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## Curriculum Vitae

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## Current Position

2008 –present                      Postdoctoral Researcher (Wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin),  
Sprachwissenschaftliches Seminar, University of Göttingen.

## Education

Fall 2003 – present                      University of Massachusetts Amherst  
Ph.D. candidate in linguistics

Thesis: *Concealed Questions: In Search of Answers*  
Committee Chair: Angelika Kratzer  
Members: Rajesh Bhatt, Irene Heim, Philip Bricker  
Defended in May 2009

Fall 2002 – Spring 2003                      School of African and Oriental Studies, London, UK  
Visitor, Department of Linguistics

July 2002                                      University of Salerno, Italy  
Faculty of Humanities  
*Laurea cum Laude* in Communication Science

Thesis: *The Constituents of Meaning*  
Advisor: Alessandro Zucchi  
Co-advisor: Roberto Cordeschi

Fall 1999 – Spring 2000                      University of Salamanca, Spain  
Visiting Student, ERASMUS fellowship (European study abroad program)

## Fellowships and Distinctions

Fall 2006 – Spring 2007                      University Fellowship, University of Massachusetts Amherst

Fall 2003 – Spring 2004                      First-year Fellowship, University of Massachusetts Amherst

2002    Post-lauream Fellowship to spend ten months at the School of Oriental and  
African studies (SOAS), London, UK

- 2002 My undergraduate thesis *The Constituents of Meaning* received an official mention by the committee for being work of publishable quality (*dignitia' di pubblicazione*)
- 1999 ERASMUS Fellowship to spend six months at the University of Salamanca, Spain

## **Publications**

- In press *The Role of Discourse Prominence in the Resolution of Referential Ambiguities. Evidence from Co-reference in Italian.* To appear in Jan Anderssen et al. (eds.), *Semantics and Processing*, UMOP 37. Amherst, GLSA.
- 2007 *The de re Analysis of Concealed Questions: A Unified Approach to Definite and Indefinite Concealed Questions.* In *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory XVI*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University, pp. 17-34.

## **Conference presentations and invited talks**

- 2007 *The role of prominence in the resolution of referential ambiguities: Evidence from co-reference in Italian.* Poster presented at CUNY 20 (La Jolla, CA)
- 2006 *Deriving Concealed Questions Meanings from the Semantics of the Predicate.* Talk given at WCCFL 25 (Seattle, WA, USA)
- 2006 *Wondering about Concealed Questions.* Talk given at SALT16 (Tokyo, Japan)
- 2005 *Significato e Contesto d'uso (Meaning and Context).* Invited talk for the class of Philosophy of Language taught by Prof. Marcello Frixione (University of Salerno, Italy)

## **Research Assistantships**

- Fall 2005 – Spring 2006 Research Assistant to Lyn Frazier and Charles Clifton  
Responsibilities included preparing and running self-paced reading experiments
- 2001 and 2002 Research Assistant to Sandro Zucchi  
Responsibilities included collecting data on Italian Sign Language

## Teaching Experience

- Spring 2008                      Linguistics 201: *Introduction to Linguistic Theory*. Teaching Associate.  
Linguistics Department, University of Massachusetts Amherst.
- Full responsibility for all aspects of the course.
- Fall 2007                         Linguistics 201: *Introduction to Linguistic Theory*. Teaching Associate.  
Linguistics Department, University of Massachusetts Amherst.
- Full responsibility for all aspects of the course.
- Spring 2005                      Linguistics 201: *Introduction to Linguistic Theory*. Teaching Assistant.  
Instructor: Professor John Kingston  
Linguistics Department, University of Massachusetts Amherst.
- Responsibilities included leading weekly discussion sessions, grading of homework assignments, and individual meetings and mentoring of students.
- Fall 2004                         Linguistics 101: *People and their Language*. Teaching Assistant.  
Instructor: Professor Peggy Speas  
Linguistics Department, University of Massachusetts Amherst.
- Responsibilities included leading weekly discussion sessions, grading of homework assignments, and individual meetings and mentoring of students.
- Summer 2004                     Assistantship to Angelika Kratzer and Lyn Frazier to help developing an undergraduate class on Language and Mind.
- Responsibilities included finding and reviewing potential course material from a variety of sources (videos, books etc.)

## Service

- 2009                                 Reviewer for *NELS 40*  
Reviewer for *SuB 14*
- Organizer (with Magdalena Schwager and Sarah Zobel) of the workshop on Concealed Questions *FACQs* (Göttingen, June 5-7 2009 <http://zis.uni-goettingen.de/events/facqs/>)
- Fall 2004 – Spring 2005         Student representative to the Departmental Colloquium Committee
- Fall 2006 – Spring 2007         UMass Linguistic Colloquium organizer (with Keir Moulton)

## Languages

Native: Italian  
Fluent: English  
Good: Spanish

## References

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