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### In press

Attitudes, aboutness, and indirect restriction. (with Robert Pasternak).  
2022. Accepted with minor revisions at *Linguistics and Philosophy*.  
LingBuzz: [005328](https://lingbuzz.net/005328).

### Peer reviewed journal articles

Prolegomena to a theory of X-marking. (with Sabine Iatridou).  
2023. *Linguistics and Philosophy*.  
DOI: [10.1007/s10988-023-09390-5](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10988-023-09390-5).

Still going strong. (with Anthony S. Gillies).  
2021. *Natural Language Semantics* 29(1). 91–113.  
DOI: [10.1007/s11050-020-09171-x](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11050-020-09171-x).  
OFFPRINT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-gillies-2021-stillgoingstrong.pdf>.

Determiners, conservativity, witnesses. (with Edward L. Keenan).  
2018. *Journal of Semantics* 35(1). 207–217.  
DOI: [10.1093/jos/ffx018](https://doi.org/10.1093/jos/ffx018).  
OFFPRINT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-keenan-2018-witness.html>.

*Must ... stay ... strong!* (with Anthony S. Gillies).  
2010. *Natural Language Semantics* 18(4). 351–383.  
DOI: [10.1007/s11050-010-9058-2](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11050-010-9058-2).  
OFFPRINT: <https://hdl.handle.net/1721.1/65909>.

What is presupposition accommodation, again?  
2008. *Philosophical Perspectives* 22(1). 137–170.  
DOI: [10.1111/j.1520-8583.2008.00144.x](https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1520-8583.2008.00144.x).  
OFFPRINT: <https://hdl.handle.net/1721.1/66138>.

- CIA leaks. (with Anthony S. Gillies).  
 2008. *The Philosophical Review* 117(1). 77–98.  
 DOI: [10.1215/00318108-2007-025](https://doi.org/10.1215/00318108-2007-025).  
 OFFPRINT: <https://hdl.handle.net/1721.1/51041>.
- Anatomy of a modal construction. (with Sabine Iatridou).  
 2007. *Linguistic Inquiry* 38(3). 445–483.  
 DOI: [10.1162/ling.2007.38.3.445](https://doi.org/10.1162/ling.2007.38.3.445).  
 OFFPRINT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-iatridou-2007-anatomy.pdf>.
- Epistemic containment. (with Sabine Iatridou).  
 2003. *Linguistic Inquiry* 34(2). 173–198.  
 DOI: [10.1162/00243890321663370](https://doi.org/10.1162/00243890321663370).  
 OFFPRINT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-iatridou-2003-ec.pdf>.
- NPI licensing, Strawson entailment, and context dependency.  
 1999. *Journal of Semantics* 16(2). 97–148.  
 DOI: [10.1093/jos/16.2.97](https://doi.org/10.1093/jos/16.2.97).  
 OFFPRINT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-1999-npi.pdf>.
- Quantifiers and *if*-clauses.  
 1998. *The Philosophical Quarterly* 48(191). 209–214.  
 DOI: [10.1111/1467-9213.00095](https://doi.org/10.1111/1467-9213.00095).  
 OFFPRINT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-1998-qandif.pdf>.
- Bare plurals, bare conditionals, and *only*.  
 1997. *Journal of Semantics* 14(1). 1–56.  
 DOI: [10.1093/jos/14.1.1](https://doi.org/10.1093/jos/14.1.1).  
 OFFPRINT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-1997-bare.pdf>.
- Exceptive constructions.  
 1993. *Natural Language Semantics* 1(2). 123–148.  
 DOI: [10.1007/BF00372560](https://doi.org/10.1007/BF00372560).  
 OFFPRINT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-1993-exceptives.pdf>.

## Book chapters

- Since ~~since~~. (with Sabine Iatridou).  
 2019. In Daniel Altshuler & Jessica Rett (eds.), *The semantics of plurals, focus, degrees, and times: Essays in honor of Roger Schwarzschild*, 305–333. Springer.  
 DOI: [10.1007/978-3-030-04438-1\\_15](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-04438-1_15).  
 OFFPRINT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-iatridou-2019-since.pdf>.
- A modest proposal for the meaning of imperatives. (with Sabine Iatridou).  
 2017. In Ana Arregui, María Luisa Rivero & Andrés Salanova (eds.), *Modality across syntactic categories*, 288–319. Oxford University Press.  
 DOI: [10.1093/acprof:oso/9780198718208.003.0013](https://doi.org/10.1093/acprof:oso/9780198718208.003.0013).  
 OFFPRINT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-iatridou-2017-modest.pdf>.

- Definiteness as maximal informativeness. (with Danny Fox & Sabine Iatridou).  
 2014. In Luka Crnić & Uli Sauerland (eds.), *The art and craft of semantics: A festschrift for Irene Heim*, vol. 1, 165–174. Cambridge, MA: MIT Working Papers in Linguistics.  
 OFFPRINT: <http://semanticsarchive.net/Archive/jZiNmM4N/FintelFoxIatridou.pdf>.
- Modal comparisons. (with Angelika Kratzer).  
 2014. In Luka Crnić & Uli Sauerland (eds.), *The art and craft of semantics: A festschrift for Irene Heim*, vol. 1, 175–179. Cambridge, MA: MIT Working Papers in Linguistics.  
 OFFPRINT: <http://semanticsarchive.net/Archive/jZiNmM4N/FintelKratzer.pdf>.
- Semantics and pragmatics. (with David Beaver & Justin Cope).  
 2013. In *L'interface langage-cognition: Actes du 19e congrès international des linguistes*, 333–351. Genève: Librairie Droz.
- Subjunctive conditionals.  
 2012. In Gillian Russell & Delia Graff Fara (eds.), *The Routledge companion to philosophy of language*, 466–477. New York: Routledge.  
 DOI: [1721.1/95784](https://doi.org/10.1017/9781107311025072.1515).  
 OFFPRINT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-2012-subjunctives.pdf>.
- Conditionals.  
 2011. In Klaus von Heusinger, Claudia Maienborn & Paul Portner (eds.), *Semantics: An international handbook of meaning*, vol. 2 (Handbücher zur Sprach- und Kommunikationswissenschaft 33.2), chap. 59, 1515–1538. Berlin/Boston: de Gruyter Mouton.  
 DOI: [10.1515/9783110255072.1515](https://doi.org/10.1515/9783110255072.1515).  
 OFFPRINT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-2011-hsk-conditionals.pdf>.
- Might* made right. (with Anthony S. Gillies).  
 2011. In Andy Egan & Brian Weatherson (eds.), *Epistemic modality*, 108–130. Oxford: Oxford University Press.  
 OFFPRINT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-gillies-2011-mmr.pdf>.
- How to say *ought* in Foreign: The composition of weak necessity modals. (with Sabine Iatridou).  
 2008. In Jacqueline Guéron & Jacqueline Lecarme (eds.), *Time and modality* (Studies in Natural Language and Linguistic Theory 75), 115–141. Springer.  
 DOI: [10.1007/978-1-4020-8354-9](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-1-4020-8354-9).  
 OFFPRINT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-iatridou-2008-ought.pdf>.
- An opinionated guide to epistemic modality. (with Anthony S. Gillies).  
 2007. In Tamar Szabó Gendler & John Hawthorne (eds.), *Oxford studies in epistemology: Volume 2*, 32–62. Oxford University Press.  
 OFFPRINT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-gillies-2007-ose2.pdf>.

Modality and language.

2006. In Donald M. Borchert (ed.), *Encyclopedia of philosophy – second edition*, vol. 10, 20–27. Detroit: MacMillan Reference USA.

OFFPRINT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-2006-modality.pdf>.

Anatomy of a modal. (with Sabine Iatridou).

2005. In Jon Gajewski, Valentine Hacquard, Bernard Nickel & Seth Yalcin (eds.), *New work on modality* (MIT Working Papers in Linguistics 52). Department of Linguistics & Philosophy, MIT.

OFFPRINT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-iatridou-2005-anatomy-wp.pdf>.

A minimal theory of adverbial quantification.

2004. In Hans Kamp & Barbara Partee (eds.), *Context-dependence in the analysis of linguistic meaning* (Current Research in the Semantics/Pragmatics Interface), 137–175. Amsterdam: Elsevier.

OFFPRINT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-2004-minimal.pdf>.

[written in 1995].

Comments on Beaver: Presupposition accommodation and quantifier domains.

2004. In Hans Kamp & Barbara Partee (eds.), *Context-dependence in the analysis of linguistic meaning* (Current Research in the Semantics/Pragmatics Interface), 405–410. Amsterdam: Elsevier.

OFFPRINT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-2004-comments-on-beaver.pdf>.

[written in 1995].

Comments on Reinhart: The syntactic roots of discourse cohesion.

2004. In Hans Kamp & Barbara Partee (eds.), *Context-dependence in the analysis of linguistic meaning* (Current Research in the Semantics/Pragmatics Interface), 411–418. Amsterdam: Elsevier.

OFFPRINT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-2004-comments-on-reinhart.pdf>.

[written in 1995].

Minimal replies to Dekker, Hajičová & Sgall, Berman, and DeSwart.

2004. In Hans Kamp & Barbara Partee (eds.), *Context-dependence in the analysis of linguistic meaning* (Current Research in the Semantics/Pragmatics Interface), 541–547. Amsterdam: Elsevier.

OFFPRINT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-2004-minimal-replies.pdf>.

[written in 1995].

Would you believe it? The king of France is back! Presuppositions and truth-value intuitions.

2004. In Marga Reimer & Anne Bezuidenhout (eds.), *Descriptions and beyond*, 315–341. Oxford University Press.

OFFPRINT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-2004-kof.pdf>.

Counterfactuals in a dynamic context.

2001. In Michael Kenstowicz (ed.), *Ken Hale: A life in language*, 123–152. MIT Press.

OFFPRINT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-2001-counterfactuals.pdf>.

The presupposition of subjunctive conditionals.

1998. In Uli Sauerland & Orin Percus (eds.), *The interpretive tract* (MIT Working Papers in Linguistics 25), 29–44. Cambridge, MA: MITWPL.

OFFPRINT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-1998-subjunctive.pdf>.

Theticity in generative grammar.

1989. In Emmon Bach, Angelika Kratzer & Barbara H. Partee (eds.), *Papers on quantification: NSF grant BNS 8719999* (University of Massachusetts Occasional Papers in Linguistics (UMOP) 15). Department of Linguistics, University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

OFFPRINT: <https://scholarworks.umass.edu/umop/vol15/iss2/7>.

## Conference papers

Whatever.

2000. *Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT)* 10. 27–40.

DOI: [10.3765/salt.v10i0.3101](https://doi.org/10.3765/salt.v10i0.3101).

OFFPRINT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-2000-whatever.pdf>.

The formal semantics of grammaticalization.

1995. *North East Linguistics Society (NELS)* 25(2). 175–189.

OFFPRINT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-1995-grammar.pdf>.

The modal-existential construction.

1992. *Formal Linguistic Society of Midamerica (FLSM)* 3.

OFFPRINT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-1992-modal-existentials.pdf>.

Exceptive conditionals.

1991. *North East Linguistic Society (NELS)* 22.

OFFPRINT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-1991-unless.pdf>.

## Circulating on the web

How weak is your *want*?

2021. Unpublished note, MIT.

DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.5123513](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.5123513).

On the monotonicity of desire ascriptions.

2018. Incomplete notes.

DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.5116584](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.5116584).

Hedging your *ifs* and vice versa. (with Anthony S. Gillies).

2015. Unpublished manuscript.

ONLINE: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-gillies-2015-hedging.pdf>.

- The best we can (expect to) get? Challenges to the classic semantics for deontic modals.  
 2012. Paper presented in a session on Deontic Modals at the Central APA, February 17, 2012.  
 ONLINE: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-2012-apa-ought.pdf>.
- How to count situations (notes towards a user's manual).  
 2005. Unpublished manuscript, MIT.  
 ONLINE: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-2005-counting.pdf>.
- What to do if you want to go to Harlem: anankastic conditionals and related matters. (with Sabine Iatridou).  
 2005. Unpublished manuscript, MIT.  
 ONLINE: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-iatridou-2005-harlem.pdf>.
- If and when *if*-clauses can restrict quantifiers. (with Sabine Iatridou).  
 2002. Unpublished manuscript, MIT [written for the Workshop in Philosophy and Linguistics at the University of Michigan, November 8–10, 2002].  
 ONLINE: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-iatridou-2002-ifwhen.pdf>.
- Conditional strengthening: A case study in implicature.  
 2001. Unpublished manuscript, MIT.  
 ONLINE: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-2001-condstrength.pdf>.
- Singleton indefinites (re. schwarzschild 2000).  
 2000. Handout from a talk to MIT Syntax-Semantics Reading Group.  
 ONLINE: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-2000-singleton.pdf>.
- What is presupposition accommodation?  
 2000. Unpublished manuscript, MIT.  
 ONLINE: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-2000-accomm.pdf>.
- Evidence for presuppositional indefinites.  
 1998. unpublished ms, MIT.  
 ONLINE: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-1998-presupp-indef.pdf>.
- Context and (mis)communication.  
 1997. Unpublished ms, responding to Chris Gauker's "Domains of discourse" (*Mind*, 1997).  
 ONLINE: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-1997-gauker.pdf>.

## Selected teaching materials

Intensional semantics. (with Irene Heim).

2023. Lecture notes for “Advanced Semantics”, updated regularly.

ONLINE: <https://github.com/fintelkai/fintel-heim-intensional-notes>.

Morphology, syntax, and semantics of modals. (with Sabine Iatridou).

2009. Materials for LSA Institute class, University of California, Berkeley, CA.

ONLINE: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-iatridou-2009-lsa-modals.pdf>.

Some choicepoints in the syntax/semantics architecture for tense (and aspect).

2001. Seminar handout.

ONLINE: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-2001-choicepoints.pdf>.

Exceptive constructions.

2000. Seminar Notes, MIT.

ONLINE: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-2000-exceptives.pdf>.

Class notes on adjectives.

1999. Unpublished manuscript, MIT.

ONLINE: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-1999-adjectives.pdf>.

The semantics and pragmatics of quantifier domains.

1998. Notes for Vilem Mathesius Lectures, Prague, March 1998.

ONLINE: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-1998-qic.pdf>.

## Dissertation

*Restrictions on quantifier domains.*

Amherst, MA: University of Massachusetts dissertation.

OFFPRINT:

<http://semanticsarchive.net/Archive/jA3N2IwN/fintel-1994-thesis.pdf>.

Dissertation Committee: Angelika Kratzer (chair), Barbara Partee, Roger Higgins, Emmon Bach, and Philip Bricker.

## Invited talks

Unasked Questions. (with Sabine Iatridou).

Invited colloquium. University of Göttingen, Germany. January 26, 2023.

HANDOUT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-iatridou-2023-uq-slides.pdf>.

Unasked Questions. (with Sabine Iatridou).

Invited colloquium. University of Regensburg, Germany. June 23, 2022.

Unasked Questions. (with Sabine Iatridou).

Invited colloquium. Universidade Federal de São Carlos, Brazil.

December 9, 2021.

- Attitudes, aboutness, and fake restricted readings. (with Robert Pasternak).  
28th Conference of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology.  
University of Leipzig. September 1, 2021.
- The *only* connectives: Exclusives and exceptives as coordinators. (with Sabine Iatridou).  
General Linguistics Seminar. Oxford University. October 21, 2019.  
HANDOUT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-iatridou-2019-only-slides.pdf>.
- The *only* connectives. (with Sabine Iatridou).  
Special invited evening lecture, European Summer School in Logic,  
Language, and Information. University of Riga, Latvia. August 6, 2019.
- The *only* connectives. (with Sabine Iatridou).  
Colloquium. University of Frankfurt. June 13, 2019.
- The *only* connectives. (with Sabine Iatridou).  
Colloquium. Utrecht University. June 11, 2019.
- Prolegomena to a theory of X-marking. (with Sabine Iatridou).  
Logic Group Workshop “If by any other name”. University of Connecticut.  
April 6, 2019.  
HANDOUT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-iatridou-2019-x-slides.pdf>.
- Conditional desires.  
Linguistics Colloquium. Georgetown University. November 9, 2018.  
HANDOUT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/k-cd-slides.pdf>.
- Bridges to philosophy.  
Workshop “Semantics 2018: Looking Ahead”, part of Angelika Fest 2018.  
UMass Amherst. March 10, 2018.  
HANDOUT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-2018-ak-bridges.pdf>.
- X-marked desires: What wanting and wishing cross-linguistically can tell us  
about the ingredients of counterfactuality. (with Sabine Iatridou).  
Invited Talk. Philosophical Linguistics and Linguistical Philosophy  
Workshop, Tarrytown, NY. October 15, 2017.  
HANDOUT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/ks-x-phlip-slides.pdf>.
- X-marked desires: What wanting and wishing cross-linguistically can tell us  
about the ingredients of counterfactuality. (with Sabine Iatridou).  
Keynote Talk. VI CIEL, Universidade de Brasília. August 25, 2017.
- X-marked desires: What wanting and wishing cross-linguistically can tell us  
about the ingredients of counterfactuality. (with Sabine Iatridou).  
Linguistics Colloquium. Fachbereich Sprachwissenschaft, Universität  
Konstanz. June 22, 2017.



How to do conditional things with words.

Keynote lecture at the 3rd International Conference of the American Pragmatics Association (AMPRA). Indiana University, Bloomington, IN. November 4, 2016.

HANDOUT: <http://kvf.me/ampra>.

How to do conditional things with words.

Postgraduate masterclass at the Centre for Interdisciplinary Research in the Arts and Languages (CIDRAL). Manchester, UK. October 19, 2016.

HANDOUT: <http://kvf.me/man-csa>.

*If.*

Public lecture at the Centre for Interdisciplinary Research in the Arts and Languages (CIDRAL). Manchester, UK. October 18, 2016.

HANDOUT: <http://kvf.me/cidral>.

On the absence of certain ambiguities in some contexts.

Linguistics Colloquium. Universität Tübingen. October 13, 2016.

HANDOUT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-2016-sera.pdf>.

Still Going Strong. (with Anthony S. Gillies).

Invited talk at Ohio State Workshop on Modality. Columbus, OH. March 23, 2016.

HANDOUT: <http://kvf.me/osu>.

How to do conditional things with words.

Invited keynote lecture at the 9th meeting of the European Association for Chinese Linguistics. Stuttgart. September 25, 2015.

HANDOUT: <http://web.mit.edu/fintel/fintel-2015-eacl-slides.pdf>.

Variable costs. (with David Beaver).

Invited talk at the Universität Göttingen. July 2, 2015.

Variable costs. (with David Beaver).

Invited talk at Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft. Berlin. June 30, 2015.

HANDOUT:

<http://web.mit.edu/fintel/beaver-fintel-2015-costs-zas-slides.pdf>.

Variable costs. (with David Beaver).

Invited talk at the Jowett Society. Oxford. June 19, 2015.

HANDOUT:

<http://web.mit.edu/fintel/beaver-fintel-2015-costs-oxford-slides.pdf>.

A modest proposal for the meaning of imperatives. (with Sabine Iatridou).

Linguistics Colloquium at Stanford University. Palo Alto, CA. April 3, 2015.

HANDOUT:

<http://web.mit.edu/fintel/fintel-iatridou-2015-stanford-imperatives.pdf>.

Conditionals without *if*. (with Sabine Iatridou).

Invited talk in workshop on “Modelling conditionality” at the annual meeting of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft. Leipzig. March 5, 2015.

HANDOUT:

<http://web.mit.edu/fintel/fintel-iatridou-2015-dgfs-iflessness.pdf>.

Quantifier Domain Restriction.

Invited tutorial talk at Rutgers Semantics Colloquium. New Brunswick, NJ. April 4, 2014.

HANDOUT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-2014-rutgers-domains.pdf>.

Variable costs. (with David Beaver).

Invited talk at Rutgers Semantics Colloquium. New Brunswick, NJ. September 30, 2013.

HANDOUT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-beaver-2013-variables-rutgers.pdf>.

Variable costs. (with David Beaver).

Talk at International Congress of Linguists. Geneva, Switzerland. July 23, 2013.

HANDOUT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-beaver-2013-variables-icl.pdf>.

Corner = Box. (with Anthony S. Gillies).

Invited talk at Eighth Barcelona Workshop on Issues in the Theory of Reference. Barcelona, Spain. June 27, 2013.

HANDOUT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-gillies-2013-barcelona-slides.pdf>.

Untitled.

Invited talk as part of an evening on “The Language of Forms”. Catalyst Conversations, Cambridge, MA. May 1, 2013.

HANDOUT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-2013-catalyst-talk.pdf>.

Hedging your ‘ifs’ and vice versa. (with Anthony S. Gillies).

Linguistics Colloquium, McGill University. Montreal, Canada. January 25, 2013.

HANDOUT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-gillies-2013-hedging-mcgill.pdf>.

Should von Fintel & Gillies be Mothballed? (with Anthony S. Gillies).

Invited talk at conference “What if? On the Meaning, Epistemology and Scientific Relevance of Counterfactual Claims and Thought Experiments”, University of Konstanz. Konstanz, Germany. October 27, 2012.

HANDOUT:

<http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-gillies-2012-mothball-konstanz.pdf>.

Semantics in the coal mine.

Invited talk to the Jowett Society. Oxford University. May 4, 2012.

HANDOUT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-2012-oxford-coalmine.pdf>.

- Imperative Puzzles. (with Sabine Iatridou).  
 Invited talk at the 48th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistics Society.  
 University of Chicago. April 19, 2012.  
 HANDOUT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-2012-cla-imperatives.pdf>.
- Imperative Puzzles. (with Sabine Iatridou).  
 Linguistics Colloquium. University of Massachusetts at Amherst. March 9,  
 2012.  
 HANDOUT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-2012-umass-imperatives.pdf>.
- Hedging your 'ifs' and vice versa. (with Anthony S. Gillies).  
 Invited talk in a session on Indicative Conditionals at the Central APA.  
 Chicago, IL. February 18, 2012.  
 HANDOUT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-gillies-2012-hedging-apa.pdf>.
- The Best We Can (Expect to) Get? Challenges to the Classic Semantics for  
 Deontic Modals.  
 Invited talk in a session on Deontic Modals at the Central APA. Chicago,  
 IL. February 17, 2012.  
 HANDOUT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-2012-apa-deontic-talk.pdf>.
- Imperative Puzzles. (with Sabine Iatridou).  
 Cognitive Science Lunch Lecture. Yale University, New Haven, CT.  
 February 7, 2012.  
 HANDOUT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-2012-yale-imperatives.pdf>.
- Imperative Puzzles. (with Sabine Iatridou).  
 Linguistics Colloquium. University of Connecticut, Storrs. October 21,  
 2011.
- Imperative Puzzles. (with Sabine Iatridou).  
 Linguistics Colloquium. Cornell University. September 1, 2011.
- Deontic Logic and Natural Language. (with Anthony S. Gillies).  
 Special session on "Logic and Linguistics" organized by the Association  
 for Symbolic Logic during the 85th Annual Meeting of the American  
 Philosophical Association Pacific Division. San Diego, CA. April 21, 2011.  
 HANDOUT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-gillies-2011-apa-deontic.pdf>.
- Hedging your 'ifs' and vice versa. (with Anthony S. Gillies).  
 Invited talk at Sixth International Symposium for Cognition, Logic and  
 Communication ("Formal Semantics and Pragmatics: Discourse, Context,  
 and Models"). University of Latvia, Riga. November 20, 2010.
- Hedging your 'ifs' and vice versa. (with Anthony S. Gillies).  
 Invited talk at conference on epistemic modality. University of Nebraska,  
 Lincoln, NE. April 17, 2010.

Subjective meanings.

Informal presentation to MIT Burchard Society (undergraduate honors society for students passionate about humanities, arts, and social sciences). MIT. March 11, 2010.

HANDOUT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-2010-subjective-mit.pdf>.

The subjectivity of conditionals in a new light. (with Anthony S. Gillies).

Keynote presentation at a workshop on subjective meaning at the German Linguistics Society (DGfS) Annual Meeting. Humboldt Universität, Berlin. February 24, 2010.

HANDOUT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-2010-subjective-if-berlin.pdf>.

The subjectivity of conditionals in a new light.

Invited talk at Mini-workshop on Subjectivity. University of Frankfurt. February 23, 2010.

The subjectivity of conditionals in a new light.

Invited talk at Semantics and Philosophy of Language Workshop. University of Chicago. January 29, 2010.

Conditional strengthening, again.

Invited talk at XPrag 2009: Experimental Pragmatics (Pragmatics and Psycholinguistics). Lyon, France. April 24, 2009.

HANDOUT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-2009-condstrength-lyon.pdf>.

‘Must’ ... Stay ... Strong!

Linguistic Colloquium. University of British Columbia, Vancouver. March 27, 2009.

‘Must’ ... Stay ... Strong!

Invited talk at Workshop in honor of Angelika Kratzer. MIT. December 6, 2008.

‘Must’ ... Stay ... Strong!

Invited talk at Mini-Workshop. University of Michigan. March 6, 2008.

‘Must’ ... Stay ... Strong!

Linguistics Colloquium. New York University. December 7, 2007.

Deontic logic and natural language semantics.

Invited Talk at RUC-ILLC Workshop on Deontic Logic. Roskilde, Denmark. November 8, 2007.

HANDOUT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-2007-deontic-roskilde.pdf>.

Some notes on Strawson downward entailment.

Invited colloquium. University of Frankfurt. April 19, 2007.

How to Say ‘ought’ in Foreign: The Composition of Weak Necessity Modals.

Invited colloquium. University of Frankfurt. April 17, 2007.

'If': The Biggest Little Word.

Plenary address at the Georgetown University Round Table on Languages and Linguistics (GURT). Washington, DC. March 8, 2007.

HANDOUT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-2007-if-gurt.pdf>.

How to Say 'ought' in Foreign: The Composition of Weak Necessity Modals.

Invited talk at the Michigan Linguistics and Philosophy Workshop.

University of Michigan. November 3, 2006.

What is Presupposition Accommodation, Again?

Invited talk at Workshop on Presupposition Accommodation. The Ohio State University. October 13, 2006.

Non-Counterfactual Counterfactual Marking: Puzzle Surrounding Transparent 'ought'.

Keynote address at 6th Workshop on Formal Linguistics. Pós-Graduação em Lingüística da Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina, Brazil.

August 28, 2006.

What to do if you want to go to Harlem: Notes on anankastic conditionals and related matters. (with Sabine Iatridou).

Linguistics Colloquium. University of Tübingen. July 11, 2006.

HANDOUT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-2006-harlem-tubingen.pdf>.

Ordinary Conditionals.

Invited talk at University of Connecticut Conditionals Conference 2006, "What 'if'?: Perspectives on the Conditional". University of Connecticut. April 8, 2006.

HANDOUT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-2006-uconn-conditionals.pdf>.

Epistemic Modals: A Linguistic Perspective.

Talk given in an informational session on epistemic modality at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Division of the APA. New York, NY. December 30, 2005.

What to do if you want to go to Harlem: Notes on anankastic conditionals and related matters. (with Sabine Iatridou).

Invited talk at the Rutgers Semantics Workshop. Rutgers University. September 17, 2005.

HANDOUT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-2005-harlem-rutgers.pdf>.

What to do if you want to go to Harlem: Notes on anankastic conditionals and related matters.

Talk in an invited symposium on conditionals at the 13th Annual Meeting of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology. Lund, Sweden. August 12, 2005.

'Might' Made Right.

Philosophy Colloquium. University of Texas at Austin. May 6, 2005.

What to do if you want to go to Harlem: Notes on anankastic conditionals and related matters.

Linguistics Colloquium. University of Texas at Austin. May 5, 2005.

Tense in Conditionals.

Invited lecture in seminar on tense, taught by Dorit Abusch and Zoltan Szabo. Cornell University. April 25, 2005.

HANDOUT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-2005-tense-in-conditionals.pdf>.

'Might' Made Right.

Colloquium at the Institute of Cognitive Science. University of Osnabrück. December 16, 2004.

Anatomy of a Modal.

Invited talk at SALT 14. Northwestern University. May 14, 2004.

Anatomy of a Modal.

Linguistics Colloquium. University of Connecticut. April 9, 2004.

Epistemic Modals and Conditionals Revisited.

Linguistics Colloquium. University of Massachusetts at Amherst. December 3, 2003.

HANDOUT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-2003-umass-epistemics.pdf>.

Layers in the meaning of conditionals (?)

Invited lecture at ESSLI Workshop on Conditional and Unconditional Modality. Vienna, Austria. August 2003.

Since ~~Since~~.

Linguistics Colloquium. Rutgers University. April 3, 2003.

If and When 'if'-Clauses Can Restrict Quantifiers.

Fall 2002 Michigan Workshop in Philosophy and Linguistics. University of Michigan. November 10, 2002.

~~Unembeddable~~ meanings: The meanings of epistemic modality. (with Sabine Iatridou).

Invited Talk, Sinn und Bedeutung 7. Universität Konstanz. October 5, 2002.

HANDOUT:

<http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-iatridou-2002-epistemic-konstanz.pdf>.

If and When 'if'-Clauses Can Restrict Quantifiers.

"In the Mood" Workshop, Graduiertenkolleg "Satzarten: Variation und Interpretation". Johann Wolfgang von Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main. June 23, 2002.

'Only if'.

Invited Talk, Nexing International Seminar on Negation and Conditionals. University of Algarve, Faro. April 2, 2002.

- Conditional Strengthening: A Case Study in Implicature.  
Cognitive Science Brown Bag Lunch. University of Arizona. November 3, 2000.
- Some puzzles about the interaction of quantifiers, modals, and ‘if’-clauses.  
Linguistics Colloquium. University of Arizona. November 3, 2000.
- Conditionals in a Dynamic Context.  
Semantics and Pragmatics Workshop. Stanford University. April 28, 2000.
- Would You Believe It? The King of France is Back! Presuppositions and Truth-Value Intuitions.  
Linguistics Colloquium. Stanford University. April 28, 2000.
- Some puzzles about the interaction of quantifiers, modals, and ‘if’-clauses.  
Linguistics Colloquium. University of Massachusetts at Amherst. April 14, 2000.
- Amount Relatives and The Meaning of Chains.  
Linguistics Colloquium. University of Edinburgh. May 14, 1999.  
HANDOUT: <http://web.mit.edu/fintel/fintel-1999-amount.pdf>.
- Quantifier Domain Selection and Pseudo-Scope.  
Conference on “Mapping the Semantics-Pragmatics Boundary: Context-Dependence”. Cornell University. March 28, 1999.  
HANDOUT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-1999-cornell-context.pdf>.
- Would You Believe It? The King of France is Back! Presuppositions and Truth-Value Intuitions.  
Linguistics Colloquium. Universität Tübingen. December 14, 1998.
- Would You Believe It? The King of France is Back! Presuppositions and Truth-Value Intuitions.  
Linguistics Colloquium. Yale University. November 30, 1998.
- Would You Believe It? The King of France is Back! Presuppositions and Truth-Value Intuitions.  
Linguistics Colloquium. University of Maryland. November 20, 1998.
- Indicative Conditionals.  
Conference on Bridges and Interfaces: Function, Meaning, and Structure. Charles University Prague (in celebration of its 650th Anniversary). March 1998.  
HANDOUT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-1998-indicative-prague.pdf>.
- Would You Believe It? The King of France is Back! Presuppositions and Truth-Value Intuitions.  
Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, Typologie und Universalienforschung (ZAS), Berlin, Germany. December 9, 1997.

Would You Believe It? The King of France is Back! Presuppositions and Truth-Value Intuitions.  
 Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics. Nijmegen, The Netherlands. October 6, 1997.

Would You Believe It? The King of France is Back! Presuppositions and Truth-Value Intuitions.  
 Linguistics Colloquium. Indiana University, Bloomington, IN. April 25, 1997.

Conditionals and the semantics/pragmatics interface.  
 Linguistics Colloquium. University of Massachusetts at Amherst. March 29, 1996.

Specific Generics.  
 Linguistics Colloquium. Rutgers University. February 23, 1996.  
 HANDOUT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-1996-specific-generics.pdf>.

A Minimal Theory of Adverbial Quantification.  
 Workshop “Context Dependence in the Analysis of Linguistic Meaning”. Bad Teinach/Germany. March 20, 1995.

A Minimal Theory of Adverbial Quantification.  
 Language Sciences Colloquium. University of Rochester (New York). February 3, 1995.

The semantics of complex conditionals.  
 Job talk. Cornell University. March 1993.

The semantics of complex conditionals.  
 Job talk. Georgetown University. March 1993.

The semantics of complex conditionals.  
 Job talk. MIT. March 1993.

The semantics of complex conditionals.  
 Job talk. Stanford University. March 1993.

The semantics of complex conditionals.  
 Invited talk in Sabine Iatridou’s seminar. University of Pennsylvania. March 30, 1992.

Exceptive Constructions.  
 Invited talk. Swarthmore College. October 29, 1991.



## Invited commentaries

Iffy comments.

Invited commentary on “The Problem of Iffy Knowledge” by Seth Yalcin at a workshop on Perspectival Expressions: Empirical Approaches. New York University Department of Philosophy. March 11, 2017.

Comments on Cariani & Rips.

Invited commentary on a paper by Fabrizio Cariani and Lance Rips on conditional perfection at the 2016 Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (APA). San Francisco, CA. March 30, 2016.

HANDOUT: <http://kvf.me/ap16>.

Comments on Lennertz: “Epistemic Modal Belief Reports Are a Problem for von Fintel and Gillies”. (with Anthony S. Gillies).

Invited commentary at the 85th Annual Meeting of the American Philosophical Association Pacific Division. San Diego, CA. April 20, 2011.

HANDOUT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-gillies-2011-lennertz-apa.txt>.

On Schlenker’s Donkeys.

Invited commentary at Special Session on Pronouns at NELS. MIT. November 15, 2009.

HANDOUT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-2009-donkeys-nels.pdf>.

Comments on Giannakidou.

Invited commentary on Anastasia Giannakidou’s paper “A Temporal Semantics for the Subjunctive”, MIT Workshop on Greek Syntax and Semantics. MIT. May 21, 2007.

HANDOUT:

<http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-2007-comments-on-giannakidou.pdf>.

Comments on Valentine Hacquard’s “On the interaction of aspect and modal auxiliaries”. (with Sabine Iatridou).

Invited contribution at the Michigan Linguistics and Philosophy Workshop. University of Michigan. November 3, 2006.

Comments on Kaufmann.

University of Michigan. October 29, 2005.

HANDOUT:

<http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-2005-comments-on-kaufmann.pdf>.

Postscript to “Whatever”: Comments on Condoravdi.

Talk at LSA Workshop on “Context and Content: Topics in Formal Pragmatics”. Cambridge, MA. July 15, 2005.

HANDOUT: <http://mit.edu/fintel/fintel-2005-condoravdi-comments.pdf>.

How Multi-Dimensional is Quotation?

Comments on Chris Potts' The Dimensions of Quotation,  
Harvard-MIT-UConn Workshop on Indexicals, Speech Acts, and  
Logophors. Cambridge, MA. November 20, 2004.

HANDOUT:

<http://web.mit.edu/fintel/fintel-2004-pottsquotecomments.pdf>.

## **Refereed conference talks**

'Might' Made Right. (with Anthony S. Gillies).

Workshop on "The (In-)Determinacy of Meaning: Issues in Formal  
Pragmatics" during the annual meeting of the DGfS (German Linguistic  
Society). Cologne, Germany. February 24, 2004.

Simultaneous readings. (with Sabine Iatridou).

Sinn und Bedeutung 6. Universität Osnabrück. October 10, 2001.

On the interaction of quantifiers, modals, and 'if'-clauses. (with  
Sabine Iatridou).

GLOW Colloquium. Braga, Portugal. April 2001.

'Whatever': On the meaning of ignorance and indifference markers.

10th Conference on Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT 10). Cornell  
University. June 2, 2000.

NPI Licensing, Strawson Entailment, and Context Dependency.

Sinn und Bedeutung 1997, 2nd Annual Meeting of the Gesellschaft für  
Semantik. Humboldt University and Zentrum für Allgemeine  
Sprachwissenschaft, Berlin. December 5, 1997.

Conditionals and the semantics/pragmatics interface.

6th Conference on Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT 6). Rutgers  
University. April 26, 1996.

Implicit Quantification in Conditionals.

Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. San Diego, CA.  
January 6, 1996.

The Formal Semantics of Grammaticalization.

Workshop on Language Change at the 25th Annual Meeting of the North  
East Linguistics Society (NELS 25). University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia  
PA. October 13, 1994.

Against semantic partition: Quantifier domains and anaphora.

4th Annual Conference on Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT 4).  
University of Rochester, New York. May 6, 1994.

Exeptive conditionals: The meaning of 'unless'.

Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. Los Angeles, CA.  
January 10, 1993.

The Modal-Existential Construction in Germanic Syntax.  
 3rd Meeting of the Formal Linguistic Society of Midamerica (FLSM 3).  
 Northwestern University. May 16, 1992.

Adverbs of quantification, conditionals, and presupposition accommodation.  
 11th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 11). University  
 of California, Los Angeles, CA. February 23, 1992.

Exceptive conditionals: The meaning of 'unless'.  
 22nd Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistics Society (NELS 22).  
 University of Delaware, Newark, DE. October 26, 1991.

Relating meaning and form: The case of exceptive constructions.  
 1st Annual Conference on Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT 1).  
 Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. April 21, 1991.

A semantics for exception phrases.  
 10th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 10). Arizona  
 State University, Tempe, AZ. March 2, 1991.

Licensing of clausal specifiers in German.  
 1st Meeting of the Formal Linguistic Society of Midamerica (FLSM 1).  
 University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI. May 19, 1990.

Exception phrases.  
 Conference on Cross-Linguistic Quantification, LSA Linguistic Institute.  
 University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ. July 22, 1989.

## **Talks about open access publishing**

Semantics & Pragmatics: An open access journal of the Linguistic Society of  
 America.  
 Invited talk in session on "Linguistikpublikationen im Umbruch: Wo  
 wollen wir hin? Wohin werden wir getrieben?" at the annual meeting of  
 the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft. Leipzig. March 3, 2015.

Choice of publication venue, with special attention to open access.  
 Invited talk in Special Session on the Publishing Process at the LSA  
 Annual Meeting. Portland, OR. January 8, 2015.

Taking an open access start-up journal to the next level.  
 Invited talk at symposium on "Open Access and the Future of Academic  
 Publishing" at the LSA Annual Meeting. Boston, MA. January 3, 2013.

Semantics and Pragmatics: The Creation of an Open Access Journal. (with  
 David Beaver).  
 Invited talk in symposium on "Electronic Publishing in Linguistics:  
 Challenges and Opportunities" during the Annual Meeting of the  
 Linguistic Society of America. Pittsburgh, PA. January 8, 2011.

Going beyond open access in an open access journal in linguistics.  
 Invited talk in session on “Open Data and Reproducible Research:  
 Blurring the Boundaries between Research and Publication” at the Berlin6  
 Conference on Changing Scholarly Communication in the Knowledge  
 Society. University of Düsseldorf, Germany. November 11, 2008.

## Doctoral Students

### *Dissertation Advisor/Co-Advisor*

Renate Musan	On the Temporal Interpretation of Noun Phrases. 1995. (Published in the series Outstanding Dissertations in Linguistics, Garland: New York & London, 1997)
Danny Fox	Economy and Semantic Interpretation – A Study of Scope and Variable Binding. 1998. (Published as <i>Economy and Semantic Interpretation</i> , Linguistic Inquiry Monograph, MIT Press: Cambridge MA, 2000)
Lance Nathan	On the Interpretation of Concealed Questions. 2005.
Valentine Hacquard	Aspects of Modality. 2006.
Tamina Stephenson	The Semantics of Subjective Expressions. 2007.
Raj Singh	Modularity and Locality in Interpretation. 2008.
Patrick Grosz	On the grammar of optative constructions. 2011.
Luka Crnic	Getting <i>even</i> . 2011.
Igor Yanovich	Four pieces for modality, context and usage. 2013.
Eva Csipak	Free factive subjunctives — Ich hätte da eine Analyse. 2015. (Co-chair, University of Göttingen, Germany).
Matthew Mandelkern	Coordination in Conversation. 2017.
Naomi Francis	Presuppositions in Focus. 2019.
Tatiana Bondarenko	Anatomy of an Attitude. 2022.
Frank Staniszewski	Modality and Time in Logical Context. 2022.

Yan Masetto	Directive in Brazilian Portuguese: forms, functions, and uses. 2023. (Co-Chair, Universidade Federal de São Carlos, Brazil).
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*Dissertation Committee Member*

Diana Cresti	Indefinite Topics. 1995.
Orin Percus	Aspects of <i>A</i> . 1997.
Philippe Schlenker	Propositional Attitudes and Indexicality: A Cross-Categorical Approach. 1999.
Martin Hackl	Comparative Quantifiers. 2001.
Bridget Copley	The Semantics of the Future. 2002.
Paul Elbourne	Situations and Individuals. 2002.
Michela Ippolito	The Time of Possibilities – Truth and Felicity of Subjunctive Conditionals. 2002.
Elena Guerzoni	Why <i>Even</i> Ask? On the Pragmatics of Questions and the Semantics of Answers. 2003.
Youngjoo Lee	The Syntax and Semantics of Focus Particles. 2004.
Marcelo Ferreira	Event Quantification and Plurality. 2005.
Aniko Csirmaz	Semantics and Phonology in Syntax. 2005.
Jon Gajewski	Neg-Raising: Polarity and Presupposition. 2005.
Ezra Keshet	Good Intensions: Paving Two Roads to a Theory of the <i>De re</i> / <i>De dicto</i> Distinction. 2008.
Marie-Christine Meier	Ignorance and grammar. 2013.
Natalia Ivlieva	Scalar implicature and the grammar of plurality and disjunction. 2013.
Michael (mitcho) Erlewine	Movement out of focus. 2014.
Wataru Uegaki	Interpreting Questions under Attitudes. 2015.
Despina Oikonomou	Covert Modals in Root Contexts. 2016.
Aron Hirsch	An inflexible semantic for cross-categorical operators. 2017.
Amanda Swenson	The Morphosemantics and Morphosyntax of the Malayalam Verb. 2017.

David Boylan	Subjective Modality. 2018.
Ishani Guha	Distributivity across domains: A study of the distributive numerals in Bangla. 2018.
Sherry Yong Chen	Asymmetries in Presupposition Projection: Processing and Acquisition. 2022.
Christopher Baron	The Logic of Subtractives or, Barely Anyone Tried Almost as Hard as Me. 2022.

*Dissertation Committee Member Outside MIT*

Luis Alonso-Ovalle	Disjunction in Alternative Semantics. 2006. (University of Massachusetts Amherst).
Takuro Tanaka	Exploring <i>Many</i> : Japanese and English. 2008. (University of Connecticut).
Sumayya Racy	Towards a Unified Treatment of Modality. 2008. (University of Arizona).
Janneke Huitink	Modals, Conditionals and Compositionality. 2008. (University of Nijmegen).
Benjamin Russell	Probabilistic reasoning and the computation of scalar implicatures. 2012. (Brown University).
Aynat Rubinstein	Roots of modality. 2012. (University of Massachusetts Amherst).

*External Examiner*

Scott Shank	Domain Widening. 2004 (University of British Columbia).
Vladan Djordjevic	Counterfactuals. 2005 (University of Alberta).

**Teaching at MIT**

24.A03	“The search for meaning” Freshman advising seminar. F14, F16, F17, F19
24.93	“The search for meaning” First year discovery class. F19, F22
24.9000	“How language works” Introduction to linguistics. S18, S19

- 24.903 “Language & its Structure III: Semantics and Pragmatics”  
An undergraduate introduction to semantics and pragmatics. F96, S99, S05, S06, S07, S08, S22
- 24.910 “Topics in Linguistic Theory”  
An undergraduate seminar.
- “Modes of Assertion”: on evidentiality. S03
- 24.954 “Pragmatics in Linguistic Theory”  
A graduate introduction to formal pragmatics within the context of generative grammar. F98 w/ Irene Heim, F99 w/ Irene Heim, Foo w/ Irene Heim, Fo1 w/ Irene Heim, Foz w/ Danny Fox, F03, F04, S13 w/ Irene Heim, S14 w/ Irene Heim
- 24.956 “Topics in Syntax”  
Seminar on topics in current research.
- “Imperatives and Optatives” S08 w/ Sabine Iatridou
- 24.959 “Workshop in Syntax and Semantics”  
A forum for doctoral students to present their work in progress on their generals papers. ....S98 w/ Michel DeGraff, Soo w/ David Pesetsky, F08 w/ Michel DeGraff, S17 w/ Edward Flemming, S19 w/ Michael Kenstowicz, S20 w/ Michael Kenstowicz
- 24.970 “Introduction to Semantics”  
A graduate introduction to formal semantics within the context of generative grammar. F93, F94, F96, F98 w/ Irene Heim, F99 w/ Bernhard Schwarz, Foo w/ Irene Heim, F05 w/ Luis Alonso-Ovalle, F07 w/ Alan Bale, F12 w/ Martin Hackl, F16, F20
- 24.973 “Advanced Semantics”  
Intensional Semantics, Issues in the syntax/semantics interface. S97 w/ Sabine Iatridou, S98 w/ Sabine Iatridou, Soo, S03, S04, S05, S07 w/ Paula Menéndez-Benito, S09, S10, S11, S15, S16 w/ Irene Heim, S17 w/ Roger Schwarzschild, S18 w/ Irene Heim, S20, S23
- 24.979 “Topics in Semantics”  
Seminar on topics in current semantic research
- Focus Semantics and Adverbial Quantification S94 w/ Irene Heim
  - Context-Dependency F95
  - Tense, Aspect, and Events S97 w/ Irene Heim
  - Adjectives and Relative Clauses S99 w/ Irene Heim
  - Extraposition, Exceptives, Coordination Soo w/ Danny Fox and Bernhard Schwarz
  - Questions and Focus S01 w/ Irene Heim
  - The Morphosemantics of Tense, Mood, and Aspect Fo1 w/ Sabine Iatridou
  - Modals at the Interface So4 w/ Sabine Iatridou
  - Current Topics So6 w/ Gennaro Chierchia, Danny Fox, and Sabine Iatridou

- “Without glue, what do we do?” F09 w/ Sabine Iatridou
- Questions F10 w/ Danny Fox and Irene Heim
- Deontic modality, priorities, preferences F12 w/ Sabine Iatridou
- Free choice and free relatives S13 w/ Sabine Iatridou
- The linguistics of the conversational scoreboard S14 w/ Sabine Iatridou and Justin Khoo
- Conditionals without *if*, The semantics of tense, The semantics of surprise S15 w/ Irene Heim and Sabine Iatridou
- X-marking S16 w/ Sabine Iatridou
- The linguistics of desire F17 w/ Sabine Iatridou
- The *only* seminar F19 w/ Sabine Iatridou
- Questions S21 w/ Patrick Elliott, Daniel Fox, Sabine Iatridou, David Pesetsky

## 24.899 “Topics in Linguistics and Philosophy”

Seminar on topics of interdisciplinary interest.

- Conditionals F99 w/ Ned Hall, Sabine Iatridou, Vann McGee, Bob Stalnaker
- Conditionals F06
- Conditionals F20 w/ Sabine Iatridou and Justin Khoo

## Teaching Elsewhere

March 1998	<p>“The Semantics and Pragmatics of Quantifier Domains”</p> <p>Lecture Series (three 90-minute lectures) at the Vilem Mathesius Series 13, Charles University, Prague.</p>
August 1999	<p>“Conditionals in a Dynamic Context”</p> <p>Advanced Lecture Course (five sessions), European Summer School in Language, Logic, and Information (ESSLLI), University of Utrecht.</p>
August 2002	<p>“Advanced Semantics”</p> <p>Lecture Course (nine 90-minute sessions), DGfS / LSA Summer School in Düsseldorf.</p>
Summer 2005	<p>“Pragmatics in Linguistic Theory”</p> <p>6 week course during the LSA summer institute at MIT.</p>
August 2006	<p>“Current Topics in Conditionals and Modality”</p> <p>1 week course at Pós-Graduação em Linguística da Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina, Brazil.</p>
April 2007	<p>“Epistemic Modals and Conditionals”</p> <p>1 week intensive course at the University of Frankfurt.</p>



July/August 2009	<p>“Morphology, syntax, and semantics of modals” (w/ Sabine Iatridou)</p> <p>3 week course at the LSA summer institute at UC Berkeley.</p>
July 2017	<p>“Modals and Conditionals”</p> <p>1 week intermediate course at the Crete Summer School in Linguistics, University of Crete, Rethymno, Greece</p>
July 2017	<p>“Aspect”</p> <p>2 lectures on aspect at the Crete Summer School in Linguistics, University of Crete, Rethymno, Greece</p>
July 2018	<p>“The linguistics of desire” (w/ Sabine Iatridou)</p> <p>2 week intermediate/advanced course at the Crete Summer School in Linguistics, University of Crete, Rethymno, Greece</p>
July 2019	<p>“The <i>only</i> class”</p> <p>2 week intermediate/advanced course at the Crete Summer School in Linguistics, University of Crete, Rethymno, Greece</p>
August 2019	<p>“Variable costs” (w/ David Beaver)</p> <p>1 week course at the European Summer School of Logic, Language, and Information (ESSLI), University of Riga, Latvia.</p>
July 2022	<p>“X-marking”</p> <p>2 week intermediate/advanced course at the Crete Summer School in Linguistics, University of Crete, Rethymno, Greece</p>
July 2023	<p>“What is semantics?”</p> <p>2 week intermediate/advanced course at the Crete Summer School in Linguistics, University of Crete, Rethymno, Greece</p>

## Professional Service

### Editorships

- Founding Co-Editor (with David Beaver) of *Semantics and Pragmatics*, an open access journal affiliated with the Linguistic Society of America *eLanguage* initiative, <http://semprag.org>.

- Member of the Editorial Board of *Mind* (2020–).
- Member of the Editorial Board of *Linguistics & Philosophy* and *Natural Language Semantics*.
- Member of the honorary editorial board of *syntax-Semantics Interface*, an international journal published by students at the University of Tehran (<http://semantics-syntax.ut.ac.ir/>).
- Member of the Editorial Board of the book series “Topics at the Grammar-Discourse Interface” (Language Science Press).
- Member of the Committee of Linguistics Journal Editors (CELxJ).
- Associate Editor of *Linguistic Inquiry* (1998–2002).
- Series Editor for “Studies in Linguistics and Philosophy”, Springer (2004–2009).
- Member of the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Semantics* (2005–2009).

## Reviewing

- Reviewer of articles submitted to *Natural Language Semantics*, *Linguistics & Philosophy*, *Journal of Semantics*, *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*, *Syntax: Journal of Theoretical, Experimental and Interdisciplinary Research*, *Synthese*, *Journal of Philosophical Logic*, *Noûs*, *Mind*, *Philosophers' Imprint*, *Mind and Language*, *Linguistics*, *Journal of Comparative Germanic Linguistics*, *Language Acquisition: A Journal of Developmental Linguistics*, *The Linguistic Review*, *Journal of Linguistics*, *Linguistic Inquiry*, *The Baltic International Yearbook of Cognition, Logic and Communication*, *Review of Symbolic Logic*, *Linguistics and Language Compass*, *Open Linguistics*, *The Philosophical Review*, *Philosophical Studies*.
- Reviewer of book proposals or manuscripts submitted to Kluwer Academic Publishers, MIT Press, Palgrave, Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press.
- Reviewer of grant proposals for the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC).

- Reviewer of conference abstracts submitted to North East Linguistic Society (NELS), West Coast Conference of Formal Linguistics (WCCFL), Conference on Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT), Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB), Chicago Linguistics Society (CLS), Eastern States Conference on Linguistics (ESCOL), Formal Approaches to Japanese Linguistics, Formal Linguistic Society of Midamerica (FLSM), Comparative Germanic Syntax Workshop, UMass Focus Workshop, Moscow Syntax and Semantics (MOSS), Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB), Israel Association for Theoretical Linguistics (IATL).
- Consultant to the Program Committee of the Linguistic Society of America (1994).

## Other

- Main organizer of the 28th Annual Meeting of the Conference on Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT), May 2018, MIT.
- Representative of the Linguistic Society of America to the Comité International Permanent des Linguistes (CIPL), organizers of the International Congress of Linguists. 2015-2020.
- Member of the Executive Committee of the Comité International Permanent des Linguistes (CIPL). 2015-2020.
- Topic organizer (with David Beaver) of sessions on “The Semantics/Pragmatics Interface” for the 19th International Congress of Linguists, July 22-27, 2013, Geneva.
- Member of the ad hoc Publications Committee of the Linguistic Society of America, 2012-2013.
- Member of International Advisory Board of the Center for the Cognitive Sciences and Semantics, University of Latvia, Riga (since 2010).
- Publisher of an academic weblog “semantics etc.” (<http://kaivonfintel.org>), since 2003.
- Organizer (with Irene Heim and Sabine Iatridou) of the 8th Annual Meeting of the Conference on Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT), May 1998, MIT.
- Organizer of LSA Workshop on “Context and Content: Topics in Formal Pragmatics”, July 15, 2005, Cambridge, MA.
- Convener of Symposium on Conditionals at the 13th Annual Meeting of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology. Lund, Sweden, August 12, 2005.

- Member of American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), Linguistic Society of America (LSA), Gesellschaft für Semantik (GfS).

## Institute Service

- Member of the Working Group on Academic Degrees for the planning of the College of Computing, 2019.
- Member of Committee on Nominations, 2016-2018.
- Member of Information Technology Policy Committee, 2014-2018.
- Member of the search committee for MIT's Director of Libraries, 2014.
- Member of the search committee for MIT's Dean of Undergraduate Education, 2013.
- Chair of Burchard Scholar Committee, 2010-2011, 2012-2015.
- Chair of SHASS Education Advisory Committee (SHEAC), 2010-2011, 2012-2015.
- Chair of SHASS Faculty Diversity Committee (FDC), 2013-2015.
- (Ex-officio) Member of CUP Subcommittee on the Communication Requirement, 2008-2011, 2012-2015.
- (Ex-officio) Member of CUP Subcommittee on the HASS Requirement, 2009-2011, 2012-2015.
- Member of Open Access Working Group under the auspices of the Faculty Committee on the Library System (FCLS), 2012-.
- Member of Advisory Committee to Dean of Graduate Education.
- Member of the ESG (Experimental Studies Group) Advisory Committee, 2012-2015.
- Member of the search committee for MIT's Dean for Graduate Education, 2010.
- (Ex-officio) Member of Inter-School Education Council (ISEC), 2009-2011.
- Member of MIT S<sup>3</sup> Faculty Advisory Committee, 2010-2011.
- Chair of HASS Overview Committee, 2008-2010.
- Member of MIT Faculty Taskforce on the Promotion and Tenure Process, 2009.

- Member of MIT Planning Taskforce (Education Workgroup, Convener of subgroup on graduate and professional education), 2009.
- Member of MIT Global Council, 2008–2009.
- Member of MIT Ad Hoc Committee on Open Access Publishing, 2008–2009.
- Chair of MIT’s Committee on Academic Performance (CAP), 2006–2008.
- Member of MIT’s Committee on Academic Performance (CAP), 2003–2006.

## Department Service

- Acting Graduate Program Director, Spring 2023.
- Linguistics Community and Equity Officer, 2017–2018.
- Member of Linguistics Community and Equity Committee (LCEC), 2017–.
- Acting Undergraduate Officer, AY 2017–2018.
- Acting Graduate Program Director, Fall 2016.
- Co-editor (and technical lead) of MIT Linguistics Weekly Newsletter *Whamit!* (<http://whamit.dlp.mit.edu>), since January 2008.
- Faculty member in charge of visiting student/visiting scholar applications to the MIT Linguistics program, 2000–2006.
- Curriculum Development (with Irene Heim) for the 5 Year Ph.D. Program in Linguistics with Specialization in Semantics.

## Employment

2018–2021	Head of the MIT Linguistics section <small>F2018: Sabbatical</small>
2008–2015	Associate Dean School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (SHASS) Massachusetts Institute of Technology <small>F2015: Administrative Leave</small>
since July 2007	Professor of Linguistics Massachusetts Institute of Technology <small>AY2012–13: Sabbatical</small>
2001–2007	Associate Professor of Linguistics (tenured) Massachusetts Institute of Technology <small>S2002: Sabbatical</small>

1998–2001	Associate Professor of Linguistics (without tenure) Massachusetts Institute of Technology
1994–1998	Assistant Professor of Linguistics Massachusetts Institute of Technology
	<small>S1996: Family Leave. F1997: Junior Sabbatical Leave</small>
1993–1994	Instructor Massachusetts Institute of Technology
1989–1993	Teaching Associate University of Massachusetts, Amherst
1986–1988	Research Assistant German Federal Highway Research Institute.

## Education

1988–1994	University of Massachusetts at Amherst MA in Linguistics: February 1992 Ph.D. in Linguistics: May 1994 (Committee: Angelika Kratzer (Chair), Barbara Partee, Emmon Bach, Roger Higgins, Philip Bricker)
1985–1988	University of Köln, Germany Zwischenprüfung (BA equivalent) in Linguistics: 1986
1983–1984	Pembroke College, Cambridge University, Great Britain Studies in English Literature and Philosophy
1981–1985	University of Münster, Germany Grundstudiumsabschluß (BA equivalent) in English: 1983. Also studied Philosophy, Art History.
1972–1981	Wilhelm-Hittorf-Gymnasium, Münster, Germany Reifeprüfung (Advanced High School Diploma), Mathematics and Chemistry: 1981

## Honors and Awards

2016–	Inducted as a Fellow of the Linguistic Society of America
2015–	Named “Andrew W. Mellon Professor of Linguistics”
2009	“CIA Leaks” (co-authored with Anthony S. Gillies) listed among Ten Best Articles in Philosophy in 2008 by <i>Philosopher’s Annual</i> ( <a href="http://www.philosophersannual.org">http://www.philosophersannual.org</a> )
1997–2000	Class of 1942 Career Development Chair, MIT
1992–1993	University of Massachusetts at Amherst, University Fellowship

1991	Linguistic Society of America Fellowship, Summer Linguistic Institute, UC Santa Cruz
1990-1991	University of Massachusetts at Amherst, University Fellowship
1983-1984	German Academic Exchange Service Scholarship for Studies in Great Britain

## **Grants**

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