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CURRENT POSITION

2006-2007 Visiting Assistant Professor, Linguistics and Philosophy Department, MIT.

PREVIOUS POSITION

2005-2006 Visiting Assistant Professor, Linguistics Department, University of California Santa Cruz.

EDUCATION

2005 Ph.D. in Linguistics, Linguistics Department, University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Dissertation title: The Grammar of Choice.
Committee: Angelika Kratzer (chair), Lyn Frazier, Rajesh Bhatt, Jonathan Schaffer (Philosophy), Barbara Partee (consultant).

1999 Master of Arts in Hispanic Linguistics, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

1995 Licenciatura, Filología Española, Universidad de Oviedo, Spain.

PUBLICATIONS

2006 Menéndez-Benito, Paula. "Exclusive Choices". In Christopher Davis, Amy Rose Deal and Youri Zabbal (eds.), *Proceedings of the 36th meeting of the North East Linguistic Society*, University of Massachusetts, Amherst: GLSA, 467-480.

2003 Co-editor of *SULA 2: The Proceedings of the Second Conference on the Semantics of Under-Represented Languages in the Americas*. University of Massachusetts, Amherst: GLSA. With Jan Anderssen and Adam Werle.

- 2003 Menéndez-Benito, Paula. "Quantification and Syntactic Ambiguity: the case of *Every*". In Luis Alonso-Ovalle (ed.), *On Semantic Processing: UMOP 27*, University of Massachusetts, Amherst: GLSA, 138-166.
- 2003 Alonso-Ovalle, Luis and Paula Menéndez-Benito. "Some Epistemic Indefinites". In Makoto Kadowaki and Shigeto Kawahara (eds.), *Proceedings of the 33rd meeting of the North East Linguistic Society*, University of Massachusetts, Amherst: GLSA, 1-12.
- 2002 Alonso-Ovalle, Luis and Paula Menéndez-Benito. "Two Types of Weak Quantifiers: Evidence from Spanish". *Proceedings of the 1st North American Summer School in Logic, Language and Information*, Stanford University, CA, 11-19.
- 2002 Menéndez-Benito, Paula. "Aspect and Adverbial Quantification in Spanish". In Mako Hirotani (ed.), *Proceedings of the 32nd meeting of the North East Linguistic Society*, University of Massachusetts, Amherst: GLSA, 365-382.
- 2002 Menéndez-Benito, Paula. "Aspect and Adverbial Quantifiers in Spanish". In *Proceedings of the Perspectives on Aspect Conference*, UiL-OTS working papers, published at:
http://www-uilots.let.uu.nl/conferences/Perspectives_on_Aspect/P_o_A_index.html

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2005 "Exclusive Choices". 36th meeting of the North East Linguistic Society, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, October 2005.
- 2005 "On Choosing Freely". *Sinn und Bedeutung* 10, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany, October 2005.
- 2003 "Quantification and Syntactic Ambiguity: the case of *Every*" [poster]. The Sixteenth Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, Poster Session, MIT, Boston, March 2003.
- 2002 "Some Indefinites don't Make up their Minds" [poster]. With Luis Alonso-Ovalle. 33rd meeting of the North East Linguistic Society, Poster Session, MIT, Boston, November 2002.
- 2002 "Indefinites and Existential Quantification: the case of Spanish". With Luis Alonso-Ovalle. *Sinn und Bedeutung* 7, University of Konstanz, Konstanz, Germany, October 2002.

- 2002 “Two Types of Weak Quantifiers: Evidence from Spanish”. With Luis Alonso-Ovalle. 1st North American Summer School in Logic, Language and Information, Stanford University, June 2002.
- 2001 “Aspect and Adverbial Quantifiers in Spanish” [poster]. Perspectives on Aspect conference, Utrecht Institute for Linguistics, OTS, The Netherlands, December 2001.
- 2001 “Aspect and Adverbial Quantification in Spanish”. 32nd meeting of the North East Linguistic Society, New York University and CUNY Graduate Center, New York City, October 2001.
- 2000 “The Imperfective/Perfective contrast in Spanish”. 4th Hispanic Linguistics Symposium, Indiana University, November 2000.
- 1998 “La teoría gramatical de Gonzalo Correas”. 48th Mountain Interstate Foreign Language Conference, Virginia Tech University, October 1998.
- 1998 “Hervás como antecedente del comparativismo en el 98”. 51st Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, Lexington, Kentucky, April 1998.
- 1997 “Aspectos sintácticos de la alternancia”. 50th Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, Lexington, Kentucky, April 1997.
- 1996 “Las ortografías renacentistas y la fonología diacrónica del español”. 46th Mountain Interstate Foreign Language Conference, Wilmington, North Carolina, October 1996.
- 1996 “Las ortografías de Nebrija y la de Correas”. 7th Biennial Northeast Regional Meeting of the AATSP, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, September 1996.

INVITED TALKS

- 2006 “On being Choosy”, Stanford University, May 2006.
- 2006 “On Universal Free Choice Items”, University of Rochester, April 2006.
- 2006 “Making Choices”, MIT, March 2006.
- 2006 “Dispositional Sentences”, University of California Santa Cruz, February 2006.

- 2006 “How to Make Choices”, University of Maryland, February 2006.
- 2006 “Universal Free Choice Items”, University of California San Diego, February 2006.
- 2005 “Being Free to Choose”. LSA Summer Institute, MIT-Harvard, Boston, August 2005.
- 2005 “Freedom of Choice”. University of California Santa Cruz, May 2005.
- 2004 “FC Items and Rescue Strategies”. Psycholinguistics Meeting, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, November 2004.
- 2003 “Algunas observaciones sobre *algún*”. [joint work with Luis Alonso-Ovalle]. University of the Basque Country, Bilbao, Spain, January 2003.
- 2000 “El imperfecto en español”. Massachusetts Symposium on Hispanic Linguistics in Honor of Juan Zamora Munné, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Amherst, March 2000.

TEACHING

At MIT

- Spring 2007 *Advanced Semantics* (with Kai von Stechow, graduate level)
Topics in Semantics (graduate level; topic: Genericity)
- Fall 2006 *Pragmatics in Linguistic Theory* (with Danny Fox, graduate level)
Syntax and Semantics Workshop (with Michel DeGraff, graduate level)

At the University of California Santa Cruz

- Spring 2006 *Introduction to Linguistics* (undergraduate level)
- Winter 2006 *Semantics I* (Introduction to Semantics, undergraduate level)
Semantics B (Model theoretic semantics for natural language, graduate level)
- Fall 2005 *Semantics Seminar* (graduate level; topic: Free Choice Items)

At the University of Massachusetts at Amherst

- Summer 2005 Teaching Assistant, Linguistics Department, University of Massachusetts at Amherst.
- Linguistics 101: *People and their Language* (on-line)
- Responsibilities included grading assignments, giving feedback and providing extra help by email as necessary.
- Fall 2003-
Spring 2005 Teaching Associate, Linguistics Department, University of Massachusetts at Amherst.
- Linguistics 201: *Introduction to Linguistic Theory*
- Full responsibility for all aspects of the course.
- Spring 2003 Teaching Assistant to Angelika Kratzer, Linguistics Department, University of Massachusetts at Amherst.
- Linguistics 510: *Introduction to Semantics*
- Responsibilities included teaching several lectures, leading discussion sessions, grading assignments, guiding students on their final projects, and advising students as necessary.
- Summer 2002-
Fall 2002 Course Development Grant, Linguistics Department, University of Massachusetts at Amherst.
- Linguistics 392A: *The Dream of a Perfect Language* (Angelika Kratzer)
- Worked in a team on the development of the course.
- Gave a one-week sequence on logically perfect languages (philosophical languages in the 17th century, Leibniz and Russell).
- 1995- 2000 Teaching Associate, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, University of Massachusetts at Amherst.
- Spanish 470: *General View of Hispanic Linguistics*
Spanish 311: *Advanced Spanish Grammar*
Spanish 301: *Conversational Spanish*
- Full responsibility for all aspects of the above courses. Taught Spanish 311 and Spanish 470 several times.

Spanish 378: *Spanish Phonetics*

Full responsibility for all aspects of the course, except for course design.

Spanish 110: *Elementary Spanish I for General Purposes*

Spanish 120: *Elementary Spanish II for General Purposes*

Spanish 126: *Intensive Elementary Spanish*. (I taught last three weeks of a six-week intensive summer session.)

Spanish 230: *Intermediate Spanish I*

Spanish 240: *Intermediate Spanish II*

Spanish 242: *Spanish for Specialists II*

Full responsibility for all aspects of the above courses except for course design, tests and exams. Apart from Spanish 242 and Spanish 126, I taught each of these courses several times.

At Smith College

1999 - 2000

Teaching Assistant, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, Smith College. (four sections over two semesters)

Spanish 120: *Intensive Intermediate Spanish*

Responsibilities included teaching two classes per week, correcting workbooks and advising students as necessary.

At Amherst College

Fall 1997

Teaching Assistant, Department of Spanish, Amherst College.

Spanish 3: *Intermediate Spanish*

Responsibilities included teaching a review session once a week and correcting workbooks.

ADVISING

2006

Member of Allison Largent's MA Paper's committee, University of California Santa Cruz.

Member of Kyle Rawlins' Qualifying Exam's committee, University of California Santa Cruz.

Member of Noah Constant's Master Thesis's committee, University of California Santa Cruz.

RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

- Summer 2003 Research Assistant to Professors Charles Clifton and Lyn Frazier
Grant #: BCS-0090674-01.
- Fall 2002 Research Assistant to Professors Charles Clifton and Lyn Frazier
Grant #: BCS-0090674-01.
- Duties included preparing and conducting self-paced reading experiments, analyzing data and writing up summary of research.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2000 First Year Fellowship, Linguistics Department, University of Massachusetts at Amherst.
- 2000 Member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.
- 1995 Convenio Scholarship, Universidad de Oviedo, Spain.
- 1995 Research Scholarship, Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (C.S.I.C.), Spain. [declined]
- 1994 Fellowship (Beca de Colaboración), Universidad de Oviedo, Spain.

SERVICE

- 2006 Reviewer for *Natural Language Semantics*.
- 2002-2004 Member of the Graduate Linguistics Students' Association Steering Committee, University of Massachusetts at Amherst.
- 2001-2002 Manager of the Graduate Linguistics Students' Association, University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

REFERENCES

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