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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

to appear 'One more comparative: the de/que alternation in Spanish comparatives'

(Natural Language & Linguistic Theory).

minor revisions 'Reference to ad hoc kinds' (Linguistics & Philosophy).

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.

'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UNPUBLISHED MANUSCRIPTS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 (first author) & Stefan Keine (*Linguistic Inquiry*).

'Unconcealed Questions' (Glossa).

in preparation 'Known unknowns'

Presentations

INVITED TALKS

- '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

- 'Domain restrictions in Bangla Concealed Questions.' LSA Meeting, NYC (with Diti Bhadra).
- '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), 6th WoSS (UPV/EHU)
- Reviewing Journals: Semantics & Pragmatics, Journal of Semantics

 Conferences, Triple A. 6. NCI Review 2018, CaStale J. ACR (2018/10), Sul

Conferences: TripleA 6, NCI Berlin 2018, CoSt18, LAGB (2018/19), 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 (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

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): A pragmatic analysis of humor in comics and memes; expected Summer

2019

Ramjith Ramanathan (BA): Word order and de re/de dicto in Tamil; expected Summer 2019

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

Professional Skills

Languages Spanish, Basque native

English proficient

German advanced (B2 in CEFR)

Technical Linux shell (Bash), R, HTML/CSS, LATEX/ BibTeX