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RESEARCH AREAS

Formal semantics & pragmatics, mathematical linguistics, natural language quantification, learnability theory, logical structure of grammar, syntax-semantics interface

EDUCATION

2019–2026 *PhD, Linguistics* – McGill University (Montréal, Quebec)
Thesis Title: Types of pseudo-scope: variation and non-local QR
Supervisor: Michael Wagner, Bernhard Schwarz

2016–2019 *B.A.Sc. (Honours), Cognitive Science* – McGill University (Montréal, Quebec)
Minor in Linguistics
First Class Honours; Dean's Honour List (every year)

PUBLICATIONS

2026 **Palucci, J.** (in press). Pseudo-scoping out of relative clauses: Varying definite readings and functional parses. *Journal of Semantics*. https://doi.org/10.1093/jos/ffag008

2026 **Palucci, J.** & Alonso-Ovalle, L. (Accepted). Have causatives always project possibilities from facts. *Semantics of Natural Languages*. https://doi.org/10.16995/snl.30524

Conference proceedings

2025 **Palucci, J.** Pseudo-scoping out of relative clauses: a functional approach. *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB) 29*.

2024 **Palucci, J.** Pseudo-scoping out of tensed clauses: cumulation vs. buildups. *Proceedings of Experiments in Linguistic Meaning (ELM) 3*.

2024 **Palucci, J.** Pseudo-scoping out of relative clauses: an 'individual concept' approach. *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 34*.

2024 **Palucci, J.** Pseudo-scoping out of tensed clauses: the case of cumulation. *Proceedings of the 54th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society*.

2023 **Palucci, J.** Modal ingredients of causative 'have'. *Proceedings of the 53rd Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society*.

2021 **Palucci, J.**, Moghiseh, E., & Alonso-Ovalle, L. Against Obligatory Wide Scope for 'Any'. *Proceedings of the 39th meeting of the West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*.

2020 **Palucci, J.** & Alonso-Ovalle, L. Numeral 'Any': In Favor of Viability. *Proceedings of the 51st Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society*.

MANUSCRIPTS

In revision *Exceptional wide scope and cumulation* (Journal of Semantics)

	Project exploring the scope-taking abilities of universal quantifiers out of finite clauses.
In revision	*Maximality for definiteness and the ordering of functions in pair-list readings* (Linguistics and Philosophy) Project exploring the interpretation of definite DPs with relative clauses containing quantifiers.
In preparation	*Covert reciprocals: a unified omissible-complement account* (with David Nicolas and Brendan Gillon) Project exploring the quantificational treatment of covert reciprocals.
Unpublished	*Against obligatory wide scope for any* Project exploring the scopal properties of the English free-choice expression *any*.

PRESENTATIONS

2026	Gillon, B., Nicolas, D., & **Palucci, J.** (September 28–29). Covert reciprocals as omissible complements: a unified lexical semantics for implicit arguments [Oral Presentation]. *Syntax and Semantics of Implicit Arguments*, Graz (Austria).
2026	Gillon, B., Nicolas, D., & **Palucci, J.** (June 4–5). Covert reciprocals [Poster Presentation]. *Rencontres autour de la linguistique formelle*, Paris (France).
2024	**Palucci, J.** (September 17–19). Pseudo-scoping out of relative clauses: a functional approach [Oral Presentation]. *Sinn und Bedeutung 29*, Noto (Sicily).
2024	**Palucci, J.** (June 12–14). Pseudo-scoping out of tensed clauses: cumulation vs. buildups [Poster Presentation]. *Experiments in Linguistic Meaning 3*, Philadelphia (Pennsylvania).
2024	**Palucci, J.** (May 28–30). Pseudo-scoping out of relative clauses: an 'individual concept' approach [Poster Presentation]. *34th Annual Conference on Semantics and Linguistic Theory*, Rochester (New York).
2024	**Palucci, J.** (January 26–27). Pseudo-scoping out of tensed clauses: the case of cumulation [Oral Presentation]. *54th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society*, Cambridge (Massachusetts).
2023	**Palucci, J.** (April 27). Tensed clauses as scope islands [Oral Presentation]. *Toronto–Ottawa–Montreal Semantics Workshop*, Montreal (Quebec).
2023	**Palucci, J.** (January 12–14). Modal ingredients of causative 'have' [Oral Presentation]. *53rd Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society*, Göttingen (Germany).
2021	**Palucci, J.** (April 19–20). Unifying English causative and experiencer have: the affected argument [Oral Presentation]. *Montreal–Ottawa–Toronto–Hamilton Syntax Conference*, Hamilton (Ontario).
2021	**Palucci, J.**, Moghiseh, E., & Alonso-Ovalle, L. (April 8–11). Against Obligatory Wide Scope for 'Any' [Poster Presentation]. *39th meeting of the West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, Tucson (Arizona).
2020	**Palucci, J.** & Alonso-Ovalle, L. (November 6–8). Numeral 'Any': In Favor of Viability [Poster Presentation]. *51st Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society*, Montreal (Quebec).

TEACHING & SUPERVISION

As course lecturer

Winter 2027 — *Pragmatics 2 (LING 465)*, McGill University
Advanced undergraduate course on pragmatics

Fall 2026 — *Meaning in Language (LING 260)*, McGill University
Introductory course on semantics

Winter 2026 — *Meaning in Language (LING 260)*, McGill University
Co-taught with Luis Alonso-Ovalle; introductory course on semantics

Fall 2025 — *Semantics 3 (LING 660)*, McGill University
Co-taught with Bernhard Schwarz; graduate-level course on semantics

Fall 2025 — *Pragmatics 1 (LING 365)*, McGill University
Co-taught with Luis Alonso-Ovalle & Bernhard Schwarz; introductory course on pragmatics

Summer 2022 — *Meaning in Language (LING 260)*, McGill University
Introductory course on semantics

As teaching assistant

Winter 2022 — *Meaning in Language (LING 260)*, McGill University
Instructor: Bernhard Schwarz
Graded assignments; helped proofread and develop class materials

Fall 2021 — *Meaning in Language (LING 260)*, McGill University
Instructor: Luis Alonso-Ovalle
Graded assignments; helped proofread and develop class materials

Winter 2021 — *Introduction to Linguistics (LING 201)*, McGill University
Instructors: Francisco Torreira & Brendan Gillon
Graded assignments; prepared materials and exams; taught weekly conferences

Fall 2020 — *Introduction to Linguistics (LING 201)*, McGill University
Instructors: Francisco Torreira & Carol-Roseman Little
Graded assignments; prepared materials; taught weekly conferences

As grader

Fall 2025 — *Pragmatics 1 (LING 365)*, McGill University

OTHER ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

As tutor

Fall 2019–2026 — *Department of Linguistics*, McGill University
Tutored graduate-level formal semantics

As research assistant

Fall 2020 — *Department of Linguistics*, McGill University
Helped prepare and format a research manuscript

FUNDING AND AWARDS

Fellowships & bursaries

2023 — *Doctoral Award*, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (CAD 100,000)
Free Choice: the mystery of modal quantification

2021 — *Doctoral Bursary*, Fonds de recherche du Québec – Société et culture (CAD 84,000)
Free Choice 'any': interaction between quantification and modality

2020 — *Canada Graduate Scholarship – Master's*, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (CAD 17,500)
Free Choice 'any': interaction between quantification and modality

Other awards & honours

2026 — *Lara Riente Memorial Prize in Linguistics*, McGill University (CAD 881.51)
Awarded to a graduate student in Linguistics on the basis of high academic standing

2024 — *Graduate Student Travel Award*, Center for Research on Brain, Language, and Music (CRBLM) (CAD 700)
Awarded for conference travel

2023 — *Linguistics Travel Award*, Department of Linguistics, McGill University (CAD 1,500)
Awarded for conference travel

2018 — *Racey Prize*, McGill University (CAD 1,080)
Awarded to the student with the highest academic standing entering the final year

2018 — *Faculty of Science Scholarship*, McGill University (CAD 500)
Awarded to students in the top 5% of the Faculty of Science

2017 — *Faculty of Science Scholarship*, McGill University (CAD 400)
Awarded to students in the top 5% of the Faculty of Science

ACADEMIC SERVICE

2020–2023 — *Organizer*, Syntax–Semantics Reading Group, Department of Linguistics, McGill University
Organized weekly meetings and scheduled presenters

2021–2022 — *Graduate TA representative*, Department of Linguistics, McGill University
Served as liaison between departmental TAs and the union

READING GROUPS

2024 — *Bayesian Reading Group*, Department of Linguistics, McGill University
Working through *Statistical Rethinking: A Bayesian Course with Examples in R and Stan* (R. McElreath)

2019–2026 — *Reading Group on Natural Language Quantifiers*, Department of Linguistics, McGill University
Texts include *Inquisitive Semantics* (Ciardelli, Groenendijk & Roelofsen), *Essays in Logical Semantics* (van Benthem), *Quantifiers in Language and Logic* (Peters & Westerståhl), and *Eliminating the Universe* (Keenan)

2018–2019 *Logic Reading Group*, Department of Philosophy, McGill University
Texts include *Computability and Unsolvability* (Davis), *Natural Deduction* (Prawitz), and *Model Theory* (Chang & Keisler)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming *R* (intermediate), *Python* (basic), *OCaml* (basic), *Clojure* (basic)

LANGUAGES

English (native), *French* (fluent), *Italian*, *German* & *Spanish* (basic)

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