Deniz RUDIN

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EMPLOYMENT

2018−2025	**University of Southern California**		Assistant Professor, Linguistics
2023−			courtesy appointment in Philosophy
2024−			member, Center for Computational Language Sciences
2025−			Associate Professor, Linguistics

EDUCATION

| 2013−2018 | **University of California**, Santa Cruz | | Ph.D., Linguistics |

Thesis: *Rising Above Commitment*

Committee: Pranav Anand (chair), Adrian Brasoveanu,
Donka Farkas, Cleo Condoravdi & Dan Lassiter

| 2006−2011 | **University of Minnesota**, Twin Cities | | B.A., Linguistics |

PUBLICATIONS

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▷ IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

Deniz Rudin. accepted. Embedded intonation and quotative complements to verbs of speech. *Linguistic Inquiry*.

Deniz Rudin. 2025. Asserting epistemic modals. *Linguistics and Philosophy* 48(1), 43-88. (published online 10 December 2024)

Catherine Rudin† & **Deniz Rudin**†. 2022. On rising intonation in Balkan Slavic. *Journal of Slavic Linguistics* 30(FASL 29 extra issue), 1−10. (published online 13 December 2022)

Deniz Rudin. 2022. Intonational commitments. *Journal of Semantics* 39(2), 339-383. (published online 25 March 2022)

Stephanie Shih & **Deniz Rudin**. 2021. On sound symbolism in baseball player names. *Names: A Journal of Onomastics* 69(1), 20-34. (published online 1 June 2020)

Deniz Rudin. 2019. Head-based syntactic identity in sluicing. *Linguistic Inquiry* 50(2), 253-283.

Deniz Rudin. 2018. Uncertainty and persistence: A Bayesian Update Semantics for probabilistic expressions. *Journal of Philosophical Logic* 47(3), 365-405. (published online 13 March 2017)

▷ IN CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Tom Roberts† & **Deniz Rudin**†. 2024. Polarity reversal questions and the semantics of prosodic integration. In G. Baumann, D. Gutzmann, J. Koopman, K. Liefke, A. Renanas & T. Scheffler (eds.), *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 28*, 737−755.

Deniz Rudin & Elsi Kaiser. 2021. Connoisseurial Contradictions: Expertise modulates faultless disagreement. In N. Dreier, C. Kwon, T. Darnell & J. Starr (eds.), *Proceedings of SALT 31*, 385−404.

Elsi Kaiser† & **Deniz Rudin**†. 2021. Arguing with experts: Subjective disagreements on matters of taste. In T. Fitch, C. Lamm, H. Leder & K. Teßmar-Raible (eds.), *Proceedings of the 43rd Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*, 924-930.

Jaime Castillo-Gamboa, Alexis Wellwood & **Deniz Rudin**. 2021. *Being tall compared to* compared to *being tall* and *being taller*. In A. Beltrama, F. Schwarz & A. Papafragou (eds.), *Proceedings of Experiments in Linguistic Meaning* 1, 78−89.

Elsi Kaiser[†] & **Deniz Rudin**[†]. 2020. When faultless disagreement is not so faultless: What widely-held opinions can tell us about subjective adjectives. In P. Farrell (ed.), *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America 5*, 698-707.

Roumyana Pancheva[†] & **Deniz Rudin**[†]. 2019. Speaker discourse roles and the discourse profile of reportative evidentials. In J. Schlöder, D. McHugh & F. Roelofsen (eds.), *Proceedings of the 22nd Amsterdam Colloquium*, 327-336.

Deniz Rudin. 2019. Embedded rising declaratives and embedded quotation. In K. Blake & F. Davis (eds.), *Proceedings of SALT 29*, 1-21.

Deniz Rudin & Andrea Beltrama. 2019. Default agreement with subjective assertions. In K. Blake & F. Davis (eds.), *Proceedings of SALT 29*, 82-102.

Deniz Rudin. 2018. Rising imperatives. In S. Maspong & B. Stefánsdóttir (eds.), *Proceedings of SALT 28*, 100-119.

Margaret Kroll[†] & **Deniz Rudin**[†]. 2017. Identity and interpretation: Syntactic and pragmatic constraints on the acceptability of sluicing. In A. Lamont & K. Tetzloff (eds.), *Proceedings of NELS 47*, Vol. 2, 177-190.

Deniz Rudin, Karl DeVries, Karen Duek, Kelsey Kraus & Adrian Brasoveanu. 2016. The semantics of corrections. In J. Väänänen, Å. Hirvonen & R. de Queiroz (eds.), *Logic, Language, Information, and Computation: 23rd International Workshop*, 358-374.

Deniz Rudin. 2016. Deriving a variable-strength *might*. In N. Bade, P. Berezovskaya & A. Schöller (eds.), *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 20*, 587-603.

▷ AS EDITOR

Jason Merchant[†], Line Mikkelsen[†], **Deniz Rudin**[†] & Kelsey Sasaki[†] (eds.). 2018. *A Reasonable Way to Proceed: Essays in honor of Jim McCloskey*. Linguistics Research Center, Santa Cruz.

PRESENTATIONS

▷ ABSTRACT-REFEREED PRESENTATIONS

2025 'Revisiting the context-update potential of negation at the level of speaker rationality'
Joint work with Muxuan He & Elsi Kaiser
Special Session: *Philosophical and Linguistic Approaches to Negation*
Sinn und Bedeutung, September 27th, Frankfurt

'Unconventionalizing Common Ground'
Panel: *Speech acts meet the Common Ground*
19th International Pragmatics Conference, June 24nd, Brisbane

2023 'Polarity reversal questions and the semantics of prosodic integration'
Joint work with Tom Roberts
Sinn und Bedeutung 28, September 6, Bochum

2021 'Arguing with experts: Subjective disagreements on matters of taste'
Joint work with Elsi Kaiser
CogSci 2021, July 26, Vienna

'*Being tall compared to* compared to *being tall* and *being taller*'
Joint work with Alexis Wellwood & Jaime Castillo-Gamboa
Society for Philosophy and Psychology, June 28, Princeton

‘Connoisseurial contradictions: Expertise modulates faultless disagreement’
Joint work with Elsi Kaiser
Semantics and Linguistic Theory 31, May 8th, Brown

2020 ‘*Being tall compared to* compared to *being tall* and *being taller*’
Joint work with Alexis Wellwood & Jaime Castillo-Gamboa
Experiments in Linguistic Meaning, September 18, Philadelphia

‘On rising intonation in Balkan Slavic’
Joint work with Catherine Rudin
Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics 29, May 9th, Seattle

‘When faultless disagreement is not so faultless:
What widely-held opinions can tell us about subjective adjectives’
Joint work with Elsi Kaiser
Linguistic Society of America 94, January 4th, New Orleans

2019 ‘Default agreement with subjective assertions’
Joint work with Andrea Beltrama
Semantics and Linguistic Theory 29, May 18th, UCLA

‘Embedded rising declaratives’
Semantics and Linguistic Theory 29, May 17th, UCLA

‘Sluicing and modal mismatches’
Joint work with Dan Hardt
Sluicing@50, April 13th, Chicago

2018 ‘Whither default agreement? The case of subjective assertions’
Joint work with Andrea Beltrama
Semantics and Philosophy in Europe, December 18th, Barcelona

2017 ‘Rising imperatives’
Semantics and Linguistic Theory 28, May 18th, MIT
California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics 10, October 21st, Irvine

‘Intonation as a speech act modifier: Rising declaratives and imperatives’
Questioning Speech Acts, September 14th, Konstanz

‘Assessor-Relativizable Predicates’
Joint work with Phil Crone
Subjectivity in Language and Thought, May 19th, Chicago

‘Errata corrige: The pragmatics of error correction’
Joint work with Leon Bergen, Adrian Brasoveanu & Noah Goodman
New Advances in Formal Pragmatics, March 29th, Paris

‘A dual perspective approach to sluicing’
Joint work with Margaret Kroll
Linguistic Society of America 91, January 6th, Austin

2016 ‘Assessor-Relativizable Predicates’
Joint work with Phil Crone
California Universities Semantics & Pragmatics 9, October 21st, Santa Cruz

‘Disagreement over *might*-claims: A fully general pragmatic approach’
California Universities Semantics & Pragmatics 9, October 21st, Santa Cruz

‘Licensing and interpretation: A comprehensive theory of sluicing’
Joint work with Margaret Kroll
North East Linguistic Society 47, October 14th, Amherst

'The semantics of corrections'
Joint work with Karl DeVries, Karen Duek, Kelsey Kraus & Adrian Brasoveanu
Workshop on Logic, Language, Information, and Computation 23, August 18th, Puebla

2015 'The semantics of corrections'
Joint work with Karl DeVries, Karen Duek, Kelsey Kraus & Adrian Brasoveanu
California Universities Semantics & Pragmatics 8, November 7, Stanford

'Scalar and non-scalar implicatures of *might* and *some*'
California Universities Semantics & Pragmatics 8, November 6, Stanford

'Deriving a variable-strength *might*'
Sinn und Bedeutung 20, September 9th, Tübingen

2013 'On the distribution of stops in Omaha-Ponca'
Siouan and Caddoan Languages Conference 33, June 13th, Ft. Yates

▷ INVITED PLENARY TALKS

2024 'Deriving question bias from clause typing, context update, and pragmatics'
Polar Question Meaning[s] Across Languages, April 12th, University of Amsterdam

▷ INVITED COLLOQUIUM TALKS

2025 'Question bias: context update at the semantics/pragmatics interface'
South by Semantics Workshop, April 18th, UT Austin

2023 'Quotative and non-quotative speech reports'
University of Arizona Linguistics Colloquium, October 13th, Phoenix AZ

'Embedded quotation and varieties of asking'
General Linguistics Seminar, May 15th, University of Oxford

'Whose fault is faultless disagreement?'
Language and Linguistic Sciences Colloquium, April 26th, University of York

'Asserting epistemic modals'
ILLC Discourse In Philosophy Colloquium, April 14th, University of Amsterdam

'Faultless disagreement isn't (only) about predicates'
Edinburgh Meaning Sciences Group, April 7th, University of Edinburgh

2020 'Conventional vs. pragmatic weakness in the illocutionary typology of imperatives'
Meaning and Grammar Research Group, November 3rd, University of Edinburgh

'Intonation and epistemic bias'
Harvard Linguistics Universals Colloquium, October 30th, Cambridge MA

2018 'Rising declaratives'
UCLA Linguistics Colloquium, October 12th, Los Angeles

'Rising intonation: Declaratives, interrogatives, and imperatives'
USC Linguistics Colloquium, February 9th, Los Angeles

▷ INVITED WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION

2019 'Rising imperatives'
Stanford/CSLI Philosophy of Language & Linguistics Workshop, May 25th, Palo Alto

2025 'Syntax and semantics of quotative speech reports'
SynSem, April 18th, UT Austin

2024 'Syntax and semantics of quotative speech reports'
S-Circle, December 18th, UC Santa Cruz

2021 'Prosody-semantics interface'
Advanced Semantics, April 28th, University of Minnesota

2019 'Intonational commitments and the pragmatics of the table'
SemBabble, November 5th, UC San Diego

2018 'Rising intonation: Declaratives, interrogatives, and imperatives'
Syntax & Semantics Circle, February 2nd, Berkeley

2016 'Relevantly different'
Words With Friends, May 23rd, Stanford

'Speaker self-corrections'
Computation and Cognition Lab, March 11th, Stanford

'How to disagree with a *might*-claim: Assessor-sensitivity and the pragmatics of assertion'
SemPrag, February 23rd, Stanford

2015 'Event structure vs. argument structure'
Words With Friends, November 17, Stanford

TEACHING

▷ UNDERGRADUATE COURSES AT USC

LING 210: Introduction to Linguistics	FALL 2021
	SPRING 2022
	FALL 2023
	SPRING 2025
LING 275: Language and Mind	SPRING 2020
(with Stephanie Shih)	SPRING 2021
LING 303: Introduction to Semantics and Pragmatics	SPRING 2019
(formerly titled 'Logic and Meaning in Natural Language')	SPRING 2020
	SPRING 2022
	FALL 2022
	FALL 2024
	FALL 2025

▷ GRADUATE COURSES AT USC

LING 507: Practicum in Syntax and Semantics	FALL 2024
LING 534: Semantics	FALL 2018
(formerly titled 'Logic and the Theory of Meaning')	FALL 2019
	FALL 2020
	FALL 2021
	FALL 2022
	FALL 2023
	FALL 2024

LING 536: Advanced Semantics	SPRING 2024
LING 610: Seminar in Linguistic Theory	SPRING 2021
(Topic: Screening & Professionalization)	SPRING 2025
LING 636: Seminar in Semantics	
(Topic: Intonational Meaning & Speech Acts)	SPRING 2019
(Topic: Epistemic Modality)	SPRING 2022
(Topic: Imperatives)	SPRING 2024

▷ SUMMER SCHOOLS

North American Summer School in Logic, Language and Information	SUMMER 2022
Subjectivity in Semantic Interpretation (with Elsi Kaiser)	
European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information	SUMMER 2021
The Semantics and Psycholinguistics of Subjective Predicates (with Elsi Kaiser)	
Eastern Generative Grammar	SUMMER 2019
The Semantics-Discourse-Pragmatics Interface: Theory and Applications	

▷ INSTRUCTOR AT UCSC

LING 101: Phonology 1	WINTER 2018

▷ TEACHING ASSISTANT AT UCSC

LING 111: Syntactic Structures (Instructor: Ivy Sichel)	SPRING 2018
LING 113: Syntax 2 (Instructor: Sandy Chung)	SPRING 2017
LING 116: Semantics 2 (Instructor: Maziar Toosarvandani)	WINTER 2017
LING 112: Syntax 1 (Instructor: Jorge Hankamer)	FALL 2016
LING 116: Semantics 2 (Instructor: Adrian Brasoveanu)	WINTER 2016
LING 50: Introduction to Linguistics (Instructor: Adrian Brasoveanu)	FALL 2015
LING 101: Phonology 1 (Instructor: Junko Ito)	SPRING 2015
LING 116: Semantics 2 (Instructor: Pranav Anand)	WINTER 2015
LING 50: Semantics 1 (Instructor: Donka Farkas)	FALL 2014
LING 80C: Language, Society, and Culture (Instructor: Jim McCloskey)	SPRING 2014

▷ TEACHING SPECIALIST AT UMN

LING 5205: Semantics (Instructor: Brian Reese)	FALL 2012
LING 5205: Semantics (Instructor: Brian Reese)	SPRING 2012

RESEARCH EMPLOYMENT

▷ GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCHER AT UCSC

Experimental Investigations of Sluicing (Supervisor: Pranav Anand)	SPRING 2016
Building an Annotated Corpus of Sluices (Supervisors: Pranav Anand & Jim McCloskey)	SUMMER 2015

▷ RESEARCH ASSISTANT AT UMN

Learning Words Through Listening to Hip-Hop (Supervisor: Paula Chesley)	SPRING 2011

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ADVISING (USC LINGUISTICS DEPARTMENT IF UNSPECIFIED)

▷ PRE-DISSERTATION GENERAL ADVISING

Yingyu Su	2024–
Adam Woodnutt	2022–2023
Samir Alam	2020–2022

▷ DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

Brian Haas (USC Philosophy) — SPRING 2025
Varieties of Deception

Weng Kin San (USC Philosophy) — SUMMER 2024
Aggregation and the Structure of Value

Luis Miguel Toquero Perez — SPRING 2024
The Grammar of Individuation, Number and Measurement

Ian Rigby — FALL 2023
Sound Symbolism and Visual Categorization

Junhyo Lee (USC Philosophy) — SPRING 2022
What "Ought" Ought To Mean

Sarah Hye-yeon Lee — FALL 2021
Processing the Dynamicity of Events in Language

Haley Wei Wei (USC East Asian Languages & Cultures) — SPRING 2020
Discourse particles in Mandarin Chinese

▷ QUALIFYING COMMITTEES

Nelly Marutyan	ONGOING
Metehan Oğuz	ONGOING
Yasha Sapir (USC Philosophy)	ONGOING
Muxuan He	SUMMER 2025
Antonio Cleani (USC Philosophy)	SUMMER 2025
Luis Miguel Toquero Perez	SPRING 2023
Ian Rigby	FALL 2022
Brian Haas (USC Philosophy)	SPRING 2022
Silvia Kim	FALL 2021
Jina Song	FALL 2021
Sarah Hye-yeon Lee	SPRING 2020
Jesse Storbeck	FALL 2019
Junhyo Lee (USC Philosophy)	FALL 2019

▷ SCREENING COMMITTEES

Zhixian Huang (**chair**)	ONGOING
Yingyu Su	ONGOING
Zhixian Huang	SPRING 2025

Revisiting non-canonical objects in Mandarin

Linh Pham	SPRING 2025
Transfer of island insensitivity: How L1 Vietnamese L2 English speakers process filler-gap dependencies in English	
Yingyu Su (**chair**)	SPRING 2025
Cantonese sentence-final particle me1 and the role of the final low tone	
Zhendong Liu	SPRING 2025
The semantic composition of event counting expressions within nominals in Mandarin Chinese	
Esra Eldem	SPRING 2024
Interpretation of anaphors under VP ellipsis by heritage Turkish speakers	
Yaqing Hu	FALL 2023
Measure phrases in Chinese bare comparatives	
Muxuan He	FALL 2023
'Just right' is not always right: Asymmetrical effects of informativity in affirmative and negative sentences	
Haley Hsu	SPRING 2023
As a matter of fact: An exploration of objectivity-seeking	
Nelly Marutyan	SPRING 2023
Phase edges as binders: The case of Eastern Armenian	
Katie Kennedy	SPRING 2023
If X made Y drop ___, who did the dropping?	
Adam Woodnutt	SPRING 2022
Principled differences between the singular definite generic and bare plural generics	
Samir Alam	SPRING 2021
Bangla quirky subjects	
Peifen Chen	SPRING 2021
Clause types of embedded clause in Mandarin Chinese	
Ian Rigby	SPRING 2021
Sound symbolism guides the resolution of shape-ambiguity	
Jun Lyu	FALL 2020
Processing of Chinese reflexives in discourse: Topic prominence, verb bias, and locality	
Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee (**chair**)	SPRING 2020
M-zi 'not-know' in Cantonese as an epistemic marker	
Ian Rigby	SPRING 2020
Structure, gender, & information: A multivariate analysis of English name blends	
Luis Miguel Toquero Perez	SPRING 2020
Revising extraction and subextraction patterns from arguments	
Silvia Kim	SPRING 2020
Null pronoun interpretation in Korean: Differences between monolinguals and second language learners	
Sarah Hye-yeon Lee	FALL 2018
The interpretation of the comparison class in degree predication	

▷ BA THESIS SUPERVISION

Adeline Wang	SPRING 2021
New media, old techniques: Propaganda in the age of youtube	

▷ 'POP-UP' MENTORING OF GRADUATE STUDENTS AT CONFERENCES

NELS 50 & 52, LSA 94, ELM 1, SALT 31, WCCFL 40, NASSLLI 2022

GRANTS

2017   **Fall Dissertation Quarter Fellowship**
2017   **Institute for Humanities Research Summer Dissertation Fellowship**
2015   **Tanya Honig Graduate Research Initiative Grant**
        Co-recipient on behalf of the SPLAP! Reading Group

SERVICE

▷ EDITORIAL BOARDS

SEMANTICS AND PRAGMATICS: 2024–

▷ AD HOC REVIEWING FOR JOURNALS

ANALYSIS: 2019, 2025
AUSTRALASIAN JOURNAL OF PHILOSOPHY: 2022
ERKENNTNIS: 2022, 2023(x2)
GLOSSA: 2018, 2024(x2)
JOURNAL OF LINGUISTICS: 2018, 2021
JOURNAL OF PRAGMATICS: 2021
JOURNAL OF SEMANTICS: 2016, 2018(x2), 2019, 2020, 2023(x2), 2024
LANGUAGE: 2020, 2021
LINGUISTIC INQUIRY: 2019, 2021, 2022
LINGUISTICS AND PHILOSOPHY: 2020(x2), 2024, 2025(x2)
NATURAL LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTIC THEORY: 2020(x2), 2022
NATURAL LANGUAGE SEMANTICS: 2023, 2024(x2)
PHILOSOPHY AND PHENOMENOLOGICAL RESEARCH: 2021
SEMANTICS AND PRAGMATICS: 2024, 2025(x2)
SYNTAX: 2017, 2021, 2022
SYNTHESE: 2022

▷ AD HOC REVIEWING FOR EDITED VOLUMES

2025   *Cambridge Elements in Semantics*
2024   *Oxford Handbook of Non-Canonical Questions*
2023   *Cambridge Elements in Semantics*
2023   *Topics in the semantics of Slavic languages*

▷ ANNUAL REVIEWING FOR CONFERENCES

2016–   SINN UND BEDEUTUNG
2019–   SEMANTICS AND LINGUISTIC THEORY
2019–   AMSTERDAM COLLOQUIUM
2019–   NORTH EAST LINGUISTIC SOCIETY
2020–   CHICAGO LINGUISTIC SOCIETY
2022–   WEST COAST CONFERENCE ON FORMAL LINGUISTICS
2022–   GLOW IN ASIA

▷ AD HOC REVIEWING FOR CONFERENCES

2015   ESSLLI STUDENT SESSION
2019   TBILISI SYMPOSIUM ON LANGUAGE LOGIC AND COMPUTATION
2024   WORKSHOP ON TURKIC AND LANGUAGES IN CONTACT WITH TURKIC (Tu+)

▷ AD HOC REVIEWING FOR GRANTS

2021   Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada: Insight Grants

2023   National Science Foundation Dissertation Research Grant

▷ Conference/Workshop/Colloquium Organizing

2025   **Session Chair**, Tu+ 10, USC
2020−25 **Co-Organizer**, USC Philosophy 'Mind & Language' Colloquium Series
2022   **Moderator**, 'From WCCFL 1 to WCCFL 40 and beyond', Stanford
2022   **Session Chair**, CUSP 13, UCLA
2022   **Moderator**, NASSLLI 2022 Industry Jobs Panel, USC
2021−22 **Organizing Committee**, NASSLLI Summer School
2019   **Organizer**, California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics 12
2016   **Organizing Committee**, Semantics of Underrepresented Languages in the Americas 9
2016   **Co-Organizer**, UCSC SPLAP! Workshop on Semantics & Cognition

▷ Service to the Linguistics Department, USC

2019−22 **Graduate Studies Committee**
2024−

2024−   **Operating Procedures Committee** (chair)

2019−20 **Graduate Admissions Committee**
2023−25

2019   **Chair Consultative Committee**
2021

2019   **Faculty Merit Review Committee**

2019−20 **Search Committee** (Tenure Track, Syntax)
2020−21 **Search Committee** (Tenure Track, Psycholinguistics)
2021   **Search Committee** (Postdoc, Syntax)
2021−22 **Search Committee**, DEI liaison (Tenure Track, Syntax)
2024−25 **Search Committee** (Tenure Track/Open Rank, Computational Approaches to Linguistics)

▷ Service to the Linguistics Department, UCSC

2017   **Graduate Recruitment Czar**
2015−16 **Graduate Representative**
2014−15 **Colloquium Committee Transportation Czar**
2014−17 **Coordinator**, SPLAP! Reading Group
2014   **Co-founder**, SPLAP! Reading Group
2013−14 **Coordinator**, PHLUNCH Reading Group

Public Outreach

2021   **Podcast Guest**, *Nobody Listens to Paula Poundstone*
        Ep. 151, 'The Meaning of Meaning'
        available at `https://paulapoundstone.com/podcast/ep-151-the-meaning-of-meaning-3/`