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Education

- Ph.D. 1973 University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
(Linguistics: Co-Chairs George Lakoff, Robin T. Lakoff;
Dissertation: *Studies in English Generics*)
- M.A. 1967 University of Washington, Seattle
(Linguistics: Co-Chairs Héles Contreras, Robert Ritchie;
Thesis: *Some Applications of Computers to Linguistic Field Methods*)
- A.B. 1964 St. Benedict's College, Atchison, KA
(Mathematics and German, *cum laude*)

Professional Experience

- 2006-present Visiting Professor, Western Washington University
- 1988-2001 Director, Undergraduate Linguistics program, University of Michigan
- 1986-2006 Associate Professor of Linguistics, Residential College, University of Michigan
- 1978-present Associate Professor of Linguistics, University of Michigan
- 1973-1978 Assistant Professor of Linguistics, University of Michigan
- 1967-1972 Assistant Professor of Linguistics and Director of Programs in English as a Foreign Language, Utah State University

Awards and Fellowships

- 1998 LS&A Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Program awarded to Linguistics
- 1993 LS&A *Excellence in Education* Teaching Award
- 1992 Unanimous Resolution of Gratitude, Annual Meeting, Linguistic Society of America
- 1992 LS&A *Excellence in Education* Teaching Award
- 1991 LS&A *Excellence in Education* Teaching Award
- 1987 Rackham Fellowship for attendance at Linguistic Institute (Stanford University)
- 1986 Fulbright Lecture/Research Fellowship (Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka, Malaysia)
- 1975 MSSB fellowship (Formal Alternatives to Generative Grammar)
- 1973 MSSB fellowship (Pragmatics and Syntax)
- 1971 MSSB fellowship (Tree Automata)

Languages

English, Spanish, Malay, German, Yiddish, Acehnese, Lushootseed

Publications

- Lawler, J., 2007. "[Negation and Negative Polarity](#)", in *The Cambridge Encyclopedia of the Language Sciences*.
- Lawler, J., 2006a-c. "[Punctuation](#)", "[Notation: Logical](#)", and "[Notation: Mathematical](#)", in *The International Encyclopedia of Language and Linguistics*, 2nd Edition, Elsevier.
- Lawler, J., 2006d. "James D. McCawley", in *Lexicon Grammaticorum* 2nd Edition.
- Lawler, J., 2006e. "[The Data Fetishist's Guide to Rime Coherence](#)", in *Poetry and Candy Colored Syntax: Language Presented to Háj Ross*, H. Kalpakidis and W. Salmon (eds), *Style* 40.1-2.
- Lawler, J., 2005a. "Making the Point with Metaphors: Not Just for Poets" *Editorial Eye* 28.4:1-3, April.
- Lawler, J., 2005b. "Complements and Dummies" *Editorial Eye* 28.5:9-10, May
- Lawler, J., 2005c. "Everybody Has Their Own Opinion About the Singular *They*" *Editorial Eye* 28.7:9-10, July
- Lawler, J., 2005d. "Clefts, Pseudo-Clefts, and the *is, is* Phenomenon" *Editorial Eye* 28.9:9-10, Aug
- Lawler, J., 2003a, [Memorial for James D. McCawley](#), *Language* 79.3:614-25, September 2003.
- Lawler, J., 2003b, "[Style Stands Still](#)", *Style* 37.2:220-37, Summer 2003.

- Lawler, J., 2001, [Review of Botley, McEnery, & Wilson \(eds.\), *Multilingual Corpora in Teaching and Research*, *Language Learning & Technology* 5.3](#), 2001.
- Lawler, J., 1999, "[Metaphors We Compute By](#)", in Dona J. Hickey (ed), [Figures of Thought: For College Writers](#), Mayfield.
- Lawler, J., 1998a, "[The Unix™ Language Family](#)," Chapter 5 in J. Lawler and H. Dry (1998c).
- Lawler, J. and H. Aristar Dry, 1998b, "[Introduction](#)," in J. Lawler and H. Dry (1998c).
- Lawler, J. and H. Aristar Dry (eds), 1998c, [Using Computers in Linguistics: A Practical Guide](#). Routledge.
- Lawler, J., 1990a, Review of Durie, *A Grammar of Acehnese on the Basis of a Dialect of North Aceh* (Verhandelingen van het Koninklijk Instituut voor Taal-, Land- en Volkenkunde Nr. 112, Foris 1985), *Lingua* 82:4.
- Lawler, J., 1990b, "[Women, Men, and Bristly Things: The Phonosemantics of the BR- Assonance in English](#)," P. Beddard (ed), *Michigan Working Papers in Linguistics* I.1:27-43.
- Lawler, J., 1989, "Lexical Semantics in the Commercial Transaction Frame: *Value, worth, price, and cost*," *Studies in Language* 13:2.
- Lawler, J., 1988, "On the Questions of Acehnese 'Passive'," *Language* 64:1.
- Lawler, J., 1983a, Review of Furbee-Losee, *The Correct Language: Tojolabal* (Garland, 1976), *International Journal of American Linguistics* 49:4.
- Lawler, J., 1983b, [Review of Lakoff & Johnson](#), *Metaphors We Live By* (University of Chicago Press, 1980), *Language* 59:1.
- Lawler, J., 1983c, Review of Austerlitz (ed.) *The Scope of American Linguistics* (Peter de Ridder, 1975), *American Anthropologist* 81.
- Lawler, J. and R. Rhodes, 1981, "[Athematic Metaphors](#)," in *Papers from the 17th Regional Meeting, Chicago Linguistic Society* (CLS 17).
- Lawler, J., 1980a, "Remarks on [J. Ross on [G. Lakoff on Cognitive Grammar [and Metaphors]]]," in M. Kac (ed), *Current Syntactic Theories*, Indiana University Linguistic Club.
- Lawler, J., 1980b, "Semantics" [review article], in A. Zwicky, R. Kantor, J. Lawler, and D. Keller-Cohen (eds), *Language Development, Grammar, and Semantics: The Contribution of Linguistics to Bilingual Education* (Bilingual Education Series #7), Center for Applied Linguistics.
- Lawler, J., 1979, "[Mimicry in Natural Language](#)," in *Proceedings of the Parasession on The Elements of Linguistic Theory*, Chicago Linguistic Society.
- Lawler, J., 1977, "A Agrees with B in Achenese: A Problem for Relational Grammar," in P. Cole and J. Sadock (eds), *Syntax and Semantics 8: Grammatical Relations*, Academic Press.
- Lawler, J., 1976, "Quelques Problèmes de Référence," *Langages* 48.
[French translation by Michel Galmiche of original 'Some Problems of Reference', MS]
- Lawler, J., 1975a, "On Coming to Terms in Achenese: The Function of Verbal Dis-Agreement," in *Proceedings of the Parasession on Functionalism*, Chicago Linguistic Society.
- Lawler, J., 1975b, "Elliptical Conditionals and/or Hyperbolic Imperatives: Some Remarks on the Inherent Inadequacy of Derivations," in *Papers from the 11th Regional Meeting, Chicago Linguistic Society* (CLS 11).
- Lawler, J., 1974, "[Ample Negatives](#)," in *Papers from the 10th Regional Meeting, Chicago Linguistic Society* (CLS 10).
- Lawler, J., 1973, "Tracking the Generic Toad," in *Papers from the 9th Regional Meeting, Chicago Linguistic Society* (CLS 9). [Reprinted in *The Best of CLS*, Chicago Linguistic Society, 1988].
- Lawler, J., 1973a, "The Eclectic Company; or, Explanatory Power to the People" [invited plenary lecture], in *Proceedings of the Georgetown University Round Table*.
- Lawler, J., 1973b, *Studies in English Generics, University of Michigan Papers in Linguistics* I:1.
- Lawler, J., 1972a, "A Problem in Participatory Democracy," in *Studies in Generative Semantics II*.
- Lawler, J., 1972b, "Generic to a Fault," in *Papers from the 8th Regional Meeting, Chicago Linguistic Society* (CLS 8).
- Lawler, J., and L. Selinker, 1971a "On Paradoxes, Rules, and Research in Second-Language Learning," *Language Learning* 21:1.
- Lawler, J., 1971b, "any Questions?," in *Papers from the 7th Regional Meeting, Chicago Linguistic Society* (CLS 7).

Publications – World Wide Web

Lawler, J., 1995, 1996, 1997, “[Frequently Asked Questions about English Grammar and Usage](#),” (59 essays on various linguistic topics: currently receiving *ca* 25,000 hits per month. This is a part of the Web site at <http://www.umich.edu/~jlawler>, currently receiving *ca* 750,000 hits annually.)

Publications – Software

Lawler, J., and Richard R. Rhodes, 1981-2004, [Lawler-Rhodes English Simplex Word Database](#)

Lawler, J., 1996, [The Chomskybot](#)

Lawler, J., 1992, [A World of Words](#), etymology software, University of Michigan.

Lawler, J., 1984a, *V-Mail*, integrated *VEDIT* mailmerging program (source code and documentation). CompuView Products, Inc, Ann Arbor.

Lawler, J., 1984b, *V-Help*, Online help system for *VEDIT* screen editor (source code, help screens, and documentation). CompuView Products, Inc, Ann Arbor.

Lectures Delivered, Papers Presented, and Invited Colloquia

February 2006: Chair, Panel Discussion on Generics, at “[New Directions in Cognitive Science 2006: Cognitive issues in Generics, Mass Terms, and Related Linguistic Constructions](#)”, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, B.C.

July 2004: “[Grammar: A Trivial Pursuit](#)”, paper presented at the Assembly for the Teaching of English Grammar (ATEG), Seattle University.

May 2004: “[Rhyme and/or Reason: A Short Introduction to English Phonosemantics](#)”, Linguistics colloquium, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA.

May 2002a: “Some Peculiarities of American English”, lecture to Department of Applied Linguistics, Birkbeck College, London.

May 2002b: “[Leftovers](#)”, lecture to Department of Phonetics and Linguistics, University College, London.

April 2002: (with John R. Ross) “Linguistics on the Edge”, invited colloquium presented at the Midwestern Conference on Film, Language, and Literature (MCFL).

October 2000: “[On the Phonosemantic Coherence of English Rimes](#)”, paper presented at the annual Michigan Linguistics Society meeting.

March 2000: “[Remainders](#)”, paper presented at the Twelfth *Languaging* conference.

March 1999: “Athematic Metaphors Revisited”, paper presented at the Eleventh *Languaging* conference.

January 1998: (with Eric Breck) “[Embodying Arithmetic: Counting on Your Hands and Feet](#)”, paper presented at the Tenth *Languaging* conference.

February 1997: (with Karen van Hoek) “[Space, Time, and Polarity](#)”, paper presented at the Ninth *Languaging* conference, University of North Texas.

May 1990: “Rhyme or Reason”, lecture delivered to the University of Chicago Working Group on Music and Linguistics.

January 1990: “A Generic Portion”, remarks delivered at Symposium “Generics: A Progress Report”, Annual Meeting, Linguistic Society of America, New Orleans.

May 1987: “[Metaphors We Compute By](#)”, lecture presented to ITD Education Symposium, University of Michigan.

March 1981: “What Pragmatics Might Mean”, lecture delivered to the Special Interest Group in Pragmatics at the Georgetown Round Table.

April 1978: “Towards a Natural Linguistics”, paper presented at the NWAVE Conference, Georgetown University.

Conferences and Symposia Organized

April 2002: (with John R. Ross) “Linguistics on the Edge”, invited colloquium presented at the Midwestern Conference on Film, Language, and Literature (MCFL).

January 1992: Colloquium on “Computing and the Ordinary Working Linguist,” Annual Meeting, Linguistic Society of America, Philadelphia.

January 1992: First Annual Software Exhibit and Symposium, Annual Meeting, Linguistic Society of America, Philadelphia.

May 1982: Sloan Conference on “Cognitive Dimensions of Non-Western Languages”, University of Michigan.

Service**1. External**

- 2006 Program Committee, Midwest Computational Linguistics Colloquium
- 2005 Grammar Columnist and Contributing Editor, *The Editorial Eye*
- 1997 - present Charter Member, *Ask a Linguist* Panel of Experts, LINGUIST List
- 2000 - present Charter Member, LINGUIST List Advisory Panel
- 1999 - present Editorial Board, *Iconicity in Language*
- 1981 - 1997 Editorial Board, *Studies In Language*
- Reviewer for journals and books:
 - *Studies In Language*
 - *Linguistics and Education*
 - Oxford Univ Press
 - *Language*
 - Harper & Row
 - Univ of Chicago Press
 - *Electronic Journal of Communication*
 - Basil Blackwell
 - Newbury House
 - Univ of Michigan Press
- Reviewer for conferences and societies:
 - NWAVE
 - Linguistic Society of America
 - Michigan Linguistics Society
 - National Student Linguistics Conference
 - ROCMELIA
 - Hawai'i International Conference on Systems Sciences, Persistent Conversation Track
- Reviewer for grants: National Science Foundation, National Endowment for the Humanities.
- National Committee: Information and Communication Technology Committee (now Computer Committee), Linguistic Society of America (LSA).
 - Member 1989-1993
 - Chair 1991
 - Unanimous Resolution of Gratitude, 1992 LSA Annual Meeting, for
 - First annual LSA Software Exhibit and Symposium, and
 - Colloquium on "Computing and the Ordinary Working Linguist"

2. Internal

- University of Michigan:
 - 1982-84, 1986-87 Regents' Committee on Broadcasting
- College of Literature, Science, and Arts (LS&A):
 - 1993-1996 Governing Committee on Pilot Living/Learning Program (now Lloyd Hall Scholars)
 - 1984-1990 Computer Policy Committee
 - 1986-1989 Special Consultant on Software Development
 - 1986-1989 Editor, *Information* (LS&A Computing Newsletter)
- Residential College:
 - 1995, 2001, 2003 Faculty Review Committee
 - 1988-1997 First-Year Seminar Committee
 - 1987-1988 Student Life Committee
 - 1986-present Performing Member, *The Brecht Company*
 - 1988-2002 Faculty Computer Consultant
- Department of Linguistics:
 - 1973-1987 Various committees: Executive, Graduate, Admissions, Fellowships.
 - 1988-2001 Director and Advisor, Undergraduate Linguistics Concentration program
 - 1994 Steering Committee
 - 1981-2002 Faculty Computer Consultant
 - 1996-present Undergraduate Committee (chair 1996-97)
 - 1997-present Outreach Committee
 - 2001-present Alumni Coordinator
 - 2002-2003 Ad Hoc Committee on Joint BA/MSI program with School of Information
 - 2004 Ad Hoc Committee on applied linguistics program, joint with ELI