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Employment

2022– **Beatriu de Pinós Fellow**

Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

PROJECT: *Degrees across categories*. (Principal Investigator.)

Horizon 2020 (Marie Skłodowska-Curie grant agreement No. 801370).

Secretary of Universities and Research (Government of Catalonia).

2021–2022 **Visiting Assistant Professor**

Cornell University, Department of Linguistics

2019–2021 **Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow**

Cornell University, Society for the Humanities & Department of Linguistics

Mellon Foundation

2017–2019 **Postdoctoral Researcher**

Heinrich-Heine Universität Düsseldorf

Education

2012–2017 **University of Massachusetts Amherst**

Ph.D., Linguistics

DISSERTATION: *Amount Relatives Redux*

COMMITTEE: Rajesh Bhatt, Vincent Homer (co-chairs), Seth Cable, Barbara

Partee, Daniel Altshuler (external member)

Summer 2014 **North American Summer School for Language, Logic & Information**

University of Maryland

Sep–Dec 2011 **University of Massachusetts Amherst**

Visiting student, Department of Linguistics

Spring 2011 **Instituto Cervantes**

Certificate on Teaching Spanish as a Second Language

2010–2011 **University of the Basque Country**

Internship Research Fellow, Department of Linguistics and Basque Studies

2006–2009 **University of the Basque Country**

M.A., Linguistics

2004–2005 **Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg**

Visiting student, Department of English

2001–2006 **University of the Basque Country**

B.A., Translation and Interpreting Studies

Specialization in Basque, Spanish, English and German

Publications

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2022 'More on (the lack of) reconstruction in tough-constructions'. *Linguistic Inquiry* (online first).
(With Ethan Poole & Stefan Keine.)
'Degree relative clauses in Spanish'. *Isogloss* 8(5), 1–15.
'Structural effects on implicature calculation'. *Journal of Semantics* 39(3), 404–442.
- 2020 'Reference to *ad hoc* kinds'. *Linguistics & Philosophy* 43(6), 589–631.
'One more comparative'. *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory* 38(2), 581–626.
'Competing for oddness'. *Snippets* 39, 6–7.
- 2015 'Interpreting quantifiers in subject position'. *Iberia* 7, 33–67.

ARTICLES IN BOOKS AND CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- to appear* 'A note on sufficiency predicates'. *Proceedings of NELS* 53. (With M.Teresa Espinal)
'Neuter relative constructions'. *Proceedings of NELS* 52.
- 2022 'Pragmatic filtering and Presupposition Projection'. *Empirical Issues in Syntax & Semantics* 14.
- 2018 'Epistemic numbers'. *Proceedings of SALT* 28.
'Spurious NPI licensing and exhaustification'. *Proceedings of SALT* 28.
(With Ethan Poole & Brian Dillon.)
'Some kind of relative clause'. *Proceedings of SuB* 22.
'Emphatic Relative Constructions as answered questions'. *Proceedings of NELS* 48.
- 2017 'Complex cardinals of approximation in Spanish'. *Proceedings of WCCFL* 35.
'Conventionalizing at least some determiners'. *Proceedings of CLS* 52.
- 2016 'Reasoning with Partial Orders'. *Proceedings of SALT* 26.
'Focusing on scales: superlatives as scalar modifiers'. *Proceedings of NELS* 46.
'Conveying ignorance'. *Proceedings of ConSOLE* 23.
- 2015 'Typicality effects and distributivity'. *Proceedings of WCCFL* 33.

UNPUBLISHED MANUSCRIPTS

- under review* 'Silencing the PCC' (*Linguistic Inquiry*; with Stefan Keine).
'Non-agreeing degree constructions' (*Journal of Linguistics*; with M.Teresa Espinal).
'Unconcealed questions & exclamations' (*Glossa*).
- in preparation* 'Compositionality in Phrasal Comparatives.'
'Grice's missing example and non-natural meaning.'

Presentations

INVITED TALKS

- upcoming* TBA. GLiF Seminar. UPF, 08/06/2023.
TBA. Workshop on Degree. CRISSP, KU Leuven, 06/02.
- 2022 'Quantity Concealed Questions?' Semantics Circle. ZAS, 12/15.
'Epistemic Defensibility and pragmatic weakening'. CLT Seminar. UAB, 10/07.
'Nominal Reference Beyond Individuals'. HiTT Seminar. UPV/EHU, 06/27.
'Singular agreeing predicates'. Meaning in Language Colloquium, Heinrich-Heine University
Düsseldorf, 06/01 (with María Teresa Espinal).
- 2021 'Pragmatic weakening in presupposition projection'. University of Rochester, 07/24.

- ‘Compositionality in comparative constructions’. CRISSP Seminar, KU Leuven, 06/16.
- 2020 ‘Generics, attitudes and exceptions’. University of Rochester, 12/05 (with Hana Filip).
‘Structuring ignorance’. Rutgers University, 03/06.
- 2019 ‘A matter of ignorance’. Cornell Workshop in Linguistics and Philosophy, 10/05.
‘Genericity with epistemic effects’. GRATO 2019; 6th International Conference on Grammar and Text, 11/14 (with Hana Filip).
‘Genericity and epistemic attitudes’. 20th Szklarska Poręba Workshop on the Roots of Pragmasemantics, 03/01 (with Hana Filip).
- 2018 ‘Characterizing generics and knowledge of exceptions’. ZAS Berlin, 10/10.
- 2017 ‘Amount Relatives Redux’. SemPrE HHU, 09/20.

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

- 2023 ‘Between aspect and modality: the “soler + infinitive” periphrasis in Spanish’. WCCFL 41. UC Santa Cruz. 05/06.
‘Unconventional measurements’. NELS 53, University of Göttingen (with M.Teresa Espinal).
- 2022 ‘Non-Agreeing Degree Predicates’. InSemantiC, University of Porto (with M.Teresa Espinal).
‘Between CP and DP’. InSemantiC, University of Porto.
‘The anatomy of some *wh*-constructions’. SinFonIJa 15, Università di Udine.
- 2021 ‘Towards a pragmatic solution of the proviso problem’. CSSP, Université de Paris.
‘Modifying extents’. Going Romance 2021, University of Amsterdam.
‘Degree relative clauses’. NELS52, Rutgers University.
- 2019 ‘Domain restrictions in Bangla Concealed Questions’. 2019 LSA Meeting (with Diti Bhadra).
- 2018 ‘Characterizing genericity and epistemic commitments’. Semantics & Philosophy in Europe 10, Barcelona (with Hana Filip).
‘The anatomy of some *wh*-constructions’. Form-Meaning Mismatches in Natural Language, GAU Göttingen.
‘Epistemic numbers’. SALT 28, MIT, Boston.
‘Spurious NPI licensing is covert licensing’. SALT 28, MIT, Boston (with Ethan Poole & Brian Dillon).
‘Spurious NPI licensing is covert licensing’. WCCFL 36, UCLA, California (with Ethan Poole & Brian Dillon).
‘Degree relatives and their kin’. GLOW 41, Research Institute for Linguistic, MTA Budapest.
- 2017 ‘Emphatic Relatives as answered questions’. NELS 35, University of Iceland, Reykjavík.
‘Some kind of relative clause’. SuB 22, ZAS/Potsdam University, Berlin.
‘Complex cardinals of approximation’. WCCFL 35, University of Calgary, Canada.
‘Knowledge about ignorance’. LSA Annual Meeting 2017, Austin.
- 2016 ‘Reasoning with Partial Orders’. SALT 26, University of Austin.
‘Conventionalizing at least some determiners’. CLS 52, University of Chicago.
‘It’s tough to reconstruct’. GLOW 2016, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen (with Ethan Poole (first author) & Stefan Keine).
‘Cardinals of approximation in Spanish’. CONSOLE 24, University of York, UK.
- 2015 ‘Cardinals of approximation in Spanish’. Going Romance 29, Radboud University, NL.
‘Focusing on scales’. NELS 46, Concordia University, Montreal.
‘Typicality effects & distributivity’. WCCFL 33, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver.

- ‘Ignorance in context: the case of superlative modifiers’. LSA Annual Meeting, Portland.
 ‘Ignorance inferences & superlative modification’. CONSOLE 23, U. Paris Diderot–Paris 7.
 2014 ‘Non-atomic distributivity and typicality’. NASSLLI 2014, UMD, Maryland.

Service

- Organizing** Going Romance 36 (UAB), SALT 30 (Cornell), NELS 47 (UMass), SNEWS 2014 (UMass), 6th WoSS (UPV/EHU)
- Reviewing** Journals: Semantics & Pragmatics, Linguistics & Philosophy, Journal of Semantics, Natural Language & Linguistic Theory, Syntax, Canadian Journal of Linguistics, Snippets, Neuphilologische Mitteilungen, Uztaro.
- Conferences: TripleA (6–10), NCI Berlin 2018, CoSt18, Sensus (1–2), Non-Q-*wh*-clauses 2020, LAGB (2018/19), SALT (29–33), SuB (22–26), NELS (46–53), FASAL 7, CONSOLE (21–25), TU+ (1–6)

Grants & Awards

- 2022–2025 Beatriu de Pinós Grant (BP2020–00121), Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona.
Co-funded by the Horizon 2020 programme of research and innovation of the European Union (Marie Skłodowska-Curie grant agreement No. 801370) and the Secretary of Universities and Research of the Government of Catalonia.
- 2019–2021 Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship, Society for the Humanities at Cornell University.
Funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.
- 2017 Student Abstract Award Winner (2nd place). *Linguistics Society of America.*
- 2009–2012 Predoctoral Fellowship; Department of Linguistics and Basque Studies, UPV/EHU. Vitoria–Gasteiz, Spain. *Funded by the Basque Government.*
- 2004–2005 Erasmus Fellowship; Department of Romanistik, Albert-Ludwigs University, Freiburg, Germany. *Funded by the European Union.*
- 2001 – 2004 General Grant for Undergraduate Studies; Translation and Interpreting. Vitoria–Gasteiz, Spain. *Funded by the Basque Government.*

Student supervision

UNIVESITAT AUTÒNOMA DE BARCELONA

Yining Wang (Masters Thesis): *The expression of mirativity in Mandarin Chinese*; expected Summer 2023

Paolo Morosi (PhD Thesis): *Non-definite uses of definite articles*; expected Summer 2023

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Ivy Braxton Harrington (Honors Thesis): *Poetic Uses of Pragmatic Modulation*; Winter 2021

Mia Gong (PhD QP): *Suffix order and linear relations in Dagur noun phrases*; Fall Spring 2021

Kalen Chang (Honors Thesis): *Presuppositional Variation: Projective Properties of Distributive Quantifiers*; Summer 2020

HEINRICH HEINE UNIVERSITÄT DÜSSELDORF

Marie Est (BA): *Enthymemes in political discourse*; Summer 2018

Claire-Emeraude Filtz (BA): *Structural restrictions on scalar implicatures*; Summer 2018

Tim Lohmar (BA): *A theory of impoliteness*; Summer 2019

Miriam Hein (BA): *A pragmatic analysis of humor in comics and memes*; Summer 2019

Ramjith Ramanathan (BA): *Word order and de re/de dicto in Tamil*; Summer 2019

Teaching

UNIVERSITAT AUTÒNOMA DE BARCELONA

Spring 2023 *Advanced Issues in Cognitive Science and Linguistics*. Co-taught with Anna Szabolcsi (NYU).

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Fall 2021 *Introduction to Linguistics* (undergraduate)

Problems in semantics (graduate)

Spring 2021 *Pragmatics* (graduate seminar)

Fall 2020 *Introduction to Syntax & Semantics* (undergraduate)

Spring 2020 *Semantics II* (graduate)

Fall 2019 *Problems in semantics* (graduate)

HEINRICH HEINE UNIVERSITÄT DÜSSELDORF

Spring 2019 *Degree semantics* (graduate seminar)

Introduction to semantics (undergraduate)

Fall 2018 *Intensional semantics* (graduate)

Tools and methods in semantics (undergraduate)

Spring 2018 *Introduction to semantics* (undergraduate)

Life beyond Grice (graduate seminar)

Fall 2017 *Semantics: Essential Tools* (undergraduate)

Current Topics in Pragmatics (graduate)

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST

Spring 2017 TA for *Introduction to Language Acquisition* (Instructor: Tom Roeper)

Spring 2016 *Introduction to Linguistic Theory*

Fall 2015 TA for *People and their Language* (Instructor: John Kingston)

Spring 2015 TA for *Introduction to Semantics* (Junior Year Writing requirement; Instructor: Seth Cable)

Fall 2014 *Introduction to Linguistic Theory*

Spring 2014 TA for *Introduction to Linguistic Theory* (Instructor: Kyle Johnson)

Fall 2013 TA for *People and their Language* (Instructor: Peggy Speas)

ONLINE

People and their Language

Winter 2013, Summer 2013, Summer 2014

Professional Skills

Languages	Spanish, Basque	<i>native</i>
	English	<i>proficient</i>
	German	<i>advanced</i> (B2 in CEFR)
Technical	Linux shell (Bash), R, HTML/CSS, \LaTeX / Bib \TeX , Python	