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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.
- REFEREED  
JOURNAL  
ARTICLES     (forthcoming) Ryan, Kevin M. Prosodic end-weight reflects phrasal stress. **Natural Language & Linguistic Theory**.
- (forthcoming) Ryan, Kevin M. VV > VC > V for stress: coercion vs. prominence. **Linguistic Inquiry**.
- (2018) McPherson, Laura and Kevin M. Ryan. Tone-tune association in Tommo So (Dogon) folk songs. **Language** 94.1: 119–156.
- (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 (2018) 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.
- (2018) Gunkel, Dieter & Kevin M. Ryan. TBA. VedaWeb Workshop, **University of Cologne**.
- (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, 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: *Unnatural phonology: a synchrony-diachrony interface approach* 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
- Journal of Phonetics* 2018
  - Language* 2016–8
  - Glossa* 2017
  - Language Sciences* 2017
  - Phonology* 2012–6, 2018
  - 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 (Algic): 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	