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Employment

2016–present	Visiting Assistant Professor, Dept. of Linguistics, Swarthmore College
2015–2016	Visiting Assistant Professor, Dept. of Linguistics, University of Connecticut
2014–2015	Visiting Assistant Professor, Dept. of Linguistics, Ohio State University
2014	Visiting Scholar, Dept. of Linguistics, Ohio State University

Education

2007–2014	PhD Program in Linguistics, University of Chicago <i>Dissertation: Bridging the Divide: Scalarity and Modality</i> <i>Chair: Prof. Chris Kennedy</i>
2012	Visiting Scholar, University of Massachusetts, Amherst <i>Sponsor: Prof. Angelika Kratzer</i>
2004–2007	BA, Linguistics, Michigan State University <i>Thesis: "The semantics and syntax of analytic causatives"</i> <i>Thesis Advisor: Prof. Marcin Morzycki</i>

Research Interests

Modality, Tense, Pragmatics, Dynamic Semantics, Compositionality, Gradability, Vagueness, Imprecision, Ellipsis, Focus, Discourse Configurationality, Morphosemantics, Agreement

Professional Experience

2012–2013	Textbook Preparation Consultant for Prof. Pauline Jacobson (<i>Compositional Semantics: An Introduction to the Syntax/Semantics Interface</i>)
2009–2011	Research Assistant, University of Chicago Semantics Lab; PI: Prof. Chris Kennedy
2007	Research Assistant, Michigan State University Child Language Acquisition Lab; PIs: Prof. Cristina Schmitt and Prof. Alan Munn

Journal Publications

To appear.	Peter Klecha. On unidirectionality in precisification. <i>Linguistics & Philosophy</i> . Advance access: http://rdcu.be/veej .
2016	Peter Klecha. Modality and embedded temporal operators. <i>Semantics & Pragmatics</i> 9(9), 1-55. doi: 10.3765/sp.9.9
2014	Peter Klecha. Diagnosing modality in predictive expressions. <i>Journal of Semantics</i> 31(3), 443–455. doi: 10.1093/jos/fft011

Other Publications

- To appear. **Peter Klecha.** A formal pragmatic account of Double Access. *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 22*.
- To appear. M. Ryan Bochnak and **Peter Klecha.** Temporal remoteness and vagueness in past time reference in Luganda. Accepted for publication in *Proceedings of ACAL 45*.
- 2016 **Peter Klecha** and M. Ryan Bochnak. Temporal remoteness and relativity. In Christopher Hammary and Brandon Prickett (eds.), *Proceedings of NELS 46*, pp. 213–226.
- 2016 **Peter Klecha.** The English perfect is past (give or take adverbials). In Nadine Bade, Polina Berezovskaya, Anthea Schöller (eds.), *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 20*, pp. 393–411.
- 2015 **Peter Klecha** and Martina Martinović. Exhaustivity, predication, and the semantics of movement. In Anna E. Jurgensen, Hannah Sande, Spencer Lamoureux, Kenny Baclawski, and Alison Zerbe (eds.), *Proceedings of BLS 41*, pp. 267–286.
- 2015 Karlos Arregi and **Peter Klecha.** The morphosemantics of English past tense. In Thuy Bui and Deniz Özyıldız (eds.), *Proceedings of NELS 45*, pp. 53–66.
- 2015 **Peter Klecha.** Two kinds of Sobel Sequences: Precision in conditionals. In Ulrike Steindl, Thomas Borer, Huilin Fang, Alfredo Garca Pardo, Peter Guekguezian, Brian Hsu, Charlie O’Hara, and Iris Chuoying Ouyang (eds.), *Proceedings of WCCFL 32*, pp. 131–140. Cascadilla Press.
- 2014 **Peter Klecha.** Modifying modality. In Jyoti Iyer and Leland Kusmer (eds.), *Proceedings of NELS 44: Volume 1*, pp. 220–232. GLSA.
- 2014 **Peter Klecha.** Modal constraints on temporal reference. In Hsin-Lun Huang, Ethan Poole, and Amanda Rysling (eds.), *Proceedings of NELS 43: Volume 1*, pp. 239–252. GLSA.
- 2013 **Peter Klecha.** Modifiers of modal auxiliaries: New sources for ordering. LSA Annual Meeting Extended Abstracts. 2013.
- 2012 **Peter Klecha.** Positive and conditional semantics for gradable modals. In Ana Aguilar Guevara et al. (eds.), *Proceedings of Sinn & Bedeutung 16: Volume 2*, pp. 363–376. MIT Working Papers in Linguistics.
- 2012 **Peter Klecha.** Shifting modal domains: An imprecision-based account. LSA Annual Meeting Extended Abstracts 2012.
- 2011 **Peter Klecha.** Optional and obligatory modal subordination. In Ingo Reich et al. (eds.), *Proceedings of Sinn & Bedeutung 15*, pp. 365–379. Universaar – Saarland University Press, Saarbrücken, Germany.
- 2010 **Peter Klecha.** Context dependence in English futures. LSA Annual Meeting Extended Abstracts 2010.
- 2008 **Peter Klecha,** Joe Jalbert, Alan Munn, and Cristina Schmitt. Explaining why *gonna* precedes *will* in acquisition. In H. Chan, E. Kapia, & H. Jacob (eds.), *Supplement to the Proceedings of BUCLD 32*, published online at <http://www.bu.edu/linguistics/BUCLD/supp32.html>
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Refereed Presentations

- 2017 **Peter Klecha.** On the syntax and semantics of assertion. Questioning Speech Acts workshop, Konstanz, Germany.
- 2017 **Peter Klecha.** A formal pragmatic account of Double Access. *Sinn und Bedeutung 22*, Potsdam, Germany.
- 2016 **Peter Klecha.** Imprecise conditionals: Towards a solution to Sobel Sequences. Conditionals at the Crossroads of Semantics and Pragmatics. University of Konstanz, Germany.

Refereed Presentations

- 2015 **Peter Klecha.** Nominal modality. Workshop on Modality Across Categories. Universitat Pompeu Fabra.
- 2015 **Peter Klecha** and M. Ryan Bochnak. Temporal remoteness and relativity. 46th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society. Concordia University, Montreal, QC, Canada.
- 2015 **Peter Klecha.** The English perfect is past (give or take adverbials). Poster presentation at 20th Sinn und Bedeutung conference. Universität Tübingen.
- 2015 **Peter Klecha** and Martina Martinović. Exhaustivity, predication and the semantics of movement. 41st Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society, Berkeley, CA.
- 2015 **Peter Klecha** and Martina Martinović. Exhaustive identification is predication. 2015 Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Society of America, Portland, OR.
- 2014 Karlos Arregi and **Peter Klecha.** The morphosemantics of English past tense. 45th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society. Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
- 2014 **Peter Klecha.** Two kinds of Sobel Sequences: Precision in conditionals. Poster presentation at 32nd West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics. University of Southern California.
- 2014 M. Ryan Bochnak and **Peter Klecha.** Temporal remoteness and vagueness in past time reference in Luganda. 45th Annual Conference on African Linguistics. University of Kansas.
- 2014 M. Ryan Bochnak and **Peter Klecha.** Vagueness and context-dependence in Luganda temporal remoteness morphemes. 40th Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society. University of California, Berkeley.
- 2013 **Peter Klecha.** Modifying modality. 44th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society. University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT.
- 2013 **Peter Klecha.** Modifiers of modal auxiliaries and scalar modality. Poster presentation, 2013 Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Society of America, Boston, MA.
- 2012 M. Ryan Bochnak and **Peter Klecha.** Vagueness and context-dependence in Luganda temporal remoteness morphemes. 2012 Semantics Workshop of the American Midwest and Prairies, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.
- 2012 **Peter Klecha.** Modal constraints on temporal reference. 43rd Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society. City University of New York.
- 2012 **Peter Klecha.** Modals, like various other expressions, are subject to imprecision. Ottawa Workshop on Modality 2012. Ottawa, Canada.
- 2012 **Peter Klecha.** Shifting modal domains: An imprecision-based account. 2012 Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Society of America, Portland, OR.
- 2011 **Peter Klecha.** Positive and conditional semantics for gradable modal adjectives. 16th Sinn und Bedeutung Conference, Utrecht, the Netherlands.
- 2010 **Peter Klecha.** Optional and obligatory modal subordination. 15th Sinn und Bedeutung Conference, Universität des Saarlandes, Saarbrücken, Germany.
- 2010 **Peter Klecha.** Context dependence in English futures. 2010 Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Baltimore, MD.
- 2009 **Peter Klecha.** The modality of English futures. Chronos 9 International Conference on Tense, Aspect, and Modality, Université Paris-Diderot.
- 2007 **Peter Klecha,** Joe Jalbert, Alan Munn, and Cristina Schmitt. Explaining why *gonna* precedes *will* in acquisition. Poster presentation, Boston University Conference on Language Development 32, Boston University, Boston, MA.
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Invited Presentations

2017	Peter Klecha. Double access is due to imprecision. NYU Semantics Group.
2017	Peter Klecha. Unidirectionality in precisification. UCLA Colloquium.
2016	Peter Klecha. Loose lips sink classical notions of meaning conventions. Hampshire College.
2016	Peter Klecha. When tenses collide. Swarthmore College.
2016	Peter Klecha. Regulating loose talk through implicature. Brown University LingLangLunch talk series.
2014	Peter Klecha. Modality & perspective: Constraints on temporality. Workshop on Perspective and Modal Semantics, Ohio State University.
2014	Peter Klecha. Imprecision and modality. Colloquium, Dept. of Linguistics, Rutgers University.
2014	Peter Klecha. Constraints on temporal orientation. Colloquium, Dept. of Linguistics, Rutgers University.
2014	Peter Klecha. Temporal orientation and modality. Colloquium, Dept. of Linguistics, Indiana University.
2013	Peter Klecha. Imprecision and modality: A pragmatic approach to domain shifting. Philosophy and Linguistics Workgroup, Northwestern University.
2012	Peter Klecha. Imprecise modality. Keynote address, Michigan State Undergraduate Linguistics Conference 2012, Michigan State University.
2012	Peter Klecha. Modals, conditionals, and imprecision. University of Chicago Workshop on Semantics and Philosophy of Language.
2011	Peter Klecha. Modality and assessment sensitivity in predictions. Philosophy and Linguistics Workgroup, Northwestern University.
2010	Peter Klecha. Familiarity, modality, and the lexicon. University of Chicago Workshop on Semantics and Philosophy of Language.
2009	Peter Klecha. The meaning of predictions. University of Chicago Workshop on Semantics and Philosophy of Language.

Volumes Edited

2011	M. Ryan Bochnak, Peter Klecha , Alice Lemieux, Nassira Nicola, Jasmin Urban, and Christina Weaver (eds.), <i>Proceedings of the 45th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society</i>
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Courses Taught

2017 (spring)	Syntax, Swarthmore College.
2017 (spring)	Semantics, Swarthmore College.
2016 (fall)	Language & Power, Swarthmore College.
2016 (fall)	Introduction to Linguistics, Swarthmore College.
2016 (spring)	Semantics, University of Connecticut.
2015 (fall)	Seminar on Scalarity and Modality, University of Connecticut.
2015-2016	Language & Mind. University of Connecticut.
2015 (spring)	Language & Advertising, Ohio State University.
2015 (spring)	Seminar on Temporality and Modality, Ohio State University.
2014 (fall)	Semantics 1, Ohio State University.
2014 (spring, fall)	Linguistic Meaning, Ohio State University.
2013 (fall)	Intro to Semantics and Pragmatics, University of Chicago.
2012 (winter), 2013 (fall)	Intro to Linguistics, University of Chicago.

Service

2017	Review Board, <i>Snippets</i>
2017	Reviewer, <i>Glossa</i>
2014–2017	Reviewer, <i>Journal of Semantics</i>
2014–2017	Reviewer, <i>Semantics & Pragmatics</i>
2017	Abstract Reviewer, NELS
2017	Abstract Reviewer, <i>Sinn und Bedeutung</i>
2013–2017	Abstract Reviewer, SALT
2010–2017	Abstract Reviewer, CLS
2016	Reviewer, <i>Journal of the American Philosophical Association</i>
2014–2016	Reviewer, <i>Linguistics & Philosophy</i>
2016	Reviewer, <i>Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Semantics</i>
2016	Reviewer, <i>Language</i>
2016	Abstract Reviewer, NISM
2015	Reviewer, <i>Synthese</i>
2015	Reviewer, <i>Cambridge University Press</i>
2013–2014	Reviewer, <i>Natural Language & Linguistic Theory</i>
2014	Reviewer, <i>Journal of Linguistics</i>
2013	Reviewer, ESSLI 2013 Student Session
2012	Program Committee, SALT 22, University of Chicago
2010	Student Representative to the Faculty, University of Chicago
2009–2010	Student Coordinator, Workshop on Semantics and Philosophy of Language, University of Chicago
2009	Organizer, Semantics Workshop of the American Midwest and Prairies
2009	Organizer, 45th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society
2008–2009	Officer, Chicago Linguistic Society

Honors

2012–2013	Mellon Foundation–University of Chicago Dissertation Year Fellowship
2009	Honorable Mention, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
2007–2012	University of Chicago Graduate Fellowship
2007	Outstanding Graduating Senior, Department of Linguistics, Michigan State University
