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Employment

8/2005 to present University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
Assistant Professor, Department of Linguistics

7/2003-7/2005 University of Rochester, Rochester, NY
Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Language Sciences

Education

2003 University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
Ph.D. in Linguistics, August 2003
Advisors: Ellen Prince and John Trueswell

2001 University of Pennsylvania, PA
M.A. in Psychology

1997 Princeton University, NJ
B.A. in Germanic Languages and Literatures, *summa cum laude*
Minors in Linguistics and French

Grants and Fellowships

Fellowships

2002-2003 Barbara and Edward Netter Thanks to Scandinavia Scholarship
2000-2001 Institute for Research in Cognitive Science (IRCS) Fellowship,
University of Pennsylvania
1998-2002 William Penn Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania

Grants

Federally funded

- 2010-2013 National Institutes of Health (Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development), *The Role of Cognitive Coherence in Reference Resolution* (1R01HD061457)
Role: Principal Investigator
- 2006-2009 National Science Foundation, *Structural and Pragmatic Constraints on the Interpretation of Reflexives and Pronouns* (BCS 0518842).
Role: Co- Principal Investigator; with Jeffrey Runner (PI) and Michael Tanenhaus, co-PI (University of Rochester)

Other grant support

- 2010-2011 Undergraduate Research Associates Program (USC) Title: *Maximizing successful comprehension in native speakers and second-language learners: Investigating processing depth*. Role: PI
- 2009-2010 Undergraduate Research Associates Program (USC) Title: *Investigating effects of cognitive coherence across modalities*. Role: PI
- 2007-2008 Advancing Scholarship in the Humanities and Social Sciences (USC), individual award. Title: *Investigating effects of cognitive coherence on language processing*. Role: PI
- 2006-2007 James H. Zumberge Research and Innovation Fund (USC), individual award. Title: *Investigating the Effects of Discourse Factors on Real-Time Pronoun Interpretation*. Role: PI
- 2002-2003 British Academy Networks award. *The syntax and semantics of the Finnic Passive*. With Diane Nelson, Satu Manninen and Katrin Hiitema
- 2002 Travel grant from Penn Graduate Student Associations Council
- 2001 ESSLLI grant to attend 13th European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information (ESSLLI), Helsinki, Finland
- 2000 GLOW grant to attend Girona International Summer School in Linguistics, Girona, Spain
- 1999 Linguistic Society of America, Fellowship for Summer Institute, Urbana-Champaign, Illinois

Other awards

- 1998 Commissioner's Distinguished Teacher Candidate Award, given by the New Jersey Department of Education to top graduates of teacher preparation programs in New Jersey
- 1997 Phi Beta Kappa, Princeton University
- 1996 Mary Cunningham Humphreys Junior German Prize, Princeton University, awarded for outstanding performance

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1996 Albert M. Reh Prize, Princeton University, awarded for outstanding independent research

Teaching

Spring 2006-present Organizer of biweekly meetings for the *USC Language Processing Lab* group, University of Southern California

Fall 2005-present Director of the *USC Language Processing Lab*

Courses taught at the University of Southern California

LING 275 *Language and Mind* (undergraduate level)
Fall 2007 with S. Disner, Spring 2010 with R. Walker

PSYC/LING 406 *Psycholinguistics* (undergraduate level)
Fall 2006, Spring 2008, Spring 2009, Fall 2009

LING 405 *Child Language Acquisition* (undergraduate level)
Spring 2007

LING 576 *Psycholinguistics* (graduate level)
Fall 2005, Fall 2006, Fall 2007, Spring 2009, Fall 2009

LING 586 *Advanced Psycholinguistics* (graduate level)
Spring 2007, Spring 2008

LING 676 *Seminar in Psycholinguistics* (graduate level)
Spring 2006 (topic: *Processing different types of anaphoric dependencies*),
Spring 2010 with R. Pancheva (topic: *Temporal dynamics of sentential meaning*)

Courses taught at other universities

LSA.301: *An Introduction to Experimental Syntax and Semantics* with J. Runner (U Rochester)
Summer 2007, course taught at the *Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute* at Stanford University, selected through an application process.

BCS 111: *Foundations of Cognitive Science*
Fall 2004, head instructor, course taught at the University of Rochester.

Publications

[* indicates that the first author is a student who was working under my supervision]

Journal Articles

1. Kaiser, Elsi (to appear). Salience and contrast effects in reference resolution: The interpretation of Dutch pronouns and demonstratives. To appear in *Language and Cognitive Processes*.
2. Kaiser, Elsi (to appear). Focusing on pronouns: Consequences of subjecthood, pronominalization and contrastive focus. To appear in *Language and Cognitive Processes*.
3. Kaiser, Elsi. (2010). Effects of contrast on referential form: Investigating the distinction between strong and weak pronouns. *Discourse Processes*, 47, 480-509.
4. Kaiser, Elsi, Runner, Jeffrey T., Sussman, Rachel S. & Tanenhaus, Michael K. (2009). Structural and semantic constraints on the resolution of pronouns and reflexives. *Cognition*, 112, 55-80.
5. Kaiser, E. & Trueswell, John C. (2008). Interpreting pronouns and demonstratives in Finnish: Evidence for a form-specific approach to reference resolution. *Language and Cognitive Processes*, 23(5): 709-748.
6. Kaiser, Elsi. (2006). Negation and the left periphery in Finnish. *Lingua* 116(3):314-350. Special issue on Negation in Finno-Ugric Languages, ed. Genoveva Puskás. (Submitted by invitation)
7. Kaiser, Elsi & John C. Trueswell (2004). The role of discourse context in the processing of a flexible word-order language. *Cognition* 94(2), 113-147.

[Please contact me for information about papers 'under review' or 'in revision']

Web Journal Articles

1. Kaiser, Elsi (2003). Referent Tracking and Pronoun Resolution in Finnish. *WEB-SLS: The European Student Journal of Language and Speech*

Book Chapters

1. Kaiser, Elsi, Jeffrey T. Runner, Rachel S. Sussman & Michael K. Tanenhaus. (In Press). Picturing the syntax/semantics interface during on-line processing. In Raffaella Folli & Christiane Ulbricht (eds.), *On Linguistic Interfaces*. Oxford University Press.

2. Wu*, Fuyun, Elsi Kaiser & Elaine Anderson. (In Press). Subject preference, head animacy and lexical cues: A corpus study of relative clauses in Chinese. In Hiroko Yamashita, Jerry Packard & Yuki Hirose (eds.), *Processing and Producing Head-final Structures*. Springer.
3. Kaiser, Elsi & John C. Trueswell (In press). Investigating the interpretation of pronouns and demonstratives in Finnish: Going beyond salience. In E. Gibson & N. Pearlmutter (eds), *The processing and acquisition of reference*. Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press.
4. Féry, Caroline, Elsi Kaiser, Robin Hörnig, Thomas Weskott & Reinhold Kliegl. (2009). Perception of intonational contours on given and new referents: A completion study and an eye-movement experiment. In P. Boersma & S. Hamann (eds.), *Phonology in perception*. Mouton De Gruyter, pp.235-266.
5. Kaiser, Elsi. (2009). Investigating effects of structural and information-structural factors on pronoun resolution. In Malte Zimmermann and Caroline Féry (eds.), *Information Structure from Different Perspectives*. Oxford University Press, 332-353.
6. Kaiser, Elsi & Virve-Anneli Vihman (2006). Invisible Arguments: Effects of Demotion in Estonian and Finnish. In T. Solstad & B. Lyngfelt (eds), *Demoting the agent: passive and other voice-related phenomena*. John Benjamins, pp.111-141.
7. Kaiser, Elsi (2006). Noncanonical negation and information structure in Finnish. In Valeria Molnár. and Susanne Winkler (eds.) *The Architecture of Focus. Studies in Generative Grammar 82*, 265-290. (Series Editors: Harry van der Hulst, Henk van Riemsdijk and Jan Koster). Berlin, New York: Mouton de Gruyter.
8. Kaiser, Elsi (2005). Different forms have different referential properties: Implications for the notion of 'salience'. In A. Branco, T. McEnery & R. Mitkov (eds), *Anaphora Processing: linguistic, cognitive and computational modeling*, 261-282. Philadelphia/Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
9. Kaiser, Elsi (2005). When salience isn't enough: Pronouns, demonstratives and the quest for an antecedent. In R. Laury (ed.), *Minimal reference in Finnic: The use and interpretation of pronouns and zero in Finnish and Estonian discourse*, 135-162. Helsinki, Finland: Suomalaisen Kirjallisuuden Seura.
10. Kaiser, Elsi (2003). Encoding (Non)Locality in anaphoric relations. In Nelson, D. & Manninen, S. (eds.) *Generative Approaches to Finnic and Saami Linguistics*, 269-293. Stanford: CSLI Publications.

Book Reviews

1. Kaiser, Elsi (2004). Review of *Pronouns: A Cross-Linguistic Study* by D.N.S. Bhat. LINGUIST List, issue 15-2243

2. Kaiser, Elsi (2003). Review of *Anaphora* by Yan Huang. *Journal of Pragmatics* 35(2):299-305.

Conference Proceedings (since 2006)

1. Holsinger*, Edward, David Cheng-Huan Li*, Elsi Kaiser & Dani Byrd. (To appear). Visual Grouping and Prosodic Grouping: Effects of Spatial Information on Prosodic Boundary Strength. To appear in the *Proceedings of Speech Prosody, 5th International Conference*, Chicago, IL.
2. Tavano*, Erin & Elsi Kaiser. (To appear). The cost of being cooperative: Evidence of effort in the processing of scalar implicature. To appear in the *Proceedings of the 45th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society*, University of Chicago.
3. Kaiser, Elsi & Virve Vihman. (In press). *On the referential properties of Estonian pronouns and demonstratives*. To appear in H. Götzsche (ed.), *Proceedings of the 22nd Scandinavian Conference of Linguistics*.
4. Tavano,* Erin & Elsi Kaiser. (2010) Processing scalar implicature: What can individual differences tell us? *Proceedings of the 33rd Annual Penn Linguistics Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics*, 16(1): Article 24.
5. Kaiser, Elsi (2009). Effects of Anaphoric Dependencies and Semantic Representations on Pronoun Interpretation. In S.L. Devi, A. Branco and R. Mitkov (eds). *Anaphora Processing and Applications (Selected papers from the 7th Discourse Anaphora and Anaphor Resolution Colloquium)*, pp.121-130. Heidelberg: Springer.
6. He*, Xiao & Elsi Kaiser. (2009). Consequences of Variable Accessibility for Anaphor Resolution in Chinese. In S.L. Devi, A. Branco and R. Mitkov (eds). *Proceedings of the 7th Discourse Anaphora and Anaphor Resolution Colloquium (DAARC 2009)*, pp.48-55. AU-KBK Research Centre, Anna University.
7. Li*, David Cheung-Huan & Elsi Kaiser. (2009). Overcoming Structural Preference: Effects of Context on the Interpretation of the Chinese Reflexive *Ziji*. In S.L. Devi, A. Branco and R. Mitkov (eds). *Proceedings of the 7th Discourse Anaphora and Anaphor Resolution Colloquium (DAARC 2009)*, pp.64-72. AU-KBK Research Centre, Anna University.
8. Kaiser, Elsi. (2009). Keeping an Eye on the Competition: Referring to Focus-induced Alternatives. In S.L. Devi, A. Branco and R. Mitkov (eds). *Proceedings of the 7th Discourse Anaphora and Anaphor Resolution Colloquium (DAARC 2009)*, pp.82-89. AU-KBK Research Centre, Anna University.
9. Wu*, Fuyun, Elsi Kaiser & Elaine Andersen. (2009) The Effect of Classifiers in Predicting Chinese Relative Clauses. In Michael Grosvald & Dionne Soares (eds),

- Proceedings of the Proceedings of the 38th Western Conference on Linguistics*, pp.330-339. Department of Linguistics, University of California, Davis.
10. Wu*, Fuyun, Elsi Kaiser & Elaine Andersen. (2009) Animacy Effects in Chinese Relative Clause Processing. In Michael Grosvald & Dionne Soares (eds), *Proceedings of the Proceedings of the 38th Western Conference on Linguistics*, pp.318-329. Department of Linguistics, University of California, Davis.
 11. Kaiser, Elsi. (2009). Exceptional Finnish reciprocals. In Anisa Schardl, Martin Walkow & Muhammad Abdurrahman (eds), *Proceedings of 38th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistics Society (NELS)*, volume 1, pp.463-474. GLSA, UMass.
 12. Kim*, Lucy Kyoungsook & Elsi Kaiser. (2009) Effects of Honorific Agreement on Null Subject Interpretation in Korean. In *Proceedings of 2009 Seoul International Conference on Linguistic Interfaces*, Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea.
 13. Kaiser, Elsi & Jeffrey T. Runner (2008) Intensifiers in German and Dutch Anaphor Resolution. In Natasha Abner and Jason Bishop (eds.), *Proceedings of the 27th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, pp.265-273. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project.
 14. Kaiser, Elsi. (2008) Consequences of using one form and not the other: Interpreting Finnish reciprocals. In Natasha Abner and Jason Bishop (eds.), *Proceedings of the 27th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, pp.256-264. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project.
 15. Huang*, Yu-Chi Stephanie & Elsi Kaiser. (2008). Investigating filler-gap dependencies in Chinese topicalization. In Marjorie K.M. Chan & Hana Kang (eds.), *Proceedings of the 20th North American Conference on Chinese Linguistics*, pp.927-942. The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH.
 16. Kaiser, Elsi. (2008) Effects of Post-Pronominal Information on Pronoun Resolution. In Rebecca Colavin et al (eds.), *Proceedings of the Western Conference on Linguistics (WECOL) 2007*, pp.102-114. University of California-San Diego.
 17. Kaiser, Elsi, Jeffrey T. Runner, Rachel S. Sussman & Michael K. Tanenhaus (2008). The real-time interpretation of pronouns and reflexives: Structural and semantic information. In Emily Efner & Martin Walkow (eds), *Proceedings of 37th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistics Society (NELS)*, pp.73-85. GLSA, UMass.
 18. Kaiser, Elsi (2008). (Anti)logophoricity in Finnish. *The Proceedings from the Main Session of the Chicago Linguistic Society's Fortieth Meeting*. Volume 40-1, pp.139-153. Chicago, Ill.: Chicago Linguistic Society.
 19. Kaiser, Elsi, Jeffrey T. Runner, Rachel S. Sussman & Michael K. Tanenhaus (2006). The interpretation of pronouns and reflexives in picture noun phrases: Effects of non-structural factors. In Asier Alcazar, Roberto Mayoral Hernandez and Michal Temkin

Martinez (eds.). *Proceedings of the Western Conference on Linguistics 2004*, pp.122-134. California State University at Fresno.

20. Kaiser, Elsi, Jeffrey T. Runner, Rachel S. Sussman & Michael K. Tanenhaus (2006). What influences the referential properties of reflexives and pronouns in Finnish? In Christian Ebert & Cornelia Endriss (eds), *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 10*, ZAS Working Papers in Linguistics vol. 44, 155-169, Berlin.
21. Kaiser, Elsi (2006). Effects of topic and focus on salience. In Christian Ebert & Cornelia Endriss (eds), *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 10*, ZAS Working Papers in Linguistics vol. 44, 139-154, Berlin.

Presentations

Invited Talks (since 2006)

1. "Discourse coherence effects in language processing: A psycholinguistic approach," March 26, 2010. *Information Sciences Institute Natural Language seminar*, ISI/USC (hosted by ISI Natural Language Group).
2. "What can demonstratives tell us about discourse coherence effects on reference resolution?" January 29, 2010, Department of Linguistics, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.
3. "Investigating the consequences of focus on the production and comprehension of referring expressions", January 16, 2010, *International Conference on Reference and Discourse Structure*, University of Stuttgart, Stuttgart, Germany.
4. "Effects of semantic coherence on reference resolution: Using pronouns to investigate cognitive processes," December 7, 2009, *International Conference on Language-Cognition Interface: State of the Art*, Centre of Behavioural and Cognitive Sciences (CBCS), University of Allahabad, India.
5. "A cross-linguistic investigation of pronouns and reflexives: Experiments on picture NPs in English and beyond", November 13, 2009, Parasession keynote speaker, *Texas Linguistic Society XII meeting*, University of Texas-Austin.
6. "Effects of discourse coherence on referring expressions (and vice versa): Looking beyond pronouns", October 14, 2009, Psychobabble speaker series, Department of Linguistics, UCLA, Los Angeles.
7. "Form-specific effects in Finnish and Estonian reference resolution", December 12, 2008, Department of Linguistics, University of Potsdam, Potsdam, Germany.

8. "Suomen ja viron pronominit psykolingvistisestä näkökulmasta" (Finnish and Estonian pronouns from a psycholinguistic perspective), November 21, 2008, Department of Finnish language and literature, University of Helsinki, Finland.
9. "Effects of abstract coherence representations on pronoun resolution: Evidence from priming," November 14, 2008, Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics, Nijmegen, Netherlands.
10. "Investigating the mental representations underlying pronoun resolution: Evidence from priming," October 15, 2008, Department of Linguistics/Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, University of Rochester.
11. "Multiple dimensions in anaphor resolution", June 25, 2008, *Workshop on General cognition and language processing, 3rd International Conference on Cognitive Science*, Moscow, Russian.
12. "Experimental investigations of anaphora at the syntax-semantics interface", May 30, 2007, Psychobabble speaker series, Department of Linguistics, UCLA, Los Angeles.
13. "Comparing pronominal and demonstrative anaphors in Finnish and Estonian," March 2, 2007, *Workshop on Anaphoric Uses of Demonstrative Expressions*, held at the *29th Annual Meeting of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft (DGfS)*, Siegen, Germany.
14. "Investigating salience from a cross-linguistic perspective," December 1, 2006, *Conference on Intersentential Pronominal Reference in Child and Adult Language*, held at the Centre for General Linguistics, Typology and Universals Research (ZAS), Berlin, Germany.
15. "Extracting referential information during on-line processing", February 2006, *Construction of Meaning, Stanford Semantics and Pragmatics Workshop*, Stanford University.

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