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## Employment

- 2022– **Beatriu de Pinós Fellow**  
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
- 2021–2022 **Visiting Assistant Professor & Research Scholar**  
Cornell University
- 2019–2021 **Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow**  
Cornell University, Society for the Humanities & Department of Linguistics
- 2017–2019 **Postdoctoral Researcher**  
Heinrich-Heine Universität Düsseldorf

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## 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*

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## Publications

### JOURNAL ARTICLES

- to appear ‘Structural effects on implicature calculation.’ *Journal of Semantics*.
- 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.  
 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* ‘More on (the lack of) reconstruction in tough-constructions.’ (*Linguistic Inquiry*; with Ethan Poole & Stefan Keine.)  
 ‘Unconcealed questions & exclamations’ (*Glossa*).  
 ‘Degree Neuter Relative Clauses.’ *Isogloss*.  
*in preparation* ‘Compositionality in Phrasal Comparatives.’  
 ‘Silencing the PCC’ (with Stefan Keine.)

## Presentations

#### INVITED TALKS

- 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 Pragmaseantics, 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

- 2021 ‘Towards a pragmatic solution of the proviso problem.’ CSSP, Université de Paris, 12/9.  
 ‘Modifying extents.’ Going Romance 2021, University of Amsterdam, December 2.  
 ‘Degree relative clauses.’ NELS52, Rutgers University, October 29.  
 2019 ‘Domain restrictions in Bangla Concealed Questions.’ LSA Meeting, NYC (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.

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## Service

- Organizing* *Going Romance* 36 (UAB), *SALT* 30 (Cornell), *NELS* 47 (UMass), *SNEWS* 2014 (UMass), 6<sup>th</sup> 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* (46–52), *FASAL* 7, *CONSOLE* (21–25), *TU+* (1–6)

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## 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* (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X/ BibT <sub>E</sub> X, Python	