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## — Employment —

present–2019	Postdoctoral Researcher	DFG Collaborative Research Center 991 Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf Project B09: Modifiers as a probe into the frame structure of events
2019–2016	Postdoctoral Researcher	DFG Collaborative Research Center 991 Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf Project C10: A frame-based analysis of adjective-noun combinations

## — Education —

2016	Ph.D., Linguistics <i>Intensification and Attenuation Across Categories</i> Marcin Morzycki (chair), Cristina Schmitt, Alan Munn, Alan Beretta	Michigan State University
2009	B.S., Cognitive Science Major: Cognitive Science      Minors: Philosophy, Psychology	Central Michigan University

## — Research Interests —

**semantics, syntax, psycholinguistics:** syntax and semantics of modifiers; gradability, vagueness, and imprecision; exclamative constructions; event structure and argument structure; expressive meaning; lexical semantics; syntax-semantics interface; child language acquisition

## — Publications —

- to appear in 2020. **Anderson, Curt.** Indeterminate numerals and their alternatives. In Peter Hallman (ed.), *Interactions of degree and quantification* (Syntax and Semantics). Leiden: Brill.
2019. **Anderson, Curt.** Specification of methods and the semantics of method-oriented adverbs. In Patrick Farrell (ed.), *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America*, vol. 4, 1–15.
2018. **Anderson, Curt.** Kinds, epistemic indefinites, and *some*-exclamatives. In Robert Truswell, Chris Cummins, Caroline Heycock, Brian Rabern & Hannah Rohde (eds.), *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 21*, vol. 1, 35–52.

2018. **Anderson, Curt** & Sebastian Löbner. Roles and the compositional semantics of role-denoting relational adjectives. In Uli Sauerland & Stephanie Solt (eds.), *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung* 22, 91–108.
2017. **Anderson, Curt**. Contextual factors in children’s calculation of telicity. In Maria LaMendola & Jennifer Scott (eds.), *Proceedings of the 41st annual Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD)*, 18–31.
2015. **Anderson, Curt**. Numerical approximation using *some*. In Eva Csipak & Hedde Zeijlstra (eds.), *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung* 19, 54–69.
2015. **Anderson, Curt** & Marcin Morzycki. Degrees as kinds. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 33(3). 791–828.
2014. **Anderson, Curt**. Approximation of complex numerals using *some*. In Claire Renaud, Carla Ghanem, Verónica González López & Kathryn Pruitt (eds.), *Proceedings of the Western Conference on Linguistics (WECOL) 2013*, 131–143.
2014. Whelpton, Matthew, Drew Trotter, Þórhalla Guðmundsdóttir Beck, **Curt Anderson**, Joan Maling, Karthik Durvasula & Alan Beretta. Portions and sorts in Icelandic: an ERP study. *Brain and Language* 136. 44–57.
2013. **Anderson, Curt**. Hedging verbs and nouns using an alternative semantics. In Martin Kohlberger, Kate Bellamy & Eleanor Dutton (eds.), *Proceedings of ConSOLE XXI*, 1–20.
2013. **Anderson, Curt**. Inherent and coerced gradability across categories: manipulating pragmatic halos with *sorta*. In Todd Snider (ed.), *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 23*, 81–96.

#### — Edited Volumes —

**Anderson, Curt** & Jens Fleischhauer (eds.). proposal under review. *Modification and complex predicates* (Phraseology and Multiword Expressions). Language Science Press.

#### — Conference Talks and Posters —

2020. **Anderson, Curt**. *Precisifying and non-precisifying uses of adnominal very*. Presented at the Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting 2020. New Orleans.
2019. **Anderson, Curt**. *Enriched meanings and pseudo-incorporated bare singular count nouns in English*. Presented at the Event Semantics Workshop 2019. Berlin.
2019. **Anderson, Curt**. *Enriched meanings and pseudo-incorporated bare singular count nouns in English*. Presented at the Modification of Complex Predicates Workshop. Düsseldorf.
2019. **Anderson, Curt**. *Predicate-modifier asymmetries and the syntax-semantics interface*. Presented at the 13th International Tbilisi Symposium on Language, Logic and Computation (TbiLLC 2019). Batumi, Georgia.
2019. **Anderson, Curt**. *Predicate-modifier asymmetries and the syntax-semantics interface*. Presented at the RTANJ Linguistics 3 Workshop. Rtanj, Serbia.
2019. **Anderson, Curt**. *Specifications of methods and the semantics of method-oriented adverbs*. Poster presented at the Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting 2019. New York City.

- 2019. Anderson, Curt.** *Thematic role features and predicate-modifier asymmetries*. Presented at Semantics and Philosophy in Europe (SPE) 11. Warsaw.
- 2019. Anderson, Curt,** Kurt Erbach & Ruben van de Vijver. *Intonation and evaluation with some-exclamatives*. Poster presented at the Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting 2019. New York City.
- 2018. Anderson, Curt.** *Of old couples and important committees: modification and group member accessibility*. Presented at the 26th European Society of Philosophy and Psychology (ESPP 26). Rijeka, Croatia.
- 2018. Anderson, Curt.** *Of old couples and important committees: modification and group member accessibility*. Presented at the Bridging Conceptual Semantics and Formal Semantics Workshop (BRIDGE-18). Sofia, Bulgaria.
- 2018. Anderson, Curt & Marios Andreou.** *The role of context in disambiguating -er nominalizations*. Presented at Cognitive Structures 2018 (CoSt 2018). Düsseldorf.
- 2018. Anderson, Curt,** Kurt Erbach & Ruben van de Vijver. *Intonation and evaluative bias in some-exclamatives*. Presented at the 19th Szklarska Poręba Workshop on the Roots of Pragmasemantics. Szklarska Poręba, Poland.
- 2018. Anderson, Curt,** Oliver Hellwig & Wiebke Petersen. *Automatic clustering and the lexical semantics of cooking adjectives*. Presented at Cognitive Structures 2018 (CoSt 2018). Düsseldorf.
- 2017. Anderson, Curt.** *The lexical semantics of role-denoting relational adjectives*. Poster presented at TABU Dag 38. Groningen.
- 2017. Anderson, Curt & Sebastian Löbner.** *Roles and the compositional semantics of role-denoting relational adjectives*. Presented at the 12th International Tbilisi Symposium on Language, Logic and Computation (TbiLLC 2017). Lagodekhi, Georgia.
- 2017. Anderson, Curt & Sebastian Löbner.** *Roles and the compositional semantics of role-denoting relational adjectives*. Presented at Sinn und Bedeutung 22 (SuB 22). Potsdam.
- 2016. Anderson, Curt.** *An alternatives based account of some-exclamatives*. Presented at the Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting 2016. Washington, D.C.
- 2016. Anderson, Curt.** *Contextual factors in children's computation of telicity*. Presented at the 41st Boston University Conference on Language Development. Boston.
- 2016. Anderson, Curt.** *Kinds, epistemic indefinites, and some-exclamatives*. Presented at Sinn und Bedeutung 21. Edinburgh.
- 2016. Anderson, Curt & Ekaterina Gabrovskaja.** *Modification of verbs and deverbal nouns*. Presented at Event Semantics Workshop 2016. Düsseldorf.
- 2015. Anderson, Curt.** *"That was some talk!": An account of some-exclamatives*. Presented at the Semantics Workshop of the American Midwest and Prairies (SWAMP) 2015. Ann Arbor, MI.
- 2014. Anderson, Curt.** *Approximation and the epistemic indefinite some*. Presented at Sinn und Bedeutung 19. Göttingen.
- 2013. Anderson, Curt.** *A Hamblin semantics for sorta*. Presented at the Conference for the Student Organization for Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE) XXI. Potsdam.

- 2013. Anderson, Curt.** *Approximation of complex numerals using some*. Presented at the Western Conference on Linguistics (WECOL) 2013. Tempe, AZ.
- 2013. Anderson, Curt.** *Gradability and imprecision across categories*. Presented at Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 23. Santa Cruz, CA.
- 2013. Anderson, Curt.** *Verbal gradability and degree arguments in verbs*. Presented at the 37th Penn Linguistics Colloquium (PLC). Philadelphia.
- 2013. Trotter, Drew, Matthew Whelpton, Þórhalla Guðmundsdóttir Beck, Curt Anderson, Joan Maling & Alan Beretta.** *ERP responses to portioning and sorting in Icelandic: contrasting coercion with silent syntax*. Presented at the Meeting for the Society for the Neurobiology of Language (SNL) 2013. San Diego.
- 2012. Anderson, Curt.** *Dimensions of comparison determine telicity in verbal comparatives*. Presented at PHLINC. College Park, MD.
- 2010. Anderson, Curt.** *Manner modification and like that*. Presented at the Semantics Workshop of the American Midwest and Prairies (SWAMP) 2010. Ann Arbor, MI.

#### — Manuscripts and Work in Preparation —

- in preparation (March 2020). Anderson, Curt.** *Predicate-modifier asymmetries and the syntax-semantics interface*. For TbiLLC 2019 Proceedings.
- in preparation (March 2020). Anderson, Curt.** *Enriched meanings and pseudo-incorporated bare singular count nouns in English*. For Curt Anderson & Jens Fleischhauer (eds.), *Modification and Complex Predicates*.
- in preparation. Anderson, Curt.** *Group nouns and accessibility of their members*.
- in preparation. Anderson, Curt.** *The syntax and semantics of some-exclamatives*.
- 2018. Anderson, Curt.** *Of old couples and important committees: accessing members of groups using modifiers*. Bridging Formal and Conceptual Semantics 2018 (BRIDGE-18) workshop pre-proceedings.

#### — Invited Talks and Lectures —

- 2020. Anderson, Curt.** *The semantics of adnominal very*. ZAS Semantics Circle. Leibniz-Zentrum Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft (ZAS).
- 2019. Anderson, Curt.** *Kinds, epistemic indefinites, and some-exclamatives*. Guest lecture, Carla Umbach's Seminar on Exclamatives. Universität zu Köln.
- 2018. Anderson, Curt.** *Building method-oriented adverbs*. SFB 732 Kolloquium. Universität Stuttgart.
- 2017. Anderson, Curt.** *Roles and the semantics of presidential-adjectives*. Carleton University Linguistics Colloquium.
- 2016. Anderson, Curt.** *Some in non-canonical environments*. New York University Semantics Group.

— **Teaching** —

**Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf**

Introduction to Degree Semantics

Semantics of Modification (with Ekaterina Gabrovska)

Introduction to the Theory of the Lexicon (with Jens Fleischhauer)

Academic Skills in Linguistics for *Grundkurs* Tutors

**Michigan State University**

LIN 200 Introduction to Language

LIN 401 Introduction to Linguistics

LIN 437 Semantics and Pragmatics

— **Workshop and Conference Organization** —

- May 2020**      **Word-formation and modification: Events where there are none (at least on the surface) workshop**  
Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf  
Co-organized with Sven Kotowski
- May 2019**      **Modification of Complex Predicates workshop**  
Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf  
Co-organized with Jens Fleischhauer and Timm Lichte
- March 2019**      **Encoding emotional attitudes in non-truth conditional meaning**  
Workshop at DGfS (German Linguistics Society) Annual Meeting 41  
Co-organized with Katherine Fraser
- October 2012**      **Semantics Workshop of the American Midwest and Prairies (SWAMP)**  
Michigan State University  
Co-organized with Phil Pellino

— **Service** —

**Peer review for journals and book chapters**

Linguistics and Philosophy	2018, 2019
Natural Language and Linguistic Theory	2013, 2017, 2018, 2020
Glossa	2018, 2019
Semantics & Pragmatics	2019
Revue de Sémantique et Pragmatique	2016
<i>Oxford Handbook of Event Structure</i>	2015

**Peer review for conferences and workshops**

Sinn und Bedeutung 22, 23, 24, 25  
Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting 2019, 2020  
Modification of complex predicates workshop  
Encoding emotive attitudes in non-truth conditional meaning (DGfS 41)  
Cognitive Structures (CoSt) 2018  
SinFonIJA 12  
Events in Language and Cognition 2016

## Memberships

Linguistic Society of America (since 2012)

*Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft* “German Linguistics Society” (since 2017)

## Other

Michigan State University linguistics colloquium coordinator (2012-2014)

## — Other Skills —

**Natural Languages:** English (native), German (approx. B1)

**Artificial Languages:** Python, PHP, HTML and CSS,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , R

**Miscellaneous Software:** Adobe Photoshop, Adobe InDesign, Adobe Lightroom

## — References —

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