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## Education

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- 2008** **Ph.D.**, University of California, Santa Cruz (Linguistics), Dissertation: *Noniterativity is an Emergent Property of Grammar*.  
Committee: Armin Mester (chair), Junko Ito, Jaye Padgett
- 2004** **M.A.**, University of California, Santa Cruz (Linguistics).
- 2002** **B.A.**, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Linguistics, Highest Honors).

## Employment History

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- 2018–present** **Associate Professor**, Department of Linguistics, University of Utah.
- 2010–2018** **Assistant Professor**, Department of Linguistics, University of Utah.
- Spring 2010** **Associate Instructor**, Department of Linguistics, University of Utah.
- 2008–2010** **Research Fellow**, Linguistics Research Center, University of California, Santa Cruz.
- 2008–2009** **Lecturer**, Department of Linguistics, University of California, Los Angeles.

## Publications and Presentations

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### Peer-Reviewed Journals

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- 2021** **Aaron Kaplan**. Categorical and Gradient Ungrammaticality in Optional Processes. *Language* 97.4:703–731.  
<https://doi.org/10.1353/lan.2021.0062>
- 2019** **Aaron Kaplan**. Overshoot in Licensing-Driven Harmony. *Phonology* 36.4:605–626.  
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0952675719000319>
- 2019** Miranda McCarvel & **Aaron Kaplan**. Positional Faithfulness in Harmonic Grammar. *Journal of Linguistics* 55: 123–159.  
<https://doi.org/10.1017/s0022226718000075>
- 2018** **Aaron Kaplan**. Positional Licensing, Asymmetric Trade-Offs, and Gradient Constraints in Harmonic Grammar. *Phonology* 35.2:247–286.  
<https://doi.org/10.1017/s0952675718000040>

- 2016 **Aaron Kaplan.** Local Optionality with Partial Orders. *Phonology* 33.2:285–324.  
<https://doi.org/10.1017/s0952675716000130>
- 2016 Andrew Bayles, **Aaron Kaplan**, & Abby Kaplan. Inter- and Intra-Speaker Variation in French Schwa. *Glossa* 1.1:19.  
<http://doi.org/10.5334/gjgl.54>
- 2015 **Aaron Kaplan.** Maximal Prominence and a Theory of Possible Licensors. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 33:1235–1270.  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11049-014-9273-5>
- 2011 **Aaron Kaplan.** Variation through Markedness Suppression. *Phonology* 28.3:331–370.  
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0952675711000200>
- 2011 **Aaron Kaplan.** Harmonic Improvement without Candidate Chains in Chamorro. *Linguistic Inquiry* 42.4:631–650.  
[https://doi.org/10.1162/ling\\_a\\_00063](https://doi.org/10.1162/ling_a_00063)

### Other Publications

- to appear Edward Rubin & **Aaron Kaplan.** Segmental and Prosodic Influences on Bolognese Epenthesis. In *Proceedings of Epenthesis and Beyond*.
- in prep. **Aaron Kaplan** & Rachel Walker. What Constitutes Privileged Positions In Vowel Harmony? In Nancy A. Ritter and Harry van der Hulst (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Vowel Harmony*.
- 2021 **Aaron Kaplan.** Persistence and Opacity in Eastern Andalusian Harmony. In Ryan Bennett, Richard Bibbs, Mykel Loren Brinkerhoff, Max J. Kaplan, Stephanie Rich, Nicholas Van Handel & Maya Wax Cavallaro (eds.), *Supplemental Proceedings of the 2020 Annual Meeting on Phonology*. Washington, DC: Linguistic Society of America.  
<https://doi.org/10.3765/amp.v9i0.4899>
- 2018 **Aaron Kaplan.** Asymmetric Crisp Edge. In Ryan Bennett, Andrew Angeles, Adrian Brasoveanu, Dhyana Buckley, Nick Kalivoda, Shigeto Kawahara, Grant McGuire, and Jaye Padgett (eds.), *Hana-bana: A Festschrift for Junko Itô and Armin Mester*.  
<https://itomestercelebration.sites.ucsc.edu/>
- 2016 **Aaron Kaplan.** Long-Distance Licensing in Harmonic Grammar. *Proceedings of AMP 2015*.
- 2012 **Aaron Kaplan.** Tonal and Morphological Identity in Reduplication. *Proceedings of the Berkeley Linguistics Society* 32.  
<https://doi.org/10.3765/bls.v32i1.3455>

- 2008 **Aaron Kaplan.** Stress is the Trigger of Chamorro Umlaut. In Emily Tummons and Stephanie Lux (eds.), *Proceedings of the 2007 Mid-America Linguistics Conference, Kansas Working Papers in Linguistics Vol. 30*, 135–149.  
<https://kuscholarworks.ku.edu/dspace/handle/1808/276>.
- 2008 **Aaron Kaplan.** Licensing and Noniterative Harmony in Lango. *Proceedings of NELS 37*.
- 2007 **Aaron Kaplan.** The Syllable as Contour Tone Host. *Phonology at Santa Cruz 7*.
- 2006 **Aaron Kaplan.** Vowel Length and Coda Cluster Interactions in Misantla Totonac. *Proceedings of the 29th Annual Penn Linguistics Colloquium*, Penn Linguistics Club.
- 2005 **Aaron Kaplan.** Long-Distance Wh-Movement in Chamorro. In Jeffrey Heinz and Dimitris Ntelitheos (eds.), *Proceedings of the Twelfth Annual Conference of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA)*, UCLA Working Papers in Linguistics, 117–130.  
[http://www.linguistics.ucla.edu/faciliti/wpl/issues/wpl12/papers/Kaplan\\_AFLA12.pdf](http://www.linguistics.ucla.edu/faciliti/wpl/issues/wpl12/papers/Kaplan_AFLA12.pdf)

### Edited Volumes

- 2017 **Aaron Kaplan, Abby Kaplan, Miranda K. McCarvel, & Edward J. Rubin.** *Proceedings of WCCFL 34*.
- 2007 **Aaron Kaplan & David Teeple.** *Phonology at Santa Cruz 7*.

### Book Reviews

- 2012 **Aaron Kaplan.** Review of *Vowel Patterns in Language* (Rachel Walker, 2011). *Language* 88.3:678–681.

### Invited Talks

- 2020 Harmonic Bounding in (Noisy) Harmonic Grammar. *Linguistics at Santa Cruz*, UC Santa Cruz, February 29.
- 2010 Optionality, Markedness Suppression, and the Status of Processes in Phonology. University of Utah, January 25.
- 2008 Peak Delay and Tonal Noniterativity. *USC Phon Lunch*, November 24.
- 2007 Processes and Optionality in Chamorro Umlaut. *Stanford Phonology Workshop*, October 22.

### Conference Presentations

- 2022 **Aaron Kaplan.** The Timing of Violations in Serial Derivations. Poster presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America*, Washington, DC, January 6.

- 2021 **Edward Rubin & Aaron Kaplan.** Lexical Selection in Bolognese Clitic Allomorphy. Poster presented at *Going Romance 2021*, Amsterdam, December 3.
- 2021 **Edward Rubin & Aaron Kaplan.** Segmental and Prosodic Influences on Bolognese Epenthesis. *Epenthesis and Beyond*, Stony Brook University, September 17.
- 2021 **Aaron Kaplan.** Serial versus Parallel Noisy HG Accounts of Eastern Andalusian Harmony. *The 28th Manchester Phonology Meeting*, Manchester, UK, May 28.
- 2020 **Aaron Kaplan.** Opacity in Eastern Andalusian Harmony. *Annual Meeting on Phonology 2020*, UC Santa Cruz, September 20.
- 2019 **Aaron Kaplan.** Noisy HG Models of Eastern Andalusian Harmony. *Sixteenth Old World Conference in Phonology*, University of Verona, Verona, Italy, January 18.
- 2018 **Aaron Kaplan.** Noisy HG Models of Eastern Andalusian Harmony. *Analyzing Typological Structure: From Categorical to Probabilistic Phonology*, Stanford Univ., September 22.
- 2018 **Aaron Kaplan.** Intervening Positions in Long-Distance Positional Licensing Effects. *GLOW 41*, Budapest, April 10.
- 2018 **Aaron Kaplan & John Woodmansee.** Imperfect Rhymes as a Measure of Phonological Similarity. *UNC Spring Colloquium*, Chapel Hill, NC, April 7.
- 2018 **Aaron Kaplan.** Positive Positional Licensing and Overshoot in Tudanca Montañés. Poster presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America*, Salt Lake City, UT, January 5.
- 2017 **Aaron Kaplan.** Overshoot in Positional Licensing. *Western Conference on Linguistics*, Boise, ID, October 20.
- 2017 **Aaron Kaplan.** Opportunistic Centralization in Tudanca Montañés. Poster presented at *The 25th Manchester Phonology Meeting*, Manchester, UK, May 26.
- 2016 **Aaron Kaplan.** The Limits of Positive Constraints. *Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America*, Washington, DC, January 8.
- 2015 **Aaron Kaplan.** Long-Distance Licensing in Harmonic Grammar. *2015 Annual Meeting on Phonology*, Vancouver, Canada, October 10.
- 2015 **Aaron Kaplan.** Long-Distance Licensing in Harmonic Grammar. *37. Jahrestagung der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft (37th Annual Meeting of the German Society for Linguistics)*, Leipzig, Germany, March 4.
- 2014 **Aaron Kaplan & Miranda McCarvel.** Positional Faithfulness in Harmonic Grammar. *Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America*, Minneapolis, MN, January 3.

- 2013 Aaron Kaplan**, Andrew Bayles, & Abby Kaplan. Intra- and Inter-Speaker Variation in French Schwa: Implications for Theories of Optionality. Poster presented at *Phonology 2013*, Amherst, MA, November 10.
- 2013 Aaron Kaplan** & Miranda McCarvel. Positional Faithfulness in Harmonic Grammar. Poster presented at *Phonology 2013*, Amherst, MA, November 10.
- 2013 Aaron Kaplan** & Miranda McCarvel. Positional Faithfulness in Harmonic Grammar. Poster presented at the *44th Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society*, Storrs, CT, October 19.
- 2013 Aaron Kaplan**. Maximal Prominence in Positional Licensing. *The 21st Manchester Phonology Meeting*, Manchester, UK, May 25.
- 2012 Aaron Kaplan**. Variation in Eastern Andalusian Vowel Harmony. *University of North Carolina Spring Colloquium*, Chapel Hill, NC, April 28.
- 2010 Aaron Kaplan**. Gradualness and Harmonic Improvement without Candidate Chains in Chamorro. *Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America*, Baltimore, MD, January 9.
- 2009 Aaron Kaplan**. Chamorro Umlaut: An Argument Against Candidate Chains. Poster presented at the *16th Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association*, Santa Cruz, CA, May 1–3.
- 2009 Aaron Kaplan**. Iterative Optionality and Markedness Suppression. Poster presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America*, San Francisco, CA, January 10.
- 2008 Aaron Kaplan**. Pretonic Non-Prominence in Chamorro Umlaut. *Fifth Old World Conference in Phonology*, Toulouse, France, January 24–26.
- 2007 Aaron Kaplan**. Stress is the Trigger of Chamorro Umlaut. *Mid-America Linguistics Conference*, Lawrence, Kansas, October 27.
- 2007 Aaron Kaplan**. Vowel Harmony in Lango: Noniterativity and Licensing. *Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America*, Anaheim, CA, January 7.
- 2006 Aaron Kaplan**. Licensed Harmony in Lango. *Trilateral Phonology Weekend*, Berkeley, CA, November 18.
- 2006 Aaron Kaplan**. Licensing and Noniterative Harmony in Lango. Poster presented at the *37th Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society*. Champaign, IL, October 13.
- 2006 Aaron Kaplan**. Prosodic Tone with Segmental Pitch. *The 32nd Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society*, Berkeley, CA, February 10.
- 2006 Aaron Kaplan**. Segmental Behavior of Suprasegmental Tone. *Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America*, Albuquerque, NM, January 6.
- 2005 Aaron Kaplan**. Segmental Behavior of Suprasegmental Tone. *Mid-Continental Workshop on Phonology 11*, Ann Arbor, MI, November 4.

- 2005 Aaron Kaplan.** Long-Distance Wh-Movement in Chamorro. *12th Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association*, Los Angeles, CA, May 1.
- 2005 Aaron Kaplan.** Vowel Length and Coda Cluster Interactions in Misantla Totonac. *Penn Linguistics Colloquium 29*, Philadelphia, PA, February 27.
- 2002 Aaron Kaplan.** Patterns of Relativization and Recent Formulations of Markedness. *2002 UNC Linguistics Colloquium*, Chapel Hill, NC, April 27.
- 2001** Peter Gordon, Randall Hendrick, & **Aaron Kaplan.** NP Types in Relative Clauses: Corpus Results and Reading-Time Measures. *CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, Philadelphia, PA, March 15.*

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## Teaching Experience (Univ. of Utah)

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### New Courses Developed

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- Formal Research Methods (graduate)
- Language and Authority (undergraduate)
- Crosswords & Language (undergraduate)

### Other Courses Taught

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- Language Myths (undergraduate; occasional Honors sections)
- Humanities Scholars Seminar (undergraduate)
- Structure of Romance Languages (undergraduate & graduate)
- Graduate Phonetics and Phonology I
- Graduate Phonetics and Phonology II
- Intermediate Phonetics & Phonology (undergraduate)
- Introduction to Phonetics & Phonology (undergraduate)
- Introduction to Linguistics (undergraduate)
- Senior Capstone (undergraduate)
- Child Language Acquisition (undergraduate)

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## Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

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- 2019** Ramona W. Cannon Award for Teaching Excellence in the Humanities (Univ. of Utah)
- 2018** College of Humanities International Travel Grant (Univ. of Utah)
- 2014** College of Humanities International Travel Grant (Univ. of Utah)
- 2014** University of Utah Faculty Fellow Award

- 2011 University of Utah Teaching Grant  
 2008 UCLA Non-Senate Faculty Professional Development Award

## Service

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- 2021–present University of Utah Graduate Council  
 2021–present Graduate Committee, Linguistics Department  
 2021–present Executive Committee, College of Humanities (also 2013–2014; 2017–2020)  
 2021–present Undergraduate Committee, Linguistics Department (also 2017–2020)  
 2016–present Honors Advisor, Linguistics Department  
     2017–2020 Undergraduate Humanities Requirement Committee, College of Humanities  
     2017–2020 Faculty Advisor, Linguistics Club for Undergraduates  
     2017–2020 Faculty Advisor to the Univ. of Utah Student Conference in Linguistics (also 2013–2016)  
     2017–2020 Executive Committee, College of Humanities (also 2013–2014)  
 2016–2020 Curriculum Committee, Linguistics Department  
 2015–2020 Director of Undergraduate Studies, Linguistics Department  
 2013–2020 Executive Committee, Linguistics Department  
 2013–2020 Curriculum Committee, College of Humanities  
 2015–2019 Humanities Scholars Planning Committee  
 2015–2018 Dee Council Fellow (co-chair, 2017–2018)  
 2014–2017 Research & Community Committee, Linguistics Department  
 2015–2016 Co-chair of West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics 34 Organizing Committee  
 2012–2015 Educational Technology Representative, Linguistics Department  
 2011–2013 Humanities Area Committee  
 2011–2013 Library Liaison, Linguistics Department  
 2004 South West Optimality Theory Workshop Organizing Committee member
- Reviewing (conferences): the American Meeting on Phonology; the West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics; the Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America; the Old World Conference on Phonology; the Workshop on the Sound Systems of Mexico and Central America; Generative Linguistics in the Old World
  - Reviewing (journals and books): *Perspectives in Arabic Linguistics* 30; *Studies in Polish Linguistics*; *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*; *Phonology*; *Laboratory Phonology*; *Applied Psycholinguistics*; *Íkala, Revista de Lenguaje y Cultura*; *Linguistic Variation*; *Glossa*; *Journal of Linguistics*; *Language*; Cambridge University Press

## **Graduate Student Committees Chaired**

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- Mohammed Al-Ariqy (PhD; expected 2024)
- Ahmed Alnuqaydan (PhD; expected 2023)
- Miranda McCarvel (PhD; defended 2016)
- George Michael Pescaru (MA; defended 2015)