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## Employment

2017–present **Postdoc**  
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

### JOURNALS

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

### CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- to appear ‘Epistemic Numbers.’ *Proceedings of SALT 28*, MIT.
- 2018 ‘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#### UNPUBLISHED MANUSCRIPTS

*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*).

*in preparation* ‘Unconcealed Questions’

‘Known unknowns’

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## Presentations

#### INVITED TALKS

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.

2018 ‘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.

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## Service

- Organizing* NELS 47 (UMass), SNEWS 2014 (UMass), 6<sup>th</sup> WoSS (UPV/EHU)
- Reviewing* Workshop on Non-Canonical Imperatives, SuB 23, SuB 22, NELS 48, FASAL 7, NELS 46, CONSOLE XXIII, CONSOLE XXII, CONSOLE XXI, TU+2, TU+1

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## Grants & Awards

- 2017 Student Abstract Award Winner (2<sup>nd</sup> place)  
*Awarded by the 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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## Teaching

### HEINRICH HEINE UNIVERSITÄT DÜSSELDORF

- 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)
- Spring 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 $\TeX$	