

# BYRON T. AHN

—CURRICULUM VITAE—

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

I am interested in strongly theoretical syntax (Minimalism, primarily) while also using experimental tests and empirical data as my anchor to reality. Specifically, I am interested in binding, the syntax-prosody interface, Case and Agree(ment), Japanese linguistics, and psycholinguistics.

## EDUCATION

*2006-present* **UCLA**, Los Angeles, CA  
Ph.D. program, Department of Linguistics

*Summer* **Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute**, Stanford, CA  
*2007* "*Empirical Foundations for Theories of Language*"

*2002-2006* **Cornell University**, Ithaca, NY  
Magna Cum Laude  
B.A., Linguistics  
Concentrations in Cognitive Studies and East Asian Studies  
Honors Thesis Title: "Nominative-Genitive Conversion in Japanese: a Consequence of the Syntax"

*Summer* **Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute**, Cambridge, MA  
*2005* "*Dialogues in Grammatical Theory, Experiment and Change*"

## HONORS AND AWARDS

*2006-2007* **President's Fellowship**  
UCLA

*May 2006* **Magna Cum Laude**  
Cornell University Dept. of Linguistics

*Fall 2005* **Dean's List**  
Cornell University

*Summer* **Summer Travel Scholarship**  
*2005* Cornell University Dept. of Asian Studies

## MANUSCRIPTS AND PAPERS

*Forthcoming* "The Syntax, Semantics and Prosody of Emphatic Reflexives in English."

*Forthcoming* "Anaphora in English: Probing the Paradigm." (*with Robyn Orfitelli and Dominique Sportiche*)

2008 "The Prosody of Emphatic Reflexives in English," ms. UCLA.

2008 "A Case of OCP Effects in Intonational Phonology," ms. UCLA.

2007 "Rogue Anaphors, Themselves," ms. UCLA. (*with Robyn Orfitelli*)

2007 "Asymmetries in Japanese Multiple Nominative Constructions," ms. UCLA.

2007 "Time of Evaluation for Definite Descriptions in Japanese," ms. UCLA.

2006 "Nominative-Genitive Conversion in Japanese: A Consequence of the Syntax," Honors Thesis. Cornell University.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*Spring 2008* Introduction to Linguistics (Linguistics 20), *with Hilda Koopman*. UCLA.

*Fall 2007* Introduction to Linguistics (Linguistics 20), *with Marcus Kracht*. UCLA.

*Spring 2007* Introduction to Linguistics (Linguistics 20), *with Ed Stabler*. UCLA.

## FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

2005-2006 Work with multiple Japanese native speakers concerning Nominative-Genitive Conversion; Ithaca, NY & Tokyo, Japan.

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

**English:** Native

**Japanese:** Intermediate

**French:** Intermediate

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

*Jan. 2008-present* **Research Assistant**  
Prof. Timothy Stowell, UCLA Dept. of Linguistics

*Jan. 2005-Apr. 2005* **Research Assistant**  
Prof. Robert Weiner, Cornell University Dept. of Government

*Jul. 2004-Nov. 2004* **Research Assistant**  
Prof. John Whitman, Cornell University Dept. of Linguistics

*Jan. 2004-Sep. 2004* **Research Assistant**  
Tanya Matthews, Grad Student, Cornell University Dept. of Linguistics

## MEMBERSHIP AND SERVICE

- Nov. 2007-present* **Web Committee, Abstract Committee**  
West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics 27
- Sept. 2007-present* **Editor/Co-Founder**  
LINGuini: a Linguistics blog for Graduate Students
- Jan. 2007-present* **Talk Coordinator**  
UCLA Graduate RoundTable
- Sep. 2006-present* **Member**  
Linguistic Society of America
- Jan. 2006-* **Founding Member**
- May. 2006* Underlings: The Cornell University undergraduate linguistics association

## COMPUTER SKILLS

- Coding*
- Languages:* LaTeX, C++, Java, Javascript, HTML, Python
- Operating*
- Systems:* Windows, Mac OS X, Linux
- Software:* MS Office, Praat