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Education

- Ph.D., University of Illinois, Linguistics, 2011
- M.A., University of Illinois, Linguistics, 2008
- M.A., Johns Hopkins University, Cognitive Science, 2004
- B.A., Johns Hopkins University, English, 1999

Academic positions

- Assistant Professor, Dept. of Linguistics, University of Utah, 2013–present
- Visiting Senior Lecturer, Dept. of Linguistics & TESOL, University of Texas at Arlington, 2011–2013

Publications

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Slade, Benjamin. forthcoming. History of focus-concord constructions and focus-associated particles in Sinhala, with comparison to Dravidian and Japanese. *Glossa*.
- Slade, Benjamin. in press. Overstanding Idren: Special Features of Rasta Talk Morphology. *Journal of Pidgin & Creole Languages*.
- Csirmaz, Aniko & Slade, Benjamin. 2016. Result states and repetitive adverbs. *BLINC Acta Linguistica Hungarica* 63(4): 443–455.
- Slade, Benjamin. 2013. The diachrony of light and auxiliary verbs in Indo-Aryan. *Diachronica* 30.4: 531–578.
- Slade, Benjamin. 2008[2010]. How (exactly) to slay a dragon in Indo-European? PIE *bheid- {*b₃ég^whim*, *k^wǵmi*-.} *Historische Sprachforschung* 121: 3–53.
- Slade, Benjamin. 2007. *Untydras ealle*: Grendel, Cain, and Vrtra. Indo-European *śruti* and Christian *smṛti* in *Beowulf*. In *Geardagum* 27: 1–32.

BOOKS EDITED

- Chen, Shu-Fen & Benjamin Slade. 2013. *Grammatica et verba / Glamour and verve. Studies in South Asian, Historical, & Indo-European Linguistics: A Festschrift in Honor of Professor Hans Henrich Hock on the Occasion of His 75th Birthday*. Ann Arbor: Beech Stave Press.

PEER-REVIEWED BOOK CHAPTERS

- Slade, Benjamin & Matt Garley. 2016. Virtual meatspace: Word formation and deformation in cyberpunk discussions. In *English in Computer-Mediated Communication: Variation, Representation, and Change*, ed. Lauren M. Squires, 123–148. Berlin: De Gruyter.
- Slade, Benjamin. 2015a. Sinhala indefinites with a certain *je ne sais quoi*. In *Epistemic indefinites: Exploring Modality Beyond the Verbal Domain*, eds. Luis Alonso-Ovalle & Paula Menéndez-Benito, 82–99. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Slade, Benjamin. 2015b. A short history of English epistemic indefinites. In *Epistemic indefinites: Exploring Modality Beyond the Verbal Domain*, eds. Luis Alonso-Ovalle & Paula Menéndez-Benito, 100–113. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Slade, Benjamin. 2003. How to rank constraints: Constraint conflict, grammatical competition, and the rise of periphrastic *do*. In *Optimality theory and language change*, ed. D. Eric Holt, 337–385. Dordrecht: Kluwer.

INVITED BOOK CHAPTERS

- Slade, Benjamin. 2016. Compound verbs in Indo-Aryan. In *The Languages and Linguistics of South Asia, a comprehensive guide*, eds. Hans Henrich Hock & Elena Bashir, 559–567. The World of Linguistics series. Berlin: Walter De Gruyter.
- Slade, Benjamin. 2013. Question-particles and relative clauses in the history of Sinhala, with comparison to early and modern Dravidian. In *Grammatica et verba / Glamour and verve — Studies in South Asian, Historical, and Indo-European Linguistics: A Festschrift in Honor of Professor Hans Henrich Hock on the Occasion of His 75th Birthday*, eds. Shu-Fen Chen & Benjamin Slade, 245–268. Ann Arbor: Beech Stave Press.
- Garley, Matt, Benjamin Slade, and Marina Terkourafi. 2010. A text in speech's clothing: Discovering specific functions of formulaic expressions in *Beowulf* and blogs. In *Perspectives on formulaic language: Acquisition and communication*, ed. David Wood, 213–233. London: Continuum.

PROCEEDINGS & WORKING PAPERS

- Garley, Matt, Benjamin Slade, and Marina Terkourafi. 2012. Hwæt! LOL! Common formulaic functions in *Beowulf* and blogs. *Proceedings from the Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS)* 45.1: 111–126.
- Slade, Benjamin. 2009. Split serpents and bitter blades: Reconstructing details of the PIE dragon-combat. *Studies in the Linguistic Sciences: Illinois Working Papers* 2009: 1–57.

WORK IN PROGRESS / UNDER REVIEW

Slade, Benjamin. in revision. Formal analysis of novel morphological processes in Rasta talk. For *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory*.

Presentations

INVITED TALKS

Slade, Benjamin. “History of kakarimusubi-like constructions in Sinhala and Dravidian”, National Institute for Japanese Language and Linguistics (NINJAL), Tachikawa City, Tokyo (given *in absentia* 6 September 2015).

Slade, Benjamin. “Some notes on English morphology”, Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville, Tennessee (21 March 2013).

Slade, Benjamin. “A talk about certain linguistic structures in some language or other: Question particles and epistemic indefinites in Sinhala”, University of Utah colloquium, Salt Lake City, Utah (8 February 2013).

Slade, Benjamin. “Some talk or other: Epistemic indefinites, choice functions and conceptual covers”, Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex Linguistics Conference 2012, University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, Texas (10 November 2012).

Slade, Benjamin. “Historical Linguistics & Language Maintenance: compound verbs, absolutives & verbal particles in Nepali, Norse & Sanskrit”, 26th All India Conference of Linguists [AICL 26], North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong, Meghalaya, India (1 December 2004).

Slade, Benjamin. “History & Structure of English Verbal Constructions”, Dept. of Linguistics, North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong, Meghalaya, India, special three lecture series (21, 23, 26 April 2004).

CONFERENCE TALKS

Slade, Benjamin. “South Asian relative-correlatives and unexpected particles”, Perspectives on South Asian Syntax, a panel in honor of Alice Davison and James W. Gair, Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, Wisconsin (28 Oct 2017).

Slade, Benjamin & Csirmaz, Aniko. “Then too...”, Meaning in Flux, Yale University, New Haven, (14 October 2017).

Slade, Benjamin. “Why are there disjunctive particles in Sinhala & Dravidian relative-correlatives?: existential particles in nonexistential environments”, Workshop on Logical Vocabulary & Logical Change, 23rd International Conference on Historical Linguistics, Hotel Contessa, San Antonio, Texas, (3 August 2017).

Slade, Benjamin & Csirmaz, Aniko. “Adding meaning to Indo-Aryan & Hungarian aspectual adverbials then and again”, Workshop on Logical

- Vocabulary & Logical Change, 23rd International Conference on Historical Linguistics [ICHL23], Hotel Contessa, San Antonio, Texas, (3 August 2017).
- Csirmaz, Aniko & Slade, Benjamin. “Anatomy of Hungarian aspectual particles”, 13th International Conference on the Structure of Hungarian [ICSH13], Research Institute for Linguistics of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, (30 June 2017).
- Slade, Benjamin. “The semantics of Jamaican Creole verbal reduplication”, Society for Caribbean Linguistics 21st biennial conference, University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica (1–6 August 2016).
- Slade, Benjamin & Csirmaz, Aniko. “Re-reconsidering *re-*”, Penn Linguistics Colloquium 40, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia (18–20 March 2016).
- Csirmaz, Aniko & Slade, Benjamin. “Result states and repetitive adverbs”, Budapest Linguistics Conference (BLINC), Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary, (18–20 June 2015).
- Slade, Benjamin. “Formal analysis of novel morphological processes in Rasta talk”, 20th Biennial Conference of the Society for Caribbean Linguistics [SCL20], Holiday Inn Resort & Casino, Palm Beach, Oranjestad, Aruba (5–8 August 2014).
- Garley, Matt & Slade, Benjamin. “Virtual Meatspace: Word formation and deformation in cyberpunk discussion”, Fifth International Conference on the Linguistics of Contemporary English [ICLCE5], University of Texas, Austin (25–29 September 2013).
- Slade, Benjamin. “Overstanding Idren: Special Features of Rastafari English Morphology”, 2nd Rastafari Studies Conference and General Assembly — Rastafari, Coral Gardens and African Redemption: Issues, Challenges and Opportunities — Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Coral Gardens Massacre, University of the West Indies, Mona Campus, Jamaica (12–16 August 2013).
- Slade, Benjamin. “Some epistemic indefinites in Sinhala”, Formal Approaches to South Asian Languages 3 [FASAL-3], University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California (10 March 2013).
- Slade, Benjamin. “Sinhala Epistemic Indefinites”, 86th meeting of the Linguistic Society of America [LSA 86], Hilton Portland, Portland, Oregon (7 January 2012).
- Slade, Benjamin. “Why *wh*-words need ordinary semantic values (and what to do about intervention effects)”, 84th meeting of the Linguistic Society of America [LSA 84], Hilton Baltimore, Baltimore, Maryland (9 January 2010).
- Garley, Matt, Benjamin Slade, and Marina Terkourafi. “Hwæt! LOL! Common formulaic functions in *Beowulf* and blogs”, 45th meeting of the Chicago

- Linguistics Society [CLS 45], University of Chicago (18 April 2009).
- Slade, Benjamin. “Developments in Indo-Aryan compound verb constructions”, 27th meeting of the South Asian Linguistic Analysis roundtable [SALA 27], University of Wisconsin at Madison (16 October 2008).
- Chi, Jenna, Matt Garley, Benjamin Slade, and Marina Terkourafi. “A Hat for a Hydra: identifying properties of formulaic sequences across genres”, Linguistics Symposium on Formulaic Language, University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee (18 April 2007).
- Slade, Benjamin. “Splitting the Belly: the Indo-European Dragon-Slaying Myth in Indic & Germanic”, 25th East Coast Indo-European Conference [ECIEC 25], the Ohio State University, Columbus (20 June 2006).
- Slade, Benjamin. “Historical Change and Repair of Aktionsart: The Development of Compound Verbs/Absolutives in Indo-Aryan, esp. Hindi and Nepali”, 25th meeting of the South Asian Linguistic Analysis roundtable [SALA 25], University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign (17 September 2005).
- Slade, Benjamin. “...*brym gefrunon*, ...*helle gemundon*: Indogermanic *śruti* and Christian *smṛti* in the Epistemology of *Beowulf*”, 38th International Congress on Medieval Studies [ICMS 38], Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo (May 2003).
- Slade, Benjamin. “Optimal Curves: an optimality-theoretic approach to the evolution of *do*-periphrasis in English”, 2nd Hopkins, University of Maryland, Rutgers, University of Massachusetts joint class meeting [HUM-DRUM2], Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland (5 May 2001).
- Slade, Benjamin. “Catastrophes at 1000 Grammars/Hour on the ‘S’-Curve”, 45th annual meeting of the International Linguistic Association [ILA 45], Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. (7 April 2000).

CONFERENCE POSTERS

- Slade, Benjamin & Csirmaz, Aniko. “The pieces of Indo-Aryan aspectual adverbs.” Formal Approaches to South Asian Languages 7 [FASAL-7], Massachusetts Institute of Technology (5 March 2017).
- Csirmaz, Aniko & Slade, Benjamin. “Repetitives and Affectedness”, 34th meeting of the West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics [WCCFL34], University of Utah (May 2016).
- Slade, Benjamin. “The development of Indo-Aryan compound verbs: an historico-geographic study”, 83rd meeting of the Linguistic Society of America [LSA 83], Hilton San Francisco, San Francisco, California (September 2009).

Student supervision [†=primary/sole supervisor]

- MPhil students [University of Utah]
 - Cole Brendel (2017)
- MA students [University of Utah]
 - Dursun Altınok (2017)
 - †Jessica Larsen (2017)
 - †Brian Collins (2016)
 - †John Blackham (2017)
 - Mengqi Wang (2015)
 - Andrew Zupon (2015)
- BA students [University of Utah]
 - †Daniel Antonio Razo Flores (2017) [UROP supv w/ A. Csirmaz]
 - †Anna Bryn Deakins (2016) [UROP supv w/ A. Csirmaz]
 - †Alexander Elijah Nash (2015) [BA honours thesis supervisor]

Teaching

COURSES TAUGHT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

Spring 2017:

Introduction to Historical Linguistics (LING 4130/6130, undergrad/grad)
Semantics (LING 5030, undergrad)

Fall 2016:

Graduate Semantics (LING 6030/7030)
Origins of Business Words (BUS 3950)
Linguistics-Related App Design (Swift) (LING 6991/7991)

Spring 2016:

Origins of English Words (LING 3066)
Semantics (LING 5030/6030/7030)

Spring 2015:

Graduate Semantics (LING 6030/7030, grad)
Introduction to Historical Linguistics (LING 4130/6130, undergrad/grad)

Fall 2014:

Semantics (LING 5030, undergrad)
Structure of Indo-Aryan (LING 5200/6200, undergrad/grad)

Spring 2014:

Morphology (LING 5981/6080/7080-002)
Graduate Semantics (LING 6030/7030)

Fall 2013:

Introduction to Historical Linguistics (LING 4130/6130, undergrad/grad)
Semantics (LING 5030, undergrad)

COURSES TAUGHT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON

Spring 2013:

- Intro to Linguistic Science (LING 3311, ugrad) [TAs: Mohamed Mwamzandi, Ju-young Lee]
- Semantics (LING 4345/5345, ugrad/grad) [TA: Joshua Jensen]
- Linguistic Analysis (LING 5300, grad)

Fall 2012:

- Intro to Linguistic Science (LING 3311, ugrad) [TA: Kristopher Wright]
- Phonology & Phonetics (LING 3330, ugrad) [TA: Joshua Jensen]
- Morphology (LING 4334/5334, ugrad/grad) [TA: Mohamed Mwamzandi]

Spring 2012:

- Intro to Linguistic Science (LING 3311, ugrad)
- Historical & Comparative Linguistics (LING 4320/5314, ugrad/grad)
- Non-Western Linguistic Structures: Indo-Aryan (LING 4360/5360, ugrad/grad)

Fall 2011:

- Study of Human Languages (LING 2301, ugrad)
- Semantics (LING 4345/5345, ugrad/grad)
- Linguistic Analysis (LING 5300, grad)

COURSES TAUGHT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA/CHAMPAIGN

- Spring 2010: Language History (LING 210, ugrad)
- Fall 2009: Language History (LING 210, ugrad)
- Spring 2009: Language History (LING 210, ugrad) [co-taught w/ Adriana Molina Muñoz]
- Fall 2008: Language History (LING 210, ugrad)
- Spring 2008: Language History (LING 210, ugrad) [co-taught w/ Eun-Kyung Lee]
- Fall 2006: Pronunciation in Conversation (Intensive English Institute)
- Summer 2006: Pronunciation in Conversation (Intensive English Institute)

Grants & Awards

- University of Utah
 - International Travel & Research grant (College of Humanities) — 2014, \$1000
- University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign
 - Dissertation Completion Fellowship (School of Literatures, Cultures & Linguistics) — 2010–2011, \$17000
 - Chin-Woo Kim Student Research Award — 2010
 - Global Studies FLAS Fellowship for Hindi — 2008–9
 - Beckman Institute Cog. Sci./Artificial Intelligence Award — Summer 2008
 - University Fellowship — 2006–7, 2009–10
 - Diebold Indo-European Students travel award — 2006
 - Research Fellowship, Linguistics — Summer 2006, 2009
 - Foreign Languages Building Fellowship — 2005-6
- Johns Hopkins University
 - Jacob K. Javits Fellowship (US Dept. of Education) — 2000–2003
 - National Science Foundation (NSF), Integrative Graduate Education & Research Training (IGERT) Fellowship — 1999–2003
 - Phi Beta Kappa, elected to Alpha Chapter of Maryland — April 1999
 - National Merit Scholarship — 1995–1999

Service

Member, Senate Advisory Committee on Library Policy, University of Utah (2014–June 2017).

Member, Education Technology Committee, College of Humanities, University of Utah (2015–).

Executive Committee Representative, College of Humanities, Uni. of Utah (2014–15, 2016–17).

Chair [de jure], Research and Community Committee, Dept. of Linguistics, Uni. of Utah (2014–June 2017).

Member, Graduate Committee, Dept. of Linguistics, Uni. of Utah (2014–).

Member, Executive Committee, Dept. of Linguistics, Uni. of Utah (Jul 2017–).

Reviewer, Semantics and Linguistic Theory, 24th conference [SALT24] (Jan 2014).

Reviewer, Semantics and Linguistic Theory, 25th conference [SALT25] (Jan 2015).

Reviewer, National Science Foundation [NSF], Documenting Endangered Languages [DEL] grant review (2015–2016).

Reviewer, 34th meeting of the West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics [WCCFL34].

Reviewer, *Studies in Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* (Sep 2017–)

Reviewer, *Glossa* (Oct 2016–)

Reviewer, *Cognitive Linguistics* (June 2017–)

Reviewer, 23rd meeting of the International Conference on Historical Linguistics [ICHL23] (Jan 2017).

Co-organiser [with Matt Garley] of the 1st meeting of the Illinois Language and Linguistics Society, Language Online [ILLS 1:LOL], University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign (29–31 May 2009).

Reviewer, *Studies in the Linguistic Sciences: Illinois Working Papers* (2009–2011).

Member of the Editorial Board, *Studies in the Linguistic Sciences: Illinois Working Papers* (2008–2011).

Designer of the L^AT_EX package for *Studies in the Linguistic Sciences: Illinois Working Papers*.

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