

CURRICULUM VITAE

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I. PERSONAL & PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

Age: 33 (Birthdate: April 4, 1977)

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Situation: Maître de Conférences at the University of Nantes (Department of Language Sciences), from September, 1st, 2009
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II. DOMAINS OF RESEARCH

Syntax-Semantics Interface. Some major domains and topics of my research are linked to the interface between Syntax and Semantics:

- syntax and semantics of long-distance dependencies (dislocation, interrogation and relativisation), through well-known phenomena such as reconstruction or resumption;
- study of quantification, indefinites, bound variable and *e*-type anaphora;
- comparison between several formal approaches to grammar, including generative grammar, categorial grammars, formal semantics and variable-free semantics.

Syntax/Semantics-Parsing Interface. I am also deeply interested in more cognitive aspects related to those linguistic topics or phenomena, especially through a novel formalism in which Grammar and Parsing clearly interact: Dynamic Syntax.

Cross-linguistic approach. All these research topics are driven through a comparative approach to Celtic languages (Breton), Semitic languages (Arabic), Romance languages (French) and Germanic languages (English).

III. ORAL PRESENTATIONS

INVITED CONFERENCES

- Oct. 2009 ‘Reconstruction: a variable(-free) phenomenon’, 3rd Workshop of European Research Net in Linguistics, organized by EHU and the University of Basque Country, Vitoria.
- June 2008 ‘Reconstructing Relative Clauses’, 2nd Workshop of European Research Net in Linguistics, organized by EHU and the University of Basque Country, San Sebastian.
- Dec. 2007 ‘Resumption as NP ellipsis’ (*with N. Malkawi*), 1st Workshop of European Research Net in Linguistics, organized by EHU and the University of Basque Country, Vitoria.
- June 2007 ‘Reconstructing Resumption’, Workshop on Resumption, organized by A. Rouveret at the University of Paris 7 (France).
- June 2007 ‘Weak vs Strong Resumption’ (*with N. Malkawi*), Workshop on Resumption, organized by A. Rouveret at the University of Paris 7 (France).
- Aug. 2005 ‘Reconstruction is dynamic’, Workshop on Dialogue, in parallel to the 17th ESSLLI (European Summer School in Logics, Language and Information), Heriot-Watt University of Edinburgh (Scotland).

REFEREED TALKS (selection by abstract)

- Mai 2011 ‘Some Questions (and Answers) about Cleft Sentences’ (*with M. Oiry*), 41st Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages (LSRL), University of Ottawa.
- Sept. 2009 ‘Reconstructing functional relatives...or not’, 8th Colloquium on Syntax and Semantics in Paris (CSSP), University of Paris 4.
- Aug. 2008 ‘To reconstruct or not to reconstruct: that is the question’, Workshop on What Syntax feeds Semantics, included in 20th ESSLLI, organized by Maribel Romero, University of Hamburg (Germany).
- June 2008 ‘E(lided)-type resumption’, Annual CLA (Canadian Linguistic Association) Conference, UBC, Vancouver (Canada).
- April 2006 ‘When resumption determines reconstruction’ (*with N. Malkawi*), 25th WCCFL (West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics), University of Washington, Seattle (USA).
- April 2006 ‘Reconstruction without movement’ (*with N. Malkawi*), 16th CGG (Coloquio de Gramatica Generativa), University of Madrid (Spain).
- April 2006 ‘When movement fails to reconstruct’ (*with N. Malkawi*), 29th GLOW colloquium, University of Barcelona (Spain).

- March 2006 ‘Reconstruction: a plea for dynamic syntax’ (poster), 19th CUNY conference on human language processing, CUNY Graduate Center, New York (USA).
- March 2006 ‘Reconstruction: the islands’ puzzle’, 32nd IGG (Incontro di Grammatica Generativa), University of Florence (Italy).
- March 2006 ‘Reconstruction and islandhood in Jordanian Arabic’ (*with N. Malkawi*), 20th ALS (Arabic Linguistic Society) Conference, University of Michigan (USA).
- Sept. 2005 ‘Choice function’s reconstruction’, 3rd student workshop on Syntax and Semantics (WoSS), University de Nantes (France).
- Sept. 2005 ‘Reconstruction, resumption and islandhood’ (*with N. Malkawi*), 3rd student workshop on Syntax and Semantics (WoSS), University de Nantes (France).
- June 2005 ‘Le schwa et les sommets vides’, 7th International Meeting of the French Network of Phonology (RFP), University of Aix-en-Provence (France).
- Sept. 2004 ‘Binding and Reconstruction’, 2nd student workshop on Syntax and Semantics (WoSS), University of Barcelona (Spain).
- Aug. 2004 ‘Binding and (Re)construction’, Workshop on Binding, included in the 16th ESSLLI (European Summer School in Logics, Language and Information), University of Nancy (France).
- Sept. 2003 ‘Reconstruction & Resumption in Relatives in Breton’, 4th International Conference on Celtic Languages, Selwyn College, Cambridge (UK).
- June 2003 ‘Reconstruction & Resumption’, 1st student workshop on Syntax and Semantics (WoSS), University of Vitoria-Gasteiz (Basque Country).

INTERVIEWS FOR JOB POSITIONS

- May 2009 Position on ‘General Linguistics, NLP, and Psycholinguistics’, Dept of Language Sciences, University of Nantes, ranked 1st.
- May 2009 Position on ‘French General Syntax’, Dept of Linguistics, University of Grenoble III, ranked 2nd.
- May 2009 Position on ‘French Linguistics’, Dept of Linguistics, University of Lille III, ranked 3rd.
- June 2007 Position on ‘Syntax and Formal Grammars’, Dept of Linguistics, University of Bordeaux III, ranked 2nd.
- June 2007 Position on ‘French Linguistics’, Dept of Linguistics, University of Lille III, ranked 4th.
- June 2007 Position on ‘Formal/Cognitive Syntax and Semantics’, Dept of English Studies, University of Lille III, ranked 2nd.

IV. PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES IN JOURNALS

- N. Guilliot (2006) ‘A top-down analysis for Reconstruction’, in *Lingua 116, special edition on Celtic Languages*, p.1888-1914, edited by I. Roberts et al, published by Elsevier.
- N. Guilliot (2005) ‘Syntaxe & sémantique des indéfinis’, in *Traverse* (student journal of the University of Nantes), published by Ecole Doctorale CLC, University of Nantes, 15 pages.

CHAPTERS IN BOOKS

- N. Guilliot (in preparation) ‘Reconstruction as update of underspecification’, in *Festschrift in Honor of Ruth Kempson*.
- N. Guilliot (submitted) ‘Petite histoire de sommets vides : on n’a pas toujours le schwa’, in *Festschrift in Honor of Jean-Pierre Angoujard*, 22 pages, published by Presses Universitaires de Rennes.
- N. Guilliot & N. Malkawi (2011) ‘Weak vs strong resumption: covarying differently’, in *Resumptive Pronouns at the Interfaces*, edited by A. Rouveret, series *Language Faculty And Beyond* edited by K. Grohmann and P. Pica, published by John Benjamins.
- N. Guilliot & N. Malkawi (2009) ‘When Movement fails to Reconstruct’, in *Merging Features*, edited by J. Brucart, A. Gavarro and J. Sola, published by Oxford University Press, 27 pages.
- N. Guilliot & N. Malkawi (2007) ‘Reconstruction without movement’, in *Coreference, Modality and Focus*, edited by L. Eguren and O. Fernandez, published by John Benjamins, 18 pages.
- N. Malkawi & N. Guilliot (2007) ‘Reconstruction & Islandhood in Jordanian Arabic’, in *Perspectives on Arabic Linguistics XX*, edited by M. Mughazy, published by John Benjamins, 17 pages.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- N. Guilliot (2011) ‘Reconstructing functional relatives...or not’, in *Empirical Issues in Syntax and Semantics 8*, edited by O. Bonami and P. Cabredo-Hofherr.
- N. Guilliot (2008) ‘To reconstruct or not to reconstruct: that is the question’, in *Proceedings of the Workshop on What Syntax feeds Semantics*, published by FoLLI for ESSLLI.
- N. Guilliot (2007) ‘Reconstruction: the island’s puzzle’, in *Proceedings of Incontro de Grammatica Generativa (IGG) 32*, published by Edizioni dell’Orso of Alessandria, 13 pages.

- N. Guilliot & N. Malkawi (2006) 'When Resumption determines Reconstruction', in *Proceedings of West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL) 25*, edited by Baumer, Montero and Scanlon, published by Cascadilla Press, 10 pages.
- N. Guilliot (2004) 'Binding and Last Resort Reconstruction', in *Proceedings of the Workshop on Binding*, published by FoLLI for ESSLLI.
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V. TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2009- ASSISTANT PROFESSOR (MAÎTRE DE CONFÉRENCES) AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NANTES
- Morphology and Syntax**: introduction to morphology (composition, derivation and inflection) and syntax in various languages.
 - Linguistic Competence**: French Grammar through a linguistic perspective on morphology, syntax and (logical) semantics.
 - Morphosyntax**: introduction to Generative Syntax and Morphology, constituent structures, X'-theory, derivational morphology.
 - Language and Cognition**: introduction to theories in linguistics and psychology (behaviorism, cognitivism, connectionism) and to experimental tools
 - Psycholinguistics**: introduction to cognitive psycholinguistics through experimental tools, study of mental processes related to linguistic phenomena (speech perception, lexical access, parsing).
 - Natural Language Processing**: formal grammars and languages, automata, regular expressions, interaction with morphology, syntax and semantics.
 - Psycholinguistics** (MA): introduction to Parsing, and more precisely Dynamic Syntax, a novel formalism in which Grammar and Parsing interact.
 - Syntax and Interpretation** (MA): introduction and comparison of various linguistic formalizations (generative grammar, HPSG, LFG, free-variable semantics) on specific phenomena (resumption, reconstruction, (un)bounded anaphora).
- 2007-2009 ASSISTANT PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO (DEPARTMENT OF FRENCH)
- FRE387-**French Morphology**: introduction to compositional, derivational and inflectional morphology in French.
 - FSL277-**French Pronunciation**: study of French sound system (IPA transcription, articulation, stress, intonation, elision of *schwa*, liaison) to improve pronunciation (*specific duty*: supervision of a Lecturer for tutorials).
 - FRE272-**Structure of Modern French**: basic concepts of linguistics through the analysis of contemporary French (*specific duty*: supervision of a Teaching Assistant for tutorials).
 - FRE378-**French Syntax**: study of syntactic structures in modern French with survey of generative syntax (transformations, X'-theory, Minimalism,...).

- FRE489-*The Syntax-Semantics Interface*: advanced course introducing both empirical and formal aspects of syntax-semantics interface related to scope, binding, indefinites, displacement structures in French.
- 2005-2007 ATER (TEMPORARY CONTRACT FOR TEACHING/RESEARCH) AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NANTES
- Morphology*: introduction to compositional, derivational, and inflectional morphology, incorporation.
 - French Phonetics and Phonology*: introduction to IPA transcription, articulatory phonetics, phonology, French elision of *schwa* and liaison.
 - Introduction to L^AT_EX*, a text editor.
 - Natural Language Processing*: formal grammars and languages, automata, regular expressions, interaction with morphology, syntax and semantics.
 - Psycholinguistics* (MA): introduction to Parsing, and more precisely Dynamic Syntax, a novel formalism in which Grammar and Parsing interact.
 - Comparative Linguistics*: introduction to resumption and reconstruction in various languages.
 - Morphosyntax*: introduction to Generative Syntax and Morphology, constituent structures, X'-theory, derivational morphology.
 - French Grammar*: introduction to French linguistics, syntax (tests for constituents, syntactic functions), semantics, pragmatics.
- 2002-2005 TEACHING ASSISTANT (MONITEUR) AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NANTES (with Training in Research & Teaching, given by the CIES of Rennes, France)
- Morphosyntax*: introduction to Generative Syntax and Morphology, constituent structures, X'-theory, derivational morphology.
 - Semantics and Stylistics*: introduction to stylistic devices (metaphors, litotes, metonymy,...) and interaction with pragmatics (Gricean theory).
 - French Phonetics and Phonology*: introduction to IPA transcription, articulatory phonetics, phonology, French elision of *schwa* and liaison.
- 2001-2002 TEACHING ASSISTANT (VACATAIRE) AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NANTES
- French Phonetics and Phonology*: introduction to IPA transcription, articulatory phonetics, phonology, French elision of *schwa* and liaison.
- 1998-1999 FRENCH LANGUAGE ASSISTANT in Aberdare, Wales (UK).

VI. EDUCATION & LINGUISTIC PROGRAMS

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

- 2002-2006 Doctorat (PhD) in Linguistics (Language Sciences) at the University of Nantes (mention très honorable avec félicitations du jury à l'unanimité)

-*Title of thesis*: 'La Reconstruction à l'interface entre Syntaxe et Sémantique'
-*Date of defense*: Monday, December 11, 2006
-*PhD supervisor*: Hamida Demirdache – MCF/HDR University of Nantes
-*Other members of the jury*: Ronnie Cann – PR University of Edinburgh,
Alain Kihm – DR CNRS-University of Paris 7, Orin Percus – MCF University
of Nantes, Alain Rouveret – PR University of Paris 7, Uli Sauerland – HDR
ZAS-Berlin.

- 2001-2002 MA in Language Sciences at the University of Nantes (mention très bien).
-*Title of thesis*: 'Relatives, Reconstruction et Résomptivité: les 3 R en Breton'
-*MA Supervisor*: Hamida Demirdache.
-*Other members of the jury*: Jean-Pierre Angoujard, Alain Rouveret, Hamida
Demirdache.
- 2000-2001 Maîtrise in Language Sciences at the University of Nantes (mention très bien).
-*Title of thesis*: 'Syntaxe comparée des relatives restrictives en Gallois et en
Breton'
-*Supervisor*: Hamida Demirdache.
- 1999-2000 Licence in Language Sciences at the University of Nantes (mention bien).
- 1995-1997 DEUG LLCE English (Literature, Language and Foreign Civilization) at the
University of Nantes.
- 1994-1995 Baccalauréat in Sciences (mention Bien).

OTHER LINGUISTIC PROGRAMS

- June 2010 'Understanding language: forty years into the garden path', courses and con-
ferences organized by the University of Basque Country, San Sebastian.
- Aug. 2009 21st ESSLLI (European Summer School in Logics, Language and Information),
University of Bordeaux III.
- Aug. 2008 20th ESSLLI (European Summer School in Logics, Language and Information),
University of Hamburg (Germany).
- 2007-2008 Weekly Syntax & Semantics Project, organized by the Dept of Linguistics at
University of Toronto.
- 2001-2007 Weekly Syntax and Semantics seminars, organized by the LLING in Nantes.
- Sept. 2005 EALing III (3rd Fall School in Linguistics at the ENS), Paris, France.
- Aug. 2005 17th ESSLLI (European Summer School in Logics, Language and Information),
Heriot-Watt University of Edinburgh (Scotland).
- Aug. 2004 16th ESSLLI (European Summer School in Logics, Language and Information),
University of Nancy (France).

- May 2004 'Implicature Calculation, Pragmatics or Syntax, or both?' by Danny Fox, Linguistic Program of the University of the Basque Country, Vitoria-Gasteiz (1 week).
- Sept.-Oct. 2003 EALing I (1st Fall School in Linguistics at the ENS), Paris, France.
- July-Aug. 2003 10th Central European Summer School in Generative Grammar (EGG), Lublin, Poland.
- June 2003 'On the Derivational and Representational Nature of Grammar' by Joseph Aoun, Linguistic Program of the University of the Basque Country, Vitoria (1 week).
- Oct. 2002 'Sideward movement, Agree, and Phases' by Jairo Nunes, Linguistic Program of the University of the Basque Country, Vitoria-Gasteiz (1 week).
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VII. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

- 2008-2009 Contribution in the development of the new Linguistics program within the Department of French at the University of Toronto.
- 2002-2006 Main contributor in the organization of weekly Syntax and Semantics seminars for the LLING in Nantes.
- Nov. 2005 Portes Ouvertes on Research on Linguistics in the West (representing the LLING), organized at the University of Caen Basse-Normandie (France).
- Sept. 2005 Main organizer of the 3rd student workshop on Syntax and Semantics (WoSS) at the University of Nantes (France).
- May 2004 Contribution in the organization of the 4th JEL (Journées d'Études Linguistiques) at the University of Nantes (reception and accommodation).
- 2002-2004 Student member of the Conseil Scientifique de l'École Doctorale Connaissance, Langages, Culture (CLC) at the University of Nantes.
- Jan.-March 2003 Student member of the Conseil pour le Projet d'Établissement 2004-2007 at the University of Nantes.
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VIII. REVIEWS

- Jan. 2011 Review of an article for the Journal *Linguistics*, published by Mouton De Gruyter.
- June 2010 Review of abstracts submitted to the first Fall Meeting on Formal Linguistics (RALFe) in Paris 8.
- Sept. 2009 Review of a chapter of the book *Ways of Structure Building*, edited by Uribe-Etxebarria & Valmala, published by Cambridge University Press.

IX. GRANTS & AWARDS

- Jan. 2007 CNU (Conseil National des Universités) Qualification for MCF (Maître de Conférence) positions in France.
- 2002-2005 National Research Grant for doctoral research in Language Sciences, awarded by the French Ministry of Education and Research.
- 2001-2002 Grant for Master Research, awarded by the University of Nantes.

X. OTHER

- Languages: French (native) and English (fluent), good notions of German.
- \LaTeX , Word, Powerpoint, Excel, notions of Perl.
- Other interests: cinema, tennis (and other sports), hiking,...