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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

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### Education

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

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### Research Interests

Speech Acts, Modality, Tense, Formal Pragmatics, Imprecision, Philosophy of Language, Dynamic Semantics, Compositionality, Gradability, Discourse Configurationality, Morphosemantics, Agreement

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### Journal Publications

To appear. **Peter Klecha.** What the Past says about the future and present (and what that says about the Perfect) in English. Conditionally accepted by *Journal of Semantics*.  
2018 **Peter Klecha.** On unidirectionality in precisification. *Linguistics & Philosophy*. 41(1), 87–124. doi: 10.1007/s10988-017-9216-9  
2016 **Peter Klecha.** Modality and embedded temporal operators. *Semantics & Pragmatics* 9(9), 1–55. doi: 10.3765/sp.9.9  
2014 **Peter Klecha.** Diagnosing modality in predictive expressions. *Journal of Semantics* 31(3), 443–455. doi: 10.1093/jos/fft011

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### Manuscripts

Under revision. **Peter Klecha.** On the consistency and reversibility of certain sequences of counterfactual assertions. Submitted to *Mind*.  
Under revision. **Peter Klecha.** First person belief reports provide evidence for the treatment of assertions as proposals. Squib; submitted to *Journal of Semantics*.  
Under review. **Peter Klecha.** Double Access readings are embedded implicatures. Submitted to *Semantics & Pragmatics*.  
In prep. **Peter Klecha.** Formalizing conditional speech acts.  
In prep. **Peter Klecha.** Gradability and modality.

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## Other Publications

- 2018 **Peter Klecha.** A formal pragmatic account of Double Access. In Uli Sauerland and Stephanie Solt (eds.), *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 22: Volume 2*, pp. 19–36.
- 2018 M. Ryan Bochnak and **Peter Klecha.** Temporal remoteness and vagueness in past time reference in Luganda. In Jason Kandybowicz, Travis Major, Harold Torrence & Philip T. Duncan (eds.), *African linguistics on the prairie: Selected papers from the 45th Annual Conference on African Linguistics*, 377–391. Berlin: Language Science Press.
- 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

- 2018 **Peter Klecha.** Conditionals and assertion. Philosophical Linguistics and Linguistical Philosophy V, Tarrytown, New York.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

## Refereed Presentations

- 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

- 2019 **Peter Klecha**. TBD. *The Alphabet of Universal Grammar*. The British Academy.
- 2018 **Peter Klecha**. Going performative again (with conditionals). University of Chicago Semantics & Philosophy of Language workshop.
- 2018 **Peter Klecha**. The semantics and syntax of (conditional) assertions. University of Delaware colloquium.
- 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.
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## Volumes Edited

- 2011 M. Ryan Bochnak, **Peter Klecha**, Alice Lemieux, Nassira Nicola, Jasmin Urban, and Christina Weaver (eds.), *Proceedings of the 45th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society*
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## Professional Experience

- 2012–2013 Textbook Preparation Consultant for Prof. Pauline Jacobson (*Compositional Semantics: An Introduction to the Syntax/Semantics Interface*)
- 2009–2011 Research Assistant, University of Chicago Semantics Lab; PI: Prof. Chris Kennedy
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**Courses Taught**

2018 (fall)	Semantics 2, Swarthmore College.
2016 (fall), 2018 (fall)	Introduction to Linguistics, Swarthmore College.
2018 (spring)	The meaning of <i>meaning</i> in post-truth America, Swarthmore College.
2017 (spring)	Syntax, Swarthmore College.
2017 (spring) - 2018 (spring)	Semantics, Swarthmore College and Haverford College.
2016 (fall)	Language & Power, 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.

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**Service**

2014–2019	Reviewer, <i>Journal of Semantics</i>
2014–2019	Reviewer, <i>Semantics &amp; Pragmatics</i>
2013–14, 2018	Reviewer, <i>Natural Language &amp; Linguistic Theory</i>
2014–2018	Reviewer, <i>Linguistics &amp; Philosophy</i>
2018	Reviewer, <i>Natural Language Semantics</i>
2017	Reviewer, <i>Linguistic Inquiry</i>
2017	Review Board, <i>Snippets</i>
2017	Reviewer, <i>Glossa</i>
2017	Abstract Reviewer, NELS
2017	Abstract Reviewer, Sinn und Bedeutung
2013–2017	Abstract Reviewer, SALT
2010–2017	Abstract Reviewer, CLS
2016	Reviewer, <i>Journal of the American Philosophical Association</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>
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

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**Honors**

2012–2013  
2009

Mellon Foundation–University of Chicago Dissertation Year Fellowship  
Honorable Mention, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship

2007–2012  
2007

University of Chicago Graduate Fellowship  
Outstanding Graduating Senior, Department of Linguistics, Michigan State University

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