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Current position:

2019-current	Postdoctoral Fellow MindCORE Initiative, University of Pennsylvania Mentors: Florian Schwarz, Anna Papafragou, Meredith Tamminga, Lisa Miracchi

Previous positions

2018-2019	Postdoctoral scholar Laboratoire de Linguistique Formelle (LLF), University of Paris 7/CNRS PI: Heather Burnett
2016-2018	Postdoctoral scholar Question at the Interfaces Research Unit, University of Konstanz PI: Maribel Romero

Education

2010-2016	PhD in 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, Università di Bologna, Bologna, Italy

Research Interests

Semantics/pragmatics: intensification, gradability, imprecision, exclusion, alternatives and alternative-based reasoning, implicatures, discourse pragmatics, questions, subjectivity

Sociolinguistics: social meaning, social perception, sociolinguistic processing

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

Publications

Journal papers

In press	**Beltrama, A.** *Just* perfect, *simply* the best. An analysis of emphatic exclusion. *Linguistics and Philosophy.*
2020	**Beltrama, A.** Social meanings in semantics and pragmatics. *Language and Ling Compass 14*
2020	**Beltrama, A.,** E. Meertens and M. Romero. Alternative Questions: Distinguishing between Negated and Complementary Disjuncts. *Semantics & Pragmatics* 13(5)

2019	**Beltrama, A.** and A. Trotzke. Conveying emphasis for intensity: Lexical and syntactic strategies. *Language and Linguistics Compass.* 13, 1–13.
2019	**Beltrama, A.** and E. Hanink. Marking imprecision, expressing surprise. *Like* between hedging and mirativity. *Journal of Linguistics.* 55(1), 1–34.
2018	**Beltrama, A.** Precision and speaker qualities. The social meaning of pragmatic detail. *Linguistics Vanguard,* 4(1)
2018	**Beltrama, A.** *Totally* between subjectivity and discourse. Exploring the pragmatic side of intensification. *Journal of Semantics.* 35(2), 219–261.
2017	**Beltrama, A.** and L. Casasanto. *Totally Tall Sounds Totally Younger.* Intensification at the Socio-Semantics Interface. J*ournal of Sociolinguistics.* 21(2). 154-182.
2016	**Beltrama, A.** and Ming Xiang. Unacceptable but Comprehensible: the Facilitation Effect of Resumptive Pronouns. *Glossa.* 1(1), 29.
2015	**Beltrama, A.** and Ryan Bochnak. Intensification without Degrees Cross-linguistically. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 33(3). 843-879.

Peer-reviewed edited volumes

In press	**Beltrama, A.** and L. Casasanto. The Social Meaning of Semantic Properties. In Hall-Lew, Moore and Podesva (eds.) *Social Meaning and Sociolinguistic Variation.*
2020	Eckardt, R. and **A**. **Beltrama**. Evidentials and Questions. *Empirical Issues in Syntax and Semantics 12.*
2018	**Beltrama, A.** Intensification, Gradability and Social Perception. In Castroviejo, McNally and Sassoon (eds.), *Gradability, Scale Structure, and Vagueness: Experimental Perspectives,* "Language, Cognition, and Mind", Springer. 169-197

Manuscripts under review/in progress

2020	**Beltrama, A.** Excluding yet reinforcing. The dynamics of emphatic exclusives. Resubmitted to *Linguistics & Philosophy.*
2020	**Beltrama, A.** and Florian Schwarz. Imprecision and speaker identity: How social cues affect meaning resolution. Submitted to *Language.*
2020	**Beltrama, A.** and Anna Papafragou. We are what we say: person perception in conversation. In preparation for submission to *Cognition* (exp. 12/2020)
2020	**Beltrama, A.,** Heather Burnett and Stephanie Solt. How pragmatic precision affects social perception: a socio-pragmatic study. In prep for submission to *Language in Society* (exp 12/2020)
2020	**Beltrama, A.** and D. Rudin. On the discourse effects of subjective language. In prep.

Proceeding Papers

Forth. Romero, M., E. Meertens and **A. Beltrama.** 'Or not' alternative questions, focus and discourse structure. *Experiments in Linguistic Meaning 1.*

2019 Rudin, D. and **A. Beltrama.** Whither Default Agreement? The case of subjective assertions. *Semantics and Linguistic Theory 29.*

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

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

2018 **Beltrama, A.,** E. Meertens and M. Romero. Decomposing cornering effects in alternative questions: An Experimental Investigation. *Sinn und Bedeutung 22.*

2018 **Beltrama, A.,** E. Meertens and M. Romero. Alternative Questions, Markedness and Illocutionary Properties: an Experimental Study. *Chicago Linguistic Society 53*

2016 **Beltrama, A.** Exploring Metalinguistic Intensification. The case of Extreme Degree Modifiers. *North East Linguistic Society (NELS) 46*

2015 **Beltrama, A.** Totally Tall Sounds Totally Younger. From meaning composition to social perception. *Amsterdam Colloquium 20*

2015 **Beltrama, A.** *Totally, D*iscourse and Subjectivity. Exploring the Pragmatic Side of Intensification. *Chicago Linguistic Society 51.*

2015 **Beltrama, A.** Intensification at the Socio-semantic Interface. A corpus study. *Berkeley Linguistic Society 41.*

2015 **Beltrama, A.** From *Totally* Dark to *Totally* Old. The Formal Semantics of Subjectification. *Sinn und Bedeutung 19.*

2015 **Beltrama, A.** and J. Lee. Great Pizzas, Ghost Negations: The Emergence and Persistence of Mixed Expressives *Sinn und Bedeutung 19*

2014 **Beltrama, A.** Scalar Meaning in Diachrony: The suffix -issimo from Latin to Italian. *North East Linguistic Society (NELS) 44.*

2014 **Beltrama, A.** and M. Xiang. Intrusive Resumptives as Processing Facilitators. *North East Linguistic Society (NELS) 44.*

2013 **Beltrama, A.** and M. Xiang. Is *excellent* Better than *good?* Adjective Scales and Scalar implicatures. *Sinn und Bedeutung 17*

Presentations

<u>Invited presentations</u>

2020   Speaker identity and imprecision resolution. How personae affect pragmatic processing. Pragmatics Group at the *Ohio State University*. Linguistics Department. September 29

2020   Navigating imprecision: From semantic composition to social identity.. Colloquium at *University of Delaware*. Linguistics Department. February 28.

2020   Composing meanings, interpreting meanings. Between the grammar and social identity. Colloquium talk at *the University of California, Davis*. Linguistics Department. February 5.

2020   Exclusion, alternatives and social stereotypes. Meanings in interaction.. Invited talk at *Western Washington University*. Linguistics Department. January 28.

2019   Describing reality, perceiving identity. Pragmatic precision at the crossroads of meanings. Friday Speaker Series at *Georgetown University,* Linguistics Department. November 15.

2019   Exclusivity and metalinguistic reasoning. Semantics Workshop. U*niversity of Massachusetts. Amherst, MA,* February 27.

2019   Intensity, precision, identity. Meanings across disciplines. Colloquium at *Yale University*, Linguistics Department. *New Haven, CT*. February 25.

2019   Social perception as experimental semantics. The Semantics and Philosophy Workshop. *University of Chicago*, Linguistics Department. *Chicago, IL*. February 11 2019.

2019   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.. *Zentrum Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft (ZAS)*. Berlin, August 29.

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

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

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

2015 Exploring the nexus between semantic and social meaning. The case of *totally*. U*niversity 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 Cognition & Language workshop*. Palo Alto, California. May 22.

Refereed conference presentations

Forthcom. **Beltrama, A.** and Florian Schwarz. Imprecision and speaker identity: How social cues affect meaning resolution. Talk to be presented at *LSA 2021*. Jan 6-9.

Forthcom. **Beltrama, A.** and Anna Papafragou. *We are what we say:* pragmatic behavior and social perception. Talk to be presented at *LSA 2021*. Jan 6-9

2020 **Beltrama, A.** and Florian Schwarz. Imprecision and speaker identity: How social cues affect meaning resolution. Talk presented at *CUNY 2020*. Amherst, MA, March 19-21.

2019 **Beltrama, A.**, H. Burnett, and S. Solt. How pragmatic precision affects social perception: a socio-pragmatic study. Talk presented at *NWAV 48*. Eugene, OR, Oct 10-12.

2019 **Beltrama, A.**, H. Burnett, and S. Solt. The effect of precision and context on social perception. Talk presented at *Sinn und Bedeutung 24 (SuB.)* Osnabrück, Germany, Sep 3-5.

2019 Rudin, D. and **A. Beltrama.** Whither Default Agreement? The case of subjective assertions. Poster presented at *Semantics and Linguistic Theory 29 (SALT)*. Los Angeles, CA, May 17-19.

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

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

2017 **Beltrama, A.** and E. Hanink. "Like", hedging and mirativity. A unified account. Talk presented at *Colloque de Syntaxe and Semantique a Paris (CSSP)*. Paris, France. Nov. 23-25.

2017 **Beltrama, A.** and L. Casasanto. The social meaning of semantic properties. From markedness to discourse. Talk presented at *NWAV 46*. Madison, Wisconsin. Nov. 3-6.

2017 **Beltrama, A.** Subjective Assertions and Illocution: an Experimental Perspective on Predicates of Personal Taste. Poster at *Sinn und Bedeutung 22*. Berlin, Germany. Sep 7-9.

2017 **Beltrama, A.,** E. Meertens and M. Romero. Decomposing Cornering Effects in Alternative Questions: An Experimental Investigation. Talk presented at *Sinn und Bedeutung 22*. Berlin, Germany. September 7-9.

2017   **Beltrama, A.** Subjective Assertions are Weak: an Experimental Study on Perspective-Dependent meaning. Talk presented at the 7th *biannual Experimental Pragmatics Conference (XPRAG)*. Cologne, Germany. June 21-23.

2017   **Beltrama, A.,** E. Meertens and M. RomeroAlternative Questions between Logic and Discourse. Talk presented at the 53rd Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society *(CLS)*. Chicago, IL, May 25-27.

2017   **Beltrama, A.** The Illocutionary Force of Subjective Predicates. Poster presented at the *35th West Coast Conference in Formal Linguistics. (WCCFL)*. Calgary, CA April 28-30.

2016   **Beltrama, A.** and E. Hanink. This is, like, a mirative construction! *Like* between uncertainty and surprise. Talk presented at *the LSA Annual Meeting*. Washington, DC. Jan 7-10.

2015   **Beltrama, A.** *Totally tall* sounds t*otally younger*. From meaning composition to social perception. Talk presented at *Amsterdam Colloquium 20*. Amsterdam, Dec. 16-18.

2015   **Beltrama, A.** Totally tall sounds totally younger. A socio-semantic study. Poster presented at *NWAV 44* . Toronto, Canada. October 22-25

2015   **Beltrama, A.** Exploring metalinguistic intensification. The case of Extreme Degree Modifiers. Talk presented at the *46th meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS)*. Montreal, CA, Oct 16-18.

2015   **Beltrama, A.** Intensification, Gradability and Social Perception. Talk presented at the *Gradability, Scale Structure, and Vagueness: Experimental Perspectives*. Madrid, Spain. May 29-30.

2015   **Beltrama, A.** Flat-out metalinguistic. Extreme degree modification as speaker preference. Poster at the *33th West Coast Conference in Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 33)*. Vancouver, CA. March 28

2014.   **Beltrama, A.** From *Totally* Dark to *Totally* Old. The Formal Semantics of Subjectification. Talk presented at *Sinn und Bedeutung 19*. Goettingen, Germany, September 16.

2014.   **Beltrama, A** and J. Lee. Great pizzas, ghost negations: The emergence and persistence of mixed expressives. *Sinn und Bedeutung 19*. Goettingen, Germany, September 16.

2014.   **Beltrama, A.** *Decent, acceptable, mediocre*. Mild adjectives as a natural class. Talk presented at *The Linguistic Society of America annual meeting*, Minneapolis, Minnesota, January 2-5.

2013.   **Beltrama, A.** Scalar meaning in diachrony. The case of the suffix *–issimo*. Poster at *44th meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS)*. Storrs, Connecticut, October 18-20.

2013   **Beltrama, A** and M. Xiang. Ungrammatical but comprehensible. Intrusive resumptives and the nature of acceptability judgments. Talk presented at the *44th meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS)*. Storrs, Connecticut, October 18-20.

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

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

2013   **Beltrama, A.** and Ming Xiang. Resumption can rescue! Islands and relative clauses in Italian and English. Poster at CUNY 2013. Columbia, South Carolina, March 20-22.

2012   **Beltrama, A.** and M. Xiang. Is *excellent* better than *good?* Adjective scales and scalar implicatures. Talk presented at Sinn und Bedeutung 17. Paris, France, September 8-10.

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

2011   **Beltrama, A.** and R. Bochnak. Intensification without degrees cross linguistically. *Work shop on Modification and Modifiers. Madrid,* December 15-16.

2011   Sonderegger, M., **A. Beltrama** et al. Coronal stop deletion on reality TV. *NWAV 40,* Washington D.C.

2011   **Beltrama, A.** and M. Xiang. Can a decent student get into Harvard? A study on gradable adjectives and scalar implicatures. Poster at the *4th Conference in Experimental Pragmatics (XPRAG)* Universitat Pompeu Fabra. Barcelona, Spain, June 2-4.

Awards and Fellowships

2019-present   MindCORE Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania

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)

Teaching experience

<u>Courses</u>

Spring 2021   Semantics II, University of Pennsylvania (with Florian Schwarz, Graduate level)

Fall 2018   Integrating approaches to formal and social meaning. UPV/EHU: University of the Basque Country (with Heather Burnett, 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.
Spring 2014	University of Chicago. Teaching Assistant. Introduction to Linguistics.
Fall 2013	University of Chicago. Teaching Assistant. Introduction to Semantics & Pragmatics.
Fall 2012	University of Chicago. Teaching Assistant. Introduction to Syntax.

Guest/invited lectures

Winter 2020.	University of Pennsylvania. Verbal crutches and linguistic research. Introduction to Sociolinguistics (Undergraduate, SAIL format). February 10-12.
Fall 2019	Swarthmore College. From semantic composition to identity work. Embracing social meaning. Semantics (Undergraduate). December 5.
Spring 2018	Quantitative methods in philosophy of language. University of Reading. (Masterclass series, guest lecture). May 31.
Spring 2019	University of California, San Diego. Social meaning. What it is, why it should matter. Semantics I (graduate level). February 22

Teaching training and pedagogy

Summer/Fall 2020	STAMP Mentorship Program. University of Pennsylvania
Spring 2016	Certificate in University Teaching. University of Chicago Center for Teaching
Spring 2014	University of Chicago Writing Program Training: Pedagogies of Writing

Reviewing

Agencies
National Science Foundation (NSF)

Journals
Language, Semantics & Pragmatics, Natural Language Semantics, Linguistic Inquiry, Natural Language and Linguistic Theory, Language in Society, Mind, Thought, Glossa, Journal of Linguistics, Linguistics, Journal of Pragmatics, Frontiers in Psychology, Probus, Acta Linguistica Academica.

Conference abstracts
Semantics and Linguistic Theory, NELS, Chicago Linguistic Society, Penn Linguistics Conference, The LSA Annual Meeting, XPRAG, Formal Approaches to Semantic Change

Service

<u>University of Pennsylvania</u>

2020	Experiments in Linguistics Meaning. Organizer
2019-20	MindCORE professional development series. Steering committee/organizer

<u>University of Paris 7</u>

2019	Organizer/Scientific Committee. Meaning and Indexicality across Subfields and Theories Workshop

<u>University of Konstanz</u>

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

<u>University of Chicago</u>

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. 48th annual meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society
2012	Conference organizer. The University of Chicago and Universty of Michigan Annual Meeting Linguistic Anthropology (Michicagoan)
2011-12	Officer. Chicago Linguistic Society. Specific Tasks: selling conference proceedings, organizing social activities for the department

<u>Linguistic Society of America</u>

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

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

Other professional activities

2010-present	Freelance writer for different national Italian media Topics covered: language, culture, sports Media outlets: Rivista Studio (**online**), Ultimo Uomo (**online**)

Language Proficiencies

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