

# Curt Anderson

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## — Education

2016	Ph.D., Linguistics	Michigan State University
2009	B.S., Cognitive Science	Central Michigan University

## — Academic Employment

2023 – present	Sessional I	University of Toronto Scarborough Department of Language Studies
2020 – 2023	Visiting Assistant Professor	University of Toronto Scarborough Department of Language Studies
2016 – 2020	Postdoctoral Researcher	Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf DFG Collaborative Research Center 991
2016 – 2016	Instructor I	Michigan State University Department of Languages & Linguistics

## — Research Interests

**semantics, syntax, psycholinguistics:** syntax and semantics of modification; lexical semantics; degree semantics; exclamative constructions; syntax-semantics interface; acquisition of meaning

## — Publications

2020. Anderson, Curt. Indeterminate numerals and their alternatives. In Peter Hallman (ed.), *Interactions of degree and quantification* (Syntax and Semantics), 44–78. Leiden: Brill.
2019. Anderson, Curt. Specification of methods and the semantics of method-oriented adverbs. In Patrick Farrell (ed.), *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America*, vol. 4, 1–15.
2018. Anderson, Curt. Kinds, epistemic indefinites, and *some*-exclamatives. In Robert Truswell, Chris Cummins, Caroline Heycock, Brian Rabern & Hannah Rohde (eds.), *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 21*, vol. 1, 35–52.
2018. Anderson, Curt & Sebastian Löbner. Roles and the compositional semantics of role-denoting relational adjectives. In Uli Sauerland & Stephanie Solt (eds.), *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 22*, 91–108.
2017. Anderson, Curt. Contextual factors in children’s calculation of telicity. In Maria LaMendola & Jennifer Scott (eds.), *Proceedings of the 41st annual Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD)*, 18–31.
2015. Anderson, Curt. Numerical approximation using *some*. In Eva Csipak & Hedde Zeijlstra (eds.), *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 19*, 54–69.
2015. Anderson, Curt & Marcin Morzycki. Degrees as kinds. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 33(3). 791–828.
2014. Anderson, Curt. Approximation of complex numerals using *some*. In Claire Renaud, Carla Ghanem, Verónica González López & Kathryn Pruitt (eds.), *Proceedings of the Western Conference on Linguistics (WECOL) 2013*, 131–143.

2014. Whelpton, Matthew, Drew Trotter, Þórhalla Guðmundsdóttir Beck, **Curt Anderson**, Joan Maling, Karthik Durvasula & Alan Beretta. Portions and sorts in Icelandic: an ERP study. *Brain and Language* 136. 44–57.
2013. **Anderson, Curt**. Hedging verbs and nouns using an alternative semantics. In Martin Kohlberger, Kate Bellamy & Eleanor Dutton (eds.), *Proceedings of ConSOLE XXI*, 1–20.
2013. **Anderson, Curt**. Inherent and coerced gradability across categories: manipulating pragmatic halos with *sorta*. In Todd Snider (ed.), *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 23*, 81–96.

## — Conference Talks and Posters

2021. **Anderson, Curt**. *Perceivable properties and inference to mental states*. Poster presented at the Canadian Linguistic Association Annual Meeting 2021. Toronto (virtual).
2021. Geuder, Wilhelm & **Curt Anderson**. *What is manner modification?* Presented at Theoretical and Experimental Approaches to Modification. Tübingen (virtual).
2020. **Anderson, Curt**. *Precisifying and non-precisifying uses of adnominal very*. Presented at the Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting 2020. New Orleans.
2020. **Anderson, Curt** & Jens Fleischhauer. *Comparison from an Anatolian perspective*. Accepted to Typology in Bologna (TypoBo 2020) Comparative constructions: linguistic typology at the crossroads (*Workshop canceled due to SARS-CoV-2 pandemic*). Bologna.
2019. **Anderson, Curt**. *Enriched meanings and pseudo-incorporated bare singular count nouns in English*. Presented at the Event Semantics Workshop 2019. Berlin.
2019. **Anderson, Curt**. *Enriched meanings and pseudo-incorporated bare singular count nouns in English*. Presented at the Modification of Complex Predicates Workshop. Düsseldorf.
2019. **Anderson, Curt**. *Predicate-modifier asymmetries and the syntax-semantics interface*. Presented at the 13th International Tbilisi Symposium on Language, Logic and Computation (TbiLLC 2019). Batumi, Georgia.
2019. **Anderson, Curt**. *Predicate-modifier asymmetries and the syntax-semantics interface*. Presented at the RTANJ Linguistics 3 Workshop. Rtanj, Serbia.
2019. **Anderson, Curt**. *Specifications of methods and the semantics of method-oriented adverbs*. Poster presented at the Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting 2019. New York City.
2019. **Anderson, Curt**. *Thematic role features and predicate-modifier asymmetries*. Presented at Semantics and Philosophy in Europe (SPE) 11. Warsaw.
2019. **Anderson, Curt**, Kurt Erbach & Ruben van de Vijver. *Intonation and evaluation with some-exclamatives*. Poster presented at the Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting 2019. New York City.
2018. **Anderson, Curt**. *Of old couples and important committees: modification and group member accessibility*. Presented at the 26th European Society of Philosophy and Psychology (ESPP 26). Rijeka, Croatia.
2018. **Anderson, Curt**. *Of old couples and important committees: modification and group member accessibility*. Presented at the Bridging Conceptual Semantics and Formal Semantics Workshop (BRIDGE-18). Sofia, Bulgaria.
2018. **Anderson, Curt** & Marios Andreou. *The role of context in disambiguating -er nominalizations*. Presented at Cognitive Structures 2018 (CoSt 2018). Düsseldorf.

2018. **Anderson, Curt**, Kurt Erbach & Ruben van de Vijver. *Intonation and evaluative bias in some-exclamatives*. Presented at the 19th Szklarska Poręba Workshop on the Roots of Pragmasemantics. Szklarska Poręba, Poland.
2018. **Anderson, Curt**, Oliver Hellwig & Wiebke Petersen. *Automatic clustering and the lexical semantics of cooking adjectives*. Presented at Cognitive Structures 2018 (CoSt 2018). Düsseldorf.
2017. **Anderson, Curt**. *The lexical semantics of role-denoting relational adjectives*. Poster presented at TABU Dag 38. Groningen.
2017. **Anderson, Curt** & Sebastian Löbner. *Roles and the compositional semantics of role-denoting relational adjectives*. Presented at the 12th International Tbilisi Symposium on Language, Logic and Computation (TbiLLC 2017). Lagodekhi, Georgia.
2017. **Anderson, Curt** & Sebastian Löbner. *Roles and the compositional semantics of role-denoting relational adjectives*. Presented at Sinn und Bedeutung 22 (SuB 22). Potsdam.
2016. **Anderson, Curt**. *An alternatives based account of some-exclamatives*. Presented at the Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting 2016. Washington, D.C.
2016. **Anderson, Curt**. *Contextual factors in children's computation of telicity*. Presented at the 41st Boston University Conference on Language Development. Boston.
2016. **Anderson, Curt**. *Kinds, epistemic indefinites, and some-exclamatives*. Presented at Sinn und Bedeutung 21. Edinburgh.
2016. **Anderson, Curt** & Ekaterina Gabrovskva. *Modification of verbs and deverbal nouns*. Presented at Event Semantics Workshop 2016. Düsseldorf.
2015. **Anderson, Curt**. *"That was some talk!": An account of some-exclamatives*. Presented at the Semantics Workshop of the American Midwest and Prairies (SWAMP) 2015. Ann Arbor, MI.
2014. **Anderson, Curt**. *Approximation and the epistemic indefinite some*. Presented at Sinn und Bedeutung 19. Göttingen.
2013. **Anderson, Curt**. *A Hamblin semantics for sorta*. Presented at the Conference for the Student Organization for Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE) XXI. Potsdam.
2013. **Anderson, Curt**. *Approximation of complex numerals using some*. Presented at the Western Conference on Linguistics (WECOL) 2013. Tempe, AZ.
2013. **Anderson, Curt**. *Gradability and imprecision across categories*. Presented at Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 23. Santa Cruz, CA.
2013. **Anderson, Curt**. *Verbal gradability and degree arguments in verbs*. Presented at the 37th Penn Linguistics Colloquium (PLC). Philadelphia.
2013. Trotter, Drew, Matthew Whelpton, Þórhalla Guðmundsdóttir Beck, **Curt Anderson**, Joan Maling & Alan Beretta. *ERP responses to portioning and sorting in Icelandic: contrasting coercion with silent syntax*. Presented at the Meeting for the Society for the Neurobiology of Language (SNL) 2013. San Diego.
2012. **Anderson, Curt**. *Dimensions of comparison determine telicity in verbal comparatives*. Presented at PHLINC. College Park, MD.
2010. **Anderson, Curt**. *Manner modification and like that*. Presented at the Semantics Workshop of the American Midwest and Prairies (SWAMP) 2010. Ann Arbor, MI.

## — Invited Talks and Lectures

2023. Anderson, Curt. *What I'm glad I did, and what I wish I had done*. MSU Linguistics Alumni Panel.

2020. Anderson, Curt. *The semantics of adnominal very*. ZAS Semantics Circle. Leibniz-Zentrum Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft (ZAS).

2020. Anderson, Curt. *The semantics of some-exclamatives*. Guest lecture, Carla Umbach's Seminar on Exclamatives. Universität zu Köln.

2019. Anderson, Curt. *Kinds, epistemic indefinites, and some-exclamatives*. Guest lecture, Carla Umbach's Seminar on Exclamatives. Universität zu Köln.

2018. Anderson, Curt. *Building method-oriented adverbs*. SFB 732 Kolloquium. Universität Stuttgart.

2017. Anderson, Curt. *Roles and the semantics of presidential-adjectives*. Carleton University Linguistics Colloquium.

2016. Anderson, Curt. *Some in non-canonical environments*. New York University Semantics Group.

## — Dissertation

2016. Anderson, Curt. *Intensification and attenuation across categories*. Michigan State University dissertation.

## — Teaching

### University of Toronto Scarborough

LINB04 Phonology I

LINB06 Syntax I

LINB29 Quantitative Methods in Linguistics

LIND12 Semantics II

LIND29 Linguistic Research Methodologies

### Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf

Introduction to Degree Semantics

Semantics of Modification (co-taught with Ekaterina Gabrovska)

Introduction to the Theory of the Lexicon (co-taught with Jens Fleischhauer)

Academic Skills in Linguistics for *Grundkurs* Tutors

### Michigan State University

LIN 200 Introduction to Language

LIN 401 Introduction to Linguistics

LIN 437 Semantics and Pragmatics

## — Workshop and Conference Organization

- May 2020**      **Word-formation and modification: Events where there are none (at least on the surface) workshop**  
Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf  
Co-organized with Sven Kotowski  
*Canceled due to SARS-CoV-2 pandemic*
- May 2019**      **Modification of Complex Predicates workshop**  
Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf  
Co-organized with Jens Fleischhauer and Timm Lichte
- March 2019**      **Encoding emotional attitudes in non-truth conditional meaning**  
Workshop at DGfS (German Linguistics Society) Annual Meeting 41  
Co-organized with Katherine Fraser
- October 2012**      **Semantics Workshop of the American Midwest and Prairies (SWAMP)**  
Michigan State University  
Co-organized with Phil Pellino

## — Service

### Peer review for journals

Glossa	2018–2021
Journal of Linguistics	2021
Language and Linguistics	2020
Linguistics and Philosophy	2018, 2019, 2021
Natural Language and Linguistic Theory	2013, 2017, 2018, 2020, 2021
Poznan Studies in Contemporary Linguistics	2020
Revue de Sémantique et Pragmatique	2016
Semantics & Pragmatics	2019
Toronto Working Papers in Linguistics	2021

### Peer review for conferences and workshops

Cognitive Structures (CoSt) 2018  
Encoding emotive attitudes in non-truth conditional meaning (DGfS 41 workshop)  
Events in Language and Cognition 2016  
Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting 2019, 2020, 2021  
Modification of complex predicates workshop  
Prominence Conference 2021.  
SinFonJA 12  
Sinn und Bedeutung 22–27

### Memberships

Canadian Linguistic Association	(since 2021)
<i>Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft</i> (German Linguistics Society)	(since 2017)
Linguistic Society of America	(since 2012)

### Departmental Service

University of Toronto Scarborough	Recruitment & Website Committee	(2020–2022)
University of Toronto Scarborough	TA Allocation Committee	(2020–2022)
Michigan State University	Linguistics colloquium co-organizer	(2012–2014)

## — Media appearances

2020 Frazier, Mya. Quoted in “Stop using ‘officer involved shooting’”. Columbia Journalism Review.  
<https://www.cjr.org/analysis/officer-involved-shooting.php>

## — Student supervision and thesis grading

Bruno de Oliveira Andreotti	Generals Paper (third reader)	University of Toronto	2021
Luke Dominik	BA (second reader)	Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf	2019

## — Other Skills

<b>Natural Languages:</b>	English (native), German (approx. B1)
<b>Artificial Languages:</b>	R, Python, PHP, HTML and CSS, SQL, $\LaTeX$
<b>Experiment Presentation Software:</b>	Ibex for Penn Controller, Experigen
<b>Miscellaneous Software:</b>	Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Lightroom