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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**
Department of Linguistics
Visiting student

Spring 2011 **Instituto Cervantes**
Certificate on Teaching Spanish as a Second Language

2010–2011 **University of the Basque Country**
Department of Linguistics and Basque Studies
Internship Research Fellow

2006–2009 **University of the Basque Country**
M.A., Linguistics

2004–2005 **Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg**
Department of English
Visiting student

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

to appear ‘Epistemic Numbers’
Proceedings of SALT 28, MIT

- to appear 'Spurious licensing of NPIs is covert licensing'
Proceedings of SALT 28, MIT. [with Ethan Poole & Brian Dillon]
- to appear 'Some kind of relative clause'
Proceedings of SuB 22, ZAS/University of Potsdam
- 2018 'Emphatic Relative Constructions as Answered Questions'
Proceedings of NELS 48, University of Iceland
- 2018 'Complex Cardinals of Approximation'
Proceedings of WCCFL 35, University of Calgary
- 2017 'Conventionalizing at least some determiners'
Proceedings of CLS 52, University of Chicago
- 2016 'Reasoning with Partial Orders'
Proceedings of SALT 26, LSA
- 2016 'Focusing on Scales: Superlatives as Scalar Modifiers'
Proceedings of NELS 46, GLSA, Amherst
- 2016 '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UNPUBLISHED MANUSCRIPTS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 'One more comparative: the *de/que* alternation in Spanish comparatives'
- under review 'Reference to *ad hoc* kinds'
- under review 'More on (the lack of) reconstruction in tough-constructions'
 With Ethan Poole & Stefan Keine
- in preparation 'Unconcealed Questions'
- in preparation 'Known unknowns: epistemic inferences of superlative modifiers'

Presentations

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

- August 3 2018 'The anatomy of some *wh*-constructions'
 Form-Meaning Mismatches in Natural Language, GAU Göttingen
- May 19 2018 'Epistemic numbers'
 SALT 28, MIT, Boston
- May 18 2018 'Spurious NPI licensing is covert licensing'
 SALT 28, MIT, Boston [with Ethan Poole & Brian Dillon]
- 21 Apr 2018 'Spurious NPI licensing is covert licensing'
 WCCFL 36, UCLA, California [with Ethan Poole & Brian Dillon]
- Apr 13 2018 'Degree relatives and their kin'
 GLOW 41, Research Institute for Linguistics at MTA, Budapest

- Oct 27 2017 ‘Emphatic Relatives as Answered Questions’
NELS 35, University of Iceland, Reykjavík
- Sep 8 2017 ‘Some kind of relative clause’
SuB 22, ZAS/Potsdam University, Berlin
- Apr 28 2017 ‘Complex Cardinals of Approximation’
WCCFL 35, University of Calgary, Canada
- Jan 8 2017 ‘Knowledge about Ignorance’
LSA Annual Meeting 2017, Austin
- May 14 2016 ‘Reasoning with Partial Orders’
SALT 26, University of Austin
- Apr 22 2016 ‘Conventionalizing at least some determiners’
CLS 52, University of Chicago
- Apr 6 2016 ‘It’s tough to reconstruct’ [with Stefan Keien & Ethan Poole]
GLOW 2016, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen
- Jan 6 2016 ‘Cardinals of Approximation in Spanish’
CONSOLE 24, University of York, UK
- Dec 11 2015 ‘Cardinals of Approximation in Spanish’
Going Romance 29, Radboud University, Nijmegen
- Oct 17 2015 ‘Focusing on Scales’
NELS 46, Concordia University, Montreal
- Mar 28 2015 ‘Typicality Effects & Distributivity’
WCCFL 33, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver
- Jan 10 2015 ‘Ignorance in Context: the case of Superlative Modifiers’
LSA Annual Meeting, Portland
- Jan 7 2015 ‘Ignorance Inferences & Superlative Modification’
CONSOLE 23, Université Paris Diderot–Paris 7
- Jun 25 2014 ‘Non–Atomic Distributivity and Typicality’
NASSLLI 2014 Student Session, UMD, Maryland
- NON-REFEREED TALKS**
- Nov 15 2014 ‘Perfect Asymmetries’ [with Ethan Poole and Megan Somerday]
SNEWS 2014, UMass Amherst
- Nov 16 2013 ‘Aspectual and Contextual Restrictions on QP Interpretation’
SNEWS 2013, MIT, Boston
- Oct 30 2011 ‘Quantified Expressions in Subject Position’
6th Meeting of the European Research Nets on Linguistics, UPV/EHU
- Mar 8 2011 ‘Puzzles in QP Composition and Scope Assignment’
HIM Seminar of Semantics, UPV/EHU
- Apr 3 2010 ‘Collective Readings on Subject Arguments’
MSCL 5, Independent University of Moscow

Dec 5 2008 ‘Issues on the Syntax and Semantics of Quantification in Basque’
WoSS 6, UPV/EHU

Service

Organizing NELS 47 (UMass), SNEWS 2014 (UMass), 6th WoSS (UPV/EHU)

Reviewing Workshop on Non-Canonical Imperatives, SuB 22, NELS 48, FASAL 7, NELS 46, CONSOLE XXIII, CONSOLE XXII, CONSOLE XXI, TU+2, TU+1

Grants & Awards

2017 Student Abstract Award Winner (2nd 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*

Teaching

HEINRICH HEINE UNIVERSITÄT DÜSSELDORF

Spring 2018 *Introduction to semantics* (undergraduate)

Spring 2018 *Life beyond Grice* (graduate seminar)

Fall 2017 *Semantics: Essential Tools* (undergraduate/graduate)

Fall 2017 *Current Topics in Pragmatics* (graduate seminar)

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST

Spring 2017 TA for *Introduction to Language Acquisition*
Instructor: Tom Roeper

Spring 2016 Instructor for *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 Instructor for *Introduction to Linguistic Theory*

Spring 2014 TA for *Introduction to Linguistic Theory*
Instructor: Kyle Johnson

Fall 2013 TA for *People and their Language*
Instructor: Fall 2013

ONLINE

Summer 2014 *People and their Language*

Summer 2013 *People and their Language*

Winter 2013 *People and their Language*

Professional Experience

TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETING

Sep 2006 – Translation Project Manager (Reinisch España, S.L.)

Mar 2007 *Miñano Technology Park*

Jan–May 2006 Technical Translator (Stella, die Kommunikationsfabrik S.L.)
Zamudio Technology Park

Summer 2005 Interpreter (37th International Choral Contest of Tolosa)
Tolosa City Council, Basque Country

Professional Skills

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| 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~~TeX/ BibTeX