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Employment

- 2022– **Beatriu de Pinós Fellow**
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
Horizon 2020 (Marie Skłodowska-Curie grant agreement No. 801370.)
- 2021–2022 **Visiting Assistant Professor**
Cornell University
- 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

- to appear* ‘More on (the lack of) reconstruction in tough-constructions.’ *Linguistic Inquiry*. (With Ethan Poole & Stefan Keine.)

- ‘Degree relative clauses in Spanish.’ *Isogloss*.
- 2022 ‘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* ‘Pragmatic filtering and Presupposition Projection.’ *Empirical Issues in Syntax & Semantics* 14.
- ‘Neuter relative constructions.’ *Proceedings of NELS* 52.
- 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).
- ‘Unconcealed questions & exclamations’ (*Glossa*).
- in preparation* ‘Compositionality in Phrasal Comparatives.’
- ‘Non-agreeing degree predicates’ (with María Teresa Espinal).
- ‘Grice’s missing example and non-natural meaning.’

Presentations

INVITED TALKS

- 2022 ‘Nominal Reference Beyond Individuals.’ University of the Basque Country, June 27.
- ‘Singular agreeing predicates.’ Meaning in Language colloquium, Heinrich-Heine University Düsseldorf, June 1 (with María Teresa Espinal).
- 2021 ‘Pragmatic weakening in presupposition projection.’ University of Rochester, September 24.
- ‘Compositionality in comparative constructions.’ CRISSP Seminar, KU Leuven, June 16.
- 2020 ‘Generics, attitudes and exceptions.’ University of Rochester, December 5 (with Hana Filip).
- ‘Structuring ignorance.’ Rutgers University, March 6.
- 2019 ‘A matter of ignorance.’ Cornell Workshop in Linguistics and Philosophy, October 5.
- ‘Genericity with epistemic effects.’ GRATO 2019; 6th International Conference on Grammar and Text, November 14 (with Hana Filip).
- ‘Genericity and epistemic attitudes.’ 20th Szklarska Poręba Workshop on the Roots of Pragmasemantics, March 1 (with Hana Filip).
- 2018 ‘Characterizing generics and knowledge of exceptions.’ ZAS Berlin, October 10.

2017 ‘Amount Relatives Redux.’ SemPrE HHU, September 20.

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

2022 ‘The anatomy of some *wh*-constructions.’ SinFonIJa 15, Università di Udine, 9/23.

2021 ‘Towards a pragmatic solution of the proviso problem.’ CSSP, Université de Paris, 9/12.

‘Modifying extents.’ Going Romance 2021, University of Amsterdam, 12/2.

‘Degree relative clauses.’ NELS52, Rutgers University, 08/29.

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, Université 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 (6–8), NCI Berlin 2018, CoSt18, Sensus (1–2), Non-Q-*wh*-clauses 2020, LAGB (2018/19), SALT (29–32), 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

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* (JYW) (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, L ^A T _E X/ BibT _E X, Python	