# 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"

**Exchange Scholar, Linguistics**, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA. 2013-Present

M.A. in Linguistics, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel. 2004-2008

> Summa Cum Laude Advisor: Fred Landman

Thesis: "The Progressive from a Computational Point of View"

B.Sc. in Computer Science and Mathematics, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, 2000-2004

Israel.

## Honors & Awards

2008-2013 Benjamin Franklin Five Year Fellowship (Tuition and Monthly Stipend), University of Pennsylvania.

2012 Travel Grant, University of Pennsylvania.

**Travel Grant**, *University of Pennsylvania*. 2011

2011 **Travel Grant**, University of Pennsylvania.

**Excellence Scholarship**, Tel Aviv University. 2007

2006 **Excellence Scholarship**, Tel Aviv University.

## Experience

2014-present Course Manager, *Udacity*, Mountain View.

Guided over 200 students from all over the world through Computer Science courses in Data

Science, Python, UX Design, and Android Development.

Quality Evaluation Contractor, Google, Tel Aviv, Israel. 2007

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 36<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 36<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of Experimental Pragmatics*, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain.
  - April 2011 Dimka Atanassov. "The Bulgarian Reportative as a Conventional Implicature." *The* 10<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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  $2^{nd}$  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  $1^{st}$  Mid-Atlantic Colloquium of Studies in Meaning. University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.

# Teaching and Research Experience

Fall 2013- Laboratory Teaching Assistant, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA.

Spring 2014 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**.

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

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

Other LATEX, Microsoft Office.

# Languages

English Fluent

Hebrew Native

Bulgarian Native