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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: <i>Rising Above Commitment</i>	
	Committee: Pranav Anand (chair), Adrian Brasoveanu, Donka Farkas, Cleo Condoravdi & Dan Lassiter	
2006–2011	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities	B.A., Linguistics

PUBLICATIONS

† = equal contribution ____ = senior author

▷ IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

Deniz Rudin. accepted w/revisions. 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 ‘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

▷ INVITED BROWNBAG TALKS

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 (with Stephanie Shih)	SPRING 2020 SPRING 2021
LING 303: Introduction to Semantics and Pragmatics (formerly titled ‘Logic and Meaning in Natural Language’)	SPRING 2019 SPRING 2020 SPRING 2022 FALL 2022 FALL 2024

▷ GRADUATE COURSES AT USC

LING 507: Practicum in Syntax and Semantics	FALL 2024
LING 534: Semantics (formerly titled ‘Logic and the Theory of Meaning’)	FALL 2018 FALL 2019 FALL 2020 FALL 2021 FALL 2022 FALL 2023 FALL 2024
LING 536: Advanced Semantics	SPRING 2024
LING 610: Seminar in Linguistic Theory (Topic: Screening & Professionalization)	SPRING 2021 SPRING 2025
LING 636: Seminar in Semantics (Topic: Intonational Meaning & Speech Acts) (Topic: Epistemic Modality)	SPRING 2019 SPRING 2022

▷ SUMMER SCHOOLS

North American Summer School in Logic, Language and Information
Subjectivity in Semantic Interpretation (with Elsi Kaiser) SUMMER 2022

European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information
The Semantics and Psycholinguistics of Subjective Predicates (with Elsi Kaiser) SUMMER 2021

Eastern Generative Grammar
The Semantics-Discourse-Pragmatics Interface: Theory and Applications SUMMER 2019

▷ 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

ADVISING (USC LINGUISTICS DEPARTMENT IF UNSPECIFIED)

▷ PRE-DISSERTATION GENERAL ADVISING

Yingyu Su 2024–

Adam Woodnutt 2022–2023

▷ DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

Brian Haas (USC Philosophy)	ONGOING
Weng Kin San (USC Philosophy) <i>Aggregation and the Structure of Value</i>	SUMMER 2024
Luis Miguel Toquero Perez <i>The Grammar of Individuation, Number and Measurement</i>	SPRING 2024
Ian Rigby <i>Sound Symbolism and Visual Categorization</i>	FALL 2023
Junhyo Lee (USC Philosophy) <i>What “Ought” Ought To Mean</i>	SPRING 2022
Sarah Hye-yeon Lee <i>Processing the Dynamicity of Events in Language</i>	FALL 2021
Haley Wei Wei (USC East Asian Languages & Cultures) <i>Discourse particles in Mandarin Chinese</i>	SPRING 2020

▷ QUALIFYING COMMITTEES

Nelly Marutyan	ONGOING
Muxuan He	ONGOING
Antonio Cleani (USC Philosophy)	ONGOING
Yasha Sapir (USC Philosophy)	ONGOING
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

Yingyu Su (chair)	ONGOING
Zhendong Liu	ONGOING
Zhixian Huang	ONGOING
Linh Pham	ONGOING
Esra Eldem <i>Interpretation of anaphors under VP ellipsis by heritage Turkish speakers</i>	SPRING 2024
Yaqing Hu <i>Measure phrases in Chinese bare comparatives</i>	FALL 2023
Muxuan He <i>‘Just right’ is not always right: Asymmetrical effects of informativity in affirmative and negative sentences</i>	FALL 2023
Haley Hsu <i>As a matter of fact: An exploration of objectivity-seeking</i>	SPRING 2023

Nelly Marutyan <i>Phase edges as binders: The case of Eastern Armenian</i>	SPRING 2023
Katie Kennedy <i>If X made Y drop __, who did the dropping?</i>	SPRING 2023
Adam Woodnutt <i>Principled differences between the singular definite generic and bare plural generics</i>	SPRING 2022
Samir Alam <i>Bangla quirky subjects</i>	SPRING 2021
Peifen Chen <i>Clause types of embedded clause in Mandarin Chinese</i>	SPRING 2021
Ian Rigby <i>Sound symbolism guides the resolution of shape-ambiguity</i>	SPRING 2021
Jun Lyu <i>Processing of Chinese reflexives in discourse: Topic prominence, verb bias, and locality</i>	FALL 2020
Tommy Tsz-Ming Lee (chair) <i>M-zi 'not-know' in Cantonese as an epistemic marker</i>	SPRING 2020
Ian Rigby <i>Structure, gender, & information: A multivariate analysis of English name blends</i>	SPRING 2020
Luis Miguel Toquero Perez <i>Revising extraction and subextraction patterns from arguments</i>	SPRING 2020
Silvia Kim <i>Null pronoun interpretation in Korean: Differences between monolinguals and second language learners</i>	SPRING 2020
Sarah Hye-yeon Lee <i>The interpretation of the comparison class in degree predication</i>	FALL 2018

▷ BA THESIS SUPERVISION

Adeline Wang <i>New media, old techniques: Propaganda in the age of youtube</i>	SPRING 2021
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▷ '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
 NATURAL LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTIC THEORY: 2020(x2), 2022
 NATURAL LANGUAGE SEMANTICS: 2023, 2024(x2)
 PHILOSOPHY AND PHENOMENOLOGICAL RESEARCH: 2021
 SEMANTICS AND PRAGMATICS: 2024, 2025
 SYNTAX: 2017, 2021, 2022
 SYNTHESIS: 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/>