

# Brian Buccola

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## EMPLOYMENT

2015–                      Postdoctoral fellow  
                              Language, Logic, and Cognition Center  
                              The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

## EDUCATION

2010–2015              Ph.D., Linguistics, [McGill University](#).  
                              Dissertation: *Maximality in the Semantics of Modified Numerals*  
                              Supervisory committee: [Luis Alonso-Ovalle](#) (co-supervisor), [Bernhard Schwarz](#) (co-supervisor), [Michael Wagner](#) (member)

2014                      Visiting student, [Massachusetts Institute of Technology](#).  
                              Sponsor: [Kai von Fintel](#)

2009–2010              Qualifying Year Program, McGill University.  
                              (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](#).  
                              B.A., Classics, Honors College, [Loyola University Chicago](#).

## Summer Schools

2013                      European Summer School in Logic, Language, and Information ([ESSLI 2013](#)), Düsseldorf, Germany, Aug 2013.

2012 North American Summer School of Logic, Language, and Information ([NASSLLI 2012](#)), Austin, TX, Jun 2012.

## SCHOLARSHIP

### Journal Articles

under review Brian Buccola and Benjamin Spector. Modified numerals and maximality. Under review at *Linguistics & Philosophy*, 2015. [[pdf](#)]

2012 Bernhard Schwarz, Brian Buccola, and Michael Hamilton. Two types of class B numeral modifiers: A reply to Nouwen 2010. *Semantics and Pragmatics*, 5(1):1–25, February 2012. [[doi](#)]

### Proceedings Papers

in prep. Brian Buccola. Severing maximality from *fewer than*: Evidence from genericity. In *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 20*, in prep. [[pdf](#)] (handout)

2015 Brian Buccola. Variable monotonicity and *less than*: when Van Benthem’s problem is not a problem. In Thuy Bui and Deniz Özyıldız, editors, *Proceedings of the 45th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 45)*, volume 1, pages 125–134, 2015. [[pdf](#)]

2013 Brian Buccola. On the expressivity of Optimality Theory versus ordered rewrite rules. In Glyn Morrill and Mark-Jan Nederhof, editors, *Proceedings of Formal Grammar 2012 and 2013*, volume 8036 of *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, pages 142–158, Berlin Heidelberg, 2013. Springer-Verlag. [[pdf](#)]

## Presentations

### Peer-reviewed Conferences

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

- 2015 Brian Buccola. Modified numerals, plurality, and boundedness. Talk presented at the Syntax and Semantics of Numerals workshop, Societas Linguistica Europaea, 03 September 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, 31 October 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, 03 January 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, 09 November 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, 11 August 2013.

#### *Local Workshops*

- 2014 Brian Buccola. *Less than*, lower bounds, and distributivity/collectivity. Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal (TOM) semantics workshop, University of Toronto, 12 April 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, 16 March 2013.
- 2012 Brian Buccola. The nature of epistemic implications arising from superlative quantifiers. Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal (TOM) semantics workshop, 10 March 2012.
- 2011 Brian Buccola. Phrasal and clausal comparatives: the *di* vs. *che* puzzle in Italian. Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal (TOM) semantics workshop, University of Toronto, 09 April 2011.

## Invited Talks

- 2015 Brian Buccola. Modified and unmodified numerals: lessons from genericity. Invited colloquium talk presented at Tel Aviv University, 19 November 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, 07 September 2015.

## Edited Volumes

- 2014 Brian Buccola, Michael Hamilton, Alanah McKillen, and James Tanner, editors. *Proceedings from the Sixth Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal (TOM) Workshop in Semantics*, volume 24 of *McGill Working Papers in Linguistics*. McGill University, February 2014. [[issue](#)]
- 2013 Alanah McKillen and Brian Buccola, editors. *Proceedings from the First Montreal-Ottawa-Toronto-Hamilton Workshop in Syntax*, volume 23 of *McGill Working Papers in Linguistics*. McGill University, June 2013. [[issue](#)]

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

## SERVICE

### Reviewing

2015                      Journal of Semantics, NELS 46

### Other

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

2015                      Department publications manager (in charge of compiling a database of department publications for 2014, in Bib<sub>T</sub>EX format, for the department’s Annual Report), McGill University.

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: Implications, Alternatives, and the Semantics-Pragmatics Interface ([ETI 2](#)), McGill University, Apr–Jun 2013.

2012                      Graduate student representative for syntax job hire, McGill University, May–Jun 2012.

2011–2012                Co-editor, McGill Linguistics Blog ([McLing](#)).

## AWARDS

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).
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

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

## LANGUAGES

English	Native
Italian	Fluent
French, German	Conversational; proficient in reading, writing

Latin, Greek      Proficient in translation; research

Spanish      Working knowledge; research

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

Linux shell (Bash, Zsh); Python, Haskell; Git;  $\LaTeX$ , Bib $\TeX$ ; 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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