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Education

1990 PhD in Linguistics, University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

1983 Honours BA in English and Philosophy, Bishop's University.

Employment

2015– Fellow in Linguistics, Homerton College, University of Cambridge.

2013– Reader in Morphology and Syntax, Department of Theoretical and Applied Linguistics, University of Cambridge.

1997–2012 Assistant Director of Research, Research Centre for English and Applied Linguistics, University of Cambridge.

1992–96 Lecturer, Centre for Linguistics, University of Western Australia.

1994–95 Coordinator, Cognitive Science Program, University of Western Australia.

1989–92 Technical Staff, Microelectronics and Computer Technology Corporation.

Visiting and Research Positions

2012–13 Fellow, Institute for Advanced Study, Collegium de Lyon.

2005/07 Visiting Scholar, Linguistics Department, MPI-EVA, Leipzig.

2002 Visiting Associate Professor, Linguistics, University of California, Berkeley.

1996 Visiting Assistant Professor, Linguistics, University of Alberta.

1996 Visiting Scholar, Stanford University & University of California, Berkeley.

1990 Assistant Professor, Linguistics, University of Texas at Austin.

Publications

Volumes

Blevins, J. P. (2016a), *Word and Paradigm Morphology*, Oxford University Press, Oxford.

Blevins, J. P. (1990), *Syntactic Complexity: Evidence for Discontinuity and Multidomination*, GLSA, University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Edited Volumes

Kiefer, F., J. P. Blevins, and H. Bartos (Eds.) (2017), *Perspectives on Morphological Structure: Data and Analyses*, Brill, Leiden.

Blevins, J. P., and J. Blevins (Eds.) (2009a), *Analogy in Grammar: Form and Acquisition*, Oxford University Press, Oxford.

Brown, E. K., and J. P. Blevins (Eds.) (2001), *Transactions of the Philological Society: Special number on morphological paradigms*, *99(2)*.

Articles

Geertzen, J., J. P. Blevins, and P. Milin (2016), The informativeness of linguistic unit boundaries, *Italian Journal of Linguistics*, *28(2)*, 1–24.

Ackerman, F., R. Malouf, and J. P. Blevins (2016), Patterns and discriminability in language analysis, *Word Structure*, *9(2)*, 132–155.

Blevins, J. P. (2013a), The information-theoretic turn, *Psihologija*, *46(3)*, 355–375.

Blevins, J. P. (2008a), The post-transformational enterprise, *Journal of Linguistics*, *44(3)*, 723–742.

Blevins, J. P. (2008b), Declension classes in Estonian, *Linguistica Uralica*, *44(4)*, 241–267.

Blevins, J. P. (2007), Conjugation classes in Estonian, *Linguistica Uralica*, *43(4)*, 250–267.

Blevins, J. P. (2006a), Word-based morphology, *Journal of Linguistics*, *42(3)*, 531–573.

Blevins, J. P. (2005a), Word-based declensions in Estonian, *Handbook of Morphology 2005*, pp. 1–25.

Articles (cont.)

Blevins, J. P. (2003a), Stems and paradigms, *Language*, *79*(2), 737–767.

Blevins, J. P. (2003b), Passives and impersonals, *Journal of Linguistics*, *39*(3), 473–520.

Blevins, J. P. (2001a), Realization-based lexicalism, *Journal of Linguistics*, *37*(2), 355–365.

Blevins, J. P. (2001b), Paradigmatic derivation, *Transactions of the Philological Society*, *99*(2), 211–22.

Blevins, J. P. (2000a), Markedness and agreement, *Transactions of the Philological Society*, *98*(2), 233–62.

Blevins, J. P. (1995), Syncretism and paradigmatic opposition, *Linguistics and Philosophy*, *18*(2), 113–152.

Blevins, J. P. (1994a), Derived constituent order in unbounded dependency constructions, *Journal of Linguistics*, *30*(2), 349–409.

Blevins, J. P. (1994b), A lexicalist analysis of gerundive nominals in English, *Australian Journal of Linguistics*, *14*(1), 1–38.

Chapters

Blevins, J. P., F. Ackerman, and R. Malouf (2017a), Word and Paradigm Morphology, in *The Oxford Handbook of Morphological Theory*, edited by J. Audring and F. Masini, Oxford University Press, Oxford.

Blevins, J. P., P. Milin, and M. Ramscar (2017c), The Zipfian Paradigm Cell Filling Problem, in *Perspectives on Morphological Structure: Data and Analyses*, edited by F. Kiefer, J. P. Blevins, and H. Bartos, Brill, Leiden.

Blevins, J. P. (2016b), The minimal sign, in *The Cambridge Handbook of Morphology*, edited by G. T. Stump and A. Hippisley, chap. 3, pp. 50–69, Cambridge University Press.

Blevins, J. P., F. Ackerman, R. Malouf, and M. Ramscar (2016), Morphology as an adaptive discriminative system, in *Morphological Metatheory*, edited by H. Harley and D. Siddiqi, chap. 10, pp. 269–300, Benjamins, Philadelphia.

Blevins, J. P. (2015), Inflectional paradigms, in *The Oxford Handbook of Inflection*, edited by M. Baerman, chap. 5, pp. 87–111, Oxford University Press.

Chapters (cont.)

Blevins, J. P. (2014), The morphology of words, in *The Oxford Handbook of Language Processing*, edited by V. Ferreira, M. Goldrick, and M. Miozza, chap. 9, pp. 152–164, Oxford University Press.

Blevins, J. P. (2013b), Word-based morphology from Aristotle to modern WP, in *Oxford Handbook of the History of Linguistics*, edited by K. Allan, chap. 16, pp. 396–417, Oxford University Press.

Blevins, J. P. (2013c), American descriptivism ('structuralism'), in *Oxford Handbook of the History of Linguistics*, edited by K. Allan, chap. 18, pp. 419–437, Oxford University Press.

Blevins, J. P., and I. A. Sag (2013), Phrase Structure Grammar, in *The Cambridge Handbook of Generative Syntax*, edited by M. den Dikken, chap. 7, pp. 202–225, Cambridge University Press.

Blevins, J. P. (2011), Feature-based grammar, in *Nontransformational Syntax*, edited by R. D. Borsley and K. Börjars, chap. 7, pp. 297–324, Oxford University Press.

Ackerman, F., J. P. Blevins, and R. Malouf (2009), Parts and wholes: Implicative patterns in inflectional paradigms, in *Analogy in Grammar: Form and Acquisition*, edited by J. P. Blevins and J. Blevins, chap. 3, pp. 54–81, Oxford University Press.

Blevins, J. P. (2008c), Case and declensional paradigms, in *The Oxford Handbook of Case*, edited by A. J. Spencer and A. Malchukov, chap. 13, pp. 200–218, Oxford University Press.

Ackerman, F., and J. P. Blevins (2008), Syntax: The state of the art, in *Unity and Diversity of Languages*, edited by P. van Sterkenberg, chap. 16, pp. 215–229, Benjamins, Amsterdam.

Blevins, J. P. (2006b), English inflection and derivation, in *Handbook of English Linguistics*, edited by B. Aarts and A. M. McMahon, pp. 507–536, Blackwell, London.

Blevins, J. P. (2005b), Remarks on gerunds, in *Morphology and the web of grammar: Essays in memory of Steven G. Lapointe*, edited by C. O. Orgun and P. Sells, chap. 3, pp. 19–40, CSLI Publications, Stanford.

Blevins, J. P. (2004), Inflection classes and economy, in *Explorations in Nominal Inflection*, edited by G. Müller, L. Gunkel, and G. Zifonun, chap. 2, pp. 41–85, Mouton de Gruyter, Berlin.

Clahsen, H., I. Sonnenstuhl, and J. P. Blevins (2003), Derivational morphology in the German mental lexicon, in *Morphological structure in language processing*, edited by R. H. Baayen and R. Schreuder, chap. 5, pp. 125–155, Mouton de Gruyter, Berlin.

Chapters (cont.)

Blevins, J. P. (2000b), Markedness and blocking in German declensional paradigms, in *Lexicon in Focus*, edited by B. Stiebels and D. Wunderlich, pp. 83–103, Akademie Verlag, Berlin.

Blevins, J. P. (1988), Restructured compounds and romance causatives, in *Advances in Romance Linguistics*, edited by J.-P. Montreuil and D. Birdsong, chap. 2, pp. 17–32, Foris, Dordrecht.

Miscellanea

Blevins, J. P., P. Milin, and M. Ramscar (2015), Zipfian discrimination, in *Proceedings of the NetWordS Final Conference on Word Knowledge and Word Usage: Representations and Processes in the Mental Lexicon*, edited by V. Pirrelli, C. Marzi, and M. Ferro, pp. 29–31.

Blevins, J. P. (2009), Nontransformational grammar, in *The Linguistics Encyclopedia*, edited by K. Malmkjær, 3rd ed., pp. 377–392, Routledge.

Blevins, J. P., and J. Blevins (2009b), Analogy: An introduction, in *Analogy in Grammar: Form and Acquisition*, edited by J. P. Blevins and J. Blevins, pp. 1–12, Oxford University Press.

Blevins, J. P. (2006c), Passive and impersonal constructions, in *Elsevier Encyclopedia of Language & Linguistics*, vol. 9, edited by E. K. Brown, 2nd ed., pp. 236–239, Elsevier, Amsterdam.

Blevins, J. P. (2006d), The Post-Bloomfieldians, in *Elsevier Encyclopedia of Language & Linguistics*, vol. 9, edited by E. K. Brown, 2nd ed., pp. 783–784, Elsevier, Amsterdam.

Blevins, J. P. (2006e), Syntactic features and feature structures, in *Elsevier Encyclopedia of Language & Linguistics*, vol. 12, edited by E. K. Brown, 2nd ed., pp. 390–393, Elsevier, Amsterdam.

Blevins, J. P. (2003c), Review of *Issues in Austronesian morphology: A Focusschrift for Byron W. Bender*, *Oceanic Linguistics*, 42(2), 553–558.

Blevins, J. P. (2002), Nontransformational grammar, in *The Linguistics Encyclopedia*, edited by K. Malmkjær, pp. 375–395, Routledge.

Blevins, J. P. (2001c), Morphological paradigms, *Transactions of the Philological Society*, 99(2), 207–210.

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Blevins, J. P. (1999), Productivity and exponence, *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 22(6), 1015–1016.

Blevins, J. P. (1994c), Review of *Linguistic theory in the United States from Bloomfield to Chomsky*, *Australian Journal of Linguistics*, 14(1), 217–227.

Forthcoming

Blevins, J. P., G. Booij, and P. Milin (2017b), Inflection at the morphology-syntax interface, in *Word Knowledge and Word Usage: A Cross-disciplinary Guide to the Mental Lexicon*, edited by V. Pirrelli, I. Plag, and W. U. Dressler, p. (to appear), De Gruyter, Berlin.

Blevins, J. P. (2017a), Implicational morphology, *Linguistic Analysis*.

Blevins, J. P. (2017b), The morphosyntax of voice, *Journal of Language Sciences*.

Ramscar, M., M. Dye, J. P. Blevins, and R. H. Baayen (2017), Morphological development, in *Handbook of Communications Disorders: Theoretical, Empirical, and Applied Linguistic Perspectives*, edited by A. Bar-On and D. Ravid, De Gruyter, Boston/Berlin.

Selected Talks

2016.11.11 Abstractive discrimination. Seminar für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, Universität Zürich.

2016.08.25 The morphosyntax of voice. KALS Korea International Conference, Pusan National University, Busan Korea.

2016.06.21 Implicational morphology. Anamorphosys: Analyzing morphological systems, Laboratoire Dynamique du Langage, Lyon.

2016.05.23 Back to the future: The rise and fall and rise of information theory in linguistics. Entropy Day, University of Sheffield.

2016.02.18 Discriminative abstraction. 17th International Morphology Meeting, Vienna.

Talks (cont.)

2016.08.01 Equilibrium typology (with P. Milin & M. Ramscar). 11th Meeting of the Association for Linguistic Typology, Albuquerque, NM.

2015.03.31 Zipfian deduction (with P. Milin & M. Ramscar). Word Knowledge and Word Usage: NetWordS Final Conference, Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa.

2014.12.01 Morphology as a complex adaptive discriminative system. Encounter of Cultures, University of Novi Sad.

2014.10.17 Morphological salience. Workshop on Perceptual Salience, FRIAS, University of Freiburg.

2014.05.30 Uncertainty and discrimination in WP (with M. Ramscar). IMM16, Budapest.

2014.05.30 Morphemes in context and in isolation: A recursive view on measures of frequency and complexity (with P. Milin & E. Keuleers). 16th International Morphology Meeting, Budapest.

2014.05.24 Discriminative variation and paradigmatic poverty. Wortbildung und Flexion in Wort-und-Paradigma-Ansätzen, Université Paris 13.

2013.09.17 Lemma size effects on morphological processing (with P. Milin & E. Keuleers). 9th Mediterranean Morphological Meeting, Dubrovnik.

2013.06.22 The word frequency effect as contextual entropy (with E. Keuleers & P. Milin). 8th International Morphological Processing Conference, Cambridge.

2013.04.30 Phrase structure generalizations. Structure and Evidence in Linguistics: A workshop in honor of Ivan A Sag, Stanford, CA.

2012.11.09 Morphological and pronominal impersonals. Workshop on impersonal pronouns, Université Paris 8.

2012.09.21 Words and paradigms. 1st American International Morphology Meeting, Amherst, MA.

2011.11.09 Morphological complexity and isolation. Workshop on Complexity and Isolation, FRIAS, University of Freiburg.

2011.01.15 Item and pattern morphology. Quantitative Measures in Morphology & Morphological Development, UCSD.

2010.10.30 The role of morphomes in implicational models of morphology. Workshop on the Morphome, University of Coimbra, Portugal.

Talks (cont.)

2010.05.16 The morphome as a unit of predictive value. 14th International Morphology Meeting, Budapest.

2010.03.23 Paradigmatic deduction. Theory, Typology & Technology: Parsing in the Face of Diversity, ILLI, University of Amsterdam.

2009.07.14 Structure and order in English. Third International Conference on the Linguistics of Contemporary English, SOAS.

20.06.08 Abstraction and implication in WP. Workshop on Paradigmatic Morphology, Toulouse.

2008.02.06 An information-based measure of morphological information. QITL-3, University of Helsinki.

2008.02.05 Measuring inflectional economy. 13th International Morphology Meeting, Vienna.

2007.10.18 Inflection classes in Estonian. Tallinn University.

2006.05.29 Prosodic and implicational structure of Estonian paradigms. 15th Conference of the Finno-Ugric Studies Association of Canada.

26.05.06 Grade-alternating paradigms in Uralic. 12th International Morphology Meeting, Budapest.

2006.01.06 Paradigms and predictability. LSA Annual Meeting, Albuquerque.

2005.03.07 Thematic inversion in Georgian. Linguistics, University of Oxford.

2004-02.14 Non.redundancy in WP. 11th International Morphology Meeting, Vienna.

2004.01.27 Lexical economy. Linguistic Circle of Oxford.

2003.11.13 La voix passive et la voix impersonnelle. Cercle de Linguistique de l'INALCO.

2003.05.23 Inflection classes and word-based economy. Workshop on inflectional paradigms: Primitives and structures, Institut für Deutsche Sprache, Mannheim.

Workshops

2017.06.22–24 Symposium on quantitative morphology (with P. Milin), Morphological Processing Conference, Scuola Internazionale Superiore di Studi Avanzati, Trieste.

2016.02.18–21 Discriminative perspectives on morphology, 17th International Morphology Meeting, Vienna.

2015.08.01 Workshop on system typology (with G. Walther), Association for Linguistic Typology 11, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque.

2014.06.3–5 (with C. Pléh) Corpus resources for quantitative and psycholinguistic analysis, Eszterházy College, Eger.

2014.05.30 Information-theoretic approaches to morphology, 16th International Morphology Meeting, Budapest.

2006.09.22–3 (with J. Blevins) Analogy in Grammar: Form and Acquisition. Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig.

2006.05.26 (with F. Ackerman) Word and Paradigm Perspectives on Uralic. 12th International Morphology Meeting, Budapest.

2006.01.06 Word and Paradigm Morphology. LSA Annual Meeting, Albuquerque.

Conferences

2016.12.11–16 (programme committee) COLING 2016: 26th International Conference on Computational Linguistics, Osaka, Japan.

2016.06.20–22 (scientific committee) Anamorphosys: Analyzing Morphological Systems, Laboratoire Dynamique du Langage, Lyon.

2016.02.18–21 (scientific committee) 17th International Morphology Meeting, Vienna.

2015.07.11–5 (organizer) First Quantitative Morphology Meeting, University of Belgrade.

2014.03.30–04.1 (scientific committee) Word Knowledge and Word Usage: NetWordS Final Conference, Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa.

2014.06.22–27 (programme committee) ACL14: Cognitive aspects of computational language learning, Baltimore.

Conferences (cont.)

2014.06.23–29 (programme committee) COLING 2014: Morphology, word segmentation, tagging and chunking, Dublin.

2014.09.23–6 (reviewer) CogSci 2014: 36th Annual Conference, Québec.

Linguistic Institutes

2017.07 (with F. Ackerman) Implicational Morphology. LSA Summer Institute, University of Kentucky.

2012.07 (with G. Booij) Construction-based and Paradigm-based Approaches to Word Structure. 1st NetWordS Summer School

2011.07 (with F. Ackerman) Word and Paradigm Morphology: Data and Analysis. LSA Summer Institute, University of Colorado at Boulder.

2007.07 Introduction to Morphology. LSA Summer Institute, Stanford.

2007.07 (with F. Ackerman, F. del Prado Martín & M. Tomasello) Pattern-based Approaches to Lexical Knowledge. LSA Summer Institute, Stanford.

1994.07 (with I. A. Sag) Phrase Structure Grammar. Australian Linguistic Institute, La Trobe University, Melbourne.

Student Supervision (University of Cambridge except where noted)

PhD

2014– Ignacio Montoya, *A Typology of Root Systems* (CUNY Graduate Center).

2011 Melanie Bell, *The English Noun-Noun Construct: Its Prosody and Structure*. Current Position: Reader, Anglia Ruskin University.

2010 Andrew Caines, *Zero Auxiliary Constructions in Modern English*. Current Position: Research Associate, University of Cambridge.

2007 Kyunchul Chang, *Complex Predicates in English*. Current Position: Associate Professor, Pusan National University, Korea.

Supervision (cont.)

PhD

2007 Gorazd Kert, *Mechanisms in the Psychological Processing of English Derivation.*
Current Position: Vice President, Applied Analytics, AlixPartners.

2006 Olga Gurevich, *Constructional Morphological: the Georgian Case* (UC, Berkeley).
Current Position: Engineering Manager, Apple.

2005 Stavroula Kousta, *Pronoun Resolution: Centres and Probabilistic Constraints.*
Current Position: Chief Editor, *Nature Human Behaviour.*

2004 Anna Kibort, *Passives and Passive-like Constructions in English and Polish.*
Academic Visitor, University of Oxford.

2003 Seung-Ah Lee, *Progressives and Aspectual Verb Constructions in English.*
Current Position: Associate Professor, Ewha Womens University, Korea.

2001 Tomoko Watanabe, *The Non-equivalence of the English and Japanese Passive.*
Current Position: Associate Professor, Tohoku Gakuin University, Japan.

2000 Kevin Armstrong, *Aspectuality, Telicity and the Verb-Particle Construction.*
Current Position: Lecturer, University of Leicester.

MPhil

2016– Mari Aigro, A typology of interrogative and disjunctive constructions.

Honours

2016 Daniel Rucki, The development of analytic past forms in Indo European.

2016 Heloise Ungless, The resolution of natural and grammatical gender conflicts.

1995 Victor Essers, Sentence recognition using Categorial Grammar and Haskell (University of Western Australia [UWA]).

1995 Victor Essers, Sentence recognition using Categorial Grammar and Haskell (UWA).

1995 James Tauber, Functional categories and feature structures in Hellenistic Greek (UWA).

1994 Rachel Cross, The syntax and semantics of control (UWA).

1993 Yin Meng Cheong, A morphological analyzer for Malay (UWA).

Teaching experience

Undergraduate

Course	Institution(s)
Introductory Morphology	Cambridge
Intermediate Morphology	Cambridge
Morphological Typology	Cambridge
Intermediate Syntax	Cambridge/UWA/Alberta
Introduction to English Grammar	UT, Austin/UWA/Alberta
Typology and Universals	UWA
Semantics and Pragmatics	Alberta
Introduction to Linguistics	UWA/Alberta
Introduction to Cognitive Science	UWA

MPhil

Course	Institution
English Grammar	Cambridge
Pedagogical Grammar	Cambridge
Contrastive Linguistics & Typology	Cambridge
Morphology as a Complex System (Seminar)	Cambridge
Constraint-Based Grammars (Seminar)	Cambridge
Models of Grammar (Seminar)	Cambridge
Introduction to Corpus Linguistics	Cambridge
Introduction to Linguistics	Cambridge (Engineering)

PhD

Course	Institution
Intermediate Morphology	UC, Berkeley
Introduction to English Grammar	UT, Austin
Introduction to Syntax	UT, Austin
Models of Syntactic Description (Seminar)	UT, Austin
Constraint-Based Grammars (Seminar)	Alberta

External Examining

2004–09 MA Programmes in Linguistics, School of Oriental and African Studies.

2002–06 MA Programmes in Linguistics, University of Essex.

2014 PhD Thesis, *The Mental Representation of Setswana Deverbative Nouns: A Psycholinguistic Analysis of Class 1 & 9 Nominalisations*, N. Kgolo, Essex.

2004 PhD Thesis, *Valency Reduction in Estonian*, V. Vihman, Edinburgh.

Internal Administration

Director, MPhil admissions in Linguistics (2014–2016).

Examiner, Modern & Medieval Languages Faculty (2014–2015).

Director, Studies in Linguistics, Homerton College.

Member, Research Committee, Homerton College.

Member, Information Technology Committee, Homerton College.

Member, Governing Body, Homerton College.

Professional Associations

Editorial Board:
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Editor:
Morphological Investigations (with P. Milin & M. Ramscar)
Elsevier Encyclopedia of Language & Linguistics, 3nd edition, General Editor
Elsevier Encyclopedia of Language & Linguistics, 2nd edition, Syntax Editor

Member:
Academia Europea
Philological Society (Member of Council 2004–2012)
Linguistic Society of America
Linguistic Society of Great Britain
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft