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### **Current position:**

2018-present      Postdoctoral scholar,  
Laboratoire de Linguistique Formelle (LLF), University of Paris 7/CNRS  
PI: Heather Burnett

### **Previous positions**

2016-2018      Postdoctoral scholar,  
Question at the Interfaces Research Unit, University of Konstanz  
PI: Professor Maribel Romero

### **Education**

2010-2016      PhD, Department of Linguistics  
University of Chicago, Chicago, IL  
Dissertation: *Bridging the gap. Intensifiers between semantic and social meaning*  
*Committee:* Chris Kennedy (chair), Penelope Eckert, Itamar Francez, Michael Silverstein, Ming Xiang

2004-2010      B.A./M.A., Communications/Linguistics (earned March 22, 2010)  
Università di Bologna, Bologna, Italy

### **Research Interests**

*Semantics/pragmatics:* intensification, gradability, imprecision, expressive meaning, subjectivity, semantic change, implicatures, questions, alternatives, discourse structure.

*Socio/anthropological linguistics:* social meaning, social perception, language ideologies, iconicity.

*Syntax:* resumptive pronouns, islands, long distance dependencies, processing.

### **Publications**

#### Journal papers

In press. Precision and speaker qualities. The social meaning of pragmatic detail. *Linguistics Vanguard*

2018. (with Emily Hanink). Marking imprecision, expressing surprise. *Like* between hedging and mirativity. *Journal of Linguistics*. *Online first*.

2018 *Totally* between Subjectivity and Discourse. Exploring the Pragmatic Side of Intensification. *Journal of Semantics*. 35(2), 219–261.

2017. (with Laura Staum Casasanto). *Totally Tall Sounds Totally Younger*. Intensification at the Socio-Semantics Interface. *Journal of Sociolinguistics*. 21(2). 154-182.

2016. (with Ming Xiang) Unacceptable but Comprehensible: the Facilitation Effect of Resumptive Pronouns. *Glossa*. 1(1), 29.

2015. (with Ryan Bochnak). Intensification without Degrees Cross-linguistically. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 33(3). 843-879.

#### Peer-reviewed edited volumes

In press. (with Laura Staum Casasanto). The Social Meaning of Semantic Properties. In Hall-Lew, Moore and Podesva (eds.) *Social Meaning and Sociolinguistic Variation*.

2018. Intensification, Gradability and Social Perception. In Castroviejo, McNally and Sassoan (eds.), *Gradability, Scale Structure, and Vagueness: Experimental Perspectives*, "Language, Cognition, and Mind", Springer.

#### Manuscripts

Submitted to *Linguistics and Philosophy*. From Exclusion to Emphasis: reasoning with Metalinguistic Alternatives.

Submitted to *Language and Linguistics Compass*. (with Andrea Trotzke). Emphasis and intensity across linguistic domains.

Resubmitted to *Empirical Issues in Syntax and Semantics* 12. (with Regine Eckardt). Evidentials and Questions.

(with Erlinde Martens and Maribel Romero). Alternative Questions: Distinguishing between Negated and Complementary Disjuncts. In revision for resubmission to *Semantics & Pragmatics*. (scheduled end of December 2018)

(with Deniz Rudin). Whither Default Agreement? The case of subjective assertions. In preparation. Submission expected Spring 2019.

#### Proceeding Papers

2018. Emphatic *just* and *simply*: the semantics and pragmatics of metalinguistic exclusives. *Semantics and Linguistic Theory* 28.

2018. The Illocutionary Force of Subjective Predicates: an Experimental Study. *Sinn und Bedeutung* 22.

2018. (with Erlinde Meertens and Maribel Romero) Decomposing cornering effects in alternative questions: An Experimental Investigation. *Sinn und Bedeutung* 22.

2018. (with Erlinde Meertens and Maribel Romero) Alternative Questions, Markedness and Illocutionary Properties: an Experimental Study. *Chicago Linguistic Society* 53

2016. Exploring Metalinguistic Intensification. The case of Extreme Degree Modifiers. *North East Linguistic Society (NELS) 46*
2015. Totally Tall Sounds Totally Younger. From meaning composition to social perception. *Amsterdam Colloquium 20*
2015. *Totally*, Discourse and Subjectivity. Exploring the Pragmatic Side of Intensification. *Chicago Linguistic Society 51*.
2015. Intensification at the Socio-semantic Interface. A corpus study. *Berkeley Linguistic Society 41*.
2015. From *Totally* Dark to *Totally* Old. The Formal Semantics of Subjectification. *Sinn und Bedeutung 19*.
2015. (with Jackson Lee). Great Pizzas, Ghost Negations: The Emergence and Persistence of Mixed Expressives *Sinn und Bedeutung 19*
2014. Scalar Meaning in Diachrony: The suffix -issimo from Latin to Italian. *North East Linguistic Society (NELS) 44*.
2014. (with Ming Xiang). Intrusive Resumptives as Processing Facilitators. *North East Linguistic Society (NELS) 44*.
2013. (with Ming Xiang). Is *excellent* Better than *good*? Adjective Scales and Scalar implicatures. *Sinn und Bedeutung 17*

#### Edited volumes

Proceedings of the 48th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society. (With Tasos Chatzikonstantinou, Mike Pham, Jackson Lee and Diane Rak.)

#### **Presentations**

##### Refereed conference presentations

Forthcoming. Iconicity, precision, and corrections. The social meaning of pragmatic detail. The *LSA Annual meeting*, NYC, New York. January 3-6 2019

Forthcoming. (with Deniz Rudin) Whither default agreement? The case of subjective assertions. *Semantic and Philosophy in Europe*. Barcelona, Spain, December 18-20 2018

2018. Emphatic *just* and *simply*: the semantics and pragmatics of metalinguistic exclusives. Poster presented at *Semantics and Linguistic Theory 28 (SALT)*. Boston, MA. May 18-20.

2017. (with Emily Hanink) "Like", hedging and mirativity. A unified account. *Colloque de Syntaxe and Semantique a Paris (CSSP)*. Paris, France. November 23-25.

2017. (with Laura Staum Casasanto) The social meaning of semantic properties. From markedness to discourse. Talk to be presented at *NWAV 46*. Madison, Wisconsin. November 3-6.

2017. Subjective Assertions and Illocution: an Experimental Perspective on Predicates of Personal Taste. Poster presented at *Sinn und Bedeutung 22*. Berlin, Germany. September 7-9.
2017. (with Erlinde Meertens and Maribel Romero). Decomposing Cornering Effects in Alternative-Questions: An Experimental Investigation. Talk presented at *Sinn und Bedeutung 22*. Berlin, Germany. September 7-9.
2017. Subjective Assertions are Weak: an Experimental Study on Perspective-Dependent meaning. Talk to be presented at the 7th *biannual Experimental Pragmatics Conference (XPRAG)*. Cologne, Germany. June 21-23.
2017. (with Erlinde Meertens and Maribel Romero). Polar Questions, *or not* Alternative Questions and Complement Alternative Questions: an experimental study. Poster to be presented at the 7th *biannual Experimental Pragmatics Conference (XPRAG)*. Cologne, Germany. June 21-23.
2017. (with Erlinde Meertens and Maribel Romero). Alternative Questions between Logic and Discourse. 53rd Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (*CLS*). Chicago, Illinois, May 25-27.
2017. The Illocutionary Force of Subjective Predicates: an Experimental Study. Poster to be presented at the 35th *West Coast Conference in Formal Linguistics (WCCFL)*. Calgary, Canada, April 28-30.
2016. (with Emily Hanink). This is, like, a mirative construction! *Like* between uncertainty and surprise. 90<sup>th</sup> *Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America*. Washington, DC. January 7-10.
2015. Totally tall sounds totally younger. From meaning composition to social perception. *Amsterdam Colloquium 20*. Amsterdam, the Netherlands, December 16-18.
2015. Totally tall sounds totally younger. A socio-semantic study. *NWAV 44* (Poster). Toronto, Canada. October 22-25
2015. Exploring metalinguistic intensification. The case of Extreme Degree Modifiers. 46<sup>th</sup> *meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS)*. Montreal, Canada, October 16-18.
2015. Intensification, Gradability and Social Perception. *Gradability, Scale Structure, and Vagueness: Experimental Perspectives*. Madrid, Spain. May 29-30.
2015. Flat-out metalinguistic. Extreme degree modification as speaker's preference. Poster presented at the 33th *West Coast Conference in Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 33)*. Vancouver, March 28
2014. From *Totally* Dark to *Totally* Old. The Formal Semantics of Subjectification. *Sinn und Bedeutung 19*. Goettingen, Germany, September 16.
2014. (With Jackson Lee). Great pizzas, ghost negations: The emergence and persistence of mixed expressives. *Sinn und Bedeutung 19*. Goettingen, Germany, September 16.
2014. *Decent, acceptable, mediocre*. Mild adjectives as a natural class. *The Linguistic Society of America annual meeting*, Minneapolis, Minnesota, January 2-5.
2013. Scalar meaning in diachrony. The case of the suffix *-issimo*. 44<sup>th</sup> *meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS)* (poster). Storrs, Connecticut, October 18-20.
2013. (With Ming Xiang). Ungrammatical but comprehensible. Intrusive resumptives and the nature

of acceptability judgments. *44<sup>th</sup> meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS)*. Storrs, Connecticut, October 18-20.

2013. These are the pronouns that we use them but we don't like them. Resumptives between grammar and enregisterment. *Michigan 2013: 15<sup>th</sup> Annual University of Chicago - University of Michigan Graduate student conference in linguistic anthropology*. Ann Arbor, Michigan, May 10.

2013. Presupposing scalarity from Latin to Italian. The case of the suffix *-issimo*. *Workshop on Systematic Semantic Change*. Austin, Texas, April 5-6.

2013. (with Christina Kim, Kristen Syrett, Ming Xiang & Chris Kennedy). Sensitivity to local vs global discourse context in gradable adjectives. CUNY 2013. (poster). Columbia, South Carolina.

2013. (with Ming Xiang). Resumption can rescue! Islands and relative clauses in Italian and English. CUNY 2013. (poster). Columbia, South Carolina, March 20-22.

2012. Is *excellent* better than *good*? Adjective scales and scalar implicatures. *Sinn und Bedeutung 17*. Paris, France, September 8-10.

2012. Language ideologies and speech perception. What experimental methods can do, and what they haven't done yet. *Michigan 2012: 14<sup>th</sup> Annual University of Chicago-University of Michigan graduate student conference in linguistic anthropology*. Chicago, May 11-12.

2012. (with Ming Xiang). How beautiful is a pretty girl? Adjectives and implicatures. *The Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting*, Portland, Oregon, January 6-9.

2011. (with Ryan Bochnak). Intensification without degrees cross linguistically. *Workshop on Modification and Modifiers*. Madrid, December 15-16.

2011. (with M. Sonderegger et al.). Coronal stop deletion on reality TV. *NWAV 40*, Washington D.C.

2011. (with Ming Xiang) Can a decent student get into Harvard? A study on gradable adjectives and scalar implicatures. *4<sup>th</sup> Conference in Experimental Pragmatics (XPRAG)* (poster). Universitat Pompeu Fabra. Barcelona, Spain, June 2-4.

### Invited presentations

Forthcoming. Title TBA. Colloquium at Yale University, Linguistics Department. *New Haven, CT*. February 25 2019.

Forthcoming. Title TBA. Semantics Babble, University of California, San Diego, Linguistics Department. *San Diego, CA*. February 19 2019.

Forthcoming. From numbers to questions: iconicity, social meaning, and pragmatic variation. Special session "Exploring social approaches to meaning" at the *LSA Annual meeting*, NYC, New York, January 3-6.

2018. Logic, culture, cognition: Meaning across perspectives. The University of Pennsylvania center for the integrative study of the mind (MindCORE). Philadelphia, PA. April 11.

2018. Subjective assertions and inquisitiveness: a hybrid speech act?. Workshop "Evaluative meaning: Theoretical and Computational Perspectives". German Linguistic Society, DGfS. Stuttgart, March 6-9.

2017. Iconicity and (im)precision: How pragmatic variation can convey social qualities. Workshop on Social meaning. Leibniz-Zentrum Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft (ZAS). Berlin, August 29.

2017. From being intense to being precise. The social meaning of semantic properties. Colloquium at the Ohio State University, Linguistics Department. Columbus, Ohio, March 31.

2017. Meaning at the interface. The socio-semantics of intensifiers. University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, Michigan, February 6.

2015. Scalarity, (non)homogeneity and discourse. Totally across domains. Workshop on NonVeridical Expressions and Subjectivity in Language. Chicago, Illinois, December 11.

2015. Exploring the nexus between semantic and social meaning. The case of *totally*. University of Pennsylvania Speaker Series. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. December 3

2014. From semantic composition to Valley Girl Talk. University of California at Berkeley, Syntax/Semantics circle. Berkeley, California, October 17.

2014. Were linguistic scales made unequal? Scalarity, intensification and semantic change. Stanford Un-  
ver Cognition & Language workshop. Palo Alto, California. May 22.

### Teaching experience

Spring 2018                      Quantitative methods in philosophy of language. University of Reading.  
(Masterclass series, guest lecture)

Fall 2018                         Integrating approaches to formal and social meaning. UPV/EHU: University of the  
Basque Country (Compact Seminar)

Fall 2017                         University of Konstanz. Instructor. Language in Culture and Society (BA level).

Summer 2017                    Instructor. Intensification: between logic, discourse and social meaning. (with Yaron  
McNabb). European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information (ESSLLI)

Spring 2017                      University of Konstanz. Instructor. Semantics I (BA level)

Spring 2015                      University of Chicago. Instructor. Introduction to Linguistics (LING 20001).

Spring 2014                      University of Chicago. Teaching Assistant. Introduction to Linguistics (LING  
20001).

Fall 2013                         University of Chicago. Teaching Assistant. Introduction to Semantics and Pragmat-  
ics (LING 20301).

Fall 2012                         University of Chicago. Teaching Assistant. Introduction to Syntax (LING 20201).

## **Teaching training and pedagogy**

- Spring 2016                      Certificate in University Teaching, University of Chicago Center for Teaching
- Fall 2015.                         Linguistics Pedagogy (LIN 4800)
- Spring 2014                      University of Chicago Writing Program Training: Pedagogies of Writing (HUMA 5000)

## **Awards and Fellowships**

- 2014-2016                      Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Hanna Holborn Gray Advanced Fellowship in the Humanities and Humanistic Social Sciences, University of Chicago.
- 2011                                Linguistic Society of America. Summer Institute Fellowship.
- 2011                                International House at the University of Chicago. Resident Fellowship.
- 2008, 2006                      University of Bologna. Overseas fellowship (study abroad program)

## **Reviewing**

### Agencies

National Science Foundation (NSF)

### Journals

Language, Semantics & Pragmatics, Natural Language Semantics, Journal of Pragmatics, Glossa, Journal of Linguistics, Linguistics, Probus, Acta Linguistica Academica.

### Conference abstracts

Semantics and Linguistic Theory, NELS, CLS, The LSA Annual Meeting, XPRAG, Formal Approaches to Semantic Change, Integrating Social and Semantic Meaning.

### Volumes

Springer, "Language, Cognition and Mind" series, Bloomsbury Academic's Linguistics List

## **Service**

### Linguistic Society of America

- 2016                                Co-organizer of special session "Because meaning: how semantics and sociolinguistics complement each other" at the 90<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Linguistics Society of America.(with E. Allyn Smith and Joseph Tyler)

### University of Konstanz

- 2018 Organizer/Scientific Committee. Meaning in Questions Workshop.
- 2016 Organizer/Scientific Committee. Formal Approaches to Semantic Change

### University of Chicago

- 2015-2016 International student mentor for the IMPACT program at the Office of International Affairs, University of Chicago
- 2013 Conference organizer. The Semantic Workshop of the American Midwest and Prairies (SWAMP)
- 2012 Conference organizer. 48<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society
- 2012 Conference organizer. The University of Chicago and University of Michigan Annual Meeting Linguistic Anthropology (Michicagoan)
- 2011-12 Officer. Chicago Linguistic Society. Specific Tasks: selling conference proceedings, organizing social activities for the department

### **Non degree study**

- Fall 2014 Visiting Student, Department of Linguistics  
Stanford University, Stanford, California
- July 2010 Linguistic Society of America, Summer Institute at the University of Colorado  
at Boulder.
- 2008-2009 Graduate Student At Large  
University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2006-2007 College Exchange Student  
University of California Berkeley, Berkeley, California

### **Language Proficiencies**

Italian (native), English (proficient), Spanish (proficient), German (elementary), Basque (elementary), French (reading).