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EMPLOYMENT

2018–now **University of Southern California** — Assistant 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

* = *equal contribution* ____ = *project supervisor*

▷ IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

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

Catherine Rudin* & **Deniz Rudin***. 2022. On rising intonation in Balkan Slavic. *Journal of Slavic Linguistics* 30(FASL 29 extra issue), 1–10.

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. (published as an edited volume)
- 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

- 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

2023 ‘Embedded quotation and varieties of asking’
Oxford Colloquium, May 15th, Oxford

‘Whose fault is faultless disagreement?’
University of York Colloquium, April 26th, York

‘Asserting epistemic modals’
Institute for Logic, Language and Computation Colloquium, April 14th, Amsterdam

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

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

▷ 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 FALL 2022

▷ GRADUATE COURSES AT USC

LING 534: Semantics (formerly titled ‘Logic and the Theory of Meaning’)	FALL 2018 FALL 2019 FALL 2020 FALL 2021 FALL 2022
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

North American Summer School in Logic, Language and Information <i>Subjectivity in Semantic Interpretation</i> (with Elsi Kaiser)	SUMMER 2022
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
LING 5205: Semantics (Instructor: Brian Reese)	SPRING 2012

RESEARCH

▷ 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

Adam Woodnutt	2022–2023
Samir Alam	2020–2022

▷ DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

Brian Haas (USC Philosophy)	ONGOING
Luis Miguel Toquero Perez	ONGOING
Ian Rigby	ONGOING
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	
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	
Katie Kennedy	ONGOING
Haley Hsu	ONGOING
Nelly Marutyan	ONGOING
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

New media, old techniques: Propaganda in the age of youtube

SPRING 2021

▷ AD HOC ‘POP-UP’ MENTORING

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

▷ AD HOC REVIEWING FOR JOURNALS

ANALYSIS: 2019

AUSTRALASIAN JOURNAL OF PHILOSOPHY: 2022

ERKENNTNIS: 2022, 2023

GLOSSA: 2018

JOURNAL OF LINGUISTICS: 2018, 2021

JOURNAL OF PRAGMATICS: 2021

JOURNAL OF SEMANTICS: 2016, 2018(x2), 2019, 2020, 2023

LANGUAGE: 2020, 2021

LINGUISTIC INQUIRY: 2019, 2021, 2022

LINGUISTICS AND PHILOSOPHY: 2020(x2)

NATURAL LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTIC THEORY: 2020(x2), 2022

NATURAL LANGUAGE SEMANTICS: 2023

PHILOSOPHY AND PHENOMENOLOGICAL RESEARCH: 2021

SYNTAX: 2017, 2021, 2022

SYNTHESE: 2022

▷ 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

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

2023 National Science Foundation Dissertation Research Grant

▷ CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP/COLLOQUIUM ORGANIZING

- 2020– **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**
- 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

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

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