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## Employment

2017–present **Visiting Assistant Professor**  
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**  
*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*

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## Publications

### JOURNALS

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

### CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

to appear 'Some kind of relative clause'  
*Proceedings of SuB 22, ZAS/University of Potsdam*

to appear 'Emphatic Relative Constructions as Answered Questions'  
*Proceedings of NELS 48*, University of Iceland

to appear '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

#### MANUSCRIPTS

under review 'One more comparative: the *de/que* alternation in Spanish comparatives'  
*Natural Language & Linguistic Theory*

submitted 'Reference to *ad hoc* kinds'

submitted 'More on (the lack of) reconstruction in tough-constructions'  
With Ethan Poole & Stefan Keine

in preparation 'Unconcealed Questions'

2016 'Known unknowns: epistemic inferences of superlative modifiers'

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## Presentations

#### PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

27 Oct 2017 'Emphatic Relatives as Answered Questions'  
NELS 35, University of Iceland, Reykjavík

8 Sep 2017 'Some kind of relative clause'  
SuB 22, ZAS/Potsdam University, Berlin

28 Apr 2017 'Epistemic Numbers'  
WCCFL 35, University of Calgary, Canada

8 Jan 2017 'Knowledge about Ignorance'  
LSA Annual Meeting 2017, Austin

14 May 2016 'Reasoning with Partial Orders'  
SALT 26, University of Austin

22 Apr 2016 'Conventionalizing at least some determiners'  
CLS 52, University of Chicago

6 Apr 2016 'It's tough to reconstruct' [with Stefan Keine & Ethan Poole]  
GLOW 2016, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen

- 6 Jan 2016 ‘Complex Cardinals of Approximation’  
CONSOLE 24, University of York, UK
- 11 Dec 2015 ‘Complex Cardinals of Approximation in Spanish’  
Going Romance 29, Radboud University, Nijmegen
- 28 Mar 2015 ‘Focusing on Scales’  
NELS 46, Concordia University, Montreal
- 28 Mar 2015 ‘Typicality Effects & Distributivity’  
WCCFL 33, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver
- 10 Jan 2015 ‘Ignorance in Context: the case of Superlative Modifiers’  
LSA Annual Meeting, Portland
- 7 Jan 2015 ‘Ignorance Inferences & Superlative Modification’  
CONSOLE 23, Université Paris Diderot–Paris 7
- 25 Jun 2014 ‘Non–Atomic Distributivity and Typicality’  
NASSLLI 2014 Student Session, UMD, Maryland
- NON-REFEREED TALKS**
- 15 Nov 2014 ‘Perfect Asymmetries’ [with Ethan Poole and Megan Somerday]  
SNEWS 2014, UMass Amherst
- 16 Nov 2013 ‘Aspectual and Contextual Restrictions on QP Interpretation’  
SNEWS 2013, MIT, Boston
- 30 Oct 2011 ‘Quantified Expressions in Subject Position’  
6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the European Research Nets on Linguistics, UPV/EHU
- 8 Mar 2011 ‘Puzzles in QP Composition and Scope Assignment’  
HIM Seminar of Semantics, UPV/EHU
- 3 Apr 2010 ‘Collective Readings on Subject Arguments’  
MSCL 5, Independent University of Moscow’
- 5 Dec 2008 ‘Issues on the Syntax and Semantics of Quantification in Basque’  
WoSS 6, UPV/EHU

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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 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 2017 *Semantics: Essential Tools*  
Undergraduate

Fall 2017 *Current Topics in Pragmatics*  
Graduate

### 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*

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## 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 (37<sup>th</sup> International Choral Contest of Tolosa)  
*Tolosa City Council, Basque Country*

## Professional Skills

Languages	Spanish, Basque	<i>native</i>
	English	<i>proficient</i>
	German, Italian	<i>intermediate</i>
Technical	Linux shell (Bash), R, Python, HTML/CSS, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X/ BibT <sub>E</sub> X	