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1 Contact Information

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TECHNOLOGY BLOG:	http://babbagefiles.blogspot.com (The Babbage Files)

2 Academic Positions Held

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH (Salt Lake City, Utah, USA)
•Assistant Professor since 7/2013

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON (Arlington, Texas, USA)
•Visiting Senior Lecturer 8/2011–5/2013

3 Education

University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign (Urbana, Illinois, USA)

- **Ph.D. in Linguistics** 2011

  Dissertation: *Formal and philological inquiries into the nature of interrogatives, indefinites, disjunction, and focus in Sinhala and other languages*

  Dissertation Committee: Hans Henrich Hock (supervisor)
  James Hye-Suk Yoon (chair)
  Peter Lasersohn
  Karlos Arregi

- **M.A. in Linguistics** 2008

North-Eastern Hill University (Shillong, Meghalaya, India)

- **Visiting scholar in Linguistics** 2004

  Supervisors: Awadesh K. Mishra & Juanita War

Johns Hopkins University (Baltimore, Maryland, USA)

- **M.A. in Cognitive Science** 2004

  Supervisor: Luigi Burzio

- **B.A. in English** 1999

  Supervisor: Allen Grossman

4 Grants & Awards

University of Utah

International Travel and Research grant (College of Humanities)	2014	$1000

University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign

School of Literatures, Cultures and Linguistics Dissertation Completion Fellowship	2010–2011
Chin-Woo Kim Student Research Award	2010
Global Studies FLAS Fellowship (Hindi)	2008–9
Beckman Institute Cog. Sci./Artificial Intelligence Award	Summer 2008
University Fellowship	2006–7, 2009–10
Diebold Indo-European Studies student travel award	2006
Research Fellowship, Linguistics	Summer 2006, 2009
Foreign Languages Building Fellowship	2005–2006

Johns Hopkins University

Jacob K. Javits Fellowship (US Dept. of Education)	2000–2003
National Science Foundation (NSF), Integrative Graduate Education & Research Training (IGERT) Fellowship	1999–2003
Phi Beta Kappa, elected to Alpha Chapter of Maryland	April 1999
National Merit Scholarship	1995–1999

5 Research Interests

Semantics & pragmatics
Syntax & morphology
Historical linguistics & philology
Indo-Aryan and Germanic linguistics
Ancient Indo-European languages, literatures, and mythologies
Caribbean creoles and Rastafari "Dread Talk"

6 Publications

6.1 Books edited

Chen, Shu-Fen & Benjamin Slade, (eds.). 2013. *Grammatica et verba / Glamour and verve — Studies in South Asian, Historical, and Indo-European Linguistics: A Festschrift in Honor of Professor Hans Henrich Hock on the Occasion of His 75th Birthday*. Ann Arbor: Beech Stave Press.

6.2 Peer-reviewed journal articles

Slade, Benjamin. 2013. The diachrony of light and auxiliary verbs in Indo-Aryan. *Diachronica* 30.4: 531–578.

Slade, Benjamin. 2008[2010]. How (exactly) to slay a dragon in Indo-European? PIE **bheid-* {*h₃ég*ʷ*him*, *kʷ̥ŕmi-*}. *Historische Sprachforschung* 121: 3–53 (formerly *Zeitschrift für vergleichende Sprachforschung*). [link] [pdf]

Slade, Benjamin. 2007a. *Untydras ealle*: Grendel, Cain, and V̥rtra. Indo-European *śruti* and Christian *smr̥ti* in *Beowulf*. *In Geardagum* 27: 1–32. [pdf]

6.3 Peer-reviewed book chapters

Slade, Benjamin & Matt Garley. to appear. Virtual meatspace: Word formation and deformation in cyberpunk discussions. In *English in Computer-Mediated Commu-*

nication: Variation, Representation, and Change, ed. Lauren M. Squires. Berlin: De Gruyter.

Slade, Benjamin. 2015a. Sinhala indefinites with a certain *je ne sais quoi*. In *Epistemic indefinites,* eds. Luis Alonso-Ovalle & Paula Menéndez-Benito, 82–99. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Slade, Benjamin. 2015b. A short history of English epistemic indefinites. In *Epistemic indefinites,* eds. Luis Alonso-Ovalle & Paula Menéndez-Benito, 100–113. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

6.4 Invited Book Chapters

Slade, Benjamin. to appear-c. Compound verbs in Indo-Aryan. In *World of Linguistics: South Asia*, eds. Hans Henrich Hock, Elena Bashir, & K.V. Subbarao. Berlin: De Gruyter.

Slade, Benjamin. 2013. Question-particles and relative clauses in the history of Sinhala, with comparison to early and modern Dravidian. In *Grammatica et verba / Glamour and verve — Studies in South Asian, Historical, and Indo-European Linguistics: A Festschrift in Honor of Professor Hans Henrich Hock on the Occasion of His 75th Birthday*, eds. Shu-Fen Chen & Benjamin Slade, 245–268. Ann Arbor: Beech Stave Press.

Garley, Matt, Benjamin Slade, and Marina Terkourafi. 2010. A text in speech's clothing: Discovering specific functions of formulaic expressions in *Beowulf* and blogs. In *Perspectives on formulaic language: Acquisition and communication*, ed. David Wood, 213–233. London: Continuum.

Slade, Benjamin. 2003. How to rank constraints: Constraint conflict, grammatical competition, and the rise of periphrastic *do*. In *Optimality theory and language change*, ed. D. Eric Holt, 337–385. Dordrecht: Kluwer. [pdf]

6.5 Proceedings & Working papers

Slade, Benjamin. to appear. Formal analysis of novel morphological processes in Rasta talk. In *Proceedings of the 20th Biennial Conference of the Society for Caribbean Linguistics [SCL20], Holiday Inn Resort & Casino, Palm Beach, Oranjestad, Aruba (5–8 August 2014)*.

Slade, Benjamin. to appear. Overstanding Idren: Features of Rastafari English morphology. In *Proceedings of the 2nd Rastafari Studies Conference and General As-*

sembly — Rastafari, Coral Gardens and African Redemption: Issues, Challenges and Opportunities — Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Coral Gardens Massacre, University of the West Indies, Mona Campus, Jamaica (12–16 August 2013). Kingston, Jamaica: University of the West Indies, Mona.

Garley, Matt, Benjamin Slade, and Marina Terkourafi. 2012. Hwæt! LOL! Common formulaic functions in *Beowulf* and blogs. *Proceedings from the Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS)* 45.1: 111–126. [link] [preprint pdf]

Slade, Benjamin. 2009a. Split serpents and bitter blades: Reconstructing details of the PIE dragon-combat. *Studies in the Linguistic Sciences: Illinois Working Papers* 2009: 1–57. [link]

6.6 Journals edited

Garley, Matt, and Benjamin Slade (eds.). 2009. *Studies in the Linguistic Sciences: Illinois Working Papers—Special Issue on Language Online*. [link]

6.7 Other publications

Slade, Benjamin. 2009b. Bede's account of the composition of Cædmon's "Hymn". Used as part of online course *Voices from the past, the earliest English literature*, Dept. for Continuing Education, Technology-Assisted Lifelong Learning Unit, Oxford University. [`http://www.jorum.ac.uk`]

Slade, Benjamin. 2007b. [Illustration: British Library MS Cotton Vitellius A.xv, fol.129r overlain by an illuminated capital from Bibliothéque Municipale de Dijon MS 168, fol.4v.] In *Beowulf: an illustrated edition*, translated by Seamus Heaney, ed. John Niles, p. 178. New York: Norton. [link]

Slade, Benjamin. 2004. *...þrym gefrunon, ...helle gemundon:* Indogermanic *shruti* and Christian *smriti* in the epistemology of *Beowulf*. *Journal of Northern European Studies* 1/1: 5–14.

Slade, Benjamin. 2002. *Beowulf on Steorarume (Beowulf in Cyberspace)*. A new critical electronic edition of "Beowulf", with translations into modern English & German, supplementary texts (including "The Fight at Finnsburg", "Woden's Nine Herbs Charm", "Waldere", "Deor", "Bede's account of Cædmon"), essays, and other materials. [`http://www.heorot.dk`]

6.8 In preparation, under review, etc.

Slade, Benjamin. in progress-a. Overstanding the Dread Livalect of the Idren: Morphological innovation in Rastafarian English. Ms., Uni. of Utah.

Slade, Benjamin. in progress-b. Intervention effects in a Hamblin semantics of wh-words. Ms., Uni. of Texas-Arlington & Uni. of Utah.

Arregi, Karlos & Benjamin Slade. in progress. Basque clausal pied-piping revisited. Ms., Uni. of Chicago & Uni. of Utah.

Hettiarachchi, Sujeewa & Benjamin Slade. in progress. Sinhala compound verbs. Ms., Uni. of Michigan & Uni. of Utah.

7 Presentations

7.1 Invited Talks

Slade, Benjamin. "Some notes on English morphology", Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville, Tennessee (21 March 2013).

Slade, Benjamin. "A talk about certain linguistic structures in some language or other: Question particles and epistemic indefinites in Sinhala", University of Utah colloquium, Salt Lake City, Utah (8 February 2013).

Slade, Benjamin. "Some talk or other: Epistemic indefinites, choice functions and conceptual covers", Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex Linguistics Conference 2012, University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, Texas (10 November 2012).

Slade, Benjamin. "Historical Linguistics & Language Maintenance: compound verbs, absolutives & verbal particles in Nepali, Norse & Sanskrit", 26th All India Conference of Linguists [AICL 26], North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong, Meghalaya, India (1 December 2004).

Slade, Benjamin. "History & Structure of English Verbal Constructions", Dept. of Linguistics, North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong, Meghalaya, India, special three lecture series (21, 23, 26 April 2004).

7.2 Conference Talks

Slade, Benjamin. "Formal analysis of novel morphological processes in Rasta talk", 20th Biennial Conference of the Society for Caribbean Linguistics [SCL20], Holiday Inn Resort & Casino, Palm Beach, Oranjestad, Aruba (5–8 August 2014).

Garley, Matt & Slade, Benjamin. "Virtual Meatspace: Word formation and deformation in cyberpunk discussion", Fifth International Conference on the Linguistics of Contemporary English [ICLCE5], University of Texas, Austin (25–29 September 2013).

Slade, Benjamin. "Overstanding Idren: Special Features of Rastafari English Morphology", 2nd Rastafari Studies Conference and General Assembly — Rastafari, Coral Gardens and African Redemption: Issues, Challenges and Opportunities — Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Coral Gardens Massacre, University of the West Indies, Mona Campus, Jamaica (12–16 August 2013).

Slade, Benjamin. "Some epistemic indefinites in Sinhala", Formal Approaches to South Asian Languages 3 [FASAL-3], University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California (10 March 2013).

Slade, Benjamin. "Sinhala Epistemic Indefinites", 86th meeting of the Linguistic Society of America [LSA 86], Hilton Portland, Portland, Oregon (7 January 2012).

Slade, Benjamin. "Why *wh*-words need ordinary semantic values (and what to do about intervention effects)", 84th meeting of the Linguistic Society of America [LSA 84], Hilton Baltimore, Baltimore, Maryland (9 January 2010).

Garley, Matt, Benjamin Slade, and Marina Terkourafi. "Hwæt! LOL! Common formulaic functions in *Beowulf* and blogs", 45th meeting of the Chicago Linguistics Society [CLS 45], University of Chicago (18 April 2009).

Slade, Benjamin. "Developments in Indo-Aryan compound verb constructions", 27th meeting of the South Asian Linguistic Analysis roundtable [SALA 27], University of Wisconsin at Madison (16 October 2008).

Chi, Jenna, Matt Garley, Benjamin Slade, and Marina Terkourafi. "A Hat for a Hydra: identifying properties of formulaic sequences across genres", Linguistics Symposium on Formulaic Language, University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee (18 April 2007).

Slade, Benjamin. "Splitting the Belly: the Indo-European Dragon-Slaying Myth in Indic & Germanic", 25th East Coast Indo-European Conference [ECIEC 25], the Ohio State University, Columbus (20 June 2006).

Slade, Benjamin. "Historical Change and Repair of Aktionsart: The Development of Compound Verbs/Absolutives in Indo-Aryan, esp. Hindi and Nepali", 25th meeting of the South Asian Linguistic Analysis roundtable [SALA 25], University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign (17 September 2005).

Slade, Benjamin. "*. . .þrym gefrunon, . . .helle gemundon*: Indogermanic *śruti* and Christian *smṛti* in the Epistemology of *Beowulf* ", 38th International Congress on Medieval Studies [ICMS 38], Western Michigan Univeristy, Kalamazoo (May 2003).

Slade, Benjamin. "Optimal Curves: an optimality-theoretic approach to the evolution of *do*-periphrasis in English", 2nd Hopkins, University of Maryland, Rutgers, University of Massachusetts joint class meeting [HUMDRUM 2], Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland (5 May 2001).

Slade, Benjamin. "Catastrophes at 1000 Grammars/Hour on the 'S'-Curve", 45th annual meeting of the International Linguistic Association [ILA 45], Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. (7 April 2000).

7.3 Posters

Slade, Benjamin. "The development of Indo-Aryan compound verbs: an historico-geographic study", 83rd meeting of the Linguistic Society of America [LSA 83], Hilton San Francisco, San Francisco, California (9 January 2009).

7.4 Colloquia & other non-refereed talks

Slade, Benjamin. "Downpression in Meatspace: Morphological innovations in Rastafari English and Cyberpunk discourse." Utah Linguistics Faculty Research Presentation, University of Utah (5 February 2014).

Slade, Benjamin. "Unknown indefinites, (or, Question-particles: not just for questions anymore!)", seminar talk given at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (4 February 2010).

8 Teaching

8.1 Courses taught at the University of Utah

Fall 2014:
Semantics (LING 5030, undergrad)
Structure of Indo-Aryan (LING 5200/6200, undergrad/grad)
Spring 2014:
Morphology (LING 5981/6080/7080-002)
Graduate Semantics (LING 6030/7030)
Fall 2013:
Introduction to Historical Linguistics (LING 4130/6130, undergrad/grad)
Semantics (LING 5030, undergrad)

8.2 Courses taught at the University of Texas at Arlington

Spring 2013:
Introduction to Linguistic Science (LING 3311, undergrad) [TAs: Mohamed Mwamzandi, Ju-young Lee]
Semantics (LING 4345/5345, undergrad/grad) [TA: Joshua Jensen]
Linguistic Analysis (LING 5300, grad)
Fall 2012:
Introduction to Linguistic Science (LING 3311, undergrad) [TA: Kristopher Wright]
Phonology & Phonetics (LING 3330, undergrad) [TA: Joshua Jensen]
Morphology (LING 4334/5334, undergrad/grad) [TA: Mohamed Mwamzandi]
Spring 2012:
Introduction to Linguistic Science (LING 3311, undergrad)
Historical & Comparative Linguistics (LING 4320/5314, undergrad/grad)
Non-Western Linguistic Structures: Indo-Aryan (LING 4360/5360, undergrad/grad)
Fall 2011:
Study of Human Languages (LING 2301, undergrad)
Semantics (LING 4345/5345, undergrad/grad)
Linguistic Analysis (LING 5300, grad)

8.3 Courses taught at the University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign

Spring 2010:	Language History (LING 210, undergrad)
Fall 2009:	Language History (LING 210, undergrad)
Spring 2009:	Language History (LING 210, undergrad) [co-taught w/ Adriana Molina Muñoz]
Fall 2008:	Language History (LING 210, undergrad)
Spring 2008:	Language History (LING 210, undergrad) [co-taught w/ Eun-Kyung Lee]
Fall 2006:	Pronunciation in Conversation (Intensive English Institute)
Summer 2006:	Pronunciation in Conversation (Intensive English Institute)

8.4 Courses TA'ed at the University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign

Fall 2007:	Language History (LING 210, undergrad)	[Prof. Hans Henrich Hock]
Spring 2007:	Elements of Syntax (LING 301, undergrad)	[Prof. Elabbas Benmamoun]

8.5 Courses TA'ed at Johns Hopkins University

Spring 2001:	Sound Structures of Nat. Lang. (050.325/625, undergrad/grad)	[Prof. Luigi Burzio]
Fall 2000:	The Structure of English (050.205, undergrad)	[Prof. Luigi Burzio]
Spring 2000:	Cognition (050.101, undergrad)	[Prof. Robert Frank]

9 Service

Member, Research and Community Committee, Dept. of Linguistics, Uni. of Utah (2014–).

Member, Graduate Committee, Dept. of Linguistics, Uni. of Utah (2014–).

Executive Committee Representative, College of Humanities, Uni. of Utah (2014–15).

Reviewer, Semantics and Linguistic Theory, 25th conference [SALT25] (Jan 2015).

Reviewer, Semantics and Linguistic Theory, 24th conference [SALT24] (Jan 2014).

Co-organiser [with Matt Garley] of the 1st meeting of the Illinois Language and Linguistics Society, Language Online [ILLS 1:LOL], University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign (29–31 May 2009).

Reviewer, *Studies in the Linguistic Sciences: Illinois Working Papers* (2009–2011).

Member of the editorial board, *Studies in the Linguistic Sciences: Illinois Working Papers* (2008–2011).

Designer of the LaTeX package for *Studies in the Linguistic Sciences: Illinois Working Papers*.

10 Societies

Linguistic Society of America (2008–2014)
Society for Caribbean Linguistics (2014–present)
Indogermanische Gesellschaft (2010–present)
Philological Society (2010–present)
Linguistics Association of Great Britain (2009)
Societas Linguistica Europaea (2009)

11 Languages

English (native fluency in all areas)
Hindi (good speaking, reading)
Nepali (some speaking, reading)
Old English, Sanskrit (good reading)
French, German (basic speaking, reading)
Sinhala, Pali; Gothic, Old Norse, Old High German, Old Saxon; Avestan; Classical Greek, Latin; Tamil, Malayalam; Sumerian; Basque (varying reading ability or knowledge of grammatical structure and linguistic history)

12 Technical Proficiencies

LaTeX	–	advanced
HTML	–	basic
Python	–	basic
C	–	basic
Bash	–	basic
regular expressions	–	basic
NGRAM statistics package	–	basic
GNU Emacs	–	proficient
Linux	–	proficient

13 References

References available upon request.

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