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## Employment

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| 2015– | Postdoctoral fellow<br>Language, Logic, and Cognition Center<br>The Hebrew University of Jerusalem |

## Education

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| 2010–2015 | Ph.D., Linguistics, McGill University.<br>Dissertation: *Maximality in the Semantics of Modified Numerals*<br>Supervisory committee: Luis Alonso-Ovalle (co-supervisor), Bernhard Schwarz (co-supervisor), Michael Wagner (member) |
| 2014 | Visiting student, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.<br>Sponsor: Kai von Fintel |
| 2009–2010 | Qualifying Year Program, McGill University.<br>(Permits strong candidates to make up gaps in their background by taking appropriate undergraduate courses.) |
| 2004–2008 | B.S., Mathematics, Honors College, Loyola University Chicago.<br>B.A., Classics, Honors College, Loyola University Chicago. |

### Summer Schools

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| 2013 | European Summer School in Logic, Language, and Information (ESSLLI 2013), Düsseldorf, Germany. |
| 2012 | North American Summer School of Logic, Language, and Information (NASSLLI 2012), Austin, TX. |

## Scholarship

### Journal Articles

under review    Brian Buccola and Benjamin Spector. Modified numerals and maximality. Under review at *Linguistics & Philosophy*. June 2015.

2012    Bernhard Schwarz, Brian Buccola, and Michael Hamilton. Two types of class B numeral modifiers: A reply to Nouwen 2010. In: *Semantics and Pragmatics* 5.1 (Feb. 2012), pp. 1–25. DOI: `10.3765/sp.5.1`.

### Proceedings Papers

in prep.    Brian Buccola. Severing maximality from *fewer than*: Evidence from genericity. In: *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 20*. in prep.

2015    Brian Buccola. Variable monotonicity and *less than*: when Van Benthem's problem is not a problem. In: *Proceedings of the 45th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 45)*. Ed. by Thuy Bui and Deniz Özyıldız. Vol. 1. 2015, pp. 125–134.

2013    Brian Buccola. On the Expressivity of Optimality Theory versus Ordered Rewrite Rules. In: *Proceedings of Formal Grammar 2012 and 2013*. Ed. by Glyn Morrill and Mark–Jan Nederhof. Vol. 8036. Lecture Notes in Computer Science. Berlin Heidelberg: Springer–Verlag, 2013, pp. 142–158.

### Presentations

*Peer-reviewed Conferences*

2015    Brian Buccola. Severing maximality from *fewer than*: Evidence from genericity. Talk presented at Sinn und Bedeutung 20, Tübingen, Germany. Nov. 11, 2015.

2015    Brian Buccola. Modified numerals, plurality, and boundedness. Talk presented at the Syntax and Semantics of Numerals workshop, Societas Linguistica Europaea. Nov. 3, 2015.

2014            Brian Buccola. Global economic constraints: the case of Van Benthem's problem. Poster presented at the 45th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS), Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Oct. 31, 2014.

2014            Brian Buccola and Morgan Sonderegger. On the expressivity of Optimality Theory versus rules: An application to opacity. Talk presented at the 88th Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Society of America, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Jan. 3, 2014.

2013            Brian Buccola and Morgan Sonderegger. On the expressivity of Optimality Theory versus rules: An application to opaque patterns. Poster presented at Phonology 2013, UMass Amherst. Nov. 9, 2013.

2013            Brian Buccola. On the Expressivity of Optimality Theory versus Ordered Rewrite Rules. Talk presented at the 18th conference on Formal Grammar, Düsseldorf, Germany. Aug. 11, 2013.

*Local Workshops*

2014            Brian Buccola. *Less than*, lower bounds, and distributivity/ collectivity. Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal (TOM) semantics workshop, University of Toronto. Apr. 12, 2014.

2013            Brian Buccola. A mathematical demonstration that classic Optimality Theory is expressively weaker than ordered rewrite rules. Montreal-Ottawa-Toronto (MOT) phonology workshop, University of Ottawa. Mar. 16, 2013.

2012            Brian Buccola. The nature of epistemic implications arising from superlative quantifiers. Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal (TOM) semantics workshop. Mar. 10, 2012.

2011            Brian Buccola. Phrasal and clausal comparatives: the *di* vs. *che* puzzle in Italian. Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal (TOM) semantics workshop, University of Toronto. Apr. 9, 2011.

## Invited Talks

2015         Brian Buccola. Modified and unmodified numerals: lessons from genericity. Invited colloquium talk presented at Tel Aviv University. Nov. 19, 2015.

2015         Brian Buccola. Maximal informativity and numeral modifiers: the case of *between*. Invited talk presented at the Leiden-Utrecht Semantics Happenings (LUSH) research group, Utrecht University. Nov. 7, 2015.

## Edited Volumes

2014         Brian Buccola et al., eds. *Proceedings from the Sixth Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal (TOM) Workshop in Semantics*. Vol. 24. McGill Working Papers in Linguistics 1. McGill University. Feb. 2014.

2013         Alanah McKillen and Brian Buccola, eds. *Proceedings from the First Montreal-Ottawa-Toronto-Hamilton Workshop in Syntax*. Vol. 23. McGill Working Papers in Linguistics 1. McGill University. June 2013.

## Teaching

## As Instructor

Summer 2014    Introduction to Linguistics (LING 201), McGill University.
Course description: introduction to the techniques of linguistic analysis; topics covered included phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, and semantics. Class size: 30.

## As Teaching Assistant

Winter 2014     Phonetics (LING 330), McGill University.
Duties included: weekly lecture (2 hours/week); office hours; grade assignments, midterm exam, and final exam.
Instructor: Morgan Sonderegger.

Fall 2013       Semantics (LING 360), McGill University.
Duties included: three lectures; office hours; grade assignments, midterm exam, and final exam.
Instructor: Brendan Gillon.

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| Winter 2013 | **Phonetics (LING 330), McGill University.** <br> Duties included: weekly lecture (2 hours/week); office hours; grade assignments, midterm exam, and final exam. <br> Instructor: Morgan Sonderegger. |
| Fall 2012 | **Semantics (LING 360), McGill University.** <br> Duties included: two lectures; office hours; grade assignments, midterm exam, and final exam. <br> Instructor: Brendan Gillon. |
| Winter 2012 | **Phonetics (LING 330), McGill University.** <br> Duties included: weekly lecture (2 hours/week); office hours; grade assignments, midterm exam, and final exam. <br> Instructor: Heather Goad. |
| Fall 2011 | **Phonology I (LING 331), McGill University.** <br> Duties included: weekly lecture (1 hour/week); office hours; grade quizzes, assignments, midterm exam, and final exam. <br> Instructor: Tobin Skinner. |
| Winter 2011 | **Phonetics (LING 330), McGill University.** <br> Duties included: weekly lecture (2 hours/week); office hours; grade quizzes, assignments, midterm exams, and final exam. <br> Instructor: Sara Mackenzie. |
| Fall 2010 | **Intro to Linguistics (LING 201), McGill University.** <br> Duties included: weekly lecture (2 hours/week); office hours; grade quizzes, assignments, midterm exam, and final exam. <br> Instructor: Tanya Slavin. |
| Fall 2010 | **Neuroscience of Language (LING 370), McGill University.** <br> Duties included: grade assignments, midterm exam, and final exam. <br> Instructor: Isabelle Deschamps, Andrea Santi. |

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### Reviewing

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| 2015 | Journal of Semantics, NELS 46 |

### Other

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| 2015– | Organizer (with Andreas Haida), LLCC Semantics-Pragmatics Reading and Research Group, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. |

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| 2015 | **Department publications manager, McGill University.** |
| | Compiled a database of department publications for 2014, in BibTEX format, for the department's Annual Report. |
| 2013–2015 | Organizing committee, Syntax-Semantics Research Group, McGill University. |
| 2012–2014 | Co-editor, McGill Working Papers in Linguistics (McGWPL). |
| 2013 | Organizing committee, Exploring the Interfaces 2: Implicatures, Alternatives, and the Semantics-Pragmatics Interface (ETI 2), McGill University. |
| 2012 | Graduate student representative for syntax job hire, McGill University. |
| 2011–2012 | Co-editor, McGill Linguistics Blog (McLing). |

## Awards

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| 2014 | **Faculty of Arts Graduate Student Teaching Award ($500).** |
| | University-wide, nomination-only award, which "recognizes outstanding teaching in the Faculty by graduate students." |
| 2014 | Centre for Research on Brain, Language and Music (CRBLM) Graduate Travel Award ($700). |
| 2013 | Graduate Student Travel Award, McGill University ($1,500). |
| 2013 | Lara Riente Memorial Prize in Linguistics, Department of Linguistics, McGill University ($500). |
| 2012–2013 | Cremona Memorial Fellowship in Linguistics, Department of Linguistics, McGill University ($8,479). |
| 2012–2013 | Graduate Excellence Fellowship, McGill University ($7,000). |
| 2012 | NASSLLI full scholarship (tuition, fees, accommodation, travel stipend) ($410). |
| 2011–2012 | Graduate Excellence Fellowship, McGill University ($6,500). |
| 2010–2011 | Graduate Enrolment Recruitment Initiative, McGill University ($5,000). |

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| 2010–2011 | McCall MacBain Award, McGill University ($10,000). |
| 2007–2008 | National SMART Grant (Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent), Loyola University Chicago ($4,000). |
| 2004–2008 | National Merit Finalist Scholarship, Loyola University Chicago (~$100,000). |

## Honors and Associations

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| 2015 (joined) | The Societas Linguistica Europaea. |
| 2012 (joined) | The Centre for Research on Brain, Language and Music, Montréal, Canada. |
| 2012 (joined) | The Linguistic Society of America. |
| 2008 (inducted) | Phi Beta Kappa. |
| 2004 | National Merit Scholar. |
| 1999 (accepted) | Mensa. |

## Languages

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| English | Native |
| Italian | Fluent |
| French, German | Conversational; proficient in reading, writing |
| Latin, Greek | Proficient in translation; research |
| Spanish | Working knowledge; research |
| Hebrew | Beginner |

## Technical Skills

Linux shell (Bash, Zsh); Python, Haskell; Git; LaTeX, BibTeX; HTML, CSS; Praat.

## Non-Academic Interests

History and philosophy of math and science.

Early American blues (Delta) and jazz (New Orleans).

Linux, LaTeX, and other computery things.

Brewing beer, cooking.

Chess, puzzles.

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