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Düsseldorf, Germany   November 2021

Research

Specialization: Formal semantics and pragmatics of natural language

Interests: Anaphora, discourse structure, informativity, degree semantics, continuation semantics

Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf   Düsseldorf, Germany

Institut für Sprache und Information   *2020 – present*

Postdoctoral Fellow, Lecturer

– Attached to Hana Filip's project on countability in the verbal and nominal domains, including abstract items—like propositions

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem   Jerusalem, Israel

Language, Logic and Cognition Center (LLCC)   *2017 – 2020*

Postdoctoral Research Fellow

– Attached to Edit Doron's MABAR Project, studying linguistic discontinuity, language contact & the development of Modern Hebrew

Education

Cornell University   Ithaca, NY

Ph.D. Linguistics; Cognitive Science minor   *2012 – 2017*

– Dissertation: *Anaphoric Reference to Propositions*
Sarah E. Murray, Mats Rooth, chairs; John Whitman; Will Starr, Cog Sci advisor

Carnegie Mellon University   Pittsburgh, PA

B.A. Linguistics, Chinese   *2006 – 2010*

– Senior Honors Thesis: *The Semantics of Prepositions:*
an exploration into the uses of at *and* to
Mandy Simons, advisor

Shanghai International Studies University   Shanghai, People's Republic of China

Study Abroad   *Summer 2009*

Publications

- *to appear.* Metaphorical Measure Expressions (with Peter R. Sutton, Hana Filip, and Mia Windhearn). In *Proceedings of the 26th Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB 2021)*.

- *to appear.* The Open Letter: Responses and Recommendations (with Itamar Kastner, Hadas Kotek, Rikker Dockum, Michael Dow, Maria Esipova, Caitlin Green, and anonymous co-authors). In *Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA)*.

- 2021. Light Verbs in Biblical Hebrew. In Robert Holmstedt (ed.), *Linguistic Studies on Biblical Hebrew*. pp. 169–190. Brill.

- 2019. Introducing Propositional Discourse Referents. In M. Teresa Espinal et al. (eds.), *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 23 (SuB 2018)*, vol. 2, pp. 317–332. Universitat Autònoma Barcelona.

- 2018. Expressing Comparison in Cheyenne. (with Sarah E. Murray). In Monica Macaulay & Margaret Noodin (eds.), *Papers of the Forty-Seventh Algonquian Conference*, 291–308. Michigan State University Press.

- 2018. Distinguishing At-issueness from Anaphoric Potential: A Case Study of Appositives. In William G. Bennett, Lindsay Hracs, & Dennis Ryan Storoshenko (eds.), *Proceedings of the 35th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL)*, 374–381. Cascadilla Proceedings Project.

- 2017. At-issueness $\neq$ anaphoric availability. In Patrick Farrell (ed.), *Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA)*, 2(39):1–15.

- 2016. Continuations for Comparatives. In Sunghye Cho (ed.), *Proceedings of the 39th Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC)*, 22(1):255–264. University of Pennsylvania.

- 2015. Informative Counterfactuals. (with Adam Bjorndahl). In Sarah D'Antonio, Mary Moroney, & Carol Rose Little (eds.), *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT)* 25:1–17. LSA and CLC Publications.

- 2015. Using Tautologies and Contradictions. In Eva Csipak & Hedde Zeijlstra (eds.), *Proceedings of the 19th Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB 2014)*, 19:590–607. Georg-August-Universität Göttingen.

Manuscripts & Other Papers

- *withdrawn from* Language, *seeking alternative venues.* Who speaks for us? Lessons from the Pinker letter. (with Itamar Kastner, Hadas Kotek, Rikker Dockum, Michael Dow, Maria Esipova, Caitlin Green, and Anonymous).

- *in revision.* Analyzing comparatives with continuation semantics.

- 2017. Anaphoric Reference to Propositions. Dissertation, Cornell University.
  Sarah E. Murray, Mats Rooth, chairs; John Whitman; Will Starr, Cog Sci advisor. Available on SemanticsArchive.

- 2015. Continuations for Comparatives. Qualifying paper, Cornell University.
  Mats Rooth, chair; Miloje Despic; Molly Diesing. Available on SemanticsArchive.

- 2014. Using Tautologies and Contradictions. Qualifying paper, Cornell University.
  Sarah E. Murray, chair; Molly Diesing; Mats Rooth. Available on SemanticsArchive.

Volumes Edited

- 2104. Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 24. With Sarah D'Antonio and Mia Weigand. LSA and CLC Publications.

- 2013. Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 23. LSA and CLC Publications.

Presentations (Refereed by Abstract)

- **The Open Letter: Responses and Recommendations** — Washington, DC
  with Kastner, Kotek, Dockum, Dow, Esipova, Green, and anonymous — *January 7, 2022*
  LSA Annual Meeting

- **Metaphorical Measure Expressions** — Universität zu Köln
  with Peter R. Sutton, Hana Filip, and Mia Windhearn — *September 9, 2021*
  Sinn und Bedeutung

- **Introducing Propositional Discourse Referents**   Universitat Autònoma
  Sinn und Bedeutung   *September 6, 2018*
- **Light Verbs in Biblical Hebrew**   Hebrew University
  2nd Workshop on Biblical Hebrew Linguistics and Philology   *June 27, 2018*
- **Distinguishing At-issueness from Anaphoric Potential**   University of Calgary
  West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics   *April 29, 2017*
- **Conditions on Propositional Anaphora**   Austin, Texas
  LSA Annual Meeting   *January 8, 2017*
- **Expressing Comparison in Cheyenne**   University of Manitoba
  with Sarah E. Murray   *October 23, 2015*
  Algonquian Conference
- **Informative Counterfactuals**   Stanford University
  with Adam Bjorndahl   *May 15, 2015*
  Semantics and Linguistic Theory
- **Continuations for Comparatives**   University of Pennsylvania
  Penn Linguistics Conference   *March 21, 2015*
- **Using Tautologies and Contradictions**   Georg August University at Göttingen
  Sinn und Bedeutung   *September 17, 2014*
- **Informative Counterfactuals**   University of Maryland
  with Adam Bjorndahl   *June 23, 2014*
  North American Summer School for Logic, Language and Information
- **Informative Counterfactuals**   University of East Anglia
  with Adam Bjorndahl   *June 7, 2014*
  Logic, Grammar & Meaning
- **Informative Counterfactuals**   University of Maryland
  with Adam Bjorndahl   *February 14, 2014*
  PHLINC2: Language and Other Minds

Other Presentations

- **At-issueness & Propositional Anaphora**   Graz University
  Linguistics Department Colloquium   *December 5, 2019*
- **Informative Counterfactuals**   Tel Aviv University
  Linguistics Department Colloquium   *November 14, 2019*
- **Informative Counterfactuals**   The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
  Linguistics Department Colloquium   *November 5, 2019*
- **The Universal Density of Measurement Hypothesis & Modularity**   Tel Aviv University
  'Modularity of Language' Workshop   *May 15, 2019*
- **Light Verbs in Biblical Hebrew**   Bar Ilan University
  Semantics Group Meeting   *March 14, 2019*
- **Introducing Propositional Discourse Referents**   Bar Ilan University
  Linguistics Department Colloquium   *December 25, 2018*
- **Bias & Computational Learning Theory**   Tel Aviv University
  'Neural Networks & Linguistics' Workshop   *November 28, 2018*
- **Constraints on Propositional Anaphora**   Tel Aviv University
  Linguistics Department Colloquium   *May 17, 2018*

- **Expressing Comparison in Cheyenne** — Bar Ilan University
  Semantics Group Meeting — *April 12, 2018*
- **Constraints on Propositional Anaphora** — The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
  Linguistics Department Colloquium — *October 31, 2017*
- **Propositional Anaphora and Not-at-Issue Content** — Cornell University
  Cognitive Science Grad Lunch — *May 12, 2016*
- **Informative Counterfactuals** — Cornell University
  Cognitive Science Grad Lunch — *May 8, 2015*
- **Using Tautologies and Contradictions** — Cornell University
  Cornell Linguistics Circle Colloquium — *December 9, 2013*

Teaching

- **Methodenkurs Semantik: Intensional Semantics** — Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf
  Instructor — *Winter 2021/2*
- **Seminar: "At-issueness"** — Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf
  Instructor — *Winter 2021/2*
- **Introduction to Pragmatics** — Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf
  Instructor — *Summer 2021*
- **Seminar: "Counterfactuals"** — Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf
  Instructor — *Summer 2021*
- **Seminar: "The Semantics of Anaphora"** — Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf
  Instructor — *Winter 2020/1*
- **Seminar: "Approaches to Implicature"** — Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf
  Instructor — *Winter 2020/1*
- **Seminar: "The Semantics of Anaphora"** — The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
  Instructor — *Fall 2019*
- **Issues in Semantics** — The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
  Instructor — *Spring 2019*
- **Graduate Proseminar: "Foundations of Language"** — The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
  Co-Instructor — *yearlong, Fall 2018–Spring 2019*
- **Introduction to Computational Linguistics** — Cornell University
  Grader for John Hale — *Spring 2017*
- **English Words: Histories & Mysteries** — Cornell University
  Teaching Assistant for Alan Nussbaum, two discussion sections — *Spring 2016*
- **Freshman Writing Seminar: "Language: Myth & Reality"** — Cornell University
  Instructor — *Fall 2015*
- **Introduction to Cognitive Science** — Cornell University
  Teaching Assistant for Khena Swallow, one honors writing section — *Spring 2015*
- **Introduction to Computational Linguistics** — Cornell University
  Teaching Assistant for Mats Rooth — *Fall 2014*
- **Freshman Writing Seminar: "Language: Myth & Reality"** — Cornell University
  Instructor — *Spring 2014*
- **Introduction to Syntax and Semantics** — Cornell University
  Teaching Assistant for Molly Diesing, two discussion sections — *Fall 2013*

- **Linguistic Analysis** — Carnegie Mellon University
  Undergraduate Grader for Tom Werner — *Spring 2010*
- **Nature of Language** — Carnegie Mellon University
  Undergraduate Grader for Mandy Simons, Tom Werner — *Fall 2008, Spring 2009*

Research Assistantships

- **Cheyenne Fieldwork Assistant** — Montana
  One week assisting Sarah E. Murray — *Summer 2016*
- **Language Documentation Lab Assistant** — Cornell University
  Cheyenne Field Recordings Analysis for Sarah E. Murray — *Summer 2014*

Reviewing

Journals
Journal of Semantics (JoS)
Semantics & Pragmatics (S&P)
Linguistics and Philosophy (L&P)
SKASE Journal of Theoretical Linguistics

Conferences & Workshops
Linguistic Society of America (LSA)
Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT)
North East Linguistics Society (NELS)
Formal Diachronic Semantics (FoDS)
Tbilisi Symposium on Language, Logic and Computation (TbiLLC)
Israel Association for Theoretical Linguistics (IATL)
Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics (FASL)
International Conference for Graduate students on Diverse Approaches to Linguistics (IGDAL)

Conference & Workshop Organizing

Tbilisi Symposium on Language, Logic and Computation (TbiLLC 2022) — Tbilisi, Georgia
Program Committee — *September 2022*

2nd Workshop on Biblical Hebrew Linguistics & Philology — The Hebrew University
Organizer — *June 2018*

Cornell Workshop in Linguistics and Philosophy — Cornell University
Graduate Student Organizer — *annually, 2013 – 2016*

Session Chairing

Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting — 2020
Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) — 2020

Other Service

LaTeX for Social Scientists Workshop — Martin Buber Society of Fellows
Writer, Presenter — *March 2019*

LaTeX for Linguists Workshop — The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Writer, Presenter — *November 2018*

Approaches to Implicature Reading Group   The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Organizer   *2017 – 2018*

Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) Steering Committee
Executive Assistant   *July 2016 – present*

Graduate & Professional Students Assembly   Cornell University
External Member, Trustee Nominating Committee   *2016 – 2017*
External Member, Campus Infrastructure Committee   *2016 – 2017*
Voting Member, Social Sciences   *2014 – 2017*
Representative, Linguistics Department   *2012 – 2014*

LATEX for Linguists Workshop (with Zac Smith)   Cornell University
Writer, Presenter   *annually, 2013 – 2016*

Cornell Linguistics Circle   Cornell University
President   *2014 – 2015*

Semantics Reading Group   Cornell University
Graduate Student Organizer   *2012 – 2015*

Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT)   Cornell University
Assistant Editor, SALT 22   *Fall 2012*

Summer Programs

North American Summer School of Logic, Language, and Information (Rutgers)   2016
North American Summer School of Logic, Language, and Information (UMD)   2014

Fellowships, Awards & Honors

Sage Fellowship (Cornell University)   2012, 2016
Travel Grant (Cornell University, Linguistics Department)   June 2014, July 2014, Sep 2014
                                                              Mar 2015, May 2015, Oct 2015
Travel Grant (Cornell University, Cognitive Science Program)   May 2015
Travel Grant (Cornell University, Graduate School)   June 2014, Sep 2014, Oct 2015
Phi Beta Kappa (Carnegie Mellon University)   2010
Phi Kappa Phi (Carnegie Mellon University)   2009
Dean's List High Honors (Carnegie Mellon University)   8 consecutive semesters
Humanities Scholars Program (Carnegie Mellon University)   2006

Languages

English (native), Hebrew (conversational), Mandarin (intermediate), Spanish (intermediate)