



Ivy Sichel joins the department



As the process of renewal and expansion into new areas continues for the Department of Linguistics at UC Santa Cruz we are very happy indeed to welcome Ivy Sichel to the department. Ivy earned the Ph.D. at CUNY in 2001 and then moved to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, in Israel, where she played a central role in the integration of linguistics with cognitive science as a member of the Language, Logic, and Cognition Center and as chair of the Department of Linguistics and Cognitive Science.

Ivy brings to the department a link with the very rich tradition of linguistic work on the Hebrew language, in the first place because her work addresses central questions in theoretical syntax and semantics by way of a close focus on Hebrew. She has also done important historical work on the development of Modern Hebrew in the period of its remarkable regeneration as a vernacular language and then as the national language of the state of Israel. Beyond all that, she has a distinct and important research focus on the expression of identity through language, and the emergence and construction of new social identities in relation to language.

Ivy's presence in the department will open new kinds of opportunities for graduate and undergraduate students alike, building bridges to new research communities and opening the way to new educational opportunities.

Sandy Chung receives 2016 Faculty Research Award

Meanwhile the department's outgoing chair, Sandy Chung, has been awarded this year's [faculty research award](#)—not only in recognition of her decades-long commitment to the Chamorro language and its community of speakers, but also in recognition of the exciting new direction that that work has taken in collaboration with [Matt Wagers](#), expanding the reach of experimental psycholinguistic work beyond the narrow circle of first world languages.

Sandy will give her research lecture on February 7, 2017 in the Music Center Recital Hall. She was honored (with other awardees) at the [Founder's Celebration](#) on Saturday, October 22.

[View a video about Sandy preparing for the event.](#)

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