It is often thought that *wh* constructions are evidence that syntactic theory must allow displacement (movement). In this course, we will examine the properties of these constructions in a theoretical framework without the device of movement.

Course Outline

Semester A
I. Overview: “Wh Movement” Constructions and Properties
   II. Multifunctionality
       A. *Wh* and Grammatical Functions
       B. LFG Formalization
   III. Movement/Displacement
       A. The Myth of Displacement
       B. Pervasiveness of Displacement
       C. Problems with Movement: Resumptive Pronouns, Parasitic Gaps, “In-Situ”
   IV. The *Wh* Path: Path Phenomena
   V. Scope Marking (“Partial Movement”) Constructions

Semester B (approximate/tentative)
VI. Empty Categories
    A. Empty Categories and Non-Transformational Syntax
    B. *Wanna* Contraction: The Empty Category Analysis
    C. Subject Sharing
    D. Lexical Analysis
    E. The Empty Category Analysis Again

VII. Islands
    A. Standard LFG Approach
    B. Extra-Syntactic Factors
    C. The Necessity of Syntax
    D. Formal Mechanisms

VIII. Other issues as time permits

Course requirements
Term project
for students taking the course as a seminar: Seminar paper

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