Dimka Atanassov

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Education

2008–2014	**Ph.D. in Linguistics**, *University of Pennsylvania*, Philadelphia, PA.
	Committee: Florian Schwarz (chair), John Trueswell, Robin Clark
	Thesis: "Processing strategies for scalar implicatures"
2013-2014	**Exchange Scholar, Linguistics**, *Stanford University*, Palo Alto, CA.
2004–2008	**M.A. in Linguistics**, *Tel Aviv University*, Tel Aviv, Israel.
	Summa Cum Laude
	Advisor: Fred Landman
	Thesis: "The Progressive from a Computational Point of View"
2000-2004	**B.Sc. in Computer Science and Mathematics**, *Tel Aviv University*, Tel Aviv, Israel.

Honors & Awards

2008-2013	**Benjamin Franklin Five Year Fellowship (Tuition and Monthly Stipend)**, *University of Pennsylvania*.
2012	**Travel Grant**, *University of Pennsylvania*.
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2007	**Excellence Scholarship**, *Tel Aviv University*.
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Experience

2015-present	**UX Researcher**, *Google (Contract through Adecco)*, Mountain View, CA.
	Developed and ran in person usability studies for a variety of Google products
2014-2015	**Course Manager**, *Udacity*, Mountain View, CA.
	Guided over 500 students from all over the world through Computer Science courses in Data Science, Python, UX Design, Android Development and Front-End Development
2007	**Quality Evaluation Contractor**, *Google*, Tel Aviv, Israel.
	Bulgarian language consultant for a short-term project.
2006-2007	**Software Developer**, *Synergy Integration Ltd.*, Tel Aviv, Israel.
	Supported a desktop application in C++.
2005-2006	**Software Developer**, *eRocki Ltd.*, Tel Aviv, Israel.
	Developed new applications in Delphi and in C++.

Publications, Presentations and Talks

Conference Proceedings

2013   Dimka Atanassov, Florian Schwarz and John Trueswell. "On the processing of *might*". *Proceedings of the 36th Annual Penn Linguistics Colloquium.* Penn Working Papers in Linguistics, Vol. 19.1, ed. Kobey Shwayder. Philadelphia, PA.

Conference Talks

October 2013   Dimka Atanassov. "Priming *some* with *might*: eye movements evidence for interference effects across different scalar implicature triggers". *The 6th California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics Conference.* University of California, Berkeley, CA.

March 2012   Dimka Atanassov, Florian Schwarz and John Trueswell. "On the processing of *might*". *The 36th Annual Penn Linguistics Colloquium.* University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.

June 2011   Christine Boylan, Dimka Atanassov, Florian Schwarz and John Trueswell. "A matter of ambiguity? Using eye movements to examine collective vs. distributive interpretations of plural sets". *The 4th Biennial Conference of Experimental Pragmatics*, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain.

April 2011   Dimka Atanassov. "The Bulgarian Reportative as a Conventional Implicature." *The 10th International Conference on Tense, Aspect, Modality and Evidentiality.* Aston University, Birmingham, UK.

Conference Posters

March 2012   Dimka Atanassov, Florian Schwarz and John Trueswell. "On the processing of epistemic modals". *The 25th Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing.* CUNY Graduate Center, New York City, NY.

March 2012   Christine Boylan, Dimka Atanassov, Florian Schwarz and John Trueswell. "The collective bias? Using eye movements to examine collective vs. distributive interpretations of plural sets". *The 25th Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing.* CUNY Graduate Center, New York City, NY.

February 2012   Dimka Atanassov, Florian Schwarz and John Trueswell. "On the processing of epistemic modals". *The 2nd Mid-Atlantic Colloquium of Studies in Meaning.* University of Maryland, College Park, MD.

February 2012   Christine Boylan, Dimka Atanassov, Florian Schwarz and John Trueswell. "The collective bias? Using eye movements to examine collective vs distributive interpretations of plural sets". *The 2nd Mid-Atlantic Colloquium of Studies in Meaning.* University of Maryland, College Park, MD.

April 2010   Dimka Atanassov. "The Bulgarian Reportative as a Conventional Implicature". *The 1st Mid-Atlantic Colloquium of Studies in Meaning.* University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.

Teaching and Research Experience

Fall 2013-
Spring 2014
Laboratory Teaching Assistant, *Stanford University*, Palo Alto, CA.
Assisted students with data oriented research projects; designed and led an R workshop.

2010-2011
Graduate Research Assistant for Schwarz Lab, *University of Pennsylvania*, Philadelphia, PA.
Assisted in managing the lab, implementing and executing eye-tracking studies

Spring 2011
Grader for Language and Game Theory (LING 354), *University of Pennsylvania*, Philadelphia, PA.

Spring 2010
Teaching Assistant for Introduction to Linguistics (LING 001), *University of Pennsylvania*, Philadelphia, PA.

Fall 2009
Teaching Assistant for Introduction to Formal Linguistics (LING 106), *University of Pennsylvania*, Philadelphia, PA.

Academic Service

2012-2013
Reviewer for the Penn Linguistics Colloquium, *University of Pennsylvania*, Philadelphia, PA.

2011-2012
Representative in the Student Government of the School of Arts and Sciences (SASgov), *University of Pennsylvania*, Philadelphia, PA.
Served as part of the Public Affairs committee

2010-2011
Penn Linguistics Colloquium Committee member, *University of Pennsylvania*, Philadelphia, PA.
Managed, maintained and updated the conference webpage

Computer and Research Skills

Research Skills
Experimental design, data analysis, eye tracking methodologies and techniques, in person usability studies.

Research Tools
R, Experiment Builder, E-Prime, Praat, Qualtrics.

Programming Languages
C, C++, Java, Delphi, Python.

Other
LaTeX, Microsoft Office.

Languages

English **Fluent**

Hebrew **Native**

Bulgarian **Native**