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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. in press. Overstanding Idren: Special Features of Rasta Talk Morphology. *Journal of Pidgin & Creole Languages*.
- Slade, Benjamin. 2018. History of focus-concord constructions and focus-associated particles in Sinhala, with comparison to Dravidian and Japanese. *Glossa* 3(1), 2. <http://doi.org/10.5334/gjgl.241>
- 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. under review. The role of Q-particles in the formation of relative clauses in Sinhala and other languages. *Logical Vocabulary and Logical Change*. Moreno Mitrović, ed. John Benjamins.
- Csirmaz, Aniko & Benjamin Slade. under review. Pieces of Indo-Aryan and Hungarian adverbs. *Logical Vocabulary and Logical Change*. Moreno Mitrović, ed. John Benjamins.
- Garley, Matt & Benjamin Slade. 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.

REFEREED PROCEEDINGS

Csirmaz, Aniko & Benjamin Slade. under review. Anatomy of Hungarian aspectual particles. *Proceedings of the 13th International Conference on the Structure of Hungarian*.

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 REVISION

Blackham, John, Benjamin Slade, & Aniko Csirmaz. in prep. *Again* again.

Slade, Benjamin & Aniko Csirmaz. in prep. Some historical developments in aspectual adverbs.

Bhatia, Archana & Slade, Benjamin. in prep. Survey of focus analysis & processing.

Slade, Benjamin. under revision. Quantifier Particle Environments. *Linguistic Variation*

Slade, Benjamin. under 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 [HUMDRUM2], 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. “An Optimality-Theoretical Analysis of a Novel Morphological Process in Rasta Talk.” LSA Annual Meeting 2018, Salt Lake City (January 2018).
- Slade, Benjamin & Csirmaz, Aniko. “Underlying structure of a class of adverbials.” LSA Annual Meeting 2018, Salt Lake City (January 2018).
- 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** (Spring 2017) [UROP supv w/ A. Csirmaz]
 - †**Anna Bryn Deakins** (Fall 2016) [UROP supv w/ A. Csirmaz]
 - †**Alexander Elijah Nash** (2015) [BA honours thesis supervisor]

Teaching

COURSES TAUGHT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

Spring 2018:

- Semantics (LING 5030, undergrad)
- Origins of Business Words (BUS 3950)

Fall 2017:

- Morphology (LING 5981/6080-001)

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 (2015–2017).
- 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, AISLS Fellowship, American Institute for Sri Lankan Studies. (Jan 2018).
- Reviewer, FASAL conference 2018.
- Reviewer of book proposal for *Studies in Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*, Springer. (Sep – Nov 2017)
- Reviewer of chapter in *Verb-Verb Complexes in Asian Languages*, ed. Prashant Pardeshi, Taro Kageyama, Peter Hook. OUP. ()
- Reviewer, *Cognitive Linguistics* (June 2017–)
- Reviewer, 23rd meeting of the International Conference on Historical Linguistics [ICHL23] (Jan 2017).
- Reviewer, *Glossa* (Oct 2016–)
- Reviewer, National Science Foundation [NSF], Documenting Endangered Languages [DEL] grant review (2015–2016).
- Reviewer, Semantics and Linguistic Theory, 25th conference [SALT25] (Jan 2015).
- Reviewer, Semantics and Linguistic Theory, 24th conference [SALT24] (Jan 2014).
- Reviewer, 34th meeting of the West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics [WCCFL34].
- 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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