DOMains

This talk will address the issue of domains of computation, and argue that heritage languages offer important insights in this respect. First, evidence will be provided that verb movement is indeed a domain-extending device. Through the observation of Romance heritage language as well as diachronic syntax, it will become clear that when verb movement disappears some other phenomena also vanish (like participial agreement and DOM in situ) and some repair strategies start emerging (one of them being DOM ex situ). Then, it will be shown that one of the role of DOM is also to mark long-distance dependencies. It will be argued that, like clitics, DOM marks the crossing of a phase boundary in topicalization structures.