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## Employment

- 2019–present **Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow**  
Cornell University, Department of Linguistics
- 2017–2019 **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

- to appear* ‘Reference to *ad hoc* kinds’ (*Linguistics & Philosophy*).  
‘Competing for oddness’ (*Snippets*).
- 2020 ‘One more comparative: the *de/que* alternation in Spanish comparatives’. *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory* 38, 581–626.
- 2015 ‘Interpreting quantifiers in subject position’. *Iberia* 7, 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#### UNPUBLISHED MANUSCRIPTS

- under review* ‘More on (the lack of) reconstruction in tough-constructions’. (With Ethan Poole & Stefan Keine; *Linguistic Inquiry*).
- ‘Unconcealed Questions & Exclamations’ (*Glossa*).
- ‘Known unknowns’ (*Journal of Semantics*).

## Presentations

#### INVITED TALKS

- 2020 ‘Suspicious minds: the uncertainty of genericity’. University of Rochester, date TBA (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

- 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.

## Service

- Organizing* SALT 30 (Cornell), NELS 47 (UMass), SNEWS 2014 (UMass), 6<sup>th</sup> WoSS (UPV/EHU)
- Reviewing* Journals: Semantics & Pragmatics, Journal of Semantics, Canadian Journal of Linguistics
- Conferences: TripleA 6/7, NCI Berlin 2018, CoSt18, Sensus1, Non-Q-*wh*-clauses 2020, LAGB (2018/19), SuB (22, 23, 25), NELS (46, 48, 50), 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*.

## Student supervision

### CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Mia Gong (PhD QP): *TBA*; expected Fall 2020

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

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## Teaching

### CORNELL UNIVERSITY

- Fall 2020 *Introduction to Syntax & Semantics*  
Spring 2020 *Semantics II*  
Fall 2019 *Problems in semantics*

### 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, $\LaTeX$ / Bib $\TeX$	