

# Jeffrey K. Parrott

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## Education

September 1998 - January 2007                      Georgetown University                      Washington, DC

### **Ph.D. in Linguistics**

- Concentration in Theoretical Linguistics
- Dissertation: *Distributed Morphological Mechanisms of Labovian Variation in Morphosyntax*
- Committee: Donna Lardiere, Georgetown University (Chair); David Adger, Queen Mary, University of London; Kleanthes Grohmann, University of Cyprus; Natalie Schilling-Estes, Georgetown University (see References)

Summer 2001    Stuttgart University                                      Stuttgart, Germany

### **Hauptseminare**

- Two seminars passed for 3 credits graduate credit:  
    "The Acquisition of Verb Placement" (Manuela Schoenenberger)  
    "Topics at the Morpho-Syntax Interface" (Artemis Alexiadou)

1993 - 1998    Portland State University                                      Portland, OR

### **Bachelor of Arts in Applied Linguistics**

- With Honors
- Minor in Japanese Language and Literature (see Languages)

Summer 1997    Cornell University    Ithaca, NY

### **Linguistic Society of America, Summer Institute**

- Courses passed for undergraduate credit: "Minimalism" (Collins), "Phrase Structure and Movement" (Fukui), "Diachronic Syntax" (Garret), "History of Linguistics" (Fromkin), "Language Variation" (Guy).

1994 - 1995    Yonsei University    Seoul, Korea

### **International Study Program, Portland State University/Yonsei University**

- Courses passed for undergraduate credit, included Korean language (see Languages), modern Korean literature, Korean history, Chinese and Korean philosophy, and the history of Buddhism.

## Awards

Fall 2004                      Georgetown University                      Washington, DC

### **Graduate Scholarship, Department of Linguistics**

- Provided tuition scholarship.

Fall 1999 - Fall 2000; Fall 2001 - Fall 2002                      Georgetown University                      Washington, DC

### **Graduate Assistant, Department of Linguistics**

- Provided full tuition and monthly stipend. Activities varied by semester (see Experience).

Fall 1998 - Spring 1999

Georgetown University

Washington, DC

**Georgetown University Graduate Fellowship**

- Provided full tuition and monthly stipend. Activities varied by semester (see Experience).

1995 - 1998

Portland State University

Portland, OR

**Oregon Laurels Scholarship**

- Merit based; provided full tuition.

## **Publications**

(To appear) A Minimalist, Distributed Morphology approach to Labovian variation: The Case of weak expletive *it* on Smith Island. In Grohmann, Kleanthes and Phoevos Panagiotidis (eds.), *Interface Issues in Linguistic Minimalism*. Cambridge: Cambridge Scholars Press.

(To appear) Review of Cornips, Leonie, and Karen P. Corrigan (eds.), *Syntax and Variation: Reconciling the Biological and the Social*. Amsterdam and Philadelphia: John Benjamins, 2005. In *English Language and Linguistics*.

(To appear) Distributed Morphological mechanisms of Smith Island *weren't* leveling. In *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics 13.1: Proceedings of the 30th Annual Penn Linguistics Colloquium*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics.

(2006) Distributed Morphological mechanisms of pronoun-case variation. In *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics 12.2: Selected Papers from NWAV 34*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics.

(2002) Dialect death and morpho-syntactic change: Smith Island weak expletive 'it'. In Johnson, Daniel Ezra and Tara Sanchez (eds.), *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics 8.3: Selected Papers from NWAV 30*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics.

(2002) Untangling Lateralization and De-Lateralization. In Ahn, Hee-Don and Namkil Kim (eds.), *Selected Papers from the Twelfth International Conference on Korean Linguistics*. Seoul: Kyungjin Publishing Co.

(2001) Review of Wiese, *The Phonology of German*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000. In *The Linguist List* (12.2354): <http://linguistlist.org/issues/12/12-2354.html>.

(2000) Negative Inversion in African American Vernacular English: A Case of optional movement? In Antrim, Nancy Mae and Grant Goodall, Martha Schulte-Nafeh, Vida Samiian (eds.), *Proceedings of the 28th Western Conference on Linguistics, Vol. 11 (WECOL 1999)*. California State University, Fresno: Department of Linguistics.

(1999) With Takae Tsujioka (eds.), *Georgetown University Working Papers in Theoretical Linguistics, Vol. 1*. Washington D.C.: Georgetown University, Dept. of Linguistics.

### **Selected articles from Today's Science on File (see Experience)**

(2006) Psychology: Starling Syntax? Animal Grammars and the Evolution of Language. *Today's Science on File (TSOF)*, September 2006: online.

(2006) Archeology: Shell Beads May Push Back Origins of Culture. *TSOF*, August 2006: 299-301.

(2005) Paleontology: Teeth are First Chimp Fossils. *TSOF*, October 2005: 64-65.

(2005) Biology: Chick-a-dee-dee-Danger! *TSOF*, September 2005: 37-38

(2005) Paleoanthropology: The Contentious Hobbits of Flores. *TSOF*, September 2005, Supplement: 20-24.

(2005) Biology: Hibernation on Demand: A Smelly Solution. *TSOF*, July 2005: 265-269.

- (2005) Earth Science: Arctic Warming Fast, Polar Bears on Thin Ice. *TSOF*, February 2005: 156-161.
- (2004) Psychology: Altruistic Punishment: A Sweet Dish. *TSOF*, November 2004: 89-90.
- (2004) Psychology: Talking to Dogs. *TSOF*, September 2004: 32-35.
- (2004) Paleontology: From Fin to Limb. *TSOF*, July 2004: 265-266.
- (2003) Anthropology: Cows Give Males the Upper Hand. *TSOF*, December 2003: 112-113.

## **Conference Presentations and Invited Talks**

- (2006) *Dialect Death by Concentration on Smith Island*. Lecture and discussion for Ling-e121c "The Rise and Fall of Languages," instructor Prof. Andrew Nevins. Department of Linguistics, Harvard University. September 28, 2006.
- (2006) *Distributed Morphological Mechanisms of Labovian Variation: The Case of Smith Island*. Ling-Lunch. Department of Linguistics and Philosophy, Massachusetts Institute of Technology. September 28, 2006.
- (2006) *Distributed Morphological Mechanisms of Labovian Variation: The Case of Smith Island*. Harvard GSAS Linguistic Theory Workshop. Department of Linguistics, Harvard University. September 27, 2006.
- (2006) *WEIT on Smith Island (another vexing expletive)*. Poster presentation. InterPhases Conference. University of Cyprus, Nicosia, Cyprus. May 18-20, 2006.
- (2006) *Distributed Morphological mechanisms of Smith Island weren't leveling*. 30th Penn Linguistics Colloquium, Special Session on Distributed Morphology. University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. February 24, 2006.
- (2005) *Beyond you and I: Distributed Morphological mechanisms of pronoun variation*. New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV) 34. New York University, New York, NY. October 22, 2005.
- (2005) *From the Arctic to the Amazon, Whorf rides again (the Whorfian Fallacy revisited)*. Come Together NYC. Apex Art, New York, NY. February 12, 2005.
- (2004) *Variability as an empirical phenomenon and its implications for linguistic theory (a case study)*. Poster presentation. Georgetown University Round Table (GURT) 2004. Georgetown University, Washington D.C. March 26-29, 2004.
- (2003) *Variation, change, and the morphological component*. Linguistics Research Group Colloquium, Institute for German Language and Literature. University of Cologne, Cologne, Germany. January 29, 2003.
- (2002) With Jennifer Mittelstaedt. *A Distributed Morphology account of 'weren't' leveling*. New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV) 30. Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA. October 9 - 13, 2002.
- (2001) *Head movement in minimalist syntax: Some problems and proposals*. Two-part lecture for a seminar in syntactic theory, instructor Prof. Raffaella Zanuttini. Georgetown University, Washington, DC. October 18-23, 2001.
- (2001) *Dialect death and morpho-syntactic change: Smith Island Weak Expletive 'it'*. New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV) 30. Raleigh, NC. October 11 - 14, 2001.
- (2001) *Explaining variable linear ordering asymmetries in English: A morphological alternative*. Asymmetry Conference. University of Quebec at Montreal, Montreal, Canada. May 7 - 10, 2001.
- (2000) *Untangling Lateralization and De-Lateralization*. Conference of the International Circle of Korean Linguistics (ICKL) 12. Prague, Czech Republic. July 13 - 15, 2000.
- (1999) *The Minimalist Program, variation, and AAVE*. Lecture for an introduction to linguistics course, instructor Jo Mackiewicz. Department of Linguistics, Georgetown University. November 1999.

(1999) *African American Vernacular English*. Lecture for an introduction to linguistics course, instructor Takae Tsujioka. Department of Linguistics, Georgetown University. November 1999.

(1999) *Negative Inversion in African American Vernacular English: A Case of optional movement?* Western Conference on Linguistics (WECOL) 28. El Paso, TX. October 28 - 30, 1999.

(1999) *A Minimalist analysis of Negative Inversion in African American English*. New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAY) 28. Toronto, Canada. October 14 - 16, 1999.

## **Experience**

November 2003 and August 2006 - present *Today's Science on File* New York, NY

### **Freelance Science Writer**

- Wrote articles about linguistic evidence in anthropology and startling experiments (see Publications).

August 2005 - August 2006 *Today's Science on File* New York, NY

### **Contributing Editor**

- Managing Editor: Chris Larson (clarson@facts.com)
- Primarily responsible for production of print issues (discontinued August 2006); secondary responsibilities included writing science-news articles (see Publications) and other tasks (see below).

April 2004 - August 2005 *Today's Science on File* New York, NY

### **Editorial Assistant**

- Managing Editor: Amy Perry (aap270@nyu.edu)
- Responsibilities included researching and writing science-news feature articles and briefs (see Publications), monitoring science news from various sources, copy and content editing, layout of print issues in Adobe Framemaker and Photoshop, corresponding with scientists, corresponding with freelance writers, gathering photographs and graphics, obtaining credits and permissions for publication of photographs and graphics, mailing, and other miscellaneous office work.

July - November 2002; March 2003 - April 2004 *Facts on File News Services* New York, NY

### **Editorial Assistant**

- Managing Editor: Jonathan Taylor (jtaylor@facts.com)
- Responsibilities included assigning newspaper and journal articles to writers by topic, clipping, sorting, and distributing articles, photocopying and distributing finals and corrected finals, opening mail, and other miscellaneous office work.

Spring 2002 Georgetown University Washington, DC

### **Editorial and Research Assistant**

- Editor: Prof. David Lightfoot (Dean, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences)
- Assisted with Lightfoot (ed.), *Syntactic Effects of Morphological Change*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2002.
- Responsibilities included copy editing, checking references, assembling and editing subject and author indexes, faxing, copying, coordinating communication and proofreading with authors, and other miscellaneous office work.

- Fall 2001 Georgetown University Washington, DC  
**Teaching Assistant: Ling 001 - Introduction to Language**
- Instructor: Prof. Donna Lardiere (see References)
  - Responsibilities included grading homework, exams and papers, tutoring, and teaching a bi-weekly section.
- Spring - Summer 2001 Georgetown University Munich, Germany - Washington, DC  
**Linguistic Transcriber: Dialect Change and Preservation in Smith Island, MD**
- Primary Investigator: Prof. Natalie Schilling-Estes (see References)
  - Transcribed approximately 20 hours of multi-speaker sociolinguistic interviews recorded on Smith Island, MD.
  - Worked long distance--transcripts were emailed from Munich, Germany to Washington, DC.
- Fall 2000 Georgetown University Washington, DC  
**Teaching Assistant: Ling 225 - Syntax**
- Instructor: Bruce Moren
  - Responsibilities included grading and tutoring.
- Fall 1999, Spring 2000 Georgetown University Washington, DC  
**Teaching Assistant: Ling 527, 528 - Generative Syntax I, II**
- Instructor: Prof. Hector Campos
  - Responsibilities included grading, tutoring, and teaching a weekly section.
- Spring 1999 Georgetown University Washington, DC  
**Co-editor: Georgetown University Working Papers in Theoretical Linguistics**
- With Takae Tsujioka (see Publications)
  - Responsibilities included soliciting and selecting papers for publication, coordinating communication with referees and authors, proofreading, copy editing and content editing selected papers, desktop publishing and printing the completed volume.
- Fall 1998 Georgetown University Washington, DC  
**Teaching Assistant: Ling 225 - Syntax**
- Instructor: Prof. Elena Herburger
  - Responsibilities included grading, tutoring, and giving class lectures.
- 1994 - 1995 Various clients Seoul, Korea  
**Private English Tutor**
- Various ages and instructional settings.

## Languages

### **English**

- Native speaker (Willamette Valley, Oregon)

### **Korean**

- 3 years formal instruction (Portland State University, Korean Language Institute at Yonsei University)
- Lived 15 months in Seoul, Korea (September 1994 - August 1995; June - August 1999)
- Intermediate proficiency in written and spoken Korean

### **Japanese**

- 5 semesters formal instruction (Portland State University)
- Elementary proficiency in spoken and written Japanese

### **German**

- 8 weeks formal instruction (Goethe Institute; Munich Volkshochschule)
- Lived 17 months in Munich, Germany  
(May - August 2000; January - August 2001; November 2002 - March 2003)
- Basic proficiency in written and spoken German

## References

### **Prof. Donna Lardiere, Ph.D. (dissertation-committee chair)**

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