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Employment

- 2021– **Visiting Assistant Professor**
Cornell University
- 2019–2021 **Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow**
Cornell University, Society for the Humanities & Department of Linguistics
- 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
- 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

- accepted* ‘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.

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*).

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 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

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

Service

- Organizing* 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 (29–31), SuB (22–25), NELS (46–52), FASAL 7, CONSOLE (21–25), TU+ (1–6)

Grants & Awards

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

Mia Gong (PhD QP): TBA; expected 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

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Spring 2021 *Pragmatics* (graduate seminar)

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

Spring 2020 *Semantics II* (graduate)

Fall 2019 *Problems in semantics* (graduate seminar)

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	