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Professional experience

- from 10/2017 Postdoctoral researcher (50%) in the interdisciplinary research unit (DFG-Forschergruppe) *What If – Was wäre wenn*. Principal Investigator: Maribel Romero.
- 04/2017 – Non-tenured assistant professor ('wissenschaftliche Angestellte' 100% until 09/2017, 50% from 10/2017) in the Department of Linguistics, University of Konstanz.
- 04/2016 03/2017 Non-tenured assistant professor ('wissenschaftliche Angestellte' 75%) in the Department of Linguistics, University of Konstanz.
- 10/2014 – 03/2016 Non-tenured assistant professor ('wissenschaftliche Angestellte' 100%) in the Department of English Philology, University of Göttingen.
- 08/2012–09/2014 Researcher ('wissenschaftliche Angestellte' 50%) in the Department of English Philology, University of Göttingen.
- 03/2009–05/2012 Researcher ('wissenschaftliche Angestellte' 50%) in the DFG project *NPIs: Between syntactic and pragmatic licensing*. Principal investigators: Regine Eckardt and Manfred Sailer.
- 08/2006–05/2009 Research assistant ('studentische Hilfskraft') in the Department of English Philology, FU Berlin.

Research interests

broad: Semantics; Pragmatics; Psycholinguistics
narrow: The syntax, semantics, and pragmatics of mood, modality, and conditionality; decision theory; negative polarity; discourse particles; discourse models

Education

- 09/2009–07/2015 [Georg-August-Universität Göttingen](#) Defense: March 6, 2015.
 PhD, Linguistics
 Dissertation topic: *Free factive subjunctives in German*
 Advisors:
 Regine Eckardt (Georg-August-Universität Göttingen)
 Kai von Stechow (MIT)
 Grade: *summa cum laude*
- 10/2001–05/2009 [Freie Universität Berlin](#)
 Staatsexamen, English and Mathematics (~ MA),
 specialization in linguistics

Thesis topic: *Zur Lizenzierung von negativen Polaritätselementen*
(*On Licensing Negative Polarity Items*)
Supervisor: Ekkehard König
Grade: 1,3

Non-degree study

01/2011–06/2011 MIT
visiting student, Linguistics department

Publications

Peer-edited journal articles

- In print* A realis subjunctive in German. Accepted for publication in *Journal of Semantics*.
- 2016 Conditional antecedents containing the German discourse particle *denn*: a corpus study. With Sarah Zobel. *Linguistica* 56: 345 – 361.
- Discourse particle *denn* in the antecedent of conditionals. With Sarah Zobel. In: Christopher Piñon (ed.): *Empirical Issues in Syntax and Semantics 11*. pp. 31 – 60.

Dissertation

- 2015 *Free factive subjunctives in German – Ich hätte da eine Analyse*. Doctoral dissertation, University of Göttingen.

Peer-edited conference proceedings

- 2017 Referentially used definite descriptions can be conditionalized. In: A. Cremers, T. van Gessel, and F. Roelofsen (eds.): *Proceedings of the 21st Amsterdam Colloquium*. pp. 205 - 214.
- Discourse-structuring conditionals and past tense. In: *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 21*.
- Reportative deontic modality in English and German. With M. Ryan Bochnak. In: *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 21*.
- 2014 A new metalinguistic degree morpheme. With Ryan Bochnak. In: *Proceedings of SALT 24*. pp. 432 – 452.
- Minimizers in conditional threats and promises. In: U. Etxeberria, A. Fălăuș, A. Irurutz, and B. Leferman (eds.): *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 18*. pp. 95 – 109.
- A condition on the distribution of discourse particles across types of questions. With Sarah Zobel. In: J. Iyer and L. Kusmer (eds.): *NELS 44: Proceedings of the 44th meeting of the North East Linguistic Society*, volume 1. pp. 83 – 94.
- On booze and biscuits. In: R. Baglini, T. Grinsell, J. Keane, A. Roth Singerman, and J. Thomas (eds.): *Proceedings of CLS 46*. pp. 91 – 104.
- 2013 Pragmatic Licensing for Strong NPIs. With Regine Eckardt. In: E. Csipak, R. Eckardt, M. Liu, M. Sailer (eds.): *Beyond any and ever. Studies in negative polarity*. pp. 267 – 298.
- The factivity of pizza subjunctives. In: Andrea Beltrama, Tasos Chatzikonstantinou, Jackson L. Lee, Mike Pham, and Diane Rak (eds.): *Proceedings of CLS 48*. pp. 191 – 204.

- 2010 Negative Polarity Items im Englischunterricht. With Manfred Sailer. In: A. Krafft and C. Spiegel (eds): *Sprachliche Förderung und Weiterbildung — transdisziplinär*. Series Forum Angewandte Linguistik, volume 51. Peter Lang, Frankfurt. pp. 139 – 156.

Edited Volumes

- 2015 Eva Csipak and Hedde Zeijlstra (eds.). *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 19*.
- 2013 Eva Csipak, Regine Eckardt, Mingya Liu, Manfred Sailer (eds.). *Beyond any and ever. Studies in negative polarity*. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter.

Talks and presentations

Peer-reviewed conference presentations

- 2017 *Referentially used definite descriptions can be conditionalized*. Presented at: [2017 Amsterdam Colloquium](#), December 22, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
- 2016 *Biscuit conditionals and past tense*. Presented at: [Sinn und Bedeutung 21](#), September 4, Edinburgh, UK.
- Reportative and evidential modality in English and German* (poster). With M. Ryan Bochnak. Presented at: [Sinn und Bedeutung 21](#), September 4, Edinburgh, UK.
- Discourse particles as a window into the conditional-interrogative link*. With Sarah Zobel. Presented at [Formal Approaches to Particles, ESSLLI Workshop](#), August 26, Bolzano, Italy.
- 2015 *Discourse particle ‘denn’ in conditionals*. With Sarah Zobel. Presented at: [CSSP](#), October 10, 2015, Paris, France.
- On a use of the discourse particle ‘denn’ in the antecedent of conditionals*. With Sarah Zobel. Presented at: [SinFonIJA 8](#), September 29, 2015, Ljubljana, Slovenia.
- Two types of relevance conditionals*. Presented at: [LSA 2015](#), January 10, Portland, OR.
- The semantics of supposed to as a reportative evidential*. With Ryan Bochnak. Presented at: [LSA 2015](#), January 11, Portland, OR.
- 2014 *A new metalinguistic degree morpheme*. With Ryan Bochnak. (poster) Presented at: [SALT 24](#), May 30, 2014, New York, NY.
- 2013 *A condition on the distribution of discourse particles across types of questions*. With Sarah Zobel. (poster) Presented at: [NELS 44](#), October 19, Storrs, CT.
- Minimizers in conditional threats and promises*. (poster) Presented at [Sinn und Bedeutung 18](#), September 11, Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain.
- Factive subjunctives in German*. Presented at International Congress of Linguists 19: The Language-Cognition Interface, July 22–27, Geneva, Switzerland.
- 2012 *The factivity of pizza subjunctives*. Presented at CLS 48, April 19, Chicago.
- 2010 *How to be literally minimal*. Presented at [LENLS 7](#), November 19, Tokyo, Japan.
- On booze and biscuits*. Presented at [CLS 46](#), April 8, Chicago.

Polarity in context. With Mingya Liu, Regine Eckardt, Janina Rado, and Manfred Sailer. Presented at [Linguistic Evidence 2010](#), February 12, Tübingen, Germany.

Selected other presentations

- 2018 *Conditionalizing referential uses of definite descriptions.* To be presented at: [DGfS 2018](#), March, Stuttgart.
- 2017 *Is there a 'biscuit' word order in German?.* Invited talk presented at [Biscuit Conditionals Workshop](#), October 21, Hamburg.
- The early production of conditionals.* Presented at [DGfS 2017 AG 9](#), March 8, Saarbrücken.
- Postnominal temporal adverbs in the German prefield.* With Sarah Zobel. Presented at [DGfS 2017 AG 11](#), March 9, Saarbrücken.
- 2016 *Talking about yesterday – postnominal temporal adverbs in the German prefield.* With Sarah Zobel. Presented at ['Event Semantics 2016 Workshop'](#), University of Düsseldorf, November 25, Düsseldorf.
- Discourse particles and the connection between conditionals and questions.* With Sarah Zobel. Presented at ['Conditionals at the crossroads'](#), University of Konstanz, November 11, Konstanz.
- Discourse particles as a window into the interrogative-conditional link.* With Sarah Zobel. Invited talk, 3.11.2016, Universität Leipzig.
- Some remarks on the acquisition of conditionals.* Invited talk, 01.11.2016, Universität Leipzig.
- Free factive subjunctive modals.* Invited talk, 12.02.2016, University of Manchester
- 2015 *Free factive subjunctives in German.* Invited talk presented at [SFB 732 guest lecture series](#), November 30, Stuttgart.
- Past tense and biscuits.* Presented at [GLiF \(formal linguistics research group\) seminar at UPF](#), November 13, Barcelona.
- On the discourse structuring property of discourse particles.* With Sarah Zobel. Invited talk presented at [Network Meeting 'Questions in Discourse'](#), CRC Textstrukturen, June 25, Göttingen.
- Evidential and deontic uses of 'sollen' and 'supposed to'.* With Ryan Bochnak. Invited talk presented at [the workshop on evidentiality](#) at the Zu-kunftscolleg, University of Konstanz, June 19, Konstanz.
- Biscuits and free factive subjunctives.* Invited talk presented at Goethe-Universität Frankfurt, May 21, Frankfurt.
- 2014 *Free factive subjunctives, decisions, and possible worlds.* Invited talk presented at ZAS Berlin (Zentrum für allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft), July 14, Berlin.
- Modelling free factive subjunctives.* Invited talk presented at Universität Potsdam, July 10, Potsdam.
- Decisions and factive subjunctives.* Invited talk presented at Syntax and Semantics Circle, University of California Berkeley, March 14, Berkeley.

- 2012 *Pizza subjunctives, plans and alternatives*. Invited talk presented at Semantics and Philosophy of Language Workshop, University of Chicago, Feb. 23, Chicago.
- 2011 *Drink doch a drop! German minimizers*. Presented at LF Reading Group, MIT, April 29, Cambridge.
- 2010 *Literal Minimizers and other anomalies*. Invited talk presented at Semantics Reading Group, Northwestern University, Oct. 27, Evanston.
Wie man Finger in Biscuit-Konditionalen krümmt. Presented at the [2. Semantik und Pragmatik im Südwesten](#), May 29, Göttingen, Germany.
Why you can't lift fingers in biscuit conditionals. Presented at [11th Szklarska Poreba Workshop](#), March 13, Szklarska Poreba, Poland.
- 2009 *Monotonie im Englischunterricht?* With Manfred Sailer. Presented at [GAL 2009 annual meeting](#), September 18, Karlsruhe, Germany.

Teaching

- Winter 2017/18 Pragmatics I. BA level course.
- EGG summer school 2017 Discourse particles. MA/PhD level course.
- Summer 2017 German Syntax I. BA level course.
 Pragmatics II: The acquisition of pragmatics. BA level course.
- Winter 2016/17 Introduction to German Linguistics. BA level course.
 Dialectal variation in German. BA/MA level course.
- Summer 2016 English Syntax I. BA level course.
 Pragmatics III: Discourse particles. MA level course.
- Winter 2015/16 Non-truth-conditional semantics. MA level course.
 Introduction to Semantic Theory: Lab Class. BA level course.
- Summer 2015 Introduction to Semantic Theory: Lab Class. BA level course.
 Seminar on Experimental pragmatics. BA/MA level course.
- Winter 2014/15 Introduction to Linguistics. (2x) BA level course.
- Summer 2014 Seminar on Modality. BA/MA level course.
- Winter 2013/14 Seminar on Experimental pragmatics. BA level course.
- Summer 2013 Seminar on Conditionals (with Regine Eckardt). BA/MA level course.
- Winter 2012/13 Introduction to Semantic Theory: Lab Class. BA level course.
- Summer 2010 Introduction to Semantic Theory: Lab Class (with Regine Eckardt). BA level course.
- Winter 2009/10 Understanding German-English Contrasts. BA/MA level course.
- Other teaching experience*
- 09/2007–07/2008 Teacher of German as a second language, Eberhard-Klein-Oberschule, Berlin. Funded by Mercator Foundation.

Advising

- 2017 Member of Carmen Schüle's MA thesis committee ('A history of negation')

Member of Ann-Kathrin Bielang's BA thesis committee ('A critical discourse analysis of the AfD's election program')

Member of Johanna Steindl's MA thesis committee ('The function of the discourse particle *doch*')

Member of Jessica Streicher's MA thesis committee ('A comparison of the discourse particles *eben* and *halt*')

2016 Supervisor of Arnim Scheer's BA thesis ('How Chinese Learners of German Interpret Scalar Implicatures')

2014 Supervisor of Ronja Giesen's BA thesis ('Experimenting with Presupposition Failure – Investigating Topic-Hood and Reference')

Member of Paul Dijkzeul's BA thesis committee ('Quantifier Scope in Context – A Corpus Analysis')

Services

03/2017 – present Member of the DGfS executive committee (*Mitglied des Beirats*)

Administration

10-2016 – present Representative of doctoral and post-doctoral researchers in the Linguistics department steering committee (*Vertreterin des Mittelbaus*)

10-2016 – 04/2017 Member of the Search Committee for the W3-Professorship 'Multiculturalism', Universität Konstanz

11/2011 – 11/2015 Representative of doctoral and post-doctoral researchers in the English department steering committee (*Vertreterin des Mittelbaus*)

Organization of Conferences and Workshops

2015 Co-Organizer of the Workshop '*Modelling conditionality*' (AG 14 of DGfS annual meeting)

2014 Co-Organizer of *Sinn und Bedeutung 19*

2011 Co-Organizer of the *Workshop on Negative Polarity Licensing*

2010 Co-Organizer of the *Workshop on Epistemic Indefinites*

Grants and Awards

2017 Konstanzia postdoctoral fellowship (€ 11,000)

2015 XPRAG.de postdoctoral research grant (€ 16,800) *declined*

2012, 2013 various travel grants awarded by Göttingen University

2010 [PROMOS DAAD-Grant](#) for Short-Time Research Abroad (5 weeks; € 5,000)

2005 [Ernst-Reuter-Award](#) for Outstanding Academic Achievement (€ 3,000)

Fulbright Travel Grant

Duke University-Freie Universität Berlin direct exchange program grant (\$52,000)

Membership

[Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft](#)

[Linguistic Society of America](#)

Languages

in order of proficiency: German (native), English (near-native), Italian (good), French (basic), Latin (basic).

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