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## Employment

- 2022– **Beatriu de Pinós Fellow**  
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona  
PROJECT: *Degrees across categories*. (Principal Investigator.)  
Horizon 2020 (Marie Skłodowska-Curie grant agreement No. 801370).  
Secretary of Universities and Research (Government of Catalonia).
- 2021–2022 **Visiting Assistant Professor**  
Cornell University, Department of Linguistics
- 2019–2021 **Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow**  
Cornell University, Society for the Humanities & Department of Linguistics  
Mellon Foundation
- 2017–2019 **Postdoctoral Researcher**  
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

### JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2023 'More on (the lack of) reconstruction in tough-constructions.' *Linguistic Inquiry* (online first). (With Ethan Poole & Stefan Keine.)
- 2022 'Degree relative clauses in Spanish.' *Isogloss* 8(5), 1–15.
- 2022 'Structural effects on implicature calculation.' *Journal of Semantics* 39(3), 404–442.
- 2020 'Reference to *ad hoc* kinds.' *Linguistics & Philosophy* 43(6), 589–631.
- 2020 'One more comparative.' *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory* 38(2), 581–626.
- 2020 'Competing for oddness.' *Snippets* 39, 6–7.
- 2015 'Interpreting quantifiers in subject position.' *Iberia* 7, 33–67.

### ARTICLES IN BOOKS AND CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- to appear 'A note on sufficiency predicates.' *Proceedings of NELS* 53. (With M.Teresa Espinal)
- to appear 'Neuter relative constructions.' *Proceedings of NELS* 52.
- 2022 'Pragmatic filtering and Presupposition Projection.' *Empirical Issues in Syntax & Semantics* 14.
- 2018 'Epistemic numbers.' *Proceedings of SALT* 28.
- 2018 'Spurious NPI licensing and exhaustification.' *Proceedings of SALT* 28. (With Ethan Poole & Brian Dillon.)
- 2018 'Some kind of relative clause.' *Proceedings of SuB* 22.
- 2018 'Emphatic Relative Constructions as answered questions.' *Proceedings of NELS* 48.
- 2017 'Complex cardinals of approximation in Spanish.' *Proceedings of WCCFL* 35.
- 2017 'Conventionalizing at least some determiners.' *Proceedings of CLS* 52.
- 2016 'Reasoning with Partial Orders.' *Proceedings of SALT* 26.
- 2016 'Focusing on scales: superlatives as scalar modifiers.' *Proceedings of NELS* 46.
- 2016 'Conveying ignorance.' *Proceedings of ConSOLE* 23.
- 2015 'Typicality effects and distributivity.' *Proceedings of WCCFL* 33.

### UNPUBLISHED MANUSCRIPTS

- in revision 'Silencing the PCC' (*Linguistic Inquiry*; with Stefan Keine).
- under review 'Non-agreeing degree constructions' (*Journal of Linguistics*; with M.Teresa Espinal.)
- under review 'Unconcealed questions' (*Natural Language & Linguistic Theory*).
- in preparation 'Compositionality in Phrasal Comparatives.'
- in preparation 'Grice's missing example and non-natural meaning.'

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## Presentations

### INVITED TALKS

- 2023 'How many concealed questions?' GLiF Seminar. UPF, 06/08.
- 2023 'A family of degrees.' Workshop on Degree. CRISP, KU Leuven, 06/02.
- 2022 'Quantity Concealed Questions?' Semantics Circle. ZAS, 12/15.
- 2022 'Epistemic Defensibility and pragmatic weakening.' CLT Seminar. UAB, 10/07.
- 2022 'Nominal Reference Beyond Individuals.' HiTT Seminar. UPV/EHU, 06/27.
- 2022 'Singular agreeing predicates.' Meaning in Language Colloquium, Heinrich-Heine University Düsseldorf, 06/01 (with María Teresa Espinal).
- 2021 'Pragmatic weakening in presupposition projection.' University of Rochester, 07/24.

- 2021 ‘Compositionality in comparative constructions.’ CRISSP Seminar, KU Leuven, 06/16.
- 2020 ‘Generics, attitudes and exceptions.’ University of Rochester, 12/05 (with Hana Filip).
- 2020 ‘Structuring ignorance.’ Rutgers University, 03/06.
- 2019 ‘A matter of ignorance.’ Cornell Workshop in Linguistics and Philosophy, 10/05.
- 2019 ‘Genericity with epistemic effects.’ GRATO 2019; 6th International Conference on Grammar and Text, 11/14 (with Hana Filip).
- 2019 ‘Genericity and epistemic attitudes.’ 20th Szklarska Poręba Workshop on the Roots of Pragmasemantics, 03/01 (with Hana Filip).
- 2018 ‘Characterizing generics and knowledge of exceptions.’ ZAS Berlin, 10/10.
- 2017 ‘Amount Relatives Redux.’ SemPrE HHU, 09/20.

#### PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

- 2023 ‘Nominal degree constructions.’ SuB. Bochum University, 09/08.
- 2023 ‘Between aspect and modality: the “soler + infinitive” periphrasis in Spanish.’ WCCFL 41. UC Santa Cruz. 05/06.
- 2023 ‘Unconventional measurements.’ NELS 53, University of Göttingen (with M.Teresa Espinal).
- 2022 ‘Non-Agreeing Degree Predicates.’ InSemantiC, University of Porto (with M.Teresa Espinal).
- 2022 ‘Between CP and DP.’ InSemantiC, University of Porto.
- 2022 ‘The anatomy of some *wh*-constructions.’ SinFonIJa 15, Università di Udine.
- 2021 ‘Towards a pragmatic solution of the proviso problem.’ CSSP, Université de Paris.
- 2021 ‘Modifying extents.’ Going Romance 2021, University of Amsterdam.
- 2021 ‘Degree relative clauses.’ NELS52, Rutgers University.
- 2019 ‘Domain restrictions in Bangla Concealed Questions.’ 2019 LSA Meeting (with Diti Bhadra).
- 2018 ‘Characterizing genericity and epistemic commitments.’ Semantics & Philosophy in Europe 10, Barcelona (with Hana Filip).
- 2018 ‘The anatomy of some *wh*-constructions.’ Form-Meaning Mismatches in Natural Language, GAU Göttingen.
- 2018 ‘Epistemic numbers.’ SALT 28, MIT, Boston.
- 2018 ‘Spurious NPI licensing is covert licensing.’ SALT 28, MIT, Boston (with Ethan Poole & Brian Dillon).
- 2018 ‘Spurious NPI licensing is covert licensing.’ WCCFL 36, UCLA, California (with Ethan Poole & Brian Dillon).
- 2018 ‘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.
- 2017 ‘Some kind of relative clause.’ SuB 22, ZAS/Potsdam University, Berlin.
- 2017 ‘Complex cardinals of approximation.’ WCCFL 35, University of Calgary, Canada.
- 2017 ‘Knowledge about ignorance.’ LSA Annual Meeting 2017, Austin.
- 2016 ‘Reasoning with Partial Orders.’ SALT 26, University of Austin.
- 2016 ‘Conventionalizing at least some determiners.’ CLS 52, University of Chicago.
- 2016 ‘It’s tough to reconstruct.’ GLOW 2016, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen (with Ethan Poole (first author) & Stefan Keine).
- 2016 ‘Cardinals of approximation in Spanish.’ CONSOLE 24, University of York, UK.
- 2015 ‘Cardinals of approximation in Spanish.’ Going Romance 29, Radboud University, NL.
- 2015 ‘Focusing on scales.’ NELS 46, Concordia University, Montreal.

- 2015 'Typicality effects & distributivity.' WCCFL 33, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver.
- 2015 'Ignorance in context: the case of superlative modifiers.' LSA Annual Meeting, Portland.
- 2015 'Ignorance inferences & superlative modification.' CONSOLE 23, U. Paris Diderot–Paris 7.
- 2014 'Non-atomic distributivity and typicality.' NASSLLI 2014, UMD, Maryland.

## Service

- organizer* Going Romance 36 (UAB), SALT 30 (Cornell), NELS 47 (UMass), SNEWS 2014 (UMass), 6<sup>th</sup> WoSS (UPV/EHU)
- reviewer* Journals: Semantics & Pragmatics, Linguistics & Philosophy, Journal of Semantics, Natural Language & Linguistic Theory, Glossa, Syntax, Canadian Journal of Linguistics, Snippets, Neuphilologische Mitteilungen, Uztaro.
- Conferences: TripleA (6–10), NCI Berlin 2018, CoSt18, Sensus (1–2), Non-Q-*wh*-clauses 2020, LAGB (2018/19), SALT (29–33), SuB (22–26), NELS (46–53), FASAL 7, CONSOLE (21–25), TU+ (1–6)

## Grants & Awards

- 2022–2025 Beatriu de Pinós Grant (ref. BP2020–00121), Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona.  
Project: *Degrees across categories*; €144.000. Co-funded by the Horizon 2020 programme of research and innovation of the European Union (Marie Skłodowska-Curie grant agreement No. 801370) and the Secretary of Universities and Research of the Government of Catalonia.
- 2019–2021 Mellon Post-doctoral Grant, Society for the Humanities, Cornell University.  
Project: *The Grammar of Ignorance*; \$106.000. Funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, New York.
- 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

### UNIVERSITAT AUTÒNOMA DE BARCELONA

- in progress* Yining Wang (Masters Thesis): *The expression of mirativity in Mandarin Chinese*
- in progress* Paolo Morosi (PhD Thesis): *Non-definite uses of definite articles*

### CORNELL UNIVERSITY

- 2021 Ivy Braxton Harrington (BA Honors Thesis): *Poetic Uses of Pragmatic Modulation*
- 2021 Mia Gong (PhD QP): *Suffix order and linear relations in Dagur noun phrases*
- 2020 Kalen Chang (Honors BA Thesis): *Presuppositional Variation: Projective Properties of Distributive Quantifiers*

### HEINRICH HEINE UNIVERSITÄT DÜSSELDORF

- 2019 Tim Lohmar (BA thesis): *A theory of impoliteness*
- 2019 Miriam Hein (BA thesis): *A pragmatic analysis of humor in comics and memes*
- 2019 Ramjith Ramanathan (BA thesis): *Word order and de re/de dicto in Tamil*
- 2018 Marie Est (BA thesis): *Enthymemes in political discourse*

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## Teaching

### UNIVERSITAT AUTÒNOMA DE BARCELONA

Spring 2023 *Advanced Issues in Cognitive Science and Linguistics*. Co-taught with Anna Szabolcsi (NYU).

### CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Fall 2021 *Introduction to Linguistics* (undergraduate)

*Problems in semantics* (graduate)

Spring 2021 *Pragmatics* (graduate seminar)

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

Spring 2020 *Semantics II* (graduate)

Fall 2019 *Problems in semantics* (graduate)

### 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* (Junior Year Writing requirement; 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 $\TeX$ , Python	