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## Employment

2017–present **Postdoc**  
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

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

### JOURNALS

2015 ‘Interpreting quantifiers in subject position.’ *Iberia*, Volume 7, pp. 33–67.

### CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

2018 ‘Epistemic Numbers.’ *Proceedings of SALT 28*, MIT.

‘Spurious NPI licensing and exhaustification’ (with Ethan Poole & Brian Dillon). *Proceedings of SALT 28*, MIT.

‘Some kind of relative clause.’ *Proceedings of SuB 22*, ZAS Berlin/University of Potsdam.

‘Emphatic Relative Constructions as Answered Questions.’ *Proceedings of NELS 48*, University of Iceland.

- 2017 ‘Complex Cardinals of Approximation in Spanish.’ *Proceedings of WCCFL 35*, University of Calgary.
- ‘Conventionalizing at least some determiners.’ *Proceedings of CLS 52*, University of Chicago.
- 2016 ‘Reasoning with Partial Orders.’ *Proceedings of SALT 26*, LSA.
- ‘Focusing on Scales: Superlatives as Scalar Modifiers.’ *Proceedings of NELS 46*, GLSA, Amherst.
- ‘Conveying Ignorance.’ *Proceedings of ConSOLE 23*, SOLE, Leiden.
- 2015 ‘Typicality Effects and Distributivity.’ *Proceedings of WCCFL 33*, SFU Working Papers, Vancouver.

#### UNPUBLISHED MANUSCRIPTS

- accepted with minor revisions* ‘One more comparative: the *de/que* alternation in Spanish comparatives’ (*Natural Language & Linguistic Theory*).
- under review* ‘Reference to *ad hoc* kinds’ (*Linguistics & Philosophy*).
- ‘More on (the lack of) reconstruction in tough-constructions’. With Ethan Poole (first author) & Stefan Keine (*Linguistic Inquiry*).
- ‘Unconcealed Questions’ (*Glossa*).
- in preparation* ‘Known unknowns’

## Presentations

#### INVITED TALKS

- 2019 ‘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

- 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 Linguistics at 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, Nijmegen.  
 ‘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 Student Session, UMD, Maryland.

## Service

- Organizing* NELS 47 (UMass), SNEWS 2014 (UMass), 6<sup>th</sup> WoSS (UPV/EHU)
- Reviewing* Journals: Semantics & Pragmatics, Journal of Semantics  
Conferences: TripleA 6, NCI Berlin 2018, CoSt18, LAGB 2018, SuB (22, 23), NELS (48, 46), FASAL 7, CONSOLE (21–25), TU+ (1,2)

## Grants & Awards

- 2019–2021 Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship, Society for the Humanities at Cornell University.
- 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*.

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## Student supervision

### 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*; expected Summer 2019

Miriam Hein (BA): expected Summer 2019

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## Teaching

### 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

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## 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