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EDUCATION

- 2006 Ph.D. Linguistics. University of South Carolina  
Dissertation: *Continuity Hypotheses Revisited: English L2 Acquisition of Bulgarian Noun Phrases*  
Committee: Stanley Dubinsky (chair), Anne Bezuidenhout, Barbara Schulz, Roumyana Slabakova (University of Iowa)
- 1988 B.A./M.A. Bulgarian Philology. Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridsky  
Thesis: *A Promenade with the Playwright Radichkov: Applying Realism to the Surreal World of the Remote Balkan Village*

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2004-present Instructor, graduate level courses, Linguistics Program, University of South Carolina  
Spring 2004 Instructor, undergraduate level courses, Linguistics Program, University of South Carolina  
2000-2001 Teaching Assistant, English Department, University of South Carolina  
1988-1992 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Bulgarian as a Foreign Language, Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridsky

OTHER EMPLOYMENT

- 2001-present IT Manager, English Department, University of South Carolina  
1995-1999 Lead Language Instructor, US Peace Corps Bulgaria  
1992-1995 Tutor of Bulgarian as a Second Language, self employed

GRANTS (RECEIVED)

- 2005-2007 NSF Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant: "Continuity Hypotheses Revisited: English L2 Acquisition of Bulgarian Noun Phrases", BCS-0446667, \$11,936.

GRANTS (APPLIED FOR)

- 2009 NSF grant: "Comprehension and Production Skills in Second Language Acquisition" (with Stanley Dubinsky, Co-PI and Robin Morris, Co-PI), \$386,716.

AWARDS

- 2007 Bruce Pearson Award for Outstanding Research, Linguistics Program, University of South Carolina  
2005 Dean's Award for Excellence in Graduate Studies, The Graduate School, University of South Carolina  
2005 Carol Myers-Scotton Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Linguistics Program, University of South Carolina  
2001 Dean's Award for Academic Excellence, College of Liberal Arts, University of South Carolina, includes \$3,000 monetary award.  
2000 Dean's Award for Academic Excellence, College of Liberal Arts, University of South Carolina, includes \$3,000 monetary award.

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Second language acquisition (of syntax, semantics and morphology); L2 processing for comprehension and production; Bulgarian and Slavic morphology, syntax and semantics; syntax/semantics and syntax/morphology interface.

## PUBLICATIONS:

### *Edited proceedings volumes (2)*

- 2006 (with James Lavine, Steven Franks and Hana Filip). *Proceedings of FASL 14: The Princeton Meeting*. Ann Arbor, MI: Michigan Slavic Publications.
- 2005 (with Steven Franks and Frank Gladney). *Proceedings of FASL 13: The South Carolina Meeting*. Ann Arbor, MI: Michigan Slavic Publications.

### *Journal articles under revision/in preparation (2)*

- under revision On the extended noun phrase of Bulgarian. (*Lingua*).
- under revision What can comprehension and production tell us about the initial state of L2 acquisition? (*Second Language Research*).

### *Refereed conference proceedings volume papers (4)*

- 2009 (with Stanley Dubinsky) V-initial tendencies of Bulgarian: An (EPP) V-feature account. In *Proceedings of FASL 17: The Yale Meeting*, eds. Jodi Rreich, Maria Babyonyshev and Daria Kavitskaya, 236-250. Ann Arbor, MI: Michigan Slavic Publications.
- 2006 The categorial status of quantifiers in Bulgarian: Evidence for QP over DP. In *Proceedings of FASL 14: The Princeton Meeting*, eds. James Lavine, Steven Franks, Mila Tasseva-Kurkchieva, and Hana Filip, 378-393. Ann Arbor, MI: Michigan Slavic Publications.
- 2005 Possessives, Theta Roles, and the Internal Structure of Bulgarian DPs. In *Proceedings of FASL 12: The Ottawa Meeting*, ed. Olga Arnaudova, Wayles Browne, Maria Luisa Rivero, and Danijela Stojanović, 251-269. Ann Arbor, MI: Michigan Slavic Publications.
- 2005 The possessor that came home. In *Possessives and Beyond: Semantics and Syntax*. University of Massachusetts Occasional Papers (UMOP 29), ed. Ji-yung Kim, Barbara H. Partee, and Yury A. Lander, 279-293. Amherst, MA: GLSA Publications.

### *Conference proceedings volume papers (1)*

- 2008 What about grammar? Comprehension and production at the initial stage of L2 acquisition. In *Proceedings of the 9th Generative Approaches to Second Language Acquisition Conference (GASLA 2007)*, ed. Roumyana Slabakova et al., 242-250. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project.

### *Language textbooks (4)*

\*Note: each of the following volumes consists of approximately 70% newly developed material plus 30% material brought from the previous volumes. I contributed approximately half of the material in each volume.

- 1999 (with Aneta Dimitrova and Christina Tomova). *Bulgarian for Peace Corps Volunteers: In-Service Training May 1999*. 86 pp.
- 1998 (with Aneta Dimitrova and Christina Tomova). *Bulgarian for Peace Corps Volunteers: In-Service Training November 1998*. 85 pp.
- 1998 (with Aneta Dimitrova and Christina Tomova). *Bulgarian for Peace Corps Volunteers: In-Service Training April 1998*. 90 pp. (available through Education Resources Information Center: [http://eric.ed.gov/ERICWebPortal/Home.portal?\\_nfpb=true&\\_pageLabel=RecordDetails&ERICExtSearch\\_SearchValue\\_0=ED424736&ERICExtSearch\\_SearchType\\_0=eric\\_accno&objectId=0900000b80094877](http://eric.ed.gov/ERICWebPortal/Home.portal?_nfpb=true&_pageLabel=RecordDetails&ERICExtSearch_SearchValue_0=ED424736&ERICExtSearch_SearchType_0=eric_accno&objectId=0900000b80094877))

- 1997 (with Aneta Dimitrova and Christina Tomova). *Bulgarian for Peace Corps Volunteers: In-Service Training November 1997*. 131 pp. (available through Education Resources Information Center: [http://eric.ed.gov/ERICWebPortal/Home.portal?\\_nfpb=true&ERICExtSearch\\_SearchValue\\_0=mila%2Btasseva&ERICExtSearch\\_SearchType\\_0=au&\\_pageLabel=RecordDetails&objectId=0900000b80094875&accno=ED424735](http://eric.ed.gov/ERICWebPortal/Home.portal?_nfpb=true&ERICExtSearch_SearchValue_0=mila%2Btasseva&ERICExtSearch_SearchType_0=au&_pageLabel=RecordDetails&objectId=0900000b80094875&accno=ED424735))

#### PRESENTATIONS

##### *Invited talks (4)*

- 2009 Comprehension and production of gender and number agreement: The case of Bulgarian and Spanish. Paper presented at the Department of Linguistics and Technical Communication, University of North Texas, Denton, TX, February 10, 2009.
- 2007 Can I talk before I know what I am saying? Production and comprehension at the initial state of L2 acquisition. Paper presented at the Linguistics Program and the Department of English. University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC. October 26, 2007.
- 2007 Prototypical features and the L2 acquisition of morphology and syntax. Paper presented at the Linguistics Program and the Department of English. George Mason University, Fairfax, VA. February 22, 2007.
- 2006 Let's take separate paths: Comprehension and production at the initial stage of L2 acquisition. Paper presented at the Program of Second Language Studies in the Department of Linguistics. Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI. December 6, 2006.

##### *Refereed conference papers and posters (18 papers, 3 posters)*

- 2010 Comprehension and production skills in L2 Bulgarian and Spanish. Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting (LSA). Baltimore, MD. January 7-10, 2010.
- 2008 (with Stanley Dubinsky) The distribution of subjects and predicates in Bulgarian: An (EPP) V-feature account. Poster presented at Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics (FASL) 17. New Haven, CT. May 8-10, 2008.
- 2008 (with Stanley Dubinsky) The role of strong (EPP) V-features in determining Bulgarian word-order. Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting (LSA). Chicago, IL. January 3-6, 2008.
- 2007 What about grammar? Comprehension and production at the initial state of L2 acquisition. Poster presented at Generative Approaches to Second Language Acquisition (GASLA) 9. Iowa City, IA. May 18-20, 2007.
- 2007 L2 production before comprehension: Morpho-syntax vs. semantics-pragmatics. Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting (LSA). Anaheim, CA. January 4-7, 2007.
- 2006 Is morphology one step before syntax? Second Language Research Forum (SLRF) 2006. University of Washington, Seattle, WA. October 6-8, 2006.
- 2006 Morphology precedes syntax at the initial stage of L2 Acquisition? Inaugural meeting of the Slavic Linguistic Society. Bloomington, IN. September 6-8, 2006.
- 2006 Three categories of quantifiers in Bulgarian. Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting (LSA). Albuquerque, NM. January 5-8, 2006.
- 2005 Grammar at the initial stage of acquisition: Evidence from English L1 Bulgarian L2. American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages (AATSEEL). Washington, DC. December 27-30, 2005.
- 2005 Between DP and NP: Quantifier types in Bulgarian. Poster presented at Workshop on QP structure, Nominalizations and the role of DP. Saarbru\_cken, Germany. December 16-17, 2005.
- 2005 Morphosyntax at the initial stage: Evidence from English L1-Bulgarian L2. Second Language Research Forum (SLRF) 2005. Teachers College, Columbia University, NY. October 7-9, 2005
- 2005 The categorial status of quantifiers in Bulgarian: Evidence for QP over DP. Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics (FASL) 14. Princeton, NJ. May 6-8, 2005.

- 2003 NP internal possessives in Bulgarian: The problem of syntactic inequality. Bulgarian Studies Conference (BSC). Columbus, OH. October 9-12, 2003.
- 2003 Possessives and the internal structure of Bulgarian DPs. Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics (FASL) 12. Ottawa, Canada. May 9-11, 2003.
- 2002 The possessor that came home. Workshop on Syntax/Semantics of Possessives. University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA. May 9-10, 2002.
- 2002 Four ways to say 'I own you'. Graduate Student Day, University of South Carolina. April 2002.
- 2001 Multiple wh-movement in Bulgarian: What is still not explained. Paper accepted at Formal Descriptions of Slavic Languages (FDSL) IV. Potsdam, Germany. November 2001.
- 2001 The interaction of Topic, Focus and Complementizer phrase in Bulgarian. Subtropical Summer Syntax Workshop. July 2001.
- 2000 The spread of the imperfective 1st person singular and plural inflections to the perfective conjugations in modern Bulgarian. Annual Conference of the Slavic Cognitive Linguistics Association (SCLA). University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. November 2000.
- 2000 Evidence for weak continuity in learning Bulgarian as L2. Second language research forum (SLRF). University of Wisconsin, Madison. September 2000.
- 2000 As I can do it: A discourse analytical approach to Bulgarian e-mail style. Graduate Student Day, University of South Carolina. April 2000.

#### DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

- 2007-pres Outside dissertation committee member for Anna Mikhaylova, Linguistics Program, University of South Carolina  
*Incomplete acquisition: Aspect in L2 and HL Russian grammars.*
- 2007-pres Outside dissertation committee member for Eun-Young Shin, Linguistics Program, University of South Carolina

#### COURSES TAUGHT (5 graduate, 1 upper level undergraduate, 4 composition)

##### *Graduate*

- Fall 2009 LING 600: Introduction to Linguistics. Linguistics Program, University of South Carolina
- Fall 2008 LING 620: Introduction to Syntax. Linguistics Program, University of South Carolina
- Fall 2007 LING 891: Seminar in English as a Second Language. The Application of SLA Theory in ESL Practice. Linguistics Program, University of South Carolina
- Spring 2009/  
Spring 2006/ LING 790: Survey of Second Language Acquisition. Linguistics Program, University of South Carolina
- Fall 2004
- Fall 2005 LING 791: Theory and Methodology of SLA. Linguistics Program, University of South Carolina

##### *Undergraduate*

- 2006-2008 ENG 100, ENG 101, ENG 102: College Composition, Midlands Technical College
- Spring 2004 LING 300: Introduction to Language Sciences, Linguistics Program, University of South Carolina
- 2000-2001 ENGL 101: Composition, English Department, University of South Carolina
- 1988-1992 Bulgarian as a Second Language for Academic Purposes, Department of Bulgarian as a Foreign Language, Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridsky

#### CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

- 1996-1999 Pre-Service Training Language Program, US Peace Corps Bulgaria
- 1997-1999 Fall and Spring In-Service Language Training Programs, US Peace Corps Bulgaria

SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

*Organizer of...*

Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics (FASL) 13, University of South Carolina. (with John Alderete, Stanley Dubinsky and Curtis Ford). 2004.

*Reviewer of grant applications for...*

National Science Foundation. 2006, 2007.

*Reviewer of submissions for...*

Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics (FASL) 15. 2006.

Journal of Slavic Linguistics. 2005.

*Member of search committees...*

Second Language Acquisition search committee, student representative, Linguistics Program, University of South Carolina. 2005-2006.

Second Language Acquisition search committee, student representative, Linguistics Program, University of South Carolina. 2001-2002.

*Reviewer of abstracts for...*

Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics (FASL) 14. 2005.

Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics (FASL) 13. 2004.

*Member of advisory board...*

Computer Advisory Committee, College of Liberal Arts, University of South Carolina. 2001- present.

*Editor:*

Carolina Working Papers in Linguistics. 2000-2001.

*Student organizations:*

Organizer, Second Language Reading Group, University of South Carolina. 2000-2001, 2004-2005.

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