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***Present
position:***

Professor of Linguistics
Chair, Department of Languages, Cultures & Linguistics
Director, Russian Studies Program
Bucknell University

***Previous
positions:***

Fall 2007–Spring 2013: Associate Professor of Linguistics
Fall 2003–Spring 2007: Assistant Professor of Linguistics
Fall 2001–Spring 2003: Assistant Professor of Russian and Linguistics
Bucknell University

Fall 2000–Spring 2001: Visiting Assistant Professor of Russian
Wellesley College

Fall 1992–Spring 1995: Instructor, Russian Language, Harvard
University

***Research
positions:***

2013–2016: Leading Researcher, “Valency, Argument Realisation and
Grammatical Relations in Baltic,” University of Vilnius (Lithuania).

Spring 2005, Summer 2007, Summer 2011, Summer 2012,
Summer 2017: Visiting Fellow in Linguistics, Princeton University

Fall 2000–Spring 2001: Visiting Scholar, Massachusetts Institute of
Technology, Department of Linguistics and Philosophy

Specialization:

Syntactic Theory, Syntax/Argument-Structure Interface,
Syntax/Semantics of Event Structure, Case Theory, Predication,
Slavic Comparative Linguistics (Ukrainian, Polish, Russian),
Lithuanian Syntax

- Education:** Ph.D., May, 2000, Princeton University
 Joint Degree: Program in Linguistics & Department of Slavic Languages
- Dissertation: *Topics in the syntax of nonagreeing predicates in Slavic*
 (Readers: Leonard Babby, Marguerite Browning, and Edwin Williams)
- M.A., 1992, Harvard University, Russian Research Center
 Slavic Linguistics, Less Commonly Taught Languages (Czech, Ukrainian, Georgian).
- B.A., 1987, Tufts University, *summa cum laude*
- Grant:** — *Leading Researcher* on European Union “Structural Measures Grant” to the Lithuanian Research Council, entitled: “Valency, Argument Realisation and Grammatical Relations in Baltic,” 2013–2016, University of Vilnius (Lithuania).
Principal Investigator: prof. dr hab. Axel Holvoet, Vilnius University / University of Warsaw. Total Project Award: \$521,025.00.
- Honors:** — Named Ruth Everett Sierzega Chair in Linguistics, 2005–2010; 2010–2015.
- Awarded The Class of 1956 Lectureship for Inspirational Teaching, Spring, 2007.
- Named Convocation Speaker, Bucknell University Convocation for Class of 2011. Fall, 2007

Peer-Reviewed Articles / Papers

Accepted or Published:

- (2022). “Verbal Layers and Initiators in Ukrainian.” In preparation.
- (2022). “The Structure of v-Heads and the Status of the Initiator Role.” *Festschrift for Steven Franks*. Eds. George Fowler, James Lavine, and Ronald Feldstein. Bloomington, IN: Slavica Publishers.
- (2021). “Modalities of Case Assignment: The View from Lithuanian.” *Studies in Baltic and other Languages: A Festschrift for Axel Holvoet on the Occasion of his 65th Birthday*. Eds. Peter Arkadiev, Jurgis Pakerys, Isena Šeškauskienė, and Vaiva Žeimantienė. Vilnius: Vilnius University Press.

- (2019). (Lavine, James E. and Leonard H. Babby). “A New Argument for the Lexical Underspecification of Causers.” *Linguistic Inquiry* 50.4: 803–824.
- (2017). “Syntactic Change and the Rise of Transitivity: The Case of the Polish and Ukrainian *-no/-to* Construction.” *Studies in Polish Linguistics* 12: 173–198.
- (2016). “Variable Argument Realization in Lithuanian Impersonals.” *Argument Realization in Baltic*. Eds. Axel Holvoet and Nicole Nau. Amsterdam: John Benjamins, 107–135.
- (2014a). “Anti-Burzio Predicates: From Russian and Ukrainian to Icelandic.” *Journal of the Moscow State University for the Humanities. Philology Series*, 91–106.
- (2014b). “Remarks on Object Case in the North Russian Perfect.” *Slavica Bergensia* 11, Special Issue: *Contemporary Approaches to Dialectology: The Area of North, Northwest Russian, and Belarusian Vernaculars*, 167–194.
- (2013). “Passives and Near-Passives in Balto-Slavic: On the Survival of Accusative.” *Non-Canonical Passives*, eds. Artemis Alexiadou and Florian Schäfer. Amsterdam: John Benjamins, 185–211.
- (2011). “What does Structural Accusative Mean? An Argument Against the Aspectual Theory.” *Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics* 19, eds. John Bailyn et al. Ann Arbor: Michigan Slavic Publications, 66–84.
- (2010a). “Case and Events in Transitive Impersonals.” *Journal of Slavic Linguistics*. 18.1: 101–130.
- (2010b). “Case and Events in Ukrainian Experiencer Predicates.” *Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics* 18, eds. Wayles Browne et al. Ann Arbor: Michigan Slavic Publications, 285–300.
- (2010c). “Mood and a Transitivity Restriction in Lithuanian: The Case of the Inferential Evidential.” *Baltic Linguistics* 1: 115–142.
- (2008). (Lavine, James and Steven Franks). “On Accusative First.” *Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics* 16, eds. Andrei Antonenko et al. Ann Arbor: Michigan Slavic Publications, 231–247.

- (2007). (Lavine, James and Robert Freidin). “The Subject of Defective T(ense) in Slavic.” **Reprinted** in Freidin, Robert. 2007. *Generative Grammar: Theory and its History*, Routledge Leading Linguists series, 134–159. [Originally published as Lavine and Freidin 2002/2004]
- (2006a). (Franks, Steven and James Lavine). “Case and Word Order in Lithuanian.” *Journal of Linguistics* 42: 239–288.
- (2006b). “Is There a Passive Evidential Strategy in Lithuanian?” In *Papers from the 42nd Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society*, eds. Jacqueline Bunting et al., 41–55.
- (2006c). (Greenberg, Gerald and James Lavine). “New Syntax in Russian and Lithuanian: The Case of the Adverbial Participle.” In *Studies in Slavic Linguistics and Folklore*, eds. Robert Rothstein, Ernest Scatton and Charles Townsend. Bloomington, IN: Slavica Publishers, 143–170.
- (2005). “The Morphosyntax of Polish and Ukrainian -no/-to.” *Journal of Slavic Linguistics* 13(1): 75–117.
- (2005). (Lavine, James and Steven Franks). “On Nominative Objects.” *Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics* 13, eds. Mila Tasseva-Kurktchieva et al. Ann Arbor: Michigan Slavic Publications, 195–206.
- (2003). “Resumption in Slavic: Phases, Cyclicity, and Case.” *Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics* 11, eds. Wayles Browne et al. Ann Arbor: Michigan Slavic Publications, 355–372.
- (2002/2004). (Lavine, James and Robert Freidin). “The Subject of Defective T(ense) in Slavic.” *Journal of Slavic Linguistics* 10(1-2): 251–287.
- (2002). “On the Site of Morphology and Crosslinguistic Variation.” In *Papers from the 37th Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society*. Vol. 2, eds. Mary Andronis, Christopher Ball, Heidi Elston, and Sylvain Neuvel. Chicago: Chicago Linguistic Society, 437–451.
- (2001). “On a New (Affixal) AUX in Polish.” In *Generative Linguistics in Poland* 2, eds. Piotr Banski and Adam Przepiorkowski. Warsaw: Polish Academy of Sciences, 123–134.
- (1999). “Subject Properties and Ergativity in North Russian and Lithuanian.” *Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics* 7, eds. Katarzyna Dziwirek et al. Ann Arbor: Michigan Slavic Publications, 307–328.

- (1998). “Null Expletives and the EPP in Slavic: A Minimalist Analysis.” *Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics* 6, eds. Željko Bošković et al. Ann Arbor: Michigan Slavic Publications, 212–230.
- (1997). “A Lexicalist Perspective of Valency Changing Operations in Russian and Czech.” *The Prague Bulletin of Mathematical Linguistics* 68: 5–34.
- [tribute] (2015). “A Tribute to Leonard H. Babby on the Occasion of his 75th Birthday.” *Wiener Slavistisches Jahrbuch* 3: 386–389.
- [review] (2010). Kylie Richardson, *Case and Aspect in Slavic*. Oxford: OUP. *Slavic and East European Journal* 54(1).
- Edited volumes:* (2022). (George Fowler, James Lavine, and Ronald Feldstein, eds.) *Festschrift for Steven L. Franks*. Bloomington, IN: Slavica Publishers.
- (2006). (Lavine, James E. et al., eds.) *Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics* 14. Ann Arbor: Michigan Slavic Publications.
- (2002/2004). (Lavine, James E. and Gerald R. Greenberg, eds.) *Journal of Slavic Linguistics: Papers in Honor of Leonard H. Babby*. 10(1-2).

Presentations

Invited Talks:

- “Verbal Layers and Initiators in Ukrainian.” Formal Description of Slavic Languages (FDSL) 15, Humboldt University, Berlin, October 5-7, 2022.
Invited Speaker.
- “The Theta-System: A View from Lithuanian.” Vilnius University, Lithuania, January 22, 2015.
Invited Talk.
- “Variable Argument Realization in Lithuanian Impersonals.” Vilnius University, Lithuania, September 12, 2014.
Guest Lecture.
- “Anti-Burzio Predicates: From Russian and Ukrainian to Icelandic.” Cornell Undergraduate Linguistics Colloquium, Cornell University, April 20-21, 2013.
Keynote Address.

- “Varieties of *v* and the Structure of ‘Anti-Burzio’ Predicates.”
 Typology of Morphosyntactic Parameters 2, Moscow, Russia,
 November 14–15, 2012. [Organized by The Russian Academy of
 Sciences, Moscow State University, The Russian State University
 for the Humanities, and The Moscow State University for the
 Humanities]
Plenary Paper.
- “Object Case in the North Russian Perfect: A View from Ukrainian
 and Lithuanian.” Dialectology, Areal Linguistics, and Typology.
 St. Petersburg, Russia, November 24–25, 2011. [Organized by the
 Universities of Bergen, Oslo, and Tromsø, in cooperation with
 St. Petersburg State University]
Invited Talk.
- “What Does Structural Accusative Mean?” Formal Approaches to
 Slavic Linguistics (FASL) 19, University of Maryland, April 23–25,
 2010. [Organized by University of Maryland, Department of
 Linguistics]
Invited Talk.
- “Agnostic NP-Shift in Lithuanian.” (with Steven Franks). Princeton
 University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, University of
 Connecticut, February, March, April 2005.
Invited Talks.
- “The Case of *-no/-to* and Polish Verbal Morphology.” Slavic Linguistics
 Colloquium, Harvard University, March 2001.
Invited Talk.

Peer-Reviewed Conference Papers:

- “Pain Verbs and Case Assignment in Lithuanian.” American
 Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages
 (AATSEEL), national meeting, Philadelphia, February, 2022.
- “The Structure of *v*-Heads and the Status of the Initiator Role.”
 Olomouc Linguistics Colloquium, Palacký University, Olomouc
 Czech Republic, June, 2016.
- “The New Passive in Icelandic in neither like Polish nor Ukrainian.”
 Slavic Linguistics Society 8, Uniwersytet Szczeciński, Szczecin,
 Poland, October, 2013.

- “Impersonalization as an Alternation.” (with Leonard Babby).
Workshop on Perspectives on Argument Alternations,
Jahrestagung der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft /
Annual Conference of the German Linguistic Society (DGfS),
Potsdam, March, 2013.
- “Accusative Survival in Icelandic: A View from Slavic.” (with
Robert Freidin). American Association of Teachers of Slavic and
East European Languages (AATSEEL), national meeting,
Boston, MA, January 2013.
- “An Argument against Configurational Case.” Slavic Linguistics
Society 7, University of Kansas, Lawrence KS, August 2012.
- “Grammaticalization in the Functional Domain: Evidence from Polish.”
American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European
Languages (AATSEEL), national meeting, Seattle, WA, January
2012.
- “Passives and Near-Passives in Balto-Slavic.” Workshop on Non-
Canonical Passives, Jahrestagung der Deutschen Gesellschaft für
Sprachwissenschaft / Annual Conference of the German Linguistic
Society (DGfS), Göttingen, February, 2011.
- “Mood, Tense, and a Transitivity Restriction in Lithuanian.” American
Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages
(AATSEEL), national meeting, Pasadena, CA., January 2011.
- “Causation and Transitivity in East Slavic Impersonals.” 43rd annual
Meeting of Societas Linguistica Europaea, Vilnius, Lithuania,
September 2010.
- “On the Aspectual Theory of Accusative.” American Association of
Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages (AATSEEL),
national meeting, Philadelphia, December 2009.
- “Case and Events in Ukrainian Experiencer Predicates.” Formal
Approaches to Slavic Linguistics (FASL) 18, Cornell University,
May, 2009.
- “On the Source of Accusative in Ukrainian Impersonals.” Slavic
Linguistics Society 3, Ohio State University, Columbus OH,
June 2008.
- “Case Dependencies and Nominative First.” American Association of
Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages (AATSEEL),
national meeting, Chicago, December 2007.

“On Accusative First.” (with Steven Franks). Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics (FASL) 16, SUNY Stony Brook, May 2007 (poster).

“The Passive Evidential Strategy in Lithuanian.” Chicago Linguistic Society. April 2006.

“Repassivization in Lithuanian.” American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages (AATSEEL), national meeting, Washington, DC, December 2005.

“On the founding of a Slavic Linguistics Society.” Participant in roundtable discussion. American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages (AATSEEL), national meeting, Philadelphia, December 2004.

“On Nominative Objects” (with Steven Franks). Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics (FASL) 13, Columbia, SC, February 2004.

“Against Tense as the Licensing Head for Nominative Objects.” American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages (AATSEEL), national meeting, New York, December 2002.

“Case Marking on Objects of Infinitives in Lithuanian” (with Steven Franks). American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages (AATSEEL), national meeting, New York, December 2002.

“Resumption in Slavic: Phases, Cyclicity, and Case.” Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics (FASL) 11, Amherst, MA, May 2002.

“On the Site of Morphology and Crosslinguistic Variation.” Chicago Linguistic Society, April 2001.

“On a New (Affixal) AUX in Polish.” Generative Linguistics in Poland, Warsaw, December 2000.

“The EPP, Expletives, and Ukrainian *-no/-to*.” American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages (AATSEEL), national meeting, Chicago, December 1999.

“The Syntax of Feature-Checking, Focus Structure, and Sentential Stress.” American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages (AATSEEL), national meeting, San Francisco, December 1998.

“Subject Properties and Ergativity in North Russian and Lithuanian.”
Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics (FASL) 7, Seattle, WA,
May 1998.

“Feature-Checking, the EPP and Diatheses.” Workshop on
Comparative Slavic Morphosyntax (with Stephanie Harves and
Loren Billings), Spencer, Indiana, June 1998. [Lavine, Harves &
Billings].

“Null Expletives and the EPP in Slavic: A Minimalist Analysis.”
Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics (FASL) 6, Storrs, CT, May
1997.

“The Development of *-no/-to* Constructions in East Slavic and Polish:
A Study in Historical Syntax.” American Association of Teachers of
Slavic and East European Languages (AATSEEL), national
meeting, Toronto, December 1997.

“Valency Changing Operations in Czech.” American Association of
Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages (AATSEEL),
national meeting, Washington, DC, December 1996.

***Bucknell
Teaching:***

[courses taught on a regular basis are underlined]

Linguistics

LING 105 Linguistic Analysis: Sounds and Words
LING 110 Linguistic Analysis: Sentences and Dialects
LING 210 Language and Race
LING 215 Syntax
LING 216 Semantics
LING 225 Language and the Brain
LING 315 Advanced Syntax
LING 340 Typology and Universals
LING 390 Advanced Syntax II
LING 395 Honors in Linguistics

Foundation Seminar

FOUN A Guide to Human Language
FOUN Language Creation

Russian Studies

RUSS 101 – 102 Elementary Russian
 RUSS 103 – 104 Intermediate Russian
 RUSS 201 Advanced Russian I
 RUSS 280 Topics in the Slavic Languages (Polish, Ukrainian,
 Czech, Serbian/Croatian; independent study)

***Bucknell
Service:****Department of Languages, Cultures and Linguistics*

Chair – Fall 2022 – Spring 2026
 Acting Chair, November – May, 2017–18
 Acting Chair, Fall 2016
 Acting Co-Chair, Spring 2015 (with Prof. Bernhard Kuhn)

Linguistics Program

Program Director, 2009 – 2022
 Program Coordinator, 2003 – 2009

Russian Program

Director, Fall 2022 – Spring 2026
 Acting Director, Fall 2019

College and University

— Committee on Instruction (2004–2006)
 — Dean of Arts & Sciences Search Committee (2006–2007)
 — Curriculum Committee, College of Arts & Sciences (2006–2009)
 — Teaching Awards Selection Committee (2008)
 — Member, Bucknell International Admissions Faculty Advisory
 Group (2010–2014)
 — Jewish Studies Advisory Board (2010–present)
 — Minor in Jewish Studies, Coordinator (2015–2017)
 — Boren Scholarship Award, Selection Committee (Fall 2016)
 — Posse Mentor, Boston Posse-8 (2014–2018)
 — Posse Mentor, Boston Posse-13 (2019–2023)
 — Posse Selection Committee, DC Posse, Fall 2018
 — Journey to Bucknell, Sample Linguistics Class, 2017, 2020, 2021
 — Fulbright Committee, Outside Evaluator, 2016, 2019
 — Faculty Advisor, Food Security Council (Fall 2020–Spring 2022)

**Professional
Service:**

- Vice President (Linguistics), The American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages (AATSEEL)–2010–2013.
- Member, Editorial Board, *Journal of Slavic Linguistics*
- Ad hoc reviewer for:
 - Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics*
 - Formal Description of Slavic Languages*
 - Journal of Slavic Linguistics*
 - Journal of Baltic Linguistics*
 - Language*
 - Journal of Linguistics*
 - Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*
 - Syntax*
 - Lingua*
 - Linguistic Variation*
 - John Benjamins *Linguistik Aktuell* Series
 - Israel Science Foundation
- PhD Examiner, Princeton University, Joint Program in Slavic Languages and Theoretical Linguistics, Summer, 2013.