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Curriculum vitae

Professor Emerita of Linguistics
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Research

Generative grammar: comparative syntax, morphosyntax, language acquisition and the syntax–semantics interface. Initiator of the *Exoskeletal Model*, which shifts the computational load away from the lexical entry to syntactic structure, set out in the three volumes of *Structuring Sense* (2005, 2005, 2013).

Positions

2025 –	Professor Emerita, Queen Mary University of London (4/2025–present)
2012 – 2025	Professor of Linguistics, Queen Mary University of London (1/2012–4/2025). Head, Department of Linguistics (9/2012–8/2015; 7/2020–6/2021)
1997 – 2012	Professor of Linguistics, University of Southern California (Winter 1997–Fall 2012). Chair, Department of Linguistics (9/2002–8/2006)
1990 – 96	Professor of Linguistics, University of Massachusetts, Amherst (Fall 1990–Fall 1996)
1982 – 90	Assistant Professor (1982–86), then Associate Professor (Fall 1986–Spring 1990) of Linguistics and Cognitive Sciences, University of California, Irvine
1981 – 82	Sloan Post-doctoral Fellow, University of California, Irvine. Ph.D., Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1981)

Distinctions

2018	Fellow, British Academy
2015–18	Leverhulme Major Fellowship
2014	Fellow, Linguistic Society of America
2011–12	Albert S. Raubenheimer Senior Faculty Award, Dornsife College, University of Southern California
2010	USC Mellon Award for Graduate Student Mentoring
2000	Belle van Zuylen Distinguished Visiting Chair Award, Utrecht University
1985–87	NSF grant *The Maturation of Grammar* (with K. Wexler)

Books

2013	*Taking Form: Structuring Sense Volume III*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
2005	*In Name Only: Structuring Sense vol I*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
2005	*The Normal Course of Events: Structuring Sense vol II*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
1984	*Parametric Syntax: Case Studies in Semitic and Romance Languages*. Dordrecht: Foris Publications.

Edited *volumes*

2025	*Footprints of Phrase Structure: Studies in syntax in honour of Tim Stowell*. Arche, M., J.-W. Zwart, H. Demirdache & H. Borer (eds.). Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
2020	*Nominalizations: 50 Years on from Chomsky's Remarks*. Alexiadou, A. and H. Borer (eds.). Oxford: Oxford University Press. doi.org/10.1093/oso/9780198865544.001.0001
2015	*The Roots of Syntax and the Syntax of Roots*. Alexiadou, A., H. Borer and F. Schaefer (eds.). Oxford: Oxford University Press.
1995	Borer, H. (ed.) Special Issue, *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*, 13.1, dedicated to the syntax of Modern Hebrew.
1986	*The Syntax of Pronominal Clitics*. Borer, H. (ed.) Syntax and Semantics Vol. 19. New York: Academic Press.
1981	*Theoretical Issues in the Grammar of Semitic Languages*. Borer, H. and J. Aoun (eds.) MITWPL, Vol. 3. Cambridge: Department of Linguistics, MIT.

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2023	Borer, H. “Event nominals vs. result nominals.” In Ackema, A., *The Wiley Blackwell Companion to Morphology*, New York: Wiley Blackwell. doi.org/10.1002/9781119693604.morphcom029
2021	Borer, H. “Comments on UM: Universal Morphology by Michal Starke.” *Isogloss*, 2021. doi.org/10.5565/rev/isogloss.186
2021	Borer, H. and S. Ouwayda. “Divide and counter.” In Husic, H., T. Kiss and J. Pelletier, *Things and Stuff*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. doi.org/10.1017/9781108937979.006
2020	Borer, H. “Nominalizing Verbal Passive: PROs and Cons.” In A. Alexiadou and H. Borer (eds.), *Nominalizations: 50 Years on from Chomsky's Remarks*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. doi.org/10.1093/oso/9780198865544.003.0006
2020	Alexiadou, A. and H. Borer. “Introduction: Further Remarks on Remarks.” In A. Alexiadou and H. Borer (eds.), *Nominalizations: 50 Years on from Chomsky's Remarks*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. doi.org/10.1093/oso/9780198865544.003.0001
2018	Borer, H. “Preface to I-Subjects.” In *Linguistic Analysis* 41 3-4, special issue *Parameters: What are they? Where are They?*, Karimi, S. and Piattelli-Palmerini (eds.). 12pp.
2018	Borer, H. “I-Subjects.” (originally in *Linguistic Inquiry* 17.3, edited republication invited by editors) in *Linguistic Analysis* 41 3-4, special issue *Parameters: What are they? Where are They?*, Karimi, S. and Piattelli-Palmerini (eds.). 54pp.
2017	Borer, H. “The Generative Word.” In J. McGilvray, *The Cambridge Companion to Chomsky*, 2nd edition. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 110-133.
2015	Borer, H. “Wherefore roots?.” *Theoretical Linguistics* 2014; 40(3/4): 343-359.
2015	Borer, H. “The category of roots.” In Alexiadou, A., H. Borer and F. Schaefer, *The Roots of Syntax, the Syntax of Roots* (Oxford University Press). Pp. 112-148.
2015	Alexiadou, A., H. Borer, and F. Schaefer. “Introduction.” *The Roots of Syntax, the Syntax of Roots* (Oxford University Press).
2014	Borer, H. “Derived Nominals and the Domain of Content.” *Lingua* 141, pp. 71-96.
2013	Borer, H. “The syntactic domain of Content.” In M. Becker, J. Grinstead, J. Rothman & B.D. Schwartz (eds.), *Generative Linguistics and Acquisition: Studies in Honor of Nina M. Hyams*. Philadelphia: John Benjamins.
2013	Borer, H. “Hebrew: A Generative Perspective.” In G. Khan (ed.), *The Encyclopedia of Hebrew Language and Linguistics*; Brill.
2012	Borer, H. “In the event of a nominal.” In Everaert, M., M. Marelj and T. Siloni (eds.), *The Theta System: Argument Structure at the Interface*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
2010	Borer, H. “Locales.” In E. Doron, M. Rappaport-Hovav and I. Sichel (eds.), *Syntax, Lexical Semantics and Event Structure, papers in honor of Anita Mittwoch*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
2010	Borer, H. and Isabelle Roy. “The name of the adjective.” In P. Cabredo Hoffher and O. Matushansky (eds.), *Adjectives*. John Benjamins.
2003	Borer, H. “The Grammar Machine.” In A. Alexiadou, E. Anagnostopoulou and M. Everaert (eds.), *The Unaccusative Puzzle*, Oxford University Press.
2003	Borer, H. “Exo-skeletal vs. Endo-skeletal Explanations: Syntactic Projections and the Lexicon.” In M. Polinsky and J. Moore (eds.), *The Nature of Explanation*. Chicago: Chicago University Press (distributed by CSLI).
1999	Borer, H. “Deconstructing the construct.” In K. Johnson and I. Roberts (eds.), *Beyond Principles and Parameters*, Kluwer, Dordrecht.
1995	Borer, H. “The ups and downs of Hebrew verb movement.” *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 13.3.
1994	Borer, H. “The projection of arguments.” In E. Benedicto and J. Runner, *University of Massachusetts Occasional Papers in Linguistics*. 17.
1992	Borer, H. and K. Wexler. “Bi-unique relations and the maturation of grammatical principles.” *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 10.2.
1987	Borer, H. and K. Wexler. “The maturation of syntax.” In T. Roeper and E. Williams, *Parameter Setting*, Reidel Inc.
1986	Borer, H. “I-Subjects.” *Linguistic Inquiry*, 17.3.