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## INTÉRÊTS DE RECHERCHE

**Généraux** · pragmatique, psycholinguistique, acquisition et apprentissage de langue première, sémantique, philosophie de l'esprit, théorie de l'esprit

**Spécifiques** · sémantique/pragmatique des questions, verbes d'attitude, connecteurs linguistiques, pronoms indexicaux

## EMPLOI

- 2021– Chercheuse Postdoctorale  
Laboratoire de Linguistique Formelle, CNRS et Université Paris Cité
- 2020–2021 Chercheuse Postdoctorale  
Département de Linguistique, Stanford University

## FORMATION

- 2020 Ph.D. (équivalent de doctorat), Département de Linguistique  
Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey  
*Thèse* : The question of questions: resolving (non-)exhaustivity in *wh*-questions  
*Directrice* : Kristen Syrett  
*Jury* : Veneeta Dayal, Yimei Xiang, Paul Pietroski, Alex Lascarides
- 2019 Certificat en Sciences Cognitives  
Rutgers Center for Cognitive Science
- 2014 B.A. (équivalent de license) en Linguistique  
University of Maryland, College Park  
*Mémoire d'honneur* : Children's Acquisition of Indexical Pronouns  
*Directeurs* : Valentine Hacquard, Jeff Lidz  
*Jury* : Alexander Williams

2011 A.A. (diplôme délivré après deux années d'études) en Études générales  
Montgomery College, Rockville

## FORMATIONS D'ÉTÉ

2019 Norwegian Summer Institute on Language and Mind  
2018 North American Summer School on Logic, Language, and Information  
2018 Norwegian Summer Institute on Language and Mind  
2017 European Summer School on Logic, Language, and Information  
2017 Norwegian Summer Institute on Language and Mind  
2014 North American Summer School on Logic, Language, and Information

## PRIX ET DISTINCTIONS

2020–2022 Enquêteur Principal. NSF SBE-SPRF-2005042. Resolving (non-) exhaustivity in questions: experimental and computational pragmatics. \$138,000. Co-Enquêteur: Judith Degen (Stanford University).  
2019–2020 Enquêteur Co-Principal. NSF DDRIG-1918068. Doctoral Dissertation Research: Linguistic cues and speaker goals in the question/answer exchange. \$14,792. PI: Kristen Syrett (Rutgers University).  
2019 Off-Campus Dissertation Development Award, Rutgers University  
2017–2018 Excellence Fellowship, Rutgers University  
2017 Professional Development Grant, Rutgers University  
2014–2016 Excellence Fellowship, Rutgers University  
2014 Paula Menjuk Travel Award for BUCLD  
2013 Baggett Summer Scholarship, University of Maryland  
2012 Center for Applied Study of Language Summer Scholarship, University of Maryland

## THÈSE

**Moyer, M.** (2020). The question of questions: Resolving (non-)exhaustivity in *wh*-questions. Ph.D. Dissertation, Rutgers University. [\[PDF\]](#).

## ARTICLES SCIENTIFIQUES

**Moyer, M.** & K. Syrett. (2020). The study of questions. *WIREs Cognitive Science*. [\[PDF\]](#).

**Moyer, M.** & K. Syrett. (2019a). The semantics of questions. *WIREs Cognitive Science*. [\[PDF\]](#).

## MANUSCRIPTS EN PRÉPARATION

**Moyer, M.** & J. Degen (*en prép.*). Corpus pragmatics and (non-)exhaustivity in *wh*-questions.

**Moyer, M.** & K. Syrett (*en prép.*). The pragmatics of non-exhaustivity in *wh*-questions.

**Moyer, M.** & B. Tesar. (2017). Output-Driven Learning, Restrictiveness, and an Inductive Leap: learning stress-less prosodic systems from distributional evidence. Manuscript, Rutgers University. [\[PDF\]](#).

**Moyer, M.** & K. Syrett. (2016). Issues in the Semantics and Pragmatics of Question Embedding: An Experimental Investigation. Manuscript, Rutgers University.

## ACTES DE COLLOQUES

Moyer, M & K. Syrett. (2019b). (Non-)exhaustivity in embedded questions: contextual, lexical, and structural factors. In *Proceedings of the 23rd Meeting of Sinn und Bedeutung*. [\[PDF\]](#).

**Moyer, M.** & Kristen Syrett. (2019c). Contextual, lexical and structural factors licensing Mention-Some Embedded Questions. In *Proceedings of the 54th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society*. [\[PDF\]](#).

**Moyer, M.**, Z. Husnain, & K. Syrett. (2019). Won't Somebody think of the children? beyond maximality in plural definite descriptions. In *Proceedings of the 43rd Annual Boston University Conference on Child Language Development*. [\[PDF\]](#).

**Moyer, M.**, K. Harrigan, V. Hacquard & J. Lidz. (2015). 2-year-olds' comprehension of personal pronouns. In *Proceedings of 39th Boston University Conference on Language Development*. [\[PDF\]](#).

Dudley, R., N. Orita, **M. Moyer**, V. Hacquard & J. Lidz. (2014). Factivity in three year olds' understanding of know and think. In *Proceedings of 38th Boston University Conference on Language Development*.

Dudley, R., N. Orita, **M. Moyer**, V. Hacquard, & J. Lidz. (2013). Three year olds' understanding of know and think. In *Proceedings of 49th annual meeting of the Chicago Linguistics Society*.

## COMMUNICATIONS SUR INVITATION

- 2021 Understanding the semantics and pragmatics of (non-)exhaustivity in wh-questions with corpus and experimental methods. *Linguae Seminar*, Institute Jean-Nicod, Paris. Novembre 2021.
- 2020 The pragmatics of (non-)exhaustivity in wh-questions. UC Davis Language Group. UC Davis. 16 octobre 2020.  
Goal-Driven Interpretation: the pragmatics of (non-)exhaustivity in wh-questions. Rutgers-Bochum Workshop on Mind and Language. Rutgers University. Mars 2020.
- 2019 The pragmatics of non-exhaustivity in questions. *Linguistics Colloquia*, Rochester University. 13 décembre 2019  
Resolving (Non-)Exhaustivity in Questions. ALPS Lab, Stanford University. 16 septembre 2019.

## COMMUNICATIONS ET CONFÉRENCES

### Communications

- 2022 **Moyer, M.** & J.Degen. A corpus-based study of (non-)exhaustivity in wh-questions. 22nd Szklarska Poręba Workshop on Pragmasemantics. Mars 2022.
- 2021 **Moyer, M.** & J.Degen. Licensing (non-)exhaustivity in wh-questions: Experimental studies. California Annual Meeting on Psycholinguistics. UC Irvine. Mai 2021.
- 2020 **Moyer, M.** Licensing (non-)exhaustivity in wh-questions: Experimental studies. *Experiments in Linguistic Meaning 1*. University Pennsylvania. Septembre 2020.
- 2019 Howland, C. & **M. Moyer**. Semantics with Non-Essential Content?' Norwegian Summer Institute, University of Oslo. Août 2019.  
**Moyer, M.** & R. Tirumala. How a speaker signals, and a listener resolves, levels of exhaustivity. X-Prag.de Workshop: Exhaustivity in Questions and Answers – Experimental and Theoretical Approaches. Tübingen University. Juin 2019.
- 2018 **Moyer, M.**, Z. Husnain, & K. Syrett. 'Won't somebody think of the children? Beyond maximality with plural definite descriptions. 43rd Annual Boston University Conference on Language Development. Novembre 2018
- 2018 **Moyer, M.** & K. Syrett. Contextual, Lexical and Structural Factors Licensing Mention-Some Embedded Questions. 59th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society. 28 avril 2018.
- 2017 **Moyer, M.** & B. Tesar. Inductive Leaps and Output-Driven Learning. NECPHON 11, Stony Brook University. Octobre 2017.

- Moyer, M.** & B. Tesar. Learnability in non-Culminative Prosodic Systems. Rutgers-Delaware Workshop on Computational Phonology. Avril 2017
- 2015 **Moyer, M.**, K. Harrigan, V. Hacquard, & J. Lidz. 2-year-olds track discourse roles through pronominal reference. 6th Bi-annual Generative Approaches to Language Acquisition. Février 2015.
- 2013 R. Dudley, N. Orita, V., **M. Moyer**, V. Hacquard, & J. Lidz. Three-year-olds' understanding of know and think. 49th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistics Society. Avril 2013.

## Affiches

- 2021 **Moyer, M.** & J. Degen. Who thinks *wh*-questions are exhaustive? A corpus-based study. CogSci 2021. Vienna Cognitive Science Hub. Juillet 2021.
- Moyer, M.** & J. Degen. A corpus-based study of (non-)exhaustivity in *wh*-questions. 34th Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing. University Pennsylvania. Mars 2021.
- 2019 Howland, C. & **M. Moyer**. Discourse connectives as cues to speaker reference. Norwegian Summer Institute. Août 2019.
- Moyer, M.** & B. Tesar. Maintaining restrictiveness through induction in the Output-Driven Learner. 93rd Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. 4 janvier 2019.
- 2018 **Moyer, M.** & K. Syrett. (Non-)Exhaustivity in Embedded Questions: Contextual, Structural and Lexical Factors. Sinn und Bedeutung. 5 septembre 2018.
- 2017 **Moyer, M.** & K. Syrett. Lexical, Contextual Factors Licensing Mention-Some Interpretations. Mid-Atlantic Colloquium on Studies in Meaning. Georgetown University. 4 octobre 2017.
- 2013 **Moyer, M.**, R. Dudley, N. Orita, V. Hacquard, & J. Lidz. Are three-year-olds really insensitive to factivity? Phlint 2: An Interdisciplinary Workshop on Beliefs and Desires. Avril 2013.
- Moyer, M.**, R. Dudley, N. Orita, V. Hacquard, & J. Lidz. Are three-year-olds really insensitive to factivity? 3rd Annual Mid-Atlantic Colloquium of Studies in Meaning. Avril 2013.

## COMMUNICATIONS LOCALES

- 2021 Examining (non-)exhaustivity in wh-questions with corpus and experimental methods. LingLunch, Laboratoire de Linguistique Formelle. Septembre 2021.  
Who thinks wh-questions are exhaustive? A corpus-based study. CogSci Seminar, Stanford University. Avril 2021.
- 2019 Resolving (Non-)Exhaustivity in Questions. NLP Reading Group. Rutgers University. 25 septembre 2019.
- 2018 How robust are Mention-Some readings? RuLing XIII. 4 mai 2018.  
Context-Sensitive Exhaustivity. Rutgers Workshop on Language and Cognitive Science. 24 mars 2018.
- 2017 Learnability in non-culminative prosodic systems. RuLing XII. Mai 2017.  
Learnability and culminativity in pitch-accent systems. PhonX. Février 2017.
- 2015 An experimental investigation of knowledge-wh: exhaustive and non-exhaustive readings. Cognitive Science Graduate Talk Series. Décembre 2015.

## **ENSEIGNEMENT**

### **Instructrice**

Printemps 2017 Introduction to Linguistic Theory (01:615:201)  
Rutgers University

### **Adjoint à l'enseignement**

Printemps 2020 Advanced Seminar in Cognitive Science (01:185:411)  
Avec Prof. Mary Rigdon, Rutgers University

Automne 2019 Cognitive Science: A Multidisciplinary Approach (01:185:201)  
Avec Prof. Austin Baker, Rutgers University

Printemps 2019 Human Nature and Human Diversity (01:185:253; 01:730:253)  
Avec Prof. Stephen Stich, Rutgers University

Automne 2018 Cognitive Science: A Multidisciplinary Approach (01:185:201)  
Avec Prof. Deborah Acks, Rutgers University

Automne 2016 Introduction to Linguistic Theory (01:615:201)  
Avec Prof. Simon Charlow, Rutgers University

## **SERVICE**

### **Supervision**

- 2018–2020 Mentor aux étudiant.e.s de premier cycle spécialisés en Linguistiques/Sciences Cognitives, Rutgers University: London Dixon, Breanna Loucel, Mohammad Wiswall, Niranjana Ganesh
- 2018–2019 Conseillère pour étudiant.e.s de premier cycle spécialisés en Sciences Cognitives, Rutgers University
- 2015–2020 Mentor aux assistant.e.s de recherche de Rutgers Language Development Lab: Divya Appasamy, Anna Goldin, Zehra Husnain, Laura Simon-Pearson, Rangaraj Tirumala, Ilana Torres
- 2018–2019 Conseillère de premier cycle pour les étudiants en étude indépendante (LING 01:615:493,494): Knycholas Sutherland, Rangaraj Tirumala
- 2018 Programme de Mentorat au Collège d'Honneurs, Rutgers University: Hannah Canonigo, Victoria Gonzales, Kinnary Shah, Emily Wo, Maria Xu
- 2013–2014 Programme de mentorat STEM avec le Lycée Roosevelt et University of Maryland: Susan Ojo

### **Tutorat**

- 2015–2016 Tuteur en linguistique, Centre d'Apprentissage, Rutgers University

## **SERVICES PROFESSIONNEL**

### **Revue**

- Experimental Pragmatics (XPrag) Conference
- Frontiers in Psychology
- Glossa Psycholinguistics
- Journal of Memory and Language
- Linguistics Vanguard
- Language Learning and Development
- North Eastern Linguistic Society (NELS)
- Psychological Research
- Semantics and Pragmatics
- West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics(WCCFL)

## **Organization**

Automne 2023    XPragX: 10th Experimental Pragmatics Conference  
Printemps 2019    14th Annual Rutgers University Linguistics Graduate Conference  
2018–2019        Committee on Diversity and Inclusion, Rutgers University and AAUP-AFT  
2016–2019        Cognitive Science Graduate Student Association, Rutgers University  
Printemps 2018    Cognitive Science of Language Interdisciplinary Workshop, Rutgers University  
Printemps 2017    12th Annual Rutgers University Linguistics Graduate Conference  
Printemps 2015    7th North American Summer School in Logic, Language, and Information

## **Affiliations Professionnelles**

2017–present    Linguistic Society of America  
2020–present    Cognitive Science Society

## **Participation Communautaire/Diffusion**

2014–2017    Journée de Rutgers, Rutgers University  
2013           Journée de Maryland, University of Maryland  
2013           Journée des Sciences Linguistiques, University of Maryland

## **COMPÉTENCES**

### **Techniques**

Git, PennController(/IbexFarm), Amazon Mechanical Turk, Prolific, Praat

### **Langages de programmation**

Python, R, LaTeX, Ruby, Bash

### **Langues naturelles**

Anglais (langue maternelle), français (C2), allemand (B1)

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