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## Education

Ph.D., 2006      Linguistics, University of Massachusetts at Amherst  
Dissertation: *Disjunction in Alternative Semantics*.  
Committee: Angelika Kratzer (chair), Kai von Stechow, Lyn Frazier, Kevin  
Klement (external member), Barbara H. Partee, Christopher Potts.

M.A., 2001      Hispanic Linguistics, University of Massachusetts at Amherst

*Licenciatura*, 1997      Hispanic Philology, University of Oviedo, Spain

## Professional Experience

August 2015 –      Associate Professor  
Department of Linguistics  
McGill University

June 2014 –  
July 2015      Associate Professor  
Department of Linguistics  
Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures  
McGill University

August 2011 –  
May 2014      Assistant Professor  
Department of Linguistics  
Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures  
McGill University

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Sept. 2006 – May 2011	Assistant Professor Department of Hispanic Studies University of Massachusetts, Boston [Spring 2010: parental leave.]
Fall 2005	Lecturer Department of Linguistics and Philosophy Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Fall 2003 – Spring 2004	Teaching Assistant Department of Linguistics University of Massachusetts at Amherst
Spring 2001 – Fall 2003	Research Assistant Department of Linguistics and Department of Psychology University of Massachusetts at Amherst
1997 – 2000	Teaching Associate Department of Spanish and Portuguese University of Massachusetts at Amherst
1998 – 2000	Coordinator, Advanced Intermediate Level Language Program Department of Spanish and Portuguese University of Massachusetts at Amherst
Fall 1999	Teaching Assistant Spanish Department, Amherst College
Summer 1996	Institute for the Cooperation with Latin America Fellow Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Spain

## SCHOLARSHIP

### *Grants*

#### *Principal Investigator:*

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Insight Grant, *Modality in the Nominal Domain* (435-2013-0103), (2013-2017), \$278,758. (Co-investigators: Bernhard Schwarz, Junko Shimoyama.)

Fonds Québécois de la Recherche sur la Société et la Culture, Établissement de nouveaux professeurs-chercheurs, *Variations entre langues dans la sémantique des groupes nominaux indéfinis: l'expression de l'ignorance et de l'indifférence* (2013-NP-164823), (2012-2015), \$39,600.

*Co-Applicant:*

Fonds Québécois de la Recherche sur la Société et la Culture, Soutien aux équipes de recherche, *Les interfaces de la syntaxe*, (2012-2015), \$344,693 (Lisa Travis, PI).

*Dissemination:*

Principal Applicant: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Connection Grant, *Exploring the Interfaces: Implicatures, Alternatives and the Semantics/Pragmatics Interface* (611-2012-0232), \$16,342. (Funding for a three-day international workshop.)

*Previous Internal Grants:*

College of Liberal Arts Dean's Research Fund (Spring 2008) "Spanish Epistemic Indefinites", \$3,000, plus one course release.

Joseph P. Healey Grant Program (AY 2008-2009), Office of the Vice Provost for Research, University of Massachusetts Boston: "The Place of Spanish Indefinites within a Typology of Epistemic Indefinite Noun Phrases: Stage 2", \$4,410.

Joseph P. Healey Grant Program (AY 2007-2009), Office of the Vice Provost for Research, University of Massachusetts Boston: "The Place of Spanish Indefinites within a Typology of Epistemic Indefinite Noun Phrases", \$3,890.

*Journal Articles*

Alonso-Ovalle, Luis & Paula Menéndez-Benito. 2013. Two Views on Epistemic Indefinites. *Language and Linguistics Compass*, 7:2, 102-122.

Alonso-Ovalle, Luis & Paula Menéndez-Benito. 2012. Indefinites, Dependent Plurality, and the Viability Requirement on Scalar Alternatives. *Journal of Semantics*. 30:1. 65-102. Published online on February 20 2012. doi: 10.1093/jos/ffr013

Alonso-Ovalle, Luis & Paula Menéndez-Benito. 2011. Domain Restrictions, Modal Implicatures, and Plurality: Spanish *Algunos*. *Journal of Semantics*, 28 (2): 211-240.

Alonso-Ovalle, Luis & Paula Menéndez-Benito. 2010. Modal Indefinites. *Natural Language Semantics* 18 (1): 1-31.

Alonso-Ovalle, Luis. 2009. Counterfactuals, Correlatives and Disjunction. *Linguistics and Philosophy* 32 (2): 207-244.

Christopher Potts, Luis Alonso-Ovalle, Ash Asudeh, Rajesh Bhatt, Seth Cable, Christopher Davis, Yurie Hara, Angelika Kratzer, Eric McCready, Tom Roeper, and Martin Walkow. 2009. Expressives and Identity Conditions. *Linguistic In-*

quiry, 40 (2) : 356-366. [Squib]

Alonso-Ovalle, Luis. 2008a. Innocent Exclusion in an Alternative Semantics. *Natural Language Semantics* 16 (2): 115-128.

Alonso-Ovalle, Luis; Charles Clifton; Susana Fernández-Solera & Lyn Frazier. 2002. Null *vs.* Overt Pronouns and the Topic-Focus Articulation in Spanish, *Journal of Italian Linguistics*, 14:2, pp. 151-169.

Alonso-Ovalle, Luis. 2000. Aspectos gnoseológicos de la lingüística de Cuervo. *Thesaurus*, LXIII, Instituto Caro y Cuervo, Bogotá (Colombia), pp. 345-378.

### **Book Chapters**

Alonso-Ovalle, Luis & Paula Menéndez-Benito. (In press) Epistemic Indefinites: On the Content and Distribution of the Epistemic Effect. *Modality across syntactic categories*. ed. by Ana Arregui, Marisa Rivero, and Andrés Pablo Salanova, Oxford University Press.

Alonso-Ovalle, Luis & Junko Shimoyama. (In press) Modal Indefinites: Where do Japanese *Wh-kas* Fit In? *Modality across syntactic categories* ed. by Ana Arregui, Marisa Rivero, and Andrés Pablo Salanova, Oxford University Press.

Alonso-Ovalle, Luis & Paula Menéndez-Benito. 2015. Epistemic Indefinites: An Overview. *Epistemic Indefinites. Exploring Modality beyond the Verbal Domain*, ed. by Luis Alonso-Ovalle & Paula Menéndez-Benito, Oxford University Press, pp. 1-28.

Alonso-Ovalle, Luis & Paula Menéndez-Benito. 2013. A Note on the Derivation of the Epistemic Effect of Spanish *Algún* as an Implicature. *Alternatives in Semantics*, ed. by Anamaria Fălăuș, Palgrave MacMillan (*Palgrave Studies in Pragmatics, Language and Cognition Series*), pp. 36-50.

Alonso-Ovalle, Luis & Paula Menéndez-Benito. 2013. Exceptional Scope: The Case of Spanish. *Different Kinds of Specificity Across Languages*, ed. by Stefan Hinterwimmer and Cornelia Endriss, Dordrecht: Springer (*Studies in Linguistics and Philosophy*), pp. 123-155.

Alonso-Ovalle, Luis. 2003. Incremental Modification of Discourse Referents: the Case of Restricted Quantification. *On Semantic Processing, University of Massachusetts Occasional Papers in Linguistics (UMOP) vol. 27*, ed. by Luis Alonso-Ovalle, Amherst, MA: Graduate Linguistic Student Association, pp. 1-26.

Alonso-Ovalle, Luis. 2003. Spanish *De*-Clauses are not Always in the Right Mood. *Romance Linguistics and Linguistic Theory 2001*, ed. by Josep Quer, Jan Schrotten,

Mauro Scorretti, Petra Sleeman and Els Verheugd, Amsterdam: John Benjamins, pp. 1-16.

Alonso-Ovalle, Luis. 2002. Arbitrary Pronouns are not that Indefinite. *Romance Languages and Linguistic Theory 2000*, ed. by Claire Beyssade, Reineke Bok-Bennema, Frank Drijkoningen and Paola Monachesi, Amsterdam: John Benjamins, pp. 1-15.

Alonso-Ovalle, Luis. 2002. Aspect and Situations: A Situation Semantics Account of the Semantic Variability of Spanish 'Al-Clauses'. *From Words to Discourse. Trends in Spanish Semantics and Pragmatics*. ed. by Javier Gutiérrez-Rexach. Oxford/New York: Elsevier Science, pp. 119-127.

Alonso-Ovalle, Luis & Francesco D'Introno. 2001. Full and Null Pronouns in Spanish: the Zero Pronoun Hypothesis. *Hispanic Linguistics at the Turn of the Myllemium*, ed. by Héctor Campos, Elena Herburger, Alfonso Morales-Front, and Thomas Walsh, Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Press, pp. 189-210.

Alonso-Ovalle, Luis. 2000. Is the 'Arbitrary Interpretation' a Semantic Epiphenomenon? *Issues in Semantics and its Interface, University of Massachusetts Occasional Papers in Linguistics (UMOP) vol. 2*, ed. by Niyomi Kusumoto and Elisabeth Villalta, Amherst, MA: Graduate Linguistic Student Association, pp. 155-183.

### ***Papers Presented at Conferences and Published in Proceedings***

Alonso-Ovalle, Luis and Junko Shimoyama. 2014. Expressing Ignorance in the Nominal Domain: Japanese *Wh-ka*. *Proceedings of the West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics 31*, ed. by Robert Santana-LaBarge, Cascadilla Proceedings Project, pp. 11-20.

Alonso-Ovalle, Luis and Paula Menéndez-Benito. 2013. Modal Determiners and Alternatives: Quantity and Ignorance Effects. *Proceedings of the 23rd Semantics and Linguistic Theory Conference*, ed. by Todd Snider, CLC Publications, pp. 570-586.

Alonso-Ovalle, Luis and Paula Menéndez-Benito. 2013. Epistemic Indefinites: Are We Ignorant About Ignorance? *Proceedings of the 19th Amsterdam Colloquium*, ed. by Maria Aloni, Michael Franke and Floris Roelofsen, University of Amsterdam, pp. 35-43.

Alonso-Ovalle, Luis and Paula Menéndez-Benito. 2013. Plural Epistemic Indefinites. *Proceedings of the 40th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistics Society*, ed. by Seda Kan, Claire Moore-Cantwell and Robert Staubs, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA: Graduate Linguistic Student Association, pp. 17-31.

Alonso-Ovalle, Luis and Paula Menéndez-Benito. 2013. Random Choice Modality: Spanish *Un NP Cualquiera*. *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 17*, ed. by Emmanuel Chemla, Vincent Homer and Grégoire Winterstein, Paris, pp. 27-43 (Available at <http://semanticsarchive.net/sub2012/>).

Alonso-Ovalle, Luis and Paula Menéndez-Benito. 2011. Expressing Indifference: Spanish *Un NP Cualquiera*. *Proceedings of the 21st Semantics and Linguistic Theory Conference*, ed. by Neil Ashton, Anca Chereches, and David Lutz, pp. 333-352. (Available at <http://elanguage.net/journals/salt/issue/view/324>)

Alonso-Ovalle, Luis; Menéndez-Benito, Paula, and Schwarz, Florian. 2011. Maximize Presupposition and Two Types of Definite Competitors. *Proceedings of the 39th North East Linguistics Society Conference*, ed. by Suzi Lima, Kevin Mullin, and Brian Smith, pp. 29-41.

Alonso-Ovalle, Luis. 2009. EVEN and Biased Questions: The Case of Spanish *Siquiera*. *Proceedings of the 19th Semantics and Linguistic Theory Conference*, ed. by Satoshi Ito and Ed Cormany, Cornell University, pp. 1-18.

Alonso-Ovalle, Luis & Paula Menéndez-Benito. 2008. Minimal Domain Widening. *Proceedings of the 27th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, ed. by Natasha Abner and Jason Bishop, Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Press Project, pp. 36-44.

Alonso-Ovalle, Luis. 2008b. Alternatives in the Disjunctive Antecedents Problem. *Proceedings of the 26th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, ed. by Charles B. Chang and Hannah J. Haynie, Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Press Project, pp. 42-50

Alonso-Ovalle, Luis. 2005. Distributing the Disjuncts over the Modal Space. *Proceedings of the North East Linguistic Society 35*, ed. by Leah Bateman and Cherlon Ussery, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA: Graduate Linguistic Student Association, pp. 75-86.

Alonso-Ovalle, Luis. 2004. Simplification of Disjunctive Antecedents. *Proceedings of the North East Linguistic Society 34*, ed. by Keir Moulton and Matthew Wolf, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA: Graduate Linguistic Student Association, pp. 1-15.

Alonso-Ovalle, Luis & Elena Guerzoni. 2004. Double Negation, Negative Concord and Metalinguistic Negation. *Proceedings of the Chicago Linguistics Society Meeting, 38-1: The Main Session*, ed. by Mary Andronis, Erin Debenport, Anne Pycha and Keiko Yoshimura. Chicago, IL: Chicago Linguistics Society Publications, pp. 15-31.

Alonso-Ovalle, Luis & Paula Menéndez-Benito. 2003. Some Epistemic Indefinites.

*Proceedings of the North East Linguistic Society 33*, ed. by Makoto Kadowaki and Shigeto Kawahara, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA: Graduate Linguistic Student Association, pp. 1-12.

Alonso-Ovalle, Luis & Paula Menéndez-Benito. 2002. Two Types of Weak Quantifiers: Evidence from Spanish. *Proceedings of the 1st North American Summer School in Logic, Language and Information*. Stanford, CA: Department of Linguistics, pp. 1-19.

### **Book Reviews**

Alonso-Ovalle, Luis. 2008. “*Fundamentos de semántica composicional*. By María Victoria Escandell Vidal. Barcelona: Ariel, 2004.” *eLanguage*  
URL: <http://elanguage.net/blogs/booknotices/?p=17>

Alonso-Ovalle, Luis. 2002. “*Definite Descriptions: A Reader*. Ed. by Gary Ostertag. Cambridge: the MIT press, 1998.” *Language*, 78(2), p. 370.

Alonso-Ovalle, Luis. 2002. “*Speaking of Events*. Ed. by James Higginbotham, Fabio Pianesi and Achille C. Varzi. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000.” *Language*, 78 (2): p. 370.

Alonso-Ovalle, Luis. 2001. “*The Proceedings of the Seventh West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*. Ed. by Shahin *et al.* Stanford: Stanford Linguistics Association, 2001.” *Language*, 77 (2), p. 418.

Alonso-Ovalle, Luis. 2001. “*Pragmatics*. By Jean Stilwell Peccei. London and NY: Routledge, 1999.” *Language*, 77,2, p. 407.

Alonso-Ovalle, Luis. 2001. “*Grammatical Analyses in Basque and Romance Linguistics: Papers in Honor of Mario Saltarelli*. Ed. by J. Franco *et al.* Amsterdam: John Benjamins, 1999.” *Language*, 77 (2), p. 407.

Alonso-Ovalle, Luis. 2001. “*Language and Reality: An Introduction to the Philosophy of Language*. By Michael Devitt and Kim Sterelny. 2nd ed. Cambridge, MA: the MIT Press, 1999.” *Language*, 77 (1), p. 188.

Alonso-Ovalle, Luis. 2000. “*Formal Perspectives on Romance Linguistics*. Ed. by J.M. Authier *et al.* Amsterdam: John Benjamins, 1999.” *Language*, 76,4, p. 941.

### **Edited Volumes**

Alonso-Ovalle, Luis & Paula Menéndez-Benito. (eds.) (2015) *Epistemic Indefinites. Exploring Modality beyond the Verbal Domain*, Oxford University Press.

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Alonso-Ovalle, Luis. (ed.) 2003. *On Semantic Processing, University of Massachusetts Occasional Papers in Linguistics, vol 27*. University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA: Graduate Linguistic Student Association.

### *Invited Talks*

February 2015. “Modality in the Nominal Domain: Random Choice and Modal Harmony”, (with Paula Menéndez-Benito), Department of Linguistics Colloquium, Cornell University, February 5, 2015.

September 2014. “Modality in the Nominal Domain: Random Choice”, (with Paula Menéndez-Benito), *Two Days At Least Workshop*, University of Utrecht, The Netherlands, September 10 2014.

January 2013. “Indefinites, Dependent Plurality and Scalar Alternatives”, (with Paula Menéndez-Benito), Linguistics Department, Guest lecture series, University of Stuttgart, Germany, January 17 2013. [Presented by co-author]

June 2012. “Spanish Indefinites and Dependent Plurality: the Role of Scalarity”, (with Paula Menéndez-Benito), *Linguistics colloquium, Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft*, Berlin, June 15 2012. [Presented by co-author.]

March 2012. “Indiscriminate Choices: Spanish *Uno Cualquiera*”, (with Paula Menéndez-Benito), Fifth Toronto-Montreal-Ottawa Workshop, University of Ottawa, March 10 2012.

March 2012. “Natural language disjunction and the logic of our minds;”, *McGill Canadian Conference for Linguistics Undergraduates*, McGill University, March 9, 2012.

February 2012. “Scalarity and Dependent Plurality in Spanish”, (with Paula Menéndez-Benito), Department of Classics, Modern Languages and Linguistics, Concordia University, February 2 2012.

December 2011. “Agent Indifference: The Case of Spanish *Un NP Cualquiera*”, (with Paula Menéndez-Benito), School of Linguistics and Language Studies, Carleton University, Ottawa.

November 2011. “On the Modal Component of Spanish *Un NP Cualquiera*”, (with Paula Menéndez-Benito), *Indefinites and Beyond*, workshop held at the University of Göttingen, Germany, November 18-19, 2011.

September 2011. “Scalarity and Dependent Plurality in Spanish”, (with Paula Menéndez-Benito), *Sinn und Bedeutung* Workshop on Weak Referentiality, University of Utrecht, September 9 2011.



May 2011. “F(ake) Questions”, (with Esther Torrego), Seminari del Centre de Lingüística Teòrica, Universitat Autònoma, Barcelona.

October 2010. “Spanish Plural Indefinites and Dependent Plurality: the Role of Scalar Alternatives”, (with Paula Menéndez-Benito), Workshop on Alternative Semantics, University of Nantes. [Presented by co-author.]

January 2010. “Epistemic Effects, Domain Constraints, and Plurality: the Case of Spanish *Algún*”, (with Paula Menéndez-Benito), University of Tübingen. [Presented by co-author.]

February 2009. “Towards a Typology of Indefinite Noun Phrases: Dissecting Spanish *Algún*”, Linguistics Colloquium Series, Department of Linguistics, University of Michigan.

May 2008. “Modal Indefinites” (with Paula Menéndez-Benito), Institute for Logic, Language, and Computation, Department of Philosophy, University of Amsterdam. [Presented by co-author]

February 2006. “Set Forming *Or*”, Department of Linguistics and Germanic, Slavic, Asian and African Languages, Michigan State University.

January 2006. “Alternatives in the Semantics and Pragmatics of Disjunction”, Department of Spanish, French, Italian and Portuguese, University of Illinois at Chicago.

March 2005. “Can Modals See the Alternatives?”. New York University Polarity Workshop, Department of Linguistics, New York University.

February 2005. “Disjunction in Modal Space”, Department of Linguistics, University of Connecticut.

January 2005. “On the Semantics of *O* and *Algún*”, Department of Hispanic Languages and Literature, State University of New York at Stony Brook.

December 2004. “Equal Rights for Every Disjunct! Quantification over Alternatives or Pointwise Context Change”, New York University Syntax/Semantics Lecture Series, Department of Linguistics, New York University.

### *Conference Presentations*

#### *Papers Delivered*

December 2015, “Puzzling over Epistemic Indefinites, Again.” (with Paula Menéndez-Benito), Workshop on Epistemic Modality and Reference, Université de Toulouse [presented by co-author.]

- December 2013. “Epistemic Indefinites and Evidential Constraints: Spanish *Algún*” (with Paula Menéndez-Benito), 19th Amsterdam Colloquium, University of Amsterdam, December 18, 2013.
- July 2013. “Modal Indefinites and Their Competitors: *Algún que Otro*” (with Paula Menéndez-Benito), Congr s International des Linguistes 19, Session on Semantics-Pragmatics Interfaces, Geneva, July 25 2013.
- April 2012. “Indifference and Modality: the Case of Spanish *Uno Cualquiera*” (with Paula Menéndez-Benito), *Modality Workshop*, University of Ottawa, April 10 2012
- April 2012. “Modality in the Nominal Domain: Exploring Japanese *Wh-ka* Indeterminates” (with Junko Shimoyama), *Modality Workshop*, University of Ottawa, April 10 2012
- June 2010. “Epistemic Indefinites: A Personal View” (with Paula Menéndez-Benito), *Workshop on Epistemic Indefinites*, University of G ttingen and Lichtenberg-Kolleg.
- February 2010. “Epistemic Effects and Plurality” (with Paula Menéndez-Benito), *Workshop on Indefinites Crosslinguistically, 32nd Meeting of the German Linguistic Society*, Humboldt University, Berlin.
- January 2010. “Modal Indefinites and Domain Constraints” (with Paula Menéndez-Benito), *Workshop on Reference and Discourse Structure*, University of Stuttgart. [presented by co-author].
- October 2009. “Plural Epistemic Indefinites” (with Paula Menéndez-Benito), *40th Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society*, M.I.T.
- September 2009. “Distributed Plurality in Spanish: *Unos* vs. *Algunos*” (with Paula Menéndez-Benito), *Sinn und Bedeutung* 14, University of Vienna. [presented by co-author].
- December 2008. “Some Puzzles for Maximize Presupposition” (with Paula Menéndez-Benito and Florian Schwarz), *M.I.T Workshop in Honor of Prof. Angelika Kratzer*.
- May 2008. “Minimal Domain Widening” (with Paula Menéndez-Benito), *27th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, University of California Los Angeles.
- July 2007. “Another Look at Indefinites in Islands” (with Paula Menéndez-Benito), *Workshop on Different Kinds of Specificity Across Languages*, Humboldt-Universitat zu Berlin, July 6 -7. [presented by co-author.]
- April 2007. “Alternatives in the Disjunctive Antecedents Problem”, *26th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, University of California Berkeley.
- February 2007. “Disjunctive Counterfactuals in a Hamblin Semantics”, *33rd Meet-*

ing of the Berkeley Linguistics Society, University of California Berkeley.

August 2005. "Identity Preserving Or: Disjunction in Alternative Semantics", *The Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute*, Massachusetts Institute of Technology & Harvard University.

January 2005. "Set Forming Or", *The 79th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America*, San Francisco.

November 2004. "Equal Rights for Every Disjunct! Quantification over Alternatives or Pointwise Context Change?", *Sinn und Bedeutung 9*, University of Nijmegen.

November 2003. "Simplification of Disjunctive Antecedents in a Hamblin Semantics", *35th Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society*, State University of New York at Stony Brook.

October 2002. "Two Types of Indefinites" (with Paula Menéndez-Benito), *Sinn und Bedeutung 7*, University of Konstanz.

2002. "Two Types of Weak Quantifiers: Evidence from Spanish" (with Paula Menéndez-Benito), *First North American Summer School in Language, Logic and Information*, Stanford University.

2001. "Spanish *De*-Clauses are not Always on the Right Mood", *Going Romance 2001*, University of Amsterdam.

2000. "Is the 'Arbitrary Interpretation' a Semantic Epiphenomenon?", *Going Romance 2000*, Utrecht Institute of Linguistics.

2000. "Situations within Spanish Metaphysics". *Massachusetts Symposium on Hispanic Linguistics*, University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

2000. "On Anaphora Resolution in Spanish: Bound Variable *vs.* Coreferential Reading" (with Francesco D'Introno and Susana Fernández-Solera), *Fourth Hispanic Linguistics Symposium*, University of Indiana, Bloomington.

1999. "Aspect and Situations: On the Semantic Variability of Spanish *Al*-Clauses", *First International Conference on the Semantics and Pragmatics of Spanish*, The Ohio State University.

1999. "Full and Null Pronouns in Spanish: The Zero Pronoun Hypothesis", *Third Hispanic Linguistics Symposium*, Georgetown University.

1999. "Sobre el comportamiento anafórico de los pronombres fuertes en español", *49th Mountain Interstate Foreign Language Conference*, University of Tennessee.

1998. “Infinitivos, adjunciones y marcado casual”, *48th Mountain Interstate Foreign Language Conference*, Virginia Tech, Roanoke, VA.

1998. “Cuervo en el panorama lingüístico europeo de fin de siglo”, *51st Annual Kentucky Foreign Language Conference*, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY.

### ***Poster Presentations***

October 2015. “Modal Selectivity in the Nominal Domain: Spanish *Uno Cualquiera*,” (With Paula Menéndez-Benito), *46th Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society*, Concordia University, Montreal.

May 2013. “Modal Determiners and Alternatives: Quantity and Ignorance Effects.” (With Paula Menéndez-Benito), *Semantics and Linguistic Theory* 23, University of California Santa Cruz.

September 2012. “Expressing Random Choice: the Case of Spanish *Uno Cualquiera*” (with Paula Menéndez-Benito), *Sinn und Bedeutung* 17, École Normale Supérieure, Paris.

May 2011. “Expressing Indifference: Spanish *Un NP Cualquiera*” (with Paula Menéndez-Benito), *Semantics and Linguistic Theory* 20, Rutgers University.

April 2009. “EVEN and Biased Questions: the Case of Spanish *Siquiera*”, *Semantics and Linguistic Theory* 19, the Ohio State University.

November 2008. “Maximize Presupposition and Definite Competitors” (with Paula Menéndez-Benito and Florian Schwarz), *39th Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society*, Cornell University.

May 2008. “Exceptional Scope Across Islands” (with Paula Menéndez-Benito), *27th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, University of California Los Angeles.

November 2004. “A (Kratzer and Shimoyama Style) Hamblin Semantics for Disjunction”, *35th Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society*, University of Connecticut, Storrs.

November 2004. “A Negative Concord Exceptive: Japanese *-sika*” (with Masako Hirotani), *35th Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society*, University of Connecticut, Storrs.

March 2003. “Incremental Modification of Discourse Referents: the Case of Restricted Quantification”, *16th Annual City University of New York Conference on Sentence Processing*, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

November 2002. “Indefinites and Quantification: the Case of Spanish”, (with Paula

Menéndez-Benito), *33rd Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society*, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

April 2001. “Double Negation, Metalinguistic Negation and Negative Concord” (with Elena Guerzoni), *37th Meeting of the Chicago Linguistics Society*, University of Chicago.

## TEACHING

### *McGill University (2011-)*

#### *Undergraduate level*

HISP 501: History of the Spanish Language, Fall 2011; Fall 2015 (taught as HISP 505, Seminar in Hispanic Studies.)

HISP 380: Global Spanish, Winter 2014.

HISP 310: How Spanish Works, Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Fall 2014.

HISP 199 (First Year Seminar): Varieties of Spanish, Winter 2012.

LING 201: Introduction to Linguistics (Semantics and Pragmatics section), Winter 2013.

LING 200: Introduction to the Study of Language, Fall 2015.

#### *Graduate level*

Ling 665: Semantics 4, Winter 2012, Winter 2014 (meets together with Ling 765).

Ling 660: Semantics 3, Fall 2012, Fall 2014.

LLCU 610: Fundamentals of Linguistics for Language Teaching, Winter 2013.

### *Doctoral Students*

#### *A.1. PhD Dissertations*

##### *Co-Supervisor*

Brian Buccola, “Maximality in the Semantics of Modified Numerals” (Co-supervised with Bernhard Schwarz) (Successfully defended, August 2015.)

Jozina van der Klok, “Tense and Aspect Markers in Javanese” (Co-supervised with Lisa Travis.) (Successfully defended, November 2012.)

*Committee Member*

Alanah McKillen, “On the interpretation of reflexive pronouns,” (in progress).

Tokiko Okuma, “Overt Pronoun Constraint Effects in Second Language Japanese” (Successfully defended, April 2015.)

Alexandra Simonenko, “Grammatical Ingredients of Definiteness” (Successfully defended, April 2014.)

*A.2. Evaluation Papers*

*(Co-)Supervisor*

Henrison Hsieh, “An Additional Inference for Actuality Entailments” (Co-supervised with Bernhard Schwarz.) (Successfully defended, June 2015.)

Dan Goodhue, “On the Presuppositions of Epistemic *Must*” (Co-supervised with Bernhard Schwarz.) (Successfully defended, March 2015.)

Oriana Kilbourn-Cerón, “*Almost*” (Successfully completed, August 2013.) (Co-supervised with Bernhard Schwarz.)

Gretchen McCulloch, “Modal Indefinites in Mi’gmaq: *Tampas*” (Defended, July 2013.)

Alanah McKillen, “Focus and Binding” (Co-supervised with Yosef Grodzinsky) (Successfully completed, August 2013.)

Marzieh Mortazavina, “*Even* and *Only*” (Co-supervised with Bernhard Schwarz) (Successfully completed, July 2013.)

*Committee Member*

Daniel Goodhue, “The Contradiction Contour and Questions” (Co-supervised with Michael Wagner and Bernhard Schwarz) (Successfully defended May 2014).

*University of Massachusetts Boston (2006-2011)*

Span 412: Spanish Semantics (Fall 2008, Fall 2010).

Span 316: Advanced Grammar (Spring 2007, Spring 2009).

Span 320: Varieties of Spanish in the Americas (Fall 2009).

Span 314: Language Arts: How Spanish Works (Fall 2007, Fall 2009, Spring 2011).

Span 305: Problems of Syntax (Spring 2007, Spring 2008).

Span 304: Spanish for Majors and Minors (Fall 2006, Fall 2008).

Span 200G (General Education: Intermediate Seminar): Boston Speaks, one section (Spring 2007, Fall 2010).

Span 202: Intermediate Spanish II (Fall 2007, Spring 2007, Fall 2009).

Span 102: Elementary Spanish II, three sections (Fall 2006, Spring 2007).

Span 101: Elementary Spanish I, one section (Fall 2007).

*Honor Theses Directed at UMass Boston*

Melodie Reynolds, “Negative Concord and Spanish Yes/No Questions with Preposed Negation”, (two semesters (6 credits), successfully defended Spring 2011).

Katherina Zhovna’s (Departmental Honor Thesis.) “Spanish Epistemic Indefinites: Expressing Degrees of Ignorance”, (two semesters (6 credits), successfully defended Summer 2009).

Patrick Brand, “Division of Labor in the Resolution of Anaphora in Spanish” (two semesters (6 credits), successfully defended Spring 2008).

*M.I.T (Fall 2005)*

24.970, Introduction to Semantics, with Prof. Kai von Stechow. Level: graduate. Duties also include teaching and developing the semantics section of 24.992, Survey of General Linguistics (graduate level).

*University of Massachusetts Amherst (1997– 2006)*

*A. Department of Linguistics*

LING 510: Introduction to Semantics. Spring 2004. Level: senior-level undergraduate course. Teaching Assistant to Prof. Angelika Kratzer. Duties included preparing and teaching a weekly 50 min. hands-on session, supervising students and grading.

LING 409: Formal foundations of Linguistics. Fall 2003. Level: senior-level undergraduate course. Teaching Assistant to Prof. Barbara H. Partee. Duties included grading, preparing and teaching several sections of the course.

*B. Department of Spanish and Portuguese*

SPAN 470: Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics.

SPAN 378: Spanish Phonetics.

SPAN 311: Advanced Grammar.

SPAN 240: Spanish for General Purposes, Advanced Intermediate level.

SPAN 120: Spanish for General Purposes, Beginners.

SPAN 110: Spanish for General Purposes, Beginners.

Coordinator of the Advanced Intermediate Level Language Program (1998 – 2000.)  
Duties included coordinating Teaching Associates in charge of SPAN 240 (Spanish for General Purposes, Advanced Intermediate level), designing full structure of the course, including syllabus, teaching materials and evaluation of students.

### *Previous Experience*

Fall 1999, Teaching Assistant, Spanish Department, Amherst College.

Summer 1996, Institute for the Cooperation with Latin America Fellow, Spanish Foreign Office. Duties included teaching two seminars on Structuralist Approaches to the Syntax of Spanish at the National University, Córdoba (Argentina).

### *Talks on Teaching*

2007. “Enhancing Communication with Voice and Video Chat” (with Susan Mraz), *Educational Technology Conference*, University of Massachusetts Boston.

2007. “Bringing Formal Linguistics into the Language Classroom”, *Annual Conference on Teaching for Transformation*, Center for the Improvement of Teaching, University of Massachusetts Boston.

1999. “Ciencias, técnicas y tecnologías: acerca del lugar de la gramática en el paradigma comunicativo”, *52nd Kentucky Foreign Language Conference*, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY.

## **SERVICE**

### *McGill University (2011 -)*

#### *Service to the University*

Tomlinson Postdoctoral Fellowships Selection Committee, *Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies* (Academic Year 2011-2012, Academic Year 2012-2013.)



Distinguished Dissertation Award Committee, *Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies*, (2012, 2013, 2014)

Convocation Awards Committee, *Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies*, (2012, 2013, 2014, 2015)

CGS Master's Scholarships Evaluation Committee, *Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies*, (2012, 2013, 2015)

Served as a pro-dean in the following dissertation defenses:

- Kate E. Rath-Wilson, Department of Neuroscience, July 6, 2015.
- Christopher Mount, Department of Integrated Studies in Education, December 6, 2012.
- Xiangyu Guo, Department of Chemistry, June 19 2012.
- Jackson Earle Tulonen Smith, Department of Physiology, May 29 2012.
- John Mills, Department of Biochemistry, Dec 9 2011.

### *Service to the Department*

#### *Linguistics*

Graduate Program Director (*interim*, Academic Year 2012-2013, Fall 2014)

Co-organizer of the Linguistics Speaker Series (Academic Year 2012-2013.)

Admissions Committee (annual).

Departmental Tenure Committee (2015).

Job Search Committee (2015).

Co-organizer of the 6th Toronto-Ottawa-Montréal Workshop on Semantics.

Co-organizer of *Exploring the Interfaces 2: Implicatures, Alternatives, and the Semantics/Pragmatics Interface*, a three day international workshop, funded by SSHRC.

Chair Selection Committee (Winter 2013.)

Student Awards Committee (Academic Year 2011-2012, Academic Year 2012-2013 (chair).)

Full Professor Promotion Guidelines Committee (Winter 2012.)

Merit Criteria Review Committee (since Fall 2012, ongoing.)

Web Committee (since Fall 2011, ongoing.)

Editor of *McLing*, the departmental newsletter (Fall 2011 - .)

Internal examiner: Tokiko Okuma, “Overt Pronoun Constraint Effects in Second Language Japanese”, Ph. D. dissertation, oral defense: April 1 2015.

Internal examiner: David-Étienne Bouchard, “Long-Distance Degree Quantification and the Grammar of Subjectivity”, Ph. D. dissertation, oral defense: November 24 2012.

Internal examiner: Alexandra Simonenko, “The Grammatical Ingredients of Definiteness”, Ph. D. dissertation, oral defense: April 4 2014.

Oral Defense Committee member: Mina Sugimura, “Domain Extension: A Study of Restructuring Predicates in Japanese and the Role of Head Movement.” Ph.D. dissertation, Winter 2012.

Oral Defense Committee member: Alexandra Simonenko, “The Grammatical Ingredients of Definiteness”, Ph. D. dissertation, April 4 2014.

Oral Defense Committee member: Walter Pedersen, “Inchoative Verbs and Adverbial Modification: Decompositional and Scalar Approaches”, Ph.D. dissertation, September 05 2014.

Oral Defense Committee member: Tokiko Okuma, “Overt Pronoun Constraint Effects in Second Language Japanese”, Ph. D. dissertation, oral defense: April 1 2015.

### *Languages, Literatures and Cultures*

Admissions (annual).

Job Search Committee, Faculty Lecturer, Italian, Winter 2012.

### *University of Massachusetts Boston (2006-2011)*

#### *Service to the University*

Spring 2010. Faculty Development Implementation Committee.

Spring 2009. Faculty Development Committee.

Fall 2009 – Spring 2010. Seminar Assessment Committee.

Spring 2009. Intermediate Seminar Portfolio Review, Seminar Assessment Committee.

Spring 2007, Winter 2008, Spring 2008, Winter 2009. Writing Proficiency Requirement Grader.

### *Service to the College of Liberal Arts*

Fall 2007 – Spring 2009. College of Liberal Arts Senate.

Fall 2008 – Spring 2009. College of Liberal Arts Senate Executive Committee.

### *Service to the Department*

Fall 2008. Department Personnel Committee.

Fall 2006, Fall 2007, Fall 2008. Co-organization of department's career orientation meetings.

Departmental webmaster.

### *Service to the Profession*

Editorial board member: *Semantics and Pragmatics* (2011 – ), *Journal of Semantics* (2015 – ).

Reviewer for articles in the following journals:

*Natural Language Semantics* (Academic Year 2006-2007: 2 manuscripts, Academic Year 2009-2010: 2 manuscripts, Academic Year 2012-2013: 1 manuscript.)

*Linguistics and Philosophy* (Academic Year 2011-12: 1 manuscript; Academic Year 2012-2013: 1 manuscript; Academic Year 2013-2014: 1 manuscript, Academic Year 2014-2015: 1 manuscript)

*Journal of Semantics* (Academic Year 2007-8: 1 manuscript, Academic Year 2008-2009: 1 manuscript, Academic Year 2009-2010: 1 manuscript, Academic Year 2011-12: 2 manuscripts, Academic Year 2014-2015: 3 manuscripts.)

*Semantics and Pragmatics* (Academic Year 2011-12: 2 manuscripts, Academic Year 2012-2013: 3 manuscripts, Academic Year 2014-2015: 1 manuscript.)

*Linguistic Inquiry* (Academic Year 2004-2005: 1 manuscript.)

*Lingua* (Academic Year 2012-2013: 1 manuscript.)

*Language* (Academic Year 2009-2010: 1 manuscript.)

*Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* (Academic Year 2011-2012: 1 manuscript.)

*Journal of Pragmatics* (Academic Year 2013-2014: 1 manuscript.)

*Studies in Hispanic and Lusophone Linguistics*. (Academic Year 2008-2009: 1 manuscript.)

*Written Language and Literacy* (John Benjamins) (Academic Year 2009-2010: 1 manuscript.)

Book manuscripts: Oxford University Press (Summer 2011: one book manuscript.)

Book proposal reviewer for Wiley-Blackwell (Fall 2009: two book proposals; Spring 2010: one book proposal; Spring 2011: one book proposal; Winter 2012: one book proposal; Fall 2012: one book proposal; Fall 2015: one book proposal.)

Reviewed chapter manuscripts for edited volumes:

*Handbook on Information Structure* (ed. by Caroline Féry and Shin Ishihare) (1 chapter, 2014).

*Modality across Syntactic Categories* (ed. by María Luisa Rivero, Ana Arregui and Andrés Salanova), 1 chapter.

*Alternatives in Semantics* (ed. by Anamaria Falaus) (2 chapters, 2011).

*Proceedings of the 41th Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages* (ed. by Eric Mathieu *et al.*, 1 chapter, 2011).

Grant proposal reviewer for NSF (one proposal, 2011)

Abstract reviewer for the following conferences:

*Semantics and Linguistic Theory* (2007 – 2015).

*Sinn und Bedeutung* (2009 – 2015).

*Amsterdam Colloquium* (2012, 2013)

*North East Linguistics Society* (2009 – 2015)

*West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics* (2012 – 2014)

*Generative Linguistics in the Old World* (2012, 2014)

Canadian Linguistics Association Meeting Program Committee member (2014 – 2015)

*32nd Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages*, University of Toronto.

### ***Outreach***

September 25 2010: “Variedades del español americano”. Eight-hour workshop for high school teachers on the varieties of Spanish spoken in America, organized by the Spanish Resource Center (Spanish Consulate, Boston), University of Massachusetts Boston.

June 13 2009: “Lo que los libros de texto no te cuentan”. Eight-hour workshop on Spanish grammar for high school teachers organized by the Spanish Resource Center (Spanish Consulate, Boston), University of Massachusetts Boston.

Participated in the organization of the 2012 and 2013 editions of the North American Computational Linguistics Olympiad (NACLO) at McGill.

### **Honors and Awards**

University Fellowship, University of Massachusetts, Amherst (Fall 2004 – Spring 2005).

University Fellowship, University of Massachusetts, Amherst (Fall 2000 – Spring 2001).

Certificate of Appreciation for Excellence in Teaching (Division of Continuing Education, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.) (Awarded in 1999).

Certificate of Appreciation for Excellence in Teaching (Division of Continuing Education, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.) (Awarded in 1998).

‘Clarín Award’ (class 1992). (Awarded in 1997) (highest grade average among majors in Classics, Modern Languages and Philology).

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