchen. 2019. *Quantifier scope in Mandarin*. Ph.D. dissertation, Stony Brook University.

Liu, Lei. 2022. *Phrasal weight effect on word order*. Ph.D. dissertation, Stony Brook University  
(With Thomas Graf)