

# Deniz RUDIN

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## EMPLOYMENT

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2018–now    **University of Southern California**    —    Assistant Professor, Linguistics

## EDUCATION

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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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\* = *equal contribution*                      \_\_\_\_ = *project supervisor*

### ▷ IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

Deniz Rudin. to appear. Intonational commitments. *Journal of Semantics*.

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

**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

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▷ ABSTRACT-REFEREED PRESENTATIONS

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

‘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 and 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 PRESENTATIONS

2021 ‘Prosody-semantics interface’

**Advanced Semantics**, April 28th, University of Minnesota

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 Universals Colloquium**, October 30th, Cambridge MA

2019 ‘Intonational commitments and the pragmatics of the table’

**SemBabble**, November 5th, UCSD

‘Rising imperatives’

**Stanford/CSLI Philosophy of Language & Linguistics Workshop**, May 25th, Palo Alto

2018 ‘Rising declaratives’

**UCLA Colloquium**, October 12th, Los Angeles

‘Rising intonation: Declaratives, interrogatives, and imperatives’

**Syntax & Semantics Circle**, February 2nd, Berkeley

**USC Colloquium**, February 9th, Los Angeles

- 2016 ‘Relevantly different’  
**Words With Friends**, May 23rd, Stanford
- ‘Speaker self-corrections’  
**Computation and Cognition Lab**, March 11, Stanford
- ‘How to disagree with a *might*-claim: Assessor-sensitivity and the pragmatics of assertion’  
**SemPrag**, February 23, Stanford
- 2015 ‘Event structure vs. argument structure’  
**Words With Friends**, November 17, Stanford

## TEACHING

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### ▷ UNDERGRADUATE COURSES AT USC

LING 210: Introduction to Linguistics	FALL 2021 SPRING 2022
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

### ▷ GRADUATE COURSES AT USC

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

### ▷ SUMMER SCHOOLS

European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information <i>The Semantics and Psycholinguistics of Subjective Predicates</i> (with Elsi Kaiser)	SUMMER 2021
Eastern Generative Grammar <i>The Semantics-Discourse-Pragmatics Interface: Theory and Applications</i>	SUMMER 2019

### ▷ INSTRUCTOR AT UCSC

LING 101: Phonology 1	WINTER 2018
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### ▷ 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
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## RESEARCH

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▷ 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)

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▷ PHD ADVISEES	
Samir Alam	2020–
▷ DISSERTATION COMMITTEES	
Betül Erbaşı	ONGOING
Junhyo Lee (USC Philosophy)	ONGOING
Sarah Hye-yeon Lee	FALL 2021
<i>Processing the Dynamicity of Events in Language</i>	
Haley Wei Wei (USC East Asian Languages & Cultures)	SPRING 2020
<i>Discourse particles in Mandarin Chinese</i>	
▷ QUALIFYING COMMITTEES	
Brian Haas (USC Philosophy)	ONGOING
Ian Rigby	ONGOING
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	

Samir Alam ( <b>chair</b> )	ONGOING
Adam Woodnutt	ONGOING
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 ( <b>chair</b> ) <i>M-zì 'not-know' in Cantonese as an epistemic marker</i>	SPRING 2020
Ian Rigby <i>Structure, gender, &amp; 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
▷ AD HOC 'POP-UP' MENTORING	
NELS 50 & 52, LSA 94, ELM 1, SALT 31	

## GRANTS

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

## SERVICE

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▷ AD HOC REVIEWING FOR JOURNALS	
JOURNAL OF SEMANTICS:	2016, 2018(x2), 2019, 2020
LINGUISTICS AND PHILOSOPHY:	2020(x2)
LINGUISTIC INQUIRY:	2019, 2021
NATURAL LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTIC THEORY:	2020(x2)
LANGUAGE:	2020, 2021
PHILOSOPHY AND PHENOMENOLOGICAL RESEARCH:	2021
JOURNAL OF PRAGMATICS:	2021
ANALYSIS:	2019
GLOSSA:	2018
JOURNAL OF LINGUISTICS:	2018, 2021
SYNTAX:	2017, 2021

▷ 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

▷ AD HOC REVIEWING FOR CONFERENCES

- 2019 TBILISI SYMPOSIUM ON LANGUAGE LOGIC AND COMPUTATION
- 2015 ESSLLI STUDENT SESSION

▷ AD HOC REVIEWING FOR GRANTS

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

▷ CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP/COLLOQUIUM ORGANIZING

- 2020– **Co-Organizer**, USC Philosophy ‘Mind & Language’ Colloquium Series
- 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– **Graduate Studies Committee**
- 2021–22 **Job Search Committee**, DEI liaison (Tenure Track, Syntax)
- 2021 **Chair Consultative Committee**
- 2021 **Job Search Committee** (Postdoc, Syntax)
- 2020–21 **Job Search Committee** (Tenure Track, Psycholinguistics)
- 2019–20 **Graduate Admissions Committee**
- 2019–20 **Job Search Committee** (Tenure Track, Syntax)
- 2019 **Faculty Merit Review Committee**
- 2019 **Chair Consultative Committee**

▷ 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

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- 2021 **Podcast Guest**, *Nobody Listens to Paula Poundstone*  
Ep. 151, ‘The Meaning of Meaning’

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