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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 1997-2003 Ph.D., Linguistics, University of California, Los Angeles
1997-1999 M.A., Linguistics, University of California, Los Angeles
1991-1994 B.A. ("Laurea cum laude"), Philosophy, University of Pavia, Italy
1990-1991 University of Milan, Italy

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- 2016- Associate Faculty Director, Study Abroad Program, University of California San Diego, La Jolla, CA, USA
2015- Associate Investigator, ARC Centre of Excellence in Cognition and its Disorders (CCD), Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia
2014-2015 Fellow, Center for Advanced Studies in the Behavioral Sciences (CASBS), Stanford University, Stanford, CA, USA
2012- Associate Professor, Department of Linguistics, University of California San Diego, La Jolla, CA, USA
FALL 2009 Visiting Scholar, Department of Linguistics, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, USA
2006-2012 Assistant Professor, Department of Linguistics, University of California San Diego, La Jolla, CA, USA
2005-2006 Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Milan-Bicocca, Milan, Italy
2003-2005 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Linguistics, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, USA

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Formal semantics cross-linguistically and its interface with syntax and pragmatics
- Wh-words and wh-constructions cross-linguistically (free relatives, pseudo-clefts, rhetorical questions, free choice)
- Acquisition of semantics and pragmatics
- History of formal semantics

BOOKS

- Ivano Caponigro. In preparation. *Richard Montague: The simplicity of language, the complexity of life. A biography*
- Ivano Caponigro, Harold Torrence, Roberto Zavala (eds). In preparation. *Headless Relative Clauses in Mesoamerican language*.
- Ivano Caponigro and Carlo Cecchetto (eds). 2013. *From Grammar to Meaning: the Spontaneous Logicality of Language*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press. 364 pp.
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REFERRED PUBLICATIONS IN JOURNALS AND VOLUMES

- Ivano Caponigro. To appear. “In defense of what(ever) free relative clauses they dismiss: A reply to Donati and Cecchetto (2011)”. *Linguistic Inquiry* 50(2).
- Ivano Caponigro and Anamaria Fălăuș. 2018. “Free Choice Free Relative Clauses in Italian and Romanian.” *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*. 36(2):323-363. [DOI](#)
- Gary Patterson and Ivano Caponigro. 2016. “The puzzling degraded status of *who* free relative clauses in English.” *English Language and Linguistics* 20(2): 341-352. [DOI](#)
- Jon Sprouse, Ivano Caponigro, Ciro Greco, and Carlo Cecchetto. 2016. “Experimental syntax and the cross-linguistic variation of island effects in English and Italian.” *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 34(1): 307-344. [DOI](#); Erratum: pp. 345-349. [DOI](#)
- Kathryn Davidson and Ivano Caponigro. 2016. “Embedding polar interrogative clauses in American Sign Language.” In Annika Herrmann, Roland Pfau, Markus Steinbach (eds), *Complex A Matter of Complexity: Subordination in Sign Languages*, pp. 151-181. Berlin: De Gruyter.
- Carson T. Schütze, Jon Sprouse, Ivano Caponigro. 2015. “Challenges for a Theory of Islands. A broader perspective on Ambridge, Pine, and Lieven” *Language* 91(2): e31-e39. [DOI](#)
- Ivano Caponigro, Harold Torrence, Carlos Cisneros. 2013. “Free relative clauses in two Mixtec languages.” *International Journal of American Linguistics* 79(1): 41-96. [DOI](#)
- Ivano Caponigro, Lisa Pearl, Neon Brooks, and David Barner. 2012. “Acquiring the meaning of free relative clauses and plural definite descriptions.” *Journal of Semantics* 29(2): 262-293. [DOI](#)
- Ivano Caponigro and Kathryn Davidson. 2011. “Ask, and tell as well: Question-Answer Clauses in American Sign Language.” *Natural Language Semantics* 19(4): 323-371. [DOI](#)
- Ivano Caponigro and Jonathan Cohen. 2011. “On collection and covert variables.” *Analysis* 71(3): 478-488. [DOI](#)

- Ivano Caponigro and Maria Polinsky. 2011. “Relative embeddings: A Circassian puzzle for the syntax/semantics interface.” *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 29(1): 71-122. [DOI](#)
- Ivano Caponigro and Lisa Pearl. 2009. “The nominal nature of *Where*, *When*, and *How*: Evidence from Free Relatives.” *Linguistic Inquiry* 40(1): 155-164.
- Ivano Caponigro and Lisa Pearl. 2008. “Silent prepositions: Evidence from free relatives.” In Anna Asbury, Jakub Dotlačil, Berit Gehrke, and Rick Nouwen (eds), *The Syntax and Semantics of Spatial P*, pp. 365-385. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
- Ivano Caponigro and Daphna Heller. 2007. “The non-concealed nature of free relatives: Implications for connectivity cross-linguistically.” In Chris Barker and Pauline Jacobson (eds), *Direct Compositionality*, pp. 237-263. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.
- Ivano Caponigro and Carson T. Schütze. 2003. “Parameterizing passive participle movement.” *Linguistic Inquiry* 34(2): 293-308.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS AND WORKING PAPERS

- Ivano Caponigro and Anamaria Fălăuș. 2018. “The functional nature of Multiple *wh*- Free Relative Clauses in Romanian”. *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 28*.
- Simone Gieselman, Robert Kluender, and Ivano Caponigro. 2013. “Isolating processing factors in negative island contexts.” In Yelena Fainleib, Nicholas LaCara, Yangsook Park (eds), *Proceedings of the 41th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 41)- 2010*, Vol. I, pp. 233-246. Amherst, MA: Graduate Linguistic Student Association (GLSA)).
- Simone Gieselman and Ivano Caponigro. 2013. “Two sides of the same pragmatic move: The German discourse particles *etwa* and *nicht*.” In Seda Kan, Claire Moore-Cantwell, Robert Staubs (eds), *Proceedings of the 40th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 40)- 2009*, pp. 231-244. Amherst, MA: Graduate Linguistic Student Association (GLSA).
- Simone Gieselman, Robert Kluender, and Ivano Caponigro. 2011. “Pragmatic processing factors in negative island contexts.” In Dina Bailey and Victoria Teliga (eds), *Proceedings of the thirty-ninth Western Conference On Linguistics (WECOL 2010)*, pp. 65-76. Fresno, CA: California State University, Linguistics Department.
- Ivano Caponigro, Lisa Pearl, Neon Brooks, and David Barner. 2010. “Acquiring maximality in free relatives and definite descriptions.” In Nan Li, David Lutz (eds), *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 20*, pp. 489-507. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University
- David Hall and Ivano Caponigro. 2010. “On the semantics of temporal *when*-clauses.” In Nan Li, David Lutz (eds), *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 20*, pp. 544-563. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University
- Ivano Caponigro and Maria Polinsky. 2008. “Almost everything is relative in the Caucasus.” In T. Friedman and S. Ito (eds), *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) XVIII*, pp. 158-175. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University
- Kathryn Davidson, Ivano Caponigro, and Rachel Mayberry. 2008. “On the syntax and semantics of question-answer pairs in American Sign Language.” In T. Friedman and S. Ito (eds), *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) XVIII*, pp. 212-229. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University

- Ivano Caponigro and Maria Polinsky. 2008. “Relatively speaking (in Circassian).” In Natasha Abner and Jason Bishop (eds), *Proceedings of 27th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 27)*, pp. 81-89. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project
- Kathryn Davidson, Ivano Caponigro, and Rachel Mayberry. 2008. “Clausal question-answer pairs: Evidence from American Sign Language.” In Natasha Abner and Jason Bishop (eds), *Proceedings of 27th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 27)*, pp. 108-115. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project
- Ivano Caponigro and Jon Sprouse. 2007. “Rhetorical questions as questions.” In Estela Puig Waldmüller (ed.), *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB) 11*, pp. 121-133. Barcelona: Universitat Pompeu Fabra
- Ivano Caponigro. 2004. “The semantic contribution of wh-words and type shifts: evidence from free relatives cross-linguistically.” In Robert B. Young (ed.), *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) XIV*, pp.38-55. Ithaca, NY: CLC Publications, Cornell University
- Ivano Caponigro. 2003. “Unbalanced coordination in Maasai.” In Jason Kandybowicz (ed.), *Papers in African Linguistics 3*, UCLA Working Papers in Linguistics 9, pp.1-16. Los Angeles, CA: Department of Linguistics, UCLA
- Ivano Caponigro. 2002. “On the source of maximality in wh-constructions cross-linguistically.” In Mary Andronis, Erin Debenport, Anne Pycha & Keiko Yoshimura (eds), *Proceedings of the 38th Meeting of the Chicago Linguistics Society (CLS 38)*, pp.129-143. Chicago, IL: Chicago Linguistics Society
- Ivano Caponigro. 2002. “Free relatives as DPs with a silent D and a CP complement.” In Vida Samiian (ed.), *Proceedings of the Western Conference on Linguistics 2000 (WECOL 2000)*, pp.140-150, Fresno, CA: California State University
- Ivano Caponigro. 2001. “On the semantics of indefinite free relatives.” In Marjo van Koppen, Joanna Sio, and Mark de Vos (eds.), *Proceedings of the 10th Meeting of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE X)*, pp.49-62. Leiden: SOLE
- Ivano Caponigro. 2000 “Is *essere* not to be? Evidence from acquisition.” In Jill Gilkerson , Misha Becker and Nina Hyams (eds), *Language Development and Breakdown*, UCLA Working Papers in Linguistics 5, pp.40-55. Los Angeles, CA: Department of Linguistics, UCLA

DISSERTATION

Free Not to Ask: On the Semantics of Free Relatives and Wh-Words Cross-linguistically. Department of Linguistics, University of California, Los Angeles. Committee members: Daniel Büring, Chair; Veneeta Dayal, Terence Parsons, Carson Schütze, Dominique Sportiche. 2003

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- “Richard Montague: The simplicity of language, the complexity of life. Towards a biography”, CNRS, University of Nantes, France, September 21, 2018.
- “Montague’s turn towards natural language.” The ARC Centre of Excellence in Cognition and its Disorders (CCD) Language Program, Macquarie University, Sydney, August 10, 2018.
- “The semantics of Multiple *wh*- Free Relative Clauses”. Linguistics Department, Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt, Germany, July 12, 2018. With Anamaria Fălăuș.

- “Montague’s turn towards natural language.” Linguistics Department, Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt, Germany, July 10, 2018.
- “Montague’s turn towards natural language.” Linguistics Department, Harvard University, May 21, 2018.
- “2 wh-words = 1 wh-word + 1 wh-word? An answer from Multiple wh- free relative clauses in Romanian.” Linguistics Department, Harvard University, May 17, 2018. With Anamaria Fălăuş.
- “Montague’s turn towards natural language.” UC Irvine Workshop in Logical Semantics, University of California, Irvine, May 19-20, 2017.
- “Free relative clauses in Mesoamerican languages”, with Harold Torrence, Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social (CIESAS), San Cristóbal de las Casas, Chiapas, Mexico, May 23-27, 2016.
- “Richard Montague: The simplicity of language, the complexity of life. Towards a biography”, Linguistics Department, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, March 24, 2016.
- “Free-Choice Free Relative Clauses in Italian and Romanian”, Semantics Seminar, Linguistics Department, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, March 23, 2016.
- “Richard Montague: The simplicity of language, the complexity of life. Towards a biography”, Workshop on the Origins of Formal Semantics, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, November 20-22, 2015.
- “Free-Choice Free Relative Clauses in Italian and Romanian”, Linguistics Department Colloquium Series, University of California, Santa Cruz, CA, October 30, 2015.
- “Richard Montague: The simplicity of language, the complexity of life. Towards a biography”, Linguistics Department Colloquium Series, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, April 10, 2015.
- “Richard Montague: The simplicity of language, the complexity of life. Towards a biography”, Linguistics Department Colloquium Series, University of California, Los Angeles, CA, February 27, 2015.
- “Richard Montague: The simplicity of language, the complexity of life. Towards a biography”, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, February 4, 2015.
- “On the semantic variation of wh-words within and across languages”, Workshop on Semantic Variation, Linguistics Department, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, October 25-26, 2013.
- “Questions on questions and free relatives”, *Sinn und Bedeutung*, Vitoria, Basque Country, September 12, 2013. With Gennaro Chierchia.
- “On the meaning of wh-words across constructions and languages”, Linguistics Department, University College, London, April 8, 2013.
- “On the questionable nature of rhetorical questions”, Seminar on the semantics of questions, Linguistics Department, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, November 7, 2011.
- “Free relative clauses in two Mixtec languages”, Polinsky Language Sciences Lab and Language Universals and Linguistic Fieldwork Workshop, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, November 2, 2011.
- “On the meaning of free relative clauses and plural definite descriptions: Evidence from acquisition.” Harvard-Australia Workshop on: Language, Learning and Logic, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia, August 21-26, 2011.

- “What does ‘what’ mean? An answer from free relative clauses cross-linguistically.” Research Colloquium Series, ARC Centre of Excellence in Cognition and its Disorders, and Macquarie Centre for Language Sciences, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia, August 19, 2011.
- “The meaning of wh-words: A window from free relatives”. Department of Linguistics, Philology, and Phonetics, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK, March 16, 2010.
- “Ask, and tell as well: Question-Answer Clauses in American Sign Language.” Linguistics Department Colloquium Series, University of Maryland at College Park, MD, October 30, 2009.
- “Scalar implicatures in American Sign Language”. With Kathryn Davidson. Heritage Languages and Language Processing Lab, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, October 26, 2009.
- “On the semantics and pragmatics of Question-Answer Clauses in American Sign Language”, Linguistics Department Colloquium Series, University of California, Los Angeles, November 21, 2008.
- “Caucasian relatives galore”, Workshop on Semantics and Philosophy of Language, University of Chicago, June 13, 2008.
- “We know, therefore I ask”, Construction of Meaning - Stanford Semantics and Pragmatics Workshop, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA, April 20, 2007.
- “We know, therefore I ask”, Linguistics Department Colloquium Series, McGill University, Montreal, Canada, February 15, 2007.
- “The questionable nature of rhetorical questions”, Linguistics Department Colloquium Series, University of California, Santa Cruz, CA, October 27, 2006.
- “On the semantics of wh-words: Evidence from free relatives and other wh-constructions cross-linguistically”, Linguistics Department, University of California, San Diego, CA, February 15, 2006.
- “On the semantics of wh-words and rhetorical questions”, Linguistics Department, University of Maryland at College Park, MD, February 6, 2006.
- “The questionable nature of rhetorical questions”, Linguistics Department, University of Toronto, Canada, February 3, 2006.
- “The questionable nature of rhetorical questions”, BIL, Psychology Department, University of Milan-Bicocca, Milan, Italy, January 26, 2006.
- “Free relatives or what the semantic investigation of non-interrogative wh-constructions cross-linguistically can tell us about the meaning of wh-words”, MayFest., Linguistics Department, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, May 13-15, 2005.
- “On the semantics of free relatives cross-linguistically and related matters”, Linguistics Department Colloquium Series, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY, February 25, 2005.
- “On the semantics of free relatives cross-linguistically and related matters”, BIL, Psychology Department, University of Milan-Bicocca, Milan, Italy, February 8, 2005.
- “The semantic contribution of wh-words and type shifts: Evidence from free relatives cross-linguistically”, SURGE, Linguistics Department, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, May 5, 2004.
- “The semantic contribution of wh-words: Evidence from free relatives cross-linguistically”, Linguistics Department Colloquium Series, University of Delaware, Newark, DE, February 13, 2004.
- “Free not to ask: On the semantics of free relatives and wh-words cross-linguistically”, Tokyo University, Tokyo, Japan, December 26, 2003.
- “Free not to ask: On the semantics of free relatives and wh-words cross-linguistically”, Linguistics Department Colloquium Series, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, September 12, 2003.

- “The non-concealed nature of free relatives: Implications for connectivity”, Workshop on Direct Compositionality, Brown University, Providence, RI, June 19-21, 2003.
- “Free not to ask: On the semantic contribution of free relatives and *wh*-words cross-linguistically”, Linguistics Department Colloquium Series, University of California, Los Angeles, CA, May 22, 2003.
- “Free not to ask: Free relatives and question words”, McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada, February 5, 2003.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Iara Mantenuto and Ivano Caponigro, “Microvariation in Light Headed Relative Clauses: between Teramano Abruzzese and varieties of Italian”. Microcontact Workshop, Going Romance, Utrecht, December 11, 2018.
- Ivano Caponigro and Anamaria Fălăuş. “Multiple *wh*- free relatives and related issues”. Workshop on Multiple *wh*- constructions and their kin. CNRS, University of Nantes, France. September 17-18, 2018.
- Ivano Caponigro and Anamaria Fălăuş. “The polysemy of *wh*-words: insights from Romanian.” Ambigo: Workshop on Ambiguity – Theory, Development, and Processing, University of Göttingen. July 4-6, 2018.
- Ivano Caponigro and Anamaria Fălăuş. “On the semantics of multiple *wh*- free relative clauses.” The Language Faculty. University of Nantes, June 7-8, 2018.
- Ivano Caponigro and Anamaria Fălăuş. “Multiple *wh*- clauses: insights from free relatives in Romanian.” Language Variation and Language Architecture. University of the Basque Country, Vitoria-Gasteiz, June 1, 2018.
- Ivano Caponigro and Anamaria Fălăuş. “The functional nature of Multiple *wh*- Free Relative Clauses in Romanian”. Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 28. Poster. MIT, Cambridge, MA, May 18-20, 2018.
- Ivano Caponigro and Anamaria Fălăuş. “Variation among Free Choice Constructions: Insights from Italian and Romanian.” Workshop on “Microvariation in Semantics”, Sinn und Bedeutung 22, Berlin, September 6, 2017.
- Harold Torrence, Ivano Caponigro, and Carlos Cisneros. “Free relative clauses in two Mixtec languages.” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA), Boston, January 3-6, 2013.
- Ivano Caponigro and Jonathan Cohen, “Semantic content and collection”. 3rd Workshop on Semantic Content, Barcelona, Spain. November 4-6, 2011.
- Harold Torrence, Ivano Caponigro, and Carlos Cisneros. “Free relative clauses in two Mixtec languages”. 40th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Association of the Southwest (LASSO). South Padre Island, TX. September 30-October 2, 2011
- Carlos Cisneros and Ivano Caponigro. “Free relative clauses in Nieves Mixtec”. Workshop on American Indigenous Languages, University of California, Santa Barbara. April 15-16, 2011.
- Simone Gieselman, Robert Kluender, and Ivano Caponigro. “Processing factors in negative island contexts.” 24th Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA. March 24-26, 2011

- Simone Gieselman, Robert Kluender, and Ivano Caponigro. “Processing factors in negative island contexts.” Western Conference on Linguistics (WECOL). California State University, Fresno, November 12-14, 2010.
- Simone Gieselman, Robert Kluender, and Ivano Caponigro. “Isolation of independent processing factors in negative island contexts.” North East Linguistic Society (NELS) 41. University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. October 22-24, 2010.
- Simone Gieselman, Robert Kluender, and Ivano Caponigro. “Isolation of independent processing factors in negative island contexts.” Third California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics Workshop (CUSP 3), Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA. October 15-16, 2010.
- Ivano Caponigro, Lisa Pearl, Neon Brooks, and David Barner. “Acquiring maximality in free relatives and definite descriptions.” Talk. Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) XX, University of British Columbia and Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada. April 29 - May 1, 2010.
- David Hall and Ivano Caponigro. “On the semantics of temporal *when*-clauses.” Poster. Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) XX, University of British Columbia and Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada. April 29 - May 1, 2010.
- Ivano Caponigro, Lisa Pearl, Neon Brooks, and David Barner. “On the acquisition of maximality.” Poster. The 36th Incontro di Grammatica Generativa, University of Milan – Bicocca, Milan, February 25-27, 2010.
- Simone Gieselman and Ivano Caponigro. “Two sides of the same pragmatic move: The German discourse particles *etwa* and *nicht*.” The 40th annual meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 40), Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, MA, November 13-15, 2009.
- David Hall and Ivano Caponigro. “On the syntax and semantics of temporal *when*-clauses.” Moscow Syntax and Semantics (MOSS), Institute of Russian Language of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, October 7-9, 2009.
- Kathryn Davidson, Ivano Caponigro, and Rachel Mayberry. “Testing Calculation of Scalar Implicatures in English and American Sign Language.” Formal Approaches to Sign Languages Workshop, European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information (ESSLLI), Nantes, France, July 24-30, 2009.
- Kathryn Davidson and Ivano Caponigro. “Exhaustivity and Pragmatic Properties in the Question-Answer Clause in American Sign Language.” Formal Approaches to Sign Languages Workshop, European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information (ESSLLI), Nantes, France, July 24-30, 2009.
- David Hall and Ivano Caponigro. “On the syntax and semantics of temporal *when*-clauses.” California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics (CUSP), University of California, Los Angeles, May 23-24, 2009.
- Kathryn Davidson and Ivano Caponigro. “Calculating scalar implicatures in English and ASL.” California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics (CUSP), University of California, Los Angeles, May 23-24, 2009.
- Simone Hartung and Ivano Caponigro. “Negation as a commitment marker.” California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics (CUSP), University of California, Los Angeles, May 23-24, 2009.
- Ivano Caponigro and Maria Polinsky. “Relatively speaking (in Circassian).” West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL) XXVII, University of California, Los Angeles, May 16-18, 2008.
- Kathryn Davidson, Ivano Caponigro, and Rachel Mayberry. “On the Syntax and Semantics of Question-Answer Pairs in American Sign Language.” West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL) XXVII, University of California, Los Angeles, May 16-18, 2008.

- Ivano Caponigro and Maria Polinsky. “Everything is relative: Evidence from Northwest Caucasian.” 31st GLOW Colloquium. Newcastle University, Newcastle, UK, March 26-28, 2008.
- Ivano Caponigro and Maria Polinsky. “Almost everything is relative in the Caucasus.” Talk. Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) XVIII, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Mass., March 21-23, 2008.
- Kathryn Davidson, Ivano Caponigro, and Rachel Mayberry. “Clausal question-answer pairs: Evidence from American Sign Language.” Poster. Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) XVIII, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Mass., March 21-23, 2008.
- Ivano Caponigro and Jon Sprouse. “Rhetorical questions as questions.” Sinn und Bedeutung 11. Barcelona, Spain, September 21-23, 2006.
- Ivano Caponigro and Jon Sprouse. “The questionable nature of rhetorical questions.” The 2006 Milan Meeting, Gargnano, Italy, June 15-17, 2006.
- Ivano Caponigro and Lisa Pearl. “Silent (special) prepositions: evidence from free relatives.” Conference on the Syntax and Semantics of Spatial Preposition, UiL OTS, Utrecht University, Utrecht, Holland, June 2-4, 2006.
- Ivano Caponigro. “The semantic contribution of wh-words and type shifts: Evidence from free relatives cross-linguistically.” Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) XIV, Northwestern University, Chicago, May 14-16, 2004.
- Ivano Caponigro. “The semantic contribution of wh-words: Evidence from free relatives cross-linguistically.” Poster. The Georgetown University Round Table on Languages and Linguistics (GURT), Washington, DC, March 26-29, 2004.
- Ivano Caponigro. “On the non-quantificational nature of wh-words: Evidence from free relatives cross-linguistically.” 77th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA), Atlanta, GE, January 3-5, 2003.
- Ivano Caponigro. “On the source of maximality in wh-constructions cross-linguistically.” 38th Meeting of the Chicago Linguistics Society (CLS 38), Chicago, IL, April 25-27, 2002.
- Ivano Caponigro. “The semantics of indefinite free relatives.” 76th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA), San Francisco, CA, January 3-6, 2002.
- Ivano Caponigro and Carson T. Schütze. “Parameterizing passive participle movement.” 76th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA), San Francisco, CA, January 3-6, 2002.
- Ivano Caponigro. “On the semantics of indefinite free relatives.” 10th Meeting of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE X), Leiden, Netherlands, December 7-9, 2001.
- Ivano Caponigro. “Free relatives as DPs with a silent D and a CP complement.” Western Conference on Linguistics 2000 (WECOL 2000), Fresno, CA, October 27-29, 2000.

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Faculty Research Group Award, Institute of Arts & Humanities, University of California, San Diego. With Jonathan Cohen (UCSD). 2018-2019.
- Academic Senate Research Award, University of California, San Diego. 2018.
- Collaborative Research Grant, The University of California Institute for Mexico and the United States (UC MEXUS) and El Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología - Mexico (CONACYT). With Harold Torrence (UCLA) and Roberto Zavala (CIESAS, Chiapas). 2017-2018.
- Divisional Research Grant, Social Sciences, University of California, San Diego. 2017-2018.

- Faculty Research Group Award, Institute of Arts & Humanities, University of California, San Diego. With Jonathan Cohen (UCSD). 2017-2018
- Academic Integration Grant, University of California, Education Abroad Program. With Alicia Munoz (UCSD). 2016-2017.
- Faculty Research Group Award, Center for the Humanities, University of California, San Diego. With Jonathan Cohen (UCSD). 2016-2017
- Faculty Fellowship, Center for the Humanities, University of California, San Diego. 2015-2016
- Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS). 2015.
- Fellowship, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (CASBS), Stanford University. 2014-2015.
- Fellowship, Humanities Institute, University of Connecticut. 2014-2015. [declined]
- Academic Senate Research Award, University of California, San Diego. 2014-15
- Faculty Research Group Award, Center for the Humanities, University of California, San Diego. With Jonathan Cohen (UCSD). 2013-2014
- Franklin Research Grant, American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia. 2013
- Academic Senate Research Award, University of California, San Diego. 2013
- Faculty Research Group Award, Center for the Humanities, University of California, San Diego. With Jonathan Cohen (UCSD). 2012-2013
- Faculty Research Group Award, Center for the Humanities, University of California, San Diego. With Jonathan Cohen. 2011-2012
- Hellman Faculty Fellows Award, University of California, San Diego. 2009-2010
- Faculty Career Development Program Award, University of California, San Diego. 2009-2010
- Academic Senate Research Award, University of California, San Diego. 2009-2010
- Latino Studies Research Initiative Research Grant, University of California, San Diego. 2009-2010
- Academic Senate Travel Expenses Award, University of California, San Diego. Winter 2008
- Academic Senate Travel Expenses Award, University of California, San Diego. Fall 2006
- Research Grant, University of Milan-Bicocca. With Gennaro Chierchia. 2006
- Research Grant, University of Milan-Bicocca. With Gennaro Chierchia. 2005
- Dissertation Year Fellowship, Graduate Division, University of California, Los Angeles. 2001-2002
- Linguistics Department Fellowship, University of California, Los Angeles, Winter. 2001
- Linguistics Department Fellowship, University of California, Los Angeles. Fall 1999
- Dean's Fellowship, University of California, Los Angeles. 1997-1998

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

In the Linguistics Department, University of California, San Diego:

GRADUATE CLASSES

- Linguistics 230 – Semantics
Spring 2006-2011, Winter 2012, Spring 2014, Spring 2016-2018

- Linguistics 232 – Semantic Development
Spring 2013 (with David Barner)
- Linguistics 235 – Semantics seminar
Fall 2007, Fall 2012, Fall 2016
- Linguistics 247 – Pragmatics seminar
Winter 2009, Spring 2012 (with Jonathan Cohen)

UNDERGRADUATE CLASSES

- Linguistics 130 – Semantics
Spring 2006-2014, Spring 2016-2018
- Linguistics 121 – Syntax
Winter 2014
- Linguistics 101 – Introduction to the Study of Language
Winter 2007, Fall 2007, Winter 2009, Fall 2010, Winter 2012, Fall 2012, Winter 2014, Winter 2018

At the University of Milan-Bicocca:

- Linguistica Generale ('Introduction to Linguistics'; undergraduate)
Spring 2005, Fall 2005, Spring 2006
- Introduction to Linguistics (for graduate students in psychology; in English)
Fall 2005

In the Linguistics Department, University of Maryland at College Park:

GRADUATE CLASSES

- Linguistics 410 – Grammar and Meaning/Linguistics 660 – Introduction to Semantics
Fall 2004
- Linguistics 689A/879A – Semantics seminar
Spring 2004
- Linguistics 689A/889A – Psycho-semantics seminar (with Stephen Crain)
Fall 2004

UNDERGRADUATE CLASSES

- Linguistics 311 – Syntax I
Fall 2003, Fall 2004
- Linguistics 312 – Syntax II
Spring 2004
- Linguistics 410 – Grammar and Meaning/Linguistics 660 – Introduction to Semantics Fall 2004

GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ADVISING

Research Advisor or Dissertation Committee Chair:

- SEOYEON JANG, graduate student, UCSD, Linguistics, advisor, since 2018
- SEPTEMBER COWLEY, graduate student, UCSD, Linguistics, advisor, since 2017

- CRONO TSE, graduate student, UCSD, Linguistics, advisor, since 2016
- JULIA BLUME, graduate student, UCSD, Linguistics, M.A. 2015.
- PATRICK MUNOZ, undergraduate student, UCSD, Linguistics major, Honors Program, advisor, B.A. 2013
Currently Ph.D. graduate student, Linguistics Department, University of Chicago
- SIMONE GIESELMAN, graduate student, UCSD, Linguistics, co-advisor, 2007-2013.
- TARA BOSWELL, graduate student, UCSD, Linguistics, M.A. 2012
- KATHRYN DAVIDSON, graduate student, UCSD, Linguistics, Ph.D. 2011, co-chair
Currently tenure-track assistant professor, Department of Linguistics, Harvard University
- CARLOS CISNEROS, undergraduate student, UCSD, Linguistics major, Honors Program, advisor, B.A. 2012
Currently Ph.D. graduate student, Linguistics Department, University of Chicago
- DAVID HALL, graduate student, UCSD, Linguistics, co-advisor, 2007-2011
Currently analytical linguist at Google, Santa Monica, CA.
- SHINICHIRO FUKUDA, graduate student, UCSD, Linguistics, Ph.D. 2009, co-chair
Currently tenured associate professor, Department of East Asian Languages and Literature, University of Hawaii at Manoa
- RACHELE BIANCHI-PORRO, undergraduate student, University of Milan-Bicocca, Psychology, 2005-2006, senior thesis advisor
- JACOPO ROMOLI, undergraduate student, University of Milan-Bicocca, Psychology, 2005-2006, senior thesis advisor
Currently Lecturer in Linguistics at the University of Ulster

Dissertation Committee Member:

- Sebastian Speitel, UCSD, Philosophy, 2017-
- Till Poppels, UCSD, Linguistics, 2017-
- Gary Patterson, UCSD, Linguistics, 2014-
- Jess Sullivan, UCSD, Psychology, Ph.D. 2014
- Lara Klainerman, UCSD, Linguistics, Ph.D. 2014
- Daniel Michel, UCSD, Linguistics, Ph.D. 2014
- Anna Notley, Macquarie University – Sidney, Cognitive Science, 2012, examiner
- Benjamin George, UCLA, Linguistics, Ph.D. 2011
- Yi (Esther) Su, Macquarie University – Sidney, Cognitive Science, 2011, examiner
- Peng Zhou, Macquarie University – Sidney, Cognitive Science, 2010, examiner
- Daniel Vallieres, UCSD, Mathematics, 2007-2011
- Hannah Rohde, UCSD, Linguistics, Ph.D. 2008

Comprehensive and Qualifying Paper Committee Chair:

- Gustavo Guajardo, UCSD, Linguistics, 1st comprehensive paper, 2012-2013, chair
- Gary Patterson, UCSD, Linguistics, 2nd comprehensive paper, 2012-2013, chair
- Gwendolyn Gillingham, UCSD, Linguistics, 1st comprehensive paper, 2009-2010, co-chair

- Kathryn Davidson, UCSD, Linguistics 2nd comprehensive paper, 2008-2009, co-chair
- David Hall, UCSD, Linguistics, 1st comprehensive paper, 2008-2009, chair
- Simone Hartung, UCSD, Linguistics, 1st comprehensive paper, 2008-2009, chair
- Kathryn Davidson, UCSD, Linguistics 1st comprehensive paper, 2007-2008, chair

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- Gary Patterson, UCSD, Linguistics, 1st comprehensive paper, 2011-2012, member
- Gwendolyn Gillingham, UCSD, Linguistics, 2nd comprehensive paper, 2010-2011, member
- Simone Gieselman, UCSD, Linguistics, 2nd comprehensive paper, 2009-2010, member
- David Hall, UCSD, Linguistics, 2nd comprehensive paper, 2009-2010, member
- Emily Hayes, UCSD, Linguistics, 1st comprehensive paper, 2009-2010, member
- Staci Osborn, UCSD, Linguistics, 1st comprehensive paper, 2009-2010, member
- Bethany Keffala, UCSD, Linguistics, 1st comprehensive paper, 2009-2010, member
- Patricia Yu, UCSD, Linguistics 1st comprehensive paper, 2007-2008, member
- Henry Beecher, UCSD, Linguistics, 2nd comprehensive paper, 2006, member
- Tomohiro Fuji, UMD, Linguistics, qualifying paper, 2004, member
- Lydia Grebenyova, UMD, Linguistics, qualifying paper, 2004, member
- Hajime Ono, UMD, Linguistics, qualifying paper, 2004, member

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Member of the editorial board of:

- *Semantics and Pragmatics*

Paper reviewer for:

- *Brill's Journal of Afroasiatic Languages and Linguistics*
- *International Journal of American Linguistics*
- *Journal of Comparative Germanic Linguistics*
- *Journal of East Asian Linguistics*
- *Journal of Linguistics*
- *Journal of Psycholinguistic Research*
- *Journal of Slavic Linguistics*
- *Language Acquisition*
- *Linguistic Inquiry*
- *Linguistics and Philosophy*
- *Mind*
- *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*

- *Natural Language Semantics*
- *Revue canadienne de linguistique/Canadian Journal of Linguistics*
- *Syntax*
- *SKY - Journal of Linguistics*
- Lisa Matthewson, Cécile Meier, Hotze Rullmann, Ede Zimmermann (eds), *Companion to Semantics (SemCom)*, Wiley-Blackwell, to appear.
- Annika Herrmann, Roland Pfau, Markus Steinbach (eds), *Complex sentences and beyond*, Berlin: De Gruyter, 2016.
- Anamaria Falaus, (ed.), *Alternatives in Semantics*, Palgrave MacMillan, 2013.
- Misha Becker, John Grinstead, and Jason Rothman (eds), *Generative Linguistics and Acquisition*, Amsterdam: John Benjamins, 2013.
- Edward Keenan and Denis Paperno (ed.), *Handbook of Quantifiers in Natural Language*, Dordrecht: Springer, 2012.
- *Linguistics in the Netherlands 2008*, Amsterdam: John Benjamins, 2008
- Daniel Hole, Werner Abraham, and Andre Meinunger (eds), *Datives and Other Cases: Between Argument Structure and Event Structure*, Amsterdam: John Benjamins, 2006.
- UMDWPL (University of Maryland Working Papers in Linguistics) XV, Department of Linguistics, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, 2005.

Abstract reviewer for:

- Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) (since 2005)
- Sinn und Bedeutung (since 2009)
- Amsterdam Colloquium (since 2011)
- Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting (since 2011)
- West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL) (since 2011)
- North East Linguistic Society (NELS) (since 2012)
- Chicago Linguistic Society Annual Meeting (since 2011)
- GLOW (since 2008)
- GLOW Asia (since 2016)
- 26th Japanese/Korean Linguistics Conference, UCLA, November 28-December 1, 2018.
- Conference on “Islands in Contemporary Linguistic Theory”, Vitoria-Gasteiz, Basque Country, Spain, November 16-18, 2011
- Workshop on “Alternative-Based Semantics”, Nantes, France, October 29-30, 2010
- Western Conference on Linguistics (WECOL), San Diego, December, 2007
- The 2006 Milan Meeting, July 2006

Other:

- Promoter and UC San Diego program coordinator of study abroad undergraduate exchange program between the Linguistics Departments at UC San Diego and Macquarie University, Sydney. Starting in 2018-19.

- Co-organizer with Anamaria Fălăuș of “Workshop on Multiple wh- constructions and their kin.” CNRS, University of Nantes, France. September 17-18, 2018. ([webpage](#))
- Chair of the organizing committee for “Gifts from Deaf Culture”, a two-evening event featuring the performer Wink and four members of the Deaf Community exploring ASL, audism, and the diversity and richness within Deaf culture. UC San Diego, May 9-10, 2018. ([website](#))
- Organizer of “The way we talk. On stuttering and related matters.” Free film screening and Q&A with the director Michael Turner, Jesse Harris (UCLA), one UC San Diego undergraduate, and three members of the San Diego chapter of the National Stuttering Association. UC San Diego, October 13, 2016. ([webpage](#))
- Co-organizer with Solomon Feferman of the Logic Seminar at Stanford University, Stanford, CA, Winter ([webpage](#)) and Spring ([webpage](#)) 2015.
- Co-organizer with Anamaria Fălăuș of “From Grammar to Meaning: the Spontaneous Logicality of Language. A workshop in honor of Gennaro Chierchia”, Vitoria, Basque Country, September 10, 2013.
- Main organizer of the 5th California University Semantics and Pragmatics Meeting (CUSP 5), University of California San Diego, October 27-28, 2012. ([webpage](#))
- Translation and adaptation from Italian to English of Andrea Moro’s *The Boundaries of Babel. The Brain and the Enigma of Impossible Languages*, The MIT Press, 2008. With Daniel B. Kane.
- Collaborator to Chapter 5 “The meaning of meaning”, in V. Fromkin, R. Rodman, and N. Hyams, *An Introduction to Language*, 8th ed., Thomson-Heile, 2006.
- Grant reviewer for National Science Foundation, 2006.

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

In the Linguistics Department, University of California, San Diego:

- Promoter and program coordinator of Global Exchange program with the Linguistics Department at Macquarie University, Sydney (2018) ([webpage](#))
- SemanticsBabble, organizer (since 2006) ([webpage](#))
- External Relations Committee, chair (2006-2008, 2016-)
- Excellence Review Committee for Continuing Lecturer, chair (2017)
- Graduate Student Admissions Committee (2011-2012, 2017-2018)
- LingUA Faculty Advisor (2013-2014)
- Undergraduate Advisor (2012-2014)
- Research/Travel Grant Committee (2006-2007, 2008-2102)
- Library Committee (2009-2011)
- Colloquium Committee, chair (2007-2008)
- Curriculum Committee (2008-2009)

At University of California, San Diego:

- Study Abroad Program, Acting Faculty Director (September 1-December 31, 2018)
- Committee on Undergraduate Education (since 2018)
- Study Abroad Program, Associate Faculty Director (since 2016)
- Committee on International Education, member (since 2016)
- Faculty volunteer in the Next Step Undergraduate Mentoring Program, Revelle College (2016)
- Committee on Campus & Community Environment, member (2013-2014)
- Social Sciences Undergraduate Council, member (2013-2014)
- Council for Undergraduate Education, member (2012-2014)

In the Psychology Department, University of Milan-Bicocca:

- Linguistics Colloquium Series (BIL), organizer (2005-2006)
- Adviser for Communication Studies students enrolled in the ERASMUS/SOCRATES European exchange program (2005-2006)