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Employment

June 2020 **Research Fellow and Lecturer**, University of Kassel, Department of English and Present American Studies.
January 2019 **Research Fellow**, *Collaborative Research Center 833*, University of Tübingen, Project September 2021 A7 "Focus and Extraction in Complex Constructions and Islands".
October 2017 **Student Research Assistant**, *Collaborative Research Center 833*, University of December 2018 Tübingen, Project A7 "Focus and Extraction in Complex Constructions and Islands".
April 2018 **Language Teacher**, *Spanish grammar*, course within the vocational program "Multi- February 2020 lingual Management Assistant", Europa Institut College, Reutlingen, Germany.
September 2015 **High School Teacher**, *Spanish, French and German*, within the PGCE teaching June 2016 training program, Charter Academy, Portsmouth, UK, and Portchester Community School, Fareham, UK.

Education

June 2019 **Doctoral candidate in English Linguistics**, University of Tübingen, Germany.
Present **Dissertation (working title):**
Multiple sluicing through an experimental lens: Amelioration effects, cross-linguistic variation and processing
Prospective submission:
June 2023
Supervisors:
Jun.-Prof. Dr. James Griffiths (University of Tübingen)
Prof. Dr. Holden Härtl (University of Kassel)

April 2021 **Visiting Researcher**, Department of Linguistics, Yale University, New Haven, United States of America.
July 2021 **Advisors:**
Prof. Veneeta Dayal
Prof. Robert Frank

- October 2016 **Master of Arts in English Linguistics**, University of Tübingen, Germany.
 March 2019 **Grade:**
 1.1
Master Thesis title:
Multiple sluicing in English: Empirical investigations and syntactic analysis
Supervisors:
 Prof. Dr. Susanne Winkler
 Prof. Dr. Sam Featherston
- September 2015 **Postgraduate Certificate in Education in Modern Foreign Languages**, University
 of Portsmouth, United Kingdom.
 June 2016
Language specialization:
 Spanish, French and German
Graduation project title:
Does stereotyping hinder the performance of boys in Modern Foreign Languages?
Supervisor:
 Andrew Porter
- September 2010 **Bachelor of Arts in English Studies**, University of the Basque Country, Vitoria-
 September 2014 Gasteiz, Spain.
Bachelor Thesis title:
The present perfect in English: History, development and current uses
Supervisor:
 Prof. Miren Alazne Landa Arevalillo
- August 2012 **Exchange student – International Mobility Programs**, Fort Lewis College, Du-
 May 2013 rango, Colorado, United States of America.

Publications

Papers in journals

- 2023 Bai, Xue, **Álvaro Cortés Rodríguez** & Daiko Takahashi. An experimental investigation on multiple sluicing in Mandarin Chinese. Accepted for publication in *Languages* 8(1), 88. DOI: 10.3390/languages8010088
- 2022 **Cortés Rodríguez, Álvaro**. Multiple sluicing and islands: a cross-linguistic experimental investigation of the clausemate condition. *The Linguistic Review* 39(3): 425–455. DOI: 10.1515/tlr-2022-2093
- 2022 **Cortés Rodríguez, Álvaro**, Holden Härtl, Natascha Raue & Kristina Weissbecker. Referring nouns in name-informing quotation: An empirical investigation. *Linguistic Research* 39(2): 327–354. DOI: 10.17250/khisli.39.2.202206.004

Papers in edited volumes

- accepted **Cortés Rodríguez, Álvaro**. Which linguist which structure: An experimental investigation of multiple sluicing in English. Accepted for publication in Konietzko, Andreas & Susanne Winkler (eds.). *Information structure and Discourse in Generative Grammar. Mechanisms and Processes* (Studies in Generative Grammar 146). Berlin & Boston: de Gruyter Mouton.

Papers in proceedings

accepted **Cortés Rodríguez, Álvaro** & James Griffiths. An experimental investigation of the clausemate condition in German multiple sluicing. Accepted for publication in *Proceedings of the West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL) 40*.

Ongoing projects

in preparation **Cortés Rodríguez, Álvaro** & James Griffiths. Clausemate condition “obviations” in German and Spanish complex antecedent multiple sluicing: experimental evidence for a short source approach.

in preparation **Cortés Rodríguez, Álvaro** & Larissa Specht. Undoing gender in a gender-marking language: Gender-inclusive forms in plural role nouns in German.

in preparation Raue, Natascha & **Álvaro Cortés Rodríguez**. The interplay between quotation and referentiality: An empirical investigation into name-mentioning constructions.

Non-linguistic publications

revisions invited Friedrich, Julian, Anna Bareis, Moritz Bross, Zoé Bürger, **Álvaro Cortés Rodríguez**, Nina Effenberger, Markus Kleinhanl, Fabienne Kremer & Cornelius Schröder. “How is your thesis going?” – Ph.D. students’ perspectives on mental health and stress in academia. PsyArXiv. March 14. DOI: 10.31234/osf.io/uq9w5

Presentations

Refereed conference presentations

June 2023 Presentation, "Undoing gender in a gender-marking language: Gender-inclusive forms in plural role nouns in German", *XVI International Symposium of Psycholinguistics (ISP)*, University of the Basque Country, Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain.
joint work with Larissa Specht

May 2023 Presentation, "Undoing gender in a gender-marking language: Gender-inclusive forms in plural role nouns in German", *Psycholinguistics in Flanders (PiF) 20*, Ghent University, Belgium.
joint work with Larissa Specht

April 2023 Poster presentation, "Undoing gender in a gender-marking language: Gender-neutral forms in plural role nouns in German", *Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS) 59*, University of Chicago, USA.
joint work with Larissa Specht
– Not attended due to sickness –

October 2022 Presentation, "The interplay between quotation and referentiality: An empirical investigation into name-mentioning constructions", *Linguistic Evidence*, Paris, France.
joint work with Natascha Raue

August 2022 Presentation, "Multiple sluicing in Spanish: An experimental investigation of the clausemate condition obviation with bound embedded pronouns", *Experimental and Corpus-based Approaches to Ellipsis (ECBAE) 4 at the 55th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea (SLE)*, University of Bucharest, Romania.

May 2022 Presentation, "Short source identity approach to multiple sluicing in German", *West Coast Conference in Formal Linguistics (WCCFL) 40*, Stanford University, USA. (Online)
joint work with James Griffiths

- April 2022 Presentation, "*Short source* identity approach to multiple sluicing in German", *Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW) 45*, Queen Mary University of London, UK.
joint work with James Griffiths
- February 2022 Presentation, "The interplay between quotation and referentiality: An empirical investigation into name-informing constructions", *44th Annual Conference of the German Linguistic Society, Workshop AG13: Interpunktion verpflichtet*, University of Tübingen, Germany. (Online)
joint work with Natascha Raue
- September 2021 Presentation, "Multiple adjacent *wh*-interrogatives in Spanish", *II. Encuentro de Lingüística Formal en México*, Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla, Mexico. (Online)
- June 2021 Poster presentation, "Multiple sluicing in German: evidence for a *short source* approach", *TABU Dag 2021*, University of Groningen, The Netherlands. (Online)
- June 2021 Poster presentation, "'This text is called an abstract' – An empirical investigation of referring uses of nouns in name-informing quotation", *TABU Dag 2021*, University of Groningen, The Netherlands. (Online)
joint work with Holden Härtl and Kristina Weissbecker
- May 2021 Presentation, "'This text is called an abstract' – An empirical investigation of referring uses of nouns in name-informing quotation", *Germanic Linguistics Annual Conference 27*, University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA. (Online)
joint work with Holden Härtl and Kristina Weissbecker
- April 2021 Presentation, "'This text is called an abstract' – An empirical investigation of referring uses of nouns in name-informing quotation", *Purdue Linguistics Symposium*, Purdue University, USA. (Online)
joint work with Holden Härtl and Kristina Weissbecker
- November 2020 Presentation, "Calling things by their names – An experimental study on the referential status of nouns used in name-informing quotation", *Event Semantics 2020*, University of Tübingen, Germany. (Online)
joint work with Holden Härtl and Kristina Weissbecker
- October 2020 Poster presentation and Lightning talk, "*Congruence* between the *wh*-remnants: a factor ameliorating multiple sluicing constructions", *Linearising Constituents Across Domains 2020*, Bled Institute, Slovenia. (Online)
- July 2020 Presentation, "Multiple Sluicing in English: Theoretical and Experimental Approaches", *Experimental and Corpus-based Approaches to Ellipsis 2020*, Florence, Italy. (Online)
- February 2020 Poster presentation, "Does heaviness improve the acceptability of multiples sluicing constructions in English?", *Linguistic Evidence 2020*, University of Tübingen, Germany.
- October 2019 Presentation, "The role of heaviness in the acceptability of multiple sluicing constructions in English", *Workshop on Information Structure and Ambiguity – The Process of Integrating Sentences into Discourse*, University of Tübingen, Germany.
- March 2018 Presentation, "Multiple Sluicing in English", *40th Annual Conference of the German Linguistic Society, Workshop AG12: Relating elliptical utterances to information in context*, University of Stuttgart, Germany.
- February 2018 Poster presentation, "Multiple Sluicing in English: Empirical Investigations and Syntactic Analysis", *Linguistic Evidence 2018*, University of Tübingen, Germany.

- April 2016 Oral presentation, "When, why and how? Effective assessment leading to efficient progress", *24th Annual HUPE Conference*, Šibenik, Croatia.
joint work with Ricardo de la Garza Cano
- November 2015 Oral presentation, "Feedback: a Key to Improve Speaking!", *40th TESOL Italy*, Rome, Italy.
joint work with Ricardo de la Garza Cano

Invited talks

- April 2023 Presentation, "Clausemate condition 'obviations' in German and Spanish complex antecedent multiple sluicing as evidence for a short source approach", *Leibniz-Zentrum Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft (ZAS)*, Berlin, Germany.
joint work with James Griffiths
- May 2021 Presentation, "Multiple sluicing in English and German: evidence for a short source identity approach", *Potsdam Linguistics Kolloquium*, University of Potsdam, Germany.

Teaching

- Summer 2022/23 **Instructor**, *The syntax of English - A generative approach*, seminar, Department of English and American Studies. University of Kassel, Germany.
- Winter 2022/23 **Instructor**, *Processing sentences: Experimental methods in linguistics*, seminar, Department of English and American Studies. University of Kassel, Germany.
- Summer 2022 **Instructor**, *Interpreting language data: data analysis with R*, seminar, Department of English and American Studies. University of Kassel, Germany.
- Winter 2021/22 **Instructor**, *Experimental syntax: the form and nature of grammatical knowledge*, seminar, Department of English and American Studies. University of Kassel, Germany.
- Summer 2021 **Instructor**, *The Structure of English: A Minimalist Approach*, compact course, Department of English and American Studies. University of Kassel, Germany.
- Winter 2020/21 **Instructor**, *Research Methods in Linguistics*, semi-compact course, Department of English and American Studies. University of Kassel, Germany.
- Summer 2020 **Instructor**, *Introduction to Syntax*, compact course, Department of English and American Studies. University of Kassel, Germany.
(canceled due to COVID-19)
- Summer 2020 **Instructor**, *Syntax: A minimalist introduction*, seminar, English Department. University of Tübingen, Germany.
- February 2020 **Visiting Instructor**, Graduate and Staff seminars, English Department and Afrikaans Department. University of Pretoria, South Africa.
- Winter 2019/20 **Co-Instructor**, *Syntax: A minimalist introduction*, seminar, English Department. University of Tübingen, Germany.
Co-instructed with Susanne Winkler
- Summer 2019 **Co-Instructor**, *Syntax: A minimalist introduction*, seminar, English Department. University of Tübingen, Germany.
Co-instructed with Susanne Winkler
- Winter 2018/19 **Co-Instructor**, *Introduction to syntax*, seminar, English Department. University of Tübingen, Germany.
Co-instructed with Susanne Winkler

- Summer 2018 **Co-Instructor**, *Minimalist syntax*, seminar, English Department. University of Tübingen, Germany.
Co-instructed with Andreas Konietzko and Susanne Winkler
- Summer 2018 **Teaching Assistant**, *Minimalist syntax*, English Department. University of Tübingen, Germany.
Instructors: Álvaro Cortés Rodríguez, Andreas Konietzko and Susanne Winkler
- Winter 2017/18 **Teaching Assistant**, *Minimalist syntax*, English Department. University of Tübingen, Germany.
Instructor: Andreas Kehl
- Summer 2017 **Instructor**, *Spanish A1*, language course, The Language Learning Centre. University of Tübingen, Germany.
- Spring 2013 **Tutor**, *Spanish*, College Reading & Learning Association, Council for Learning Support Program. Fort Lewis College, Durango, Colorado, USA.
- Fall 2012 **Tutor**, *Spanish*, College Reading & Learning Association, Council for Learning Support Program. Fort Lewis College, Durango, Colorado, USA.

Service

- 2022 **Reviewer**, *PLOS ONE*, Scientific journal, Open Access publisher.
- February 2020 **Co-Organizer**, *Ph.D. Colloquium "DoKo"*, Research group, Collaborative Research Center 833, University of Tübingen, Germany.
- September 2021 **Reviewer**, *Linguistic Evidence*, Conference, University of Tübingen, Germany.
- 2019 **Co-Organizer**, *Information Structure and Ambiguity: The Process of Integrating Sentences into Discourse*, International Workshop, Research Training Group 1808 and Project A7 Collaborative Research Center 833, University of Tübingen, Germany.

Further Training and Courses

- Spring 2021 **Spring school**, *Spring Training in Experimental Psycholinguistics*, 9 hour online training course: "*Corpus-linguistic text processing with R*", University of Alberta, Canada.
- June 2021 **Mental Health First Aider**, *Training course for adult mental health First Aid*, National Council for Behavioral Health, USA.
- September 2019 **Summer school**, *One-week summer school: "Statistical Methods for Linguistics and Psychology"*, University of Potsdam, Germany.
- August 2019 **Summer school**, *Two-week DGfS summer school: Experimental Pragmatics: Theory, Methods, Interfaces" (9 ECTS)*, Berlin, Germany.

Scholarships and Awards

- 2021 **Scholarship**, *Baden-Württemberg Stipendium*, 4-month research stay at Yale University, USA.
Grant: €2400 – Unable to use scholarship due to Covid-19

- 2020 **Scholarship**, *ERASMUS+*, 6-day international staff mobility at the University of Pretoria, South Africa.
Grant: €2580
- 2016 **Scholarship**, *Goethe-Institut*, 4-week intensive language course and accommodation at Goethe-Institut Hamburg, Germany.
Grant: €1865
- 2014 **Scholarship**, *University Studies Abroad Consortium*, 6-week summer school and accommodation at Leuphana University Lüneburg, Germany.
Grant: \$2250
- 2012 **Scholarship**, *University of the Basque Country*, Student Mobility Program *Other Destinations: USA, Canada and Asia*.
Grant: €1000

Social commitment and Volunteering

- November 2018 **Member**, *sustainAbility*, PhD Initiative, University of Tübingen, Germany.
Present
- May 2019 **Member**, *Scientist for Future*, Regional Group, Tübingen, Germany.
- February 2022
- October 2016 **Member**, *Anglistik-Amerikanistik Fachschaft*, Student council of the English Department, University of Tübingen, Germany.
- January 2018
- October 2017 **Volunteer**, *Hung Vuong English Centre*, English Teacher, Phu Tho, Vietnam.
- January 2016 **Volunteer**, *WEA Omega Centre*, English Teacher, Portsmouth, UK.
- April 2016
- September 2012 **Volunteer**, *Durango Adult Education Center*, English Teacher, Durango, Colorado, USA.
- December 2012

Technical and Research Skills

Computer Skills

- Operating system *Windows*
- Office *LaTeX, Microsoft Office, Markdown*
- Programming *R Statistics*
- Experimental software *PsychoPy3, EyeLink 1000, PCIbex, E-Prime3*
- Corpus *SketchEngine*
- CMS *WordPress, TYPO3, Weebly, Moodle, Slack, Basecamp*
- Sound analysis *Praat*

Languages

- Spanish Native
- Basque Native *Euskararen Gaitasun Agiria (06/2009)*
- English Near-native *C1 Certificate of the Language School (06/2011)*

German Intermediate

*B2 Center for German as a Foreign Language and
Intercultural Programs, University of Tübingen (09/2019)*

French Intermediate

B1 level certified by the British Department for Education (08/2015)

References

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