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Employment

2015–	Postdoctoral fellow, Language, Logic and Cognition Center, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
2016 (June 25 – July 27)	Invited scholar, Institut Jean Nicod, École Normale Supérieure. Sponsor: Benjamin Spector

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 linguistics background by taking appropriate undergraduate courses.)
2004–2008	B.S., Mathematics, Honors College, Loyola University Chicago. B.A., Classics, Honors College, Loyola University Chicago.
1999–2004	Jesuit High School New Orleans.

Summer Schools

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

in revision   Brian Buccola. A New Defense of a Classic Semantics for Bare Numerals. 2016. URL: http://ling.auf.net/lingbuzz/003211.

in revision   Brian Buccola, Manuel Križ, and Emmanuel Chemla. Conceptual Alternatives. 2016. URL: http://ling.auf.net/lingbuzz/003208.

2016   Brian Buccola and Benjamin Spector. Modified Numerals and Maximality. In: *Linguistics and Philosophy* 39.3 (2016), pp. 151–199. DOI: 10.1007/s10988-016-9187-2. URL: http://ling.auf.net/lingbuzz/002528.

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 (2012), pp. 1–25. DOI: 10.3765/sp.5.1.

Proceedings Papers

2017   Brian Buccola and Andreas Haida. A Surface-Scope Analysis of Authoritative Readings of Modified Numerals. In: *Sinn und Bedeutung*. Vol. 21. 2017. URL: http://ling.auf.net/lingbuzz/003173.

2016   Brian Buccola. Severing Maximality from *fewer than*: Evidence from Genericity. In: *Sinn und Bedeutung*. Ed. by Nadine Bade, Polina Berezovskaya, and Anthea Schöller. Vol. 20. 2016, pp. 127–144. URL: http://ling.auf.net/lingbuzz/002847.

2015   Brian Buccola. Variable Monotonicity and *less than*: When Van Benthem's Problem is Not a Problem. In: *North East Linguistic Society (NELS)*. ed. by Thuy Bui and Deniz Özyıldız. Vol. 45. 2015, pp. 125–134. URL: http://ling.auf.net/lingbuzz/002512.

2013   Brian Buccola. On the Expressivity of Optimality Theory versus Ordered Rewrite Rules. In: *Formal Grammar*. Ed. by Glyn V. Morrill and Mark-Jan Nederhof. Vol. 8036. Lecture Notes in Computer Science. Heidelberg, Germany: Springer, 2013, pp. 142–158. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-642-39998-5_9. URL: http://ling.auf.net/lingbuzz/002513.

Presentations

Peer-reviewed Conferences

2016	Brian Buccola. Bare Numerals and Scalar Implicatures in Generic Sentences. Talk presented at the Logic in Language and Conversation (LogiCon) workshop. Utrecht, Netherlands, Sept. 19, 2016.
2016	Brian Buccola and Andreas Haida. A Surface-Scope Analysis of Authoritative Readings of Modified Numerals. Talk presented at the Logic in Language and Conversation (LogiCon) workshop. Utrecht, Netherlands, Sept. 20, 2016.
2016	Brian Buccola and Andreas Haida. A Surface-Scope Analysis of Authoritative Readings of Modified Numerals. Talk presented at Sinn und Bedeutung 21. Edinburgh, Scotland, Sept. 5, 2016. URL: http://ling.auf.net/lingbuzz/003173.
2016	Brian Buccola. Modified and Unmodified Numerals: Lessons from Genericity. Talk presented at the workshop on the semantic contribution of Det and Num. (In)definiteness, genericity, and referentiality. Barcelona, Spain, May 28, 2016.
2015	Brian Buccola. Severing Maximality from *fewer than*: Evidence from Genericity. Talk presented at Sinn und Bedeutung 20. Tübingen, Germany, Sept. 11, 2015.
2015	Brian Buccola. Modified Numerals, Plurality, and Boundedness. Talk presented at the Syntax and Semantics of Numerals workshop, at the 48th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea. Leiden, Netherlands, Sept. 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). Cambridge, MA, 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, MN, 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. Amherst, MA, 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

2016	Brian Buccola and Andreas Haida. Authoritative Readings of Superlative Modified Numerals. Poster presented at the annual Edmond & Lily Safra Center for Brain Sciences (ELSC) retreat. Ein Gedi, Israel, Jan. 24, 2016.
2014	Brian Buccola. *Less than*, Lower Bounds, and Distributivity/Collectivity. Talk presented at the Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal semantics workshop (TOM 7). Toronto, Canada, Apr. 12, 2014.
2013	Brian Buccola. A Mathematical Demonstration that Classic Optimality Theory is Expressively Weaker than Ordered Rewrite Rules. Talk presented at the Montreal-Ottawa-Toronto phonology workshop (MOT). Ottawa, Canada, Mar. 16, 2013.
2012	Brian Buccola. The Nature of Ignorance Implications Arising from Superlative Quantifiers. Talk presented at the Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal semantics workshop (TOM 5). Ottawa, Canada, Mar. 10, 2012.
2011	Brian Buccola. Phrasal and Clausal Comparatives: The *di* vs. *che* Puzzle in Italian. Talk presented at the Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal semantics workshop (TOM 4). Toronto, Canada, Apr. 9, 2011.

Invited Talks

2016	Brian Buccola. A Surface-Scope Analysis of Authoritative Readings of Modified Numerals. Invited talk presented at the Institut Jean Nicod, Département d'études cognitives, École normale supérieure. Paris, France, July 6, 2016. Based on joint work with Andreas Haida.
2016	Brian Buccola. Bare Numerals and Scalar Implicatures in Generic Sentences. Invited talk presented at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Jerusalem, Israel, Mar. 23, 2016.
2015	Brian Buccola. Modified and Unmodified Numerals: Lessons from Genericity. Invited colloquium talk presented at Tel Aviv University. Tel Aviv, Israel, 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, Netherlands, Sept. 7, 2015. |

Edited Volumes

| 2014 | Brian Buccola, Michael Hamilton, Alanah McKillen, and James Tanner, eds. *Proceedings from the Sixth Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal (TOM) Workshop in Semantics*. Vol. 24. McGill Working Papers in Linguistics 1. McGill University. Feb. 2014. URL: `https://www.mcgill.ca/mcgwpl/archives/volume-241-2014`. |
| 2013 | Alanah McKillen and Brian Buccola, eds. *Proceedings from the First Montreal-Ottawa-Toronto-Hamilton (MOTH) Workshop in Syntax*. Vol. 23. McGill Working Papers in Linguistics 1. McGill University. June 2013. URL: `https://www.mcgill.ca/mcgwpl/archives/volume-231-2013`. |

Dissertation

| 2015 | Brian Buccola. *Maximality in the Semantics of Modified Numerals*. PhD thesis. Montreal, Canada: McGill University, July 2015. URL: `http://ling.auf.net/lingbuzz/003039`. Supervisory committee: Luis Alonso-Ovalle (co-supervisor), Bernhard Schwarz (co-supervisor), Michael Wagner (member). |

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

SERVICE

To the department

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

2015	Department publications manager, McGill University.
	Compiled and managed 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).

To the profession

2016–	Member of the Editorial Board of *Semantics and Pragmatics*.
Reviewer (books)	The MIT Press (1 book manuscript, 2016).
Reviewer (journals)	*Journal of Semantics* (2 journal article manuscripts, 2015–2016), *Semantics and Pragmatics* (1 journal article manuscript, 2016).
Reviewer (conferences)	*GLOW in Asia* (2016), *Israel Association for Theoretical Linguistics* (2016), *North East Linguistic Society* (2015–2016).

Awards

2014	Faculty of Arts Graduate Student Teaching Award ($500).
	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).
	Application-based award given to CRBLM student members to present their scientific results at an international conference.
2013	Graduate Student Travel Award, McGill University ($1,500).
	A "competitive award designed to support graduate student travel by both MA and PhD students for the purposes of research and the dissemination of research."

2013	**Lara Riente Memorial Prize in Linguistics, Department of Linguistics, McGill University ($500).** "Awarded by the Faculty of Arts Scholarships committee on the recommendation of the Department of Linguistics on the basis of high academic standing to a graduate or an undergraduate student enrolled in a full-time degree program in Linguistics."
2012–2013	**Cremona Memorial Fellowship in Linguistics, Department of Linguistics, McGill University ($8,479).** "Awarded by the Department of Linguistics to an outstanding graduate student registered in the Ph.D. or M.A. program in Linguistics."
2012	**NASSLLI full scholarship ($410).** Application-based stipend covering tuition, fees, accommodation, and travel.
2004–2008	**National Merit Finalist Scholarship, Loyola University Chicago (~$100,000).** Full-tuition scholarship awarded to students who have been named National Merit finalists by the National Merit Corporation.

Honors and Associations

2016 (joined)	Israel Association for Theoretical Linguistics (IATL).
2015 (joined)	Societas Linguistica Europaea (SLE).
2012 (joined)	Centre for Research on Brain, Language and Music (CRBLM), Montréal, Canada.
2012 (joined)	Linguistic Society of America (LSA).
2008 (inducted)	Phi Beta Kappa.
2004	National Merit Scholar.
1999 (accepted)	Mensa.

Languages

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

Programming	Linux shell (Bash, Zsh); Python, Haskell; Git; LaTeX, BibTeX; HTML, CSS
Linguistics software	Ibex; 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.