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- APPOINTMENTS     **Harvard University**, Department of Linguistics: Associate Professor     2015–present  
   Assistant Professor     2011–5
- EDUCATION  
& THESES     **University of California, Los Angeles**
- Ph.D. in Linguistics     2011  
Dissertation: *Gradient weight in phonology* (Bruce Hayes & Kie Zuraw, co-chairs)
  - M.A. in Linguistics     2007  
Thesis: *Morphotactics: affix order variation and learnability in Tagalog and other languages* (Bruce Hayes & Kie Zuraw, co-chairs)
- Stanford University**  
First year of Ph.D. program in Linguistics     2004–5
- University of California, Berkeley**
- B.A., double major in Linguistics (Honors)     2003  
Thesis: *Finite-state methods for non-concatenative morphology*  
and South & Southeast Asian Studies (Honors)  
Thesis: *On the letter āyṭam in ancient Tamil*
- BOOK     (to appear) Ryan, Kevin M. *Prosodic weight: categories and continua*. Studies in Phonology and Phonetics. Oxford University Press.
- UNDER  
REVIEW     (submitted) Ryan, Kevin M. VV > VC > V for stress: coercion vs. prominence. Revision under review.
- REFEREED  
JOURNAL  
ARTICLES     (accepted) Ryan, Kevin M. Prosodic end-weight reflects phrasal stress. Pending minor revision, **Natural Language & Linguistic Theory**.
- (forthcoming) McPherson, Laura and Kevin M. Ryan. Tone-tune association in Tommo So (Dogon) folk songs. **Language**.
- (2017) Ryan, Kevin M. The stress-weight interface in metre. **Phonology** 34.3: 581–613.
- (2017) Ryan, Kevin M. Attenuated spreading in Sanskrit retroflex harmony. **Linguistic Inquiry** 48.2: 299–340.
- (2016) Ryan, Kevin M. Phonological weight. **Language and Linguistics Compass** 10: 720–33.
- (2014) Ryan, Kevin M. Onsets contribute to syllable weight: Statistical evidence from stress and meter. **Language** 90.2: 309–41.
- (2014) Bross, Christoph, Dieter Gunkel, & Kevin M. Ryan. Caesurae, bridges, and the colometry of four Tocharian B meters. **Indo-European Linguistics** 2: 1–23.
- (2011) Ryan, Kevin M. Gradient syllable weight and weight universals in quantitative metrics. **Phonology** 28: 413–54.

- (2010) Ryan, Kevin M. Variable affix order: grammar and learning. **Language** 86.4: 758–91.
- FESTSCHRIFT (forthcoming) Ryan, Kevin M. Bole suffix doubling as morphotactic extension. To appear, memorial **Festschrift for Russell Schuh**, Margit Bowler, Travis Major, and Harold Torrence, eds. Los Angeles: UCLA Working Papers in Linguistics.
- PROCEEDINGS & CHAPTERS (in press) Gunkel, Dieter & Kevin M. Ryan. Phonological evidence for pāda cohesion in Rigvedic versification. **Language and Meter**. Gunkel, Dieter and Olav Hackstein, eds. 34–53. Leiden: Brill.
- (2015) Bross, Christoph, Dieter Gunkel, & Kevin M. Ryan. The colometry of Tocharian 4x15-syllable verse. **Tocharian Texts in Context: International Conference on Tocharian Manuscripts and Silk Road Culture**. Melanie Malzahn, Michaël Peyrot, Hannes Fellner, & Theresa-Susanna Illés, eds. 15–28. Bremen: Hempen Verlag.
- (2013) Contextual and non-contextual prosodic minimality. **NELS 41: Proceedings of the Forty-First Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society**, eds. Yelena Fainleib, Nicholas LaCara, & Yangsook Park. Vol. 2, 165–178. Amherst, MA: GLSA Publications.
- (2011) Subsegmental syllabification. **WCCFL 28: Proceedings of the 28th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics**, eds. Mary Byram Washburn, Katherine McKinney-Bock, Erika Varis, Ann Sawyer, & Barbara Tomaszewicz. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla.
- (2011) Gunkel, Dieter & Ryan, Kevin M. Hiatus avoidance and metrification in the Rigveda. Proceedings of the 22nd Annual **UCLA Indo-European Conference**, eds. Stephanie W. Jamison, H. Craig Melchart, & Brent Vine. Bremen: Hempen Verlag.
- INVITED CONFERENCE ADDRESSES (2015) Expected frequencies in verse. Invited address (1 of 2). **The Structure of Verse: Formal, Experimental and Computational approaches**. Leiden University.
- (2014) Phonological weight of suprasyllabic constituents. Invited address (1 of 2). **Conference on Weight in Phonology and Phonetics**. City University of New York.
- (2013) Against final indifference. Invited address (1 of 17, only junior prof.). **M@90: Metrical Structure: Meter, Text-Setting, and Stress**, MIT.
- (2013) Onset weight, word weight, and the perceptual interval. Invited address (1 of 3). Annual Meeting on Phonology (**AMP**) 1 (a.k.a. “Phonology 2013”), University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
- REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (2017) Final strictness, a putative metrical universal. *Frontiers in Comparative Metrics* 3. Tallinn University, Estonia.
- (2016) Stress-modulated quantitative meter. Annual Meeting on Phonology (**AMP**). Los Angeles, California.
- (2016) McPherson, Laura and Kevin M. Ryan. Grammatical factors in Tommo So tone-tune mapping. Annual Meeting on Phonology (**AMP**). Los Angeles, California.
- (2015) Weak triggers and gang effects in Sanskrit retroflex harmony. 12th Old World Phonology Conference (**OCP**). Barcelona, Spain.
- (2014) Inter-pāda phonotactics in R̥gvedic composition. 6th International Vedic Workshop (**IWW**). Kozhikode, Kerala, India.
- (2013) Bross, Christoph, Dieter Gunkel, Olav Hackstein, & Kevin M. Ryan. Tocharian B versification. *Tocharian Texts in Context*. Vienna, Austria.

- (2013) Gradient onset weight effects in stress and meter. 87th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (**LSA**). Boston, Massachusetts.
- (2012) Onset weight effects in stress/accent systems exhibiting variation. University of Delaware Conference on Stress and Accent. Newark, Delaware.
- (2011) A non-sonority-driven consonant weight distinction in Tamil. 85th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (**LSA**). Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- (2011) Gradient syllable weight in the tragic trimeter and Homeric hexameter. 142nd Annual American Philological Association Meeting (**APA**). *A new look at Greek prosody* panel. San Antonio, Texas.
- (2010) Contextual and non-contextual prosodic minimality. North Eastern Linguistic Society 41 (**NELS**) at UPenn. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- (2010) Gunkel, Dieter & Kevin M. Ryan. Phonotactic factors in word order in the Ṛg-Veda. 22nd Annual UCLA Indo-European Conference (**WeCIEC**). Los Angeles, California.
- (2010) Subsegmental syllabification. 28th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (**WCCFL**) at USC. Los Angeles, California.
- (2009) Morphotactic extension: a learning-theoretic explanation of free variation in affix order. 83rd Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (**LSA**). San Francisco, California.
- (2009) Released glottal stop and prosodic constituency in Matatlán Zapotec. Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Indigenous Languages of America (**SSILA**). San Francisco, California.
- (2008) Gradient morphotactics in Tagalog. Berkeley Workshop on Affix Ordering. Berkeley, California.
- (2017) Gunkel, Dieter & Kevin M. Ryan. Corpus-linguistic approaches to clisis in metrical corpora. ‘What is a word?’ at the **University of Zurich**.
- (2017) Onset vs. rime effects in phrasal weight. **MIT** Phonology Circle.
- (2016) Syllable onsets bear weight: new evidence from stress, meter, and word order. **University of Göttingen** Colloquium.
- (2016) Sanskrit *nati*: phonetics, morphoprosody, origin, and fate. **Harvard** Indo-European Workshop.
- (2016) Strictness functions in meter. **MIT** Phonology Circle.
- (2015) Gunkel, Dieter & Kevin M. Ryan. Investigating Ṛgvedic word order in metrically neutral contexts. **University of Vienna** Colloquium.
- (2013) Prosodic weight beyond the rime. Ling Lang Lunch colloquium. **Brown University**.
- (2013) Gunkel, Dieter & Kevin M. Ryan. Pāda cohesion and copulation in the Rigvedic dimeter. Sprache und Metrik in Diachronie und Synchronie. **LMU Munich**.
- (2013) Coexisting categoricity and gradience in weight-sensitive grammars. **Yale** Linguistics Colloquium.
- (2012) Statistical onset weight effects in stress and meter. **MIT** LingLunch Colloquium.
- (2012) Reappraising the onset-rime asymmetry: The case of syllable weight. Keynote Address, 10th Annual Harvard Undergraduate Linguistics Colloquium, **Harvard**.

INVITED  
COLLOQUIA  
& WORKSHOPS

- (2011) Subcategorical syllable weight. **Stanford** Linguistics Colloquium.
- (2011) Gradient weight in phonology. **Harvard** Linguistics Colloquium.
- (2011) Gradient weight in phonology. **University of Massachusetts, Amherst** Linguistics Colloquium.
- (2010) Ryan, Kevin & Russell Schuh. Suffix doubling and suffix deletion in Bole. Annual Joint **UCLA/USC** Phonology Seminar. Los Angeles, California.
- (2010) Syllable weight as a ratio scale: evidence from metrics. Southern California Linguistics Workshop, **University of Southern California**.
- (2007) The dissociation of structural and melodic correspondence in half-rhyme. Poetics Fest II, **UC Santa Cruz**.
- (2007) Zuraw, Kie & Kevin M. Ryan. Frequency influences on phonological rule application within and across words. Workshop on Variation, Gradience, and Frequency in Phonology, **LSA Summer Institute**, Stanford.
- (2005) Rimeless rhymes. Poetics Fest: Workshop on Language & Poetic Form, **Stanford**.

FUNDED  
RESEARCH  
POSITIONS

- Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Fellowship for Experienced Researchers  
'Corpus metrics of Vedic and Tocharian,' LMU-Munich 2014–5
- Graduate Student Researcher, Yobe Languages Research Project, UCLA  
Analysis of the morpho(phono)logies of Ngamo and Bole (Chadic);  
diachrony and synchrony of suffix doubling and elision. Russell Schuh/NSF, 2010
- Graduate Student Researcher, Tagalog corpus & computational studies, UCLA  
Investigation of /d/-tapping in speech corpora;  
modeling gradient morphological compositionality. Kie Zuraw/NSF, 2006–7
- UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship: Santiago Matatlán Zapotec fieldwork  
30 hours individual elicitation in L.A.; analysis of autosegmental  
properties of phonation, tone-phonation interaction, etc. Pamela Munro, 2007
- Graduate Research Assistant, UCLA Phonetics Laboratory  
Praat scripting; creation of Praat script repository. Patricia Keating, 2005
- Undergraduate Research Assistant, Yurok Language Project, Berkeley  
Translation of unpublished Yurok texts from A. Kroeber's  
c. 1905 notes; creation of online lexicon and corpus tools. Andrew Garrett/NSF, 2002–3

FELLOWSHIPS  
& HONORS

- Humboldt Fellowship for Experienced Researchers (Harvard/LMU Munich) 2014–5
- National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (Stanford/UCLA) 2004–7
- Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA Graduate Division 2010–1
- Linguistic Society of America Fellowship,  
LSA Summer Institute at Stanford 2007
- Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA Graduate Division 2007
- Linguistic Society of America Institute Fellowship,  
LSA Summer Institute at Harvard/MIT 2005
- Departmental Citation for Outstanding Achievement in the Major,  
UC Berkeley Linguistics (1 awardee per year) 2003
- Phi Beta Kappa, UC Berkeley 2003
- Highest Distinction in Letters and Science, UC Berkeley 2003

## TEACHING

## Instructor

- Introduction to Linguistics UCLA Ling 20; Summer 2008
- The Science of Language Harvard Ling 101; Summer 2012, Fall 2015
- Sounds of Language Harvard Ling 105; Fall 2011, 2012, 2013
- Phonological Theory I Harvard Ling 115; Fall 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2017
- Phonological Theory II Harvard Ling 215r; Spring 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016
- Senior Thesis Workshop Harvard Ling 99a; Fall 2015
- Introduction to Historical Linguistics UCLA Ling 110; Summer 2008 & 2009
- Practicum in Linguistics Harvard Ling 241r; Spring 2012, 2013, 2014, Fall 2017

## Teaching Assistant, Associate, or Fellow

- Introduction to Linguistics UCLA Ling 20 with Carson Schütze; 2009
- Introduction to Historical Linguistics UCLA Ling 110 with Pamela Munro; 2009
- American Indian Linguistics UCLA Ling 114 with Pamela Munro; 2007, 2009
- Phonology I UCLA Ling 120a with Michael Marlo; 2008
- Phonology II UCLA Ling 165a with Robert Daland; 2010
- Language Processing UCLA Ling 132 with Carson Schütze; 2008

Class Tutor for Elementary Sanskrit UC Berkeley SA 100a–b with Sally Goldman, 2002–3

SPECIAL  
COURSES  
TAUGHT

## Corpus Phonology

Linguistic Society of America (LSA) Summer Institute,  
at the University of Chicago 2015

## Corpus Methods for Linguistics &amp; Poetics

One-week mini-course at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich 2012

## Polinsky Lab Statistics Tutorials

Three two-hour presentations at Maria Polinsky’s lab, Harvard 2012

Leader of annual graduate student workshops on ‘L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X for Linguists’ or ‘Praat’ 2012–4

ADVISING  
AT HARVARD

## Dissertation Chair

Gašper Beguš (on *Natural and unnatural processes*) in progress

## Dissertation Committee Member

Lena Borise in progress

Zuzanna Fuchs in progress

Lauren Eby Clemens 2014

## A.L.M. Chair

Robin Schoener 2015

## Graduate Generals Committee Member or Chair

Sun-Hee Bae (2012), Süleyman Ulutaş (2012), Yujing Huang (2013),  
Tyler Lau (2015), Marek Majer (2015), Laurence B-Violette (2016),  
Lena Borise (2015–6), Julia Sturm (2017)

## Senior Thesis Advisor

- Lauren Boranian: *Music in expressive aphasia treatment* A.B. 2016

- Lauren Goff: *Text setting patterns in the secular chansons of Gilles Binchois* A.B. 2016

- Michael Goncalves: *Art without iambs: the free verse poetics of Kirill Medvedev* (co-advised by Stephanie Sandler, Slavic) A.B. 2014
- Serena Bai: *A new model of lexical diffusion* (co-advised by Margo Levine, Applied Mathematics) A.B. 2013
- Julia Glenn: *Lexical tone acquisition in English speakers: a naturalness bias in learning tonal spreading rules* A.B. 2012
- David Sawicki: *Phonological markedness and short-term memory recall* A.B./A.M. 2012

Undergraduate Tutorial Advisor

Christine Maroti (2013), Allison Ray (2013), Frederic Freyer (2014), Lauren Goff (2015), Andrew Sheeler (2016)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Director of Undergraduate Studies, Harvard Linguistics 2015–6
- “Language Universals & Linguistic Diversity” Harvard GSAS Workshop  
 Series faculty organizer 2015–6  
 Series faculty co-organizer with Maria Polinsky 2012–4
- Editorial Board: *Journal of South Asian Linguistics* 2016–present
- Selection Committee: Thesaurus Linguae Latinae Postdoctoral Fellow (Society of Classical Studies/NEH) 2017–8
- Article reviewing
- Language* 2016–8  
*Glossa* 2017  
*Language Sciences* 2017  
*Phonology* 2012–6  
*Linguistic Inquiry* 2016–7  
*Laboratory Phonology* 2015–6  
*Journal of Linguistics* 2016  
*International Journal of Corpus Linguistics* 2015  
*Lingua* 2011–4  
*The Morphosyntax-Phonology Connection* (ed. vol., Stanford) 2013  
*Journal of Comparative Germanic Linguistics* 2012  
*Canadian Journal of Linguistics* 2010
- Grant proposal reviewing
- National Science Foundation, Linguistics Program 2014  
 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada 2011
- Conference abstract reviewing
- WCCFL 30–33, 35 (2011–6), LSA 87–90 (2012–5), SinFonIJA 5–7 (2012–4), “Phonology 2013” at U. Mass. (2013), OCP 11–3 (2013–5, 2017), SSMCA at Yale (2013), GLOW 38, 40 (2014, 2016), AMP 3–5 (2015–7), FASAL 6 (2015)
- Local Arrangements Committee for the LSA Annual Meeting in Boston 2012
- Graduate Admissions Committee, Harvard Linguistics 2012–4, 2016
- Departmental Newsletter Faculty Liaison, Harvard Linguistics 2012–6, 2017–present
- Organizing Committee for WCCFL 27 at UCLA 2008
- Colloquium Student Host & Social Committee, UCLA Linguistics 2007–8
- Teaching Evaluation Committee, UCLA Linguistics 2006

AFFILIATIONS	Mind/Brain/Behavior Initiative, Harvard University	2012–present
	Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Harvard University	2012–present
	Linguistic Society of America	2005–present

LANGUAGES	Elicitation with native speakers:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senaya: endangered Neo-Aramaic language spoken primarily in California; 40 hours elicitation in Los Angeles (collaborating with Laura McPherson)</li> </ul>	2010–1
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Santiago Matatlán Zapotec: 30 hours elicitation in Los Angeles</li> </ul>	2007
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• San Lucas Quiavini Zapotec: 1 quarter coursework with native speaker</li> </ul>	2007
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Georgian: 1 semester coursework (2001); 1 year field methods</li> </ul>	2007
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pima (Uto-Aztecan): 4 hours elicitation in Los Angeles</li> </ul>	2008
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yurok (Algie): 1 year RAship translating written &amp; spoken texts</li> </ul>	2002–3
	Native language: English (Wisconsin)	
	Language coursework:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tamil (6 semesters; major language at Berkeley with George &amp; Kausalya Hart)</li> <li>• Sanskrit/Vedic (3 semesters &amp; 1 year tutoring at Berkeley; Vedic at UCLA)</li> <li>• Thai (2 semesters at UCLA, travel; basic speaking &amp; reading)</li> <li>• Old Persian (1 semester with Martin Schwartz at Berkeley)</li> <li>• Other (2+ semesters each): French, Latin, German (including 2 months at the Goethe-Institut, Munich)</li> </ul>	
	Programming:	
	Perl, R, Python, Praat scripting, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, Unix, XHTML/CSS	