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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

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

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- 2021– Professor, Department of Linguistics, University of California San Diego, La Jolla, CA, USA
2021–25 Faculty Director, University of California Education Abroad Program, Italy Programs
2016–22 Faculty Co-Director (2019–2022), Acting Faculty Director (Fall 2018–Spring 2019), Associate Faculty Director (2016–19), Study Abroad Program, University of California San Diego, La Jolla, CA, USA
2015–18 Associate Investigator, ARC Centre of Excellence in Cognition and its Disorders (CCD), Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia
2014–15 Fellow, Center for Advanced Studies in the Behavioral Sciences (CASBS), Stanford University, Stanford, CA, USA
2012–2021 Associate Professor, Department of Linguistics, University of California San Diego, La Jolla, CA, USA
Fall 2009 Visiting Scholar, Department of Linguistics, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, USA

- 2006–12 Assistant Professor, Department of Linguistics, University of California San Diego, La Jolla, CA, USA
- 2005–06 Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Milan-Bicocca, Milan, Italy
- 2003–05 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Linguistics, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, USA

RESEARCH INTERESTS

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

BOOKS

1. Ivano Caponigro. In preparation. [*Richard Montague: The simplicity of language, the complexity of life. A biography.*](#) New York: Oxford University Press.
2. Ivano Caponigro, Harold Torrence, Roberto Zavala Maldonado (eds). 2021. [*Headless Relative Clauses in Mesoamerican languages.*](#) New York: Oxford University Press. 578 pp. [DOI](#)
3. Ivano Caponigro and Carlo Cecchetto (eds). 2013. [*From Grammar to Meaning: the Spontaneous Logicality of Language.*](#) Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press. 364 pp.

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS IN JOURNALS AND VOLUMES

1. Ivano Caponigro. 2026. [Richard Montague's turn towards natural language.](#) *Philosophies*, 11(2), 25. [DOI](#) (Published in the Special Issue: [*The Logical Linguistic Legacy of Montague Grammar.*](#))
2. Ivano Caponigro. 2025. [Still free to have a *wh*-phrase: A reply to Donati, Foppolo, Konrad, and Cecchetto \(2022\).](#) *Linguistic Inquiry*. 56 (2): 374–400. [DOI](#)
3. Ivano Caponigro and Anamaria Fălăuș. 2023. [‘What’ clauses can and ‘which’ cannot: a Romanian puzzle.](#) *Language* 99(3): e176-e190. [DOI](#)
4. Ivano Caponigro & Anamaria Fălăuș. 2023. [Investigating clausal *wh*-constructions in Romanian.](#) In Roberta Pires de Oliveira and Cilene Rodrigues (eds), *Romance languages: recent contributions to linguistic theory.* Special issue of *Isogloss. Open Journal of Romance Linguistics* 9(4)/2: 1–32. [DOI](#)
5. Ivano Caponigro and Anamaria Fălăuș. 2023. [Why without asking, in Romanian.](#) In Łukasz Jędrzejowski and Carla Umbach (eds), *Non-interrogative subordinate *wh*-clauses.* 410–437. Oxford Studies in Theoretical Linguistics. Oxford: Oxford University Press. [DOI](#)
6. Ivano Caponigro. 2021. [Introducing Headless Relative Clauses and the findings from Mesoamerican languages.](#) In Ivano Caponigro, Harold Torrence, and Roberto Zavala Maldonado (eds), *Headless Relative Clauses in Mesoamerican languages.* 1–57. New York: Oxford University Press. [DOI](#)

7. Iara Mantenuto and Ivano Caponigro. 2021. [Free relative clauses in Teramano](#). *Quaderni di lavoro ASIt/ASIt Working Papers* 23: 31-62.
8. Iara Mantenuto and Ivano Caponigro. 2021. [Light-headed relative clauses in Teramano](#). *Studies in Language*. 45(4): 921–937. [DOI](#)
9. Ivano Caponigro and Anamaria Fălăuș. 2020. [Unveiling Multiple wh- Free Relative Clauses and their functional wh-words](#). *Semantics & Pragmatics* 13. [DOI](#)
10. Ivano Caponigro. 2019. [In defense of what\(ever\) free relative clauses they dismiss: A reply to Donati and Cecchetto \(2011\)](#). *Linguistic Inquiry* 50(2): 356–371. [DOI](#)
11. Ivano Caponigro and Anamaria Falauș. 2018. [Free Choice Free Relative Clauses in Italian and Romanian](#). *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 36(2): 323-363. [DOI](#)
12. Gary Patterson and Ivano Caponigro. 2016. [The puzzling degraded status of who free relative clauses in English](#). *English Language and Linguistics* 20(2): 341–352. [DOI](#)
13. Jon Sprouse, Ivano Caponigro, Ciro Greco, and Carlo Cecchetto. 2016. [Experimental syntax and the cross-linguistic variation of island effects in English and Italian](#). *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 34(1): 307-344. [DOI](#); Erratum: pp. 345–349. [DOI](#)
14. Kathryn Davidson and Ivano Caponigro. 2016. [Embedding polar interrogative clauses in American Sign Language](#). In Annika Herrmann, Roland Pfau, Markus Steinbach (eds), *Complex A Matter of Complexity: Subordination in Sign Languages*, pp. 151–181. Berlin: De Gruyter.
15. Carson T. Schütze, Jon Sprouse, Ivano Caponigro. 2015. [Challenges for a Theory of Islands. A broader perspective on Ambridge, Pine, and Lieven](#). *Language* 91(2): e31–e39. [DOI](#)
16. Ivano Caponigro, Harold Torrence, Carlos Cisneros. 2013. [Free relative clauses in two Mixtec languages](#). *International Journal of American Linguistics* 79(1): 41–96. [DOI](#)
17. Ivano Caponigro, Lisa Pearl, Neon Brooks, and David Barner. 2012. [Acquiring the meaning of free relative clauses and plural definite descriptions](#). *Journal of Semantics* 29(2): 262–293. [DOI](#)
18. Ivano Caponigro and Kathryn Davidson. 2011. [Ask, and tell as well: Question-Answer Clauses in American Sign Language](#). *Natural Language Semantics* 19(4): 323–371. [DOI](#)
19. Ivano Caponigro and Jonathan Cohen. 2011. [On collection and covert variables](#). *Analysis* 71(3): 478-488. [DOI](#)
20. Ivano Caponigro and Maria Polinsky. 2011. [Relative embeddings: A Circassian puzzle for the syntax/semantics interface](#). *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 29(1): 71–122. [DOI](#)
21. Ivano Caponigro and Lisa Pearl. 2009. [The nominal nature of Where, When, and How: Evidence from Free Relatives](#). *Linguistic Inquiry* 40(1): 155–164.
22. Ivano Caponigro and Lisa Pearl. 2008. [Silent prepositions: Evidence from free relatives](#). In Anna Asbury, Jakub Dotlačil, Berit Gehrke, and Rick Nouwen (eds), *The Syntax and Semantics of Spatial P*, pp. 365–385. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
23. Ivano Caponigro and Daphna Heller. 2007. [The non-concealed nature of free relatives: Implications for connectivity in specificational sentences](#). In Chris Barker and Pauline Jacobson (eds), *Direct Compositionality*, pp. 237–263. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.

24. Ivano Caponigro and Carson T. Schütze. 2003. [Parameterizing passive participle movement](#). *Linguistic Inquiry* 34(2): 293–308.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS AND WORKING PAPERS

1. Ivano Caponigro. 2023. [Referring and quantifying without nominals: Headless Relative Clauses across languages](#). In Juhyae Kim, Burak Öney, Yao Zhang, and Fengyue (Lisa) Zhao (eds), *Proceedings of the 33rd Semantics and Linguistic Theory Conference (SALT 33)*, 744–774.
2. Ivano Caponigro and Anamaria Fălăuş. 2022. [The semantics of Rudin constructions in Romanian](#). In *Proceedings of the Amsterdam Colloquium 2022*.
3. Ivano Caponigro. 2022. [Headless relative clauses and the syntax-semantics mapping: evidence from Mesoamerica](#). In Seung Suk Lee and Yixiao Song (eds), *SULA 11: Proceedings of the 11th Semantics of Under-represented Languages in the Americas*, 27–42, GLSA, Linguistics Department, University of Massachusetts at Amherst.
4. Seoyeon Jang and Ivano Caponigro. 2022. [A semantic analysis for Korean Echo Questions](#). In Kaoru Horie, Kimi Akita, Yusuke Kubota, David Y. Oshima, and Akira Utsugi (eds), *Proceedings of the 29th Japanese/Korean Linguistics Conference (JK29)*, 165–179, Stanford: CSLI Publications.
5. Peter Arkadiev and Ivano Caponigro. 2021. [Conveying content questions without *wh*-words: Evidence from Abaza](#). In Patrick Grosz, Luisa Martí, Hazel Pearson, Yasutada Sudo & Sarah Zobel (eds), *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 25*, pp. 73–94. [DOI](#)
6. Ivano Caponigro and Anamaria Fălăuş. 2018. [The functional nature of Multiple *wh*- Free Relative Clauses in Romanian](#). *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 28*, pp. 566–583. [DOI](#)
7. Simone Gieselman, Robert Kluender, and Ivano Caponigro. 2013. [Isolating processing factors in negative island contexts](#). In Yelena Fainleib, Nicholas LaCara, Yangsook Park (eds), *Proceedings of the 41th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 41)–2010*, Vol. I, pp. 233–246. Amherst, MA: Graduate Linguistic Student Association (GLSA)).
8. Simone Gieselman and Ivano Caponigro. 2013. [Two sides of the same pragmatic move: The German discourse particles *etwa* and *nicht*](#). In Seda Kan, Claire Moore-Cantwell, Robert Staubs (eds), *Proceedings of the 40th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 40)–2009*, pp. 231–244. Amherst, MA: Graduate Linguistic Student Association (GLSA).
9. Simone Gieselman, Robert Kluender, and Ivano Caponigro. 2011. [Pragmatic processing factors in negative island contexts](#). In Dina Bailey and Victoria Teliga (eds), *Proceedings of the thirty-ninth Western Conference On Linguistics (WECOL 2010)*, pp. 65–76. Fresno, CA: California State University, Linguistics Department.
10. Ivano Caponigro, Lisa Pearl, Neon Brooks, and David Barner. 2010. [Acquiring maximality in free relatives and definite descriptions](#). In Nan Li, David Lutz (eds), *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 20*, pp. 489–507. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University
11. David Hall and Ivano Caponigro. 2010. [On the semantics of temporal *when*-clauses](#). In Nan Li, David Lutz (eds), *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 20*, pp. 544–563. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University

12. Ivano Caponigro and Maria Polinsky. 2008. [Almost everything is relative in the Caucasus](#). In T. Friedman and S. Ito (eds), *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 18*, pp. 158–175. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University
13. Kathryn Davidson, Ivano Caponigro, and Rachel Mayberry. 2008. [On the syntax and semantics of question-answer pairs in American Sign Language](#). In T. Friedman and S. Ito (eds), *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 18*, pp. 212–229. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University
14. Ivano Caponigro and Maria Polinsky. 2008. Relatively speaking (in Circassian). In Natasha Abner and Jason Bishop (eds), *Proceedings of 27th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 27)*, pp. 81–89. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project
15. Kathryn Davidson, Ivano Caponigro, and Rachel Mayberry. 2008. Clausal question-answer pairs: Evidence from American Sign Language. In Natasha Abner and Jason Bishop (eds), *Proceedings of 27th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 27)*, pp. 108–115. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project
16. Ivano Caponigro and Jon Sprouse. 2007. [Rhetorical questions as questions](#). In Estela Puig Waldmüller (ed.), *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB) 11*, pp. 121–133. Barcelona: Universitat Pompeu Fabra
17. Ivano Caponigro. 2004. [The semantic contribution of wh-words and type shifts: evidence from free relatives cross-linguistically](#).” In Robert B. Young (ed.), *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 14*, pp.38–55. Ithaca, NY: CLC Publications, Cornell University
18. Ivano Caponigro. 2003. [Unbalanced coordination in Maasai](#). In Jason Kandybowicz (ed.), *Papers in African Linguistics 3, UCLA Working Papers in Linguistics 9*, pp.1–16. Los Angeles, CA: Department of Linguistics, UCLA
19. Ivano Caponigro. 2002. [On the source of maximality in wh-constructions cross-linguistically](#). In Mary Andronis, Erin Debenport, Anne Pycha & Keiko Yoshimura (eds), *Proceedings of the 38th Meeting of the Chicago Linguistics Society (CLS 38)*, pp.129–143. Chicago, IL: Chicago Linguistics Society
20. Ivano Caponigro. 2002. [Free relatives as DPs with a silent D and a CP complement](#). In Vida Samiian (ed.), *Proceedings of the Western Conference on Linguistics 2000 (WECOL 2000)*, pp.140–150. Fresno, CA: California State University
21. Ivano Caponigro. 2001. “[On the semantics of indefinite free relatives](#).” In Marjo van Koppen, Joanna Sio, and Mark de Vos (eds.), *Proceedings of the 10th Meeting of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE X)*, pp.49–62. Leiden: SOLE
22. Ivano Caponigro. 2000. [Is essere not to be? Evidence from acquisition](#). In Jill Gilkerson, Misha Becker, and Nina Hyams (eds), *Language Development and Breakdown, UCLA Working Papers in Linguistics 5*, pp.40–55. Los Angeles, CA: Department of Linguistics, UCLA

DISSERTATION

Ivano Caponigro. 2003. [Free Not to Ask: On the Semantics of Free Relatives and Wh-Words Cross-linguistically](#). Ph.D. dissertation. University of California Los Angeles. Daniel Büring, Chair.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

1. “Logic and Grammar: Richard Montague’s Turn towards Natural Language.” Meaning in Language Seminar, Heinrich Heine University, Düsseldorf, Germany, October 25, 2023.
2. “Referring and quantifying without nominals: Headless Relative Clauses across languages.” Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 33, Yale University, New Haven, CT, May 12–14, 2023.
3. “Logic and Grammar: Richard Montague’s Turn towards Natural Language.” Working Group in the History and Philosophy of Logic, Mathematics, and Science, Philosophy Department, University of California Berkeley, March 15, 2023.
4. “Investigating Headless Relative Clauses Across Languages: Why and How.” Linguistics Department, University of California Berkeley, March 13, 2023.
5. “Mesoamerican insights on headless relative clauses and the syntax/semantics interface.” Linguistics Department, University of Kansas, February 25–26, 2021. [virtual presentation]
6. “Logic and Grammar: Richard Montague’s Turn towards Natural Language.” Working Group in the History and Philosophy of Logic, Mathematics, and Science, UC Berkeley, March 18, 2020 [cancelled because of COVID-19].
7. “*Wh*-words in varieties of free relative clauses: Insights from Mesoamerican languages.” Workshop on “Non-interrogative subordinate *wh*-clauses”, University of Cologne, Germany, February 7-8, 2020
8. “Investigating Headless Relative Clauses across languages: A view from Mesoamerica”. NINJAL-UHM Workshop, University of Hawai’i at Mānoa, October 12–13, 2019.
9. “Investigating Headless Relative Clauses across languages: why and how”. NINJAL-UHM Workshop, University of Hawai’i at Mānoa, October 12–13, 2019.
10. “Richard Montague: The simplicity of language, the complexity of life. Towards a biography”. University of Hawai’i at Mānoa, October 11, 2019.
11. Unveiling multiple *wh*- free relative clauses and their functional *wh*-words”. Linguistics Department, Harvard University, May 9, 2019. With Anamaria Fălăuș.
12. “Richard Montague and his turn towards natural language”. Linguistics Department, Yale University, November 27, 2018.
13. “Unveiling Multiple *wh*- Free Relative Clauses and their functional nature”. Linguistics Department, Yale University, November 26, 2018. With Anamaria Fălăuș.
14. “Richard Montague: The simplicity of language, the complexity of life. Towards a biography”. CNRS, University of Nantes, France, September 21, 2018.
15. “Montague’s turn towards natural language.” The ARC Centre of Excellence in Cognition and its Disorders (CCD) Language Program, Macquarie University, Sydney, August 10, 2018.
16. “The semantics of Multiple *wh*- Free Relative Clauses”. Linguistics Department, Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt, Germany, July 12, 2018. With Anamaria Fălăuș.
17. “Montague’s turn towards natural language”. Linguistics Department, Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt, Germany, July 10, 2018.
18. “Montague’s turn towards natural language”. Linguistics Department, Harvard University, May 21, 2018.
19. “2 *wh*-words = 1 *wh*-word + 1 *wh*-word? An answer from Multiple *wh*- free relative clauses in Romanian”. Linguistics Department, Harvard University, May 17, 2018. With Anamaria Fălăuș.
20. “Montague’s turn towards natural language”. UC Irvine Workshop in Logical Semantics, University of California, Irvine, May 19–20, 2017.

21. “Free relative clauses in Mesoamerican languages”. Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social (CIESAS), San Cristóbal de las Casas, Chiapas, Mexico, May 23–27, 2016. With Harold Torrence,
22. “Richard Montague: The simplicity of language, the complexity of life. Towards a biography”. Linguistics Department, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, March 24, 2016.
23. “Free-Choice Free Relative Clauses in Italian and Romanian”. Semantics Seminar, Linguistics Department, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, March 23, 2016.
24. “Richard Montague: The simplicity of language, the complexity of life. Towards a biography”. Workshop on the Origins of Formal Semantics, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, November 20–22, 2015.
25. “Free-Choice Free Relative Clauses in Italian and Romanian”. Linguistics Department Colloquium Series, University of California, Santa Cruz, CA, October 30, 2015.
26. “Richard Montague: The simplicity of language, the complexity of life. Towards a biography”. Linguistics Department Colloquium Series, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, April 10, 2015.
27. “Richard Montague: The simplicity of language, the complexity of life. Towards a biography”. Linguistics Department Colloquium Series, University of California, Los Angeles, CA, February 27, 2015.
28. “Richard Montague: The simplicity of language, the complexity of life. Towards a biography”. Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, February 4, 2015.
29. “On the semantic variation of wh-words within and across languages”. Workshop on Semantic Variation, Linguistics Department, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, October 25–26, 2013.
30. “Questions on questions and free relatives”. *Sinn und Bedeutung*, Vitoria, Basque Country, September 12, 2013. With Gennaro Chierchia.
31. “On the meaning of wh-words across constructions and languages”. Linguistics Department, University College, London, April 8, 2013.
32. “On the questionable nature of rhetorical questions”. Seminar on the semantics of questions, Linguistics Department, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, November 7, 2011.
33. “Free relative clauses in two Mixtec languages”. Polinsky Language Sciences Lab and Language Universals and Linguistic Fieldwork Workshop, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, November 2, 2011.
34. “On the meaning of free relative clauses and plural definite descriptions: Evidence from acquisition”. Harvard-Australia Workshop on: Language, Learning and Logic, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia, August 21-26, 2011.
35. “What does ‘what’ mean? An answer from free relative clauses cross-linguistically”. Research Colloquium Series, ARC Centre of Excellence in Cognition and its Disorders, and Macquarie Centre for Language Sciences, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia, August 19, 2011.
36. “The meaning of wh-words: A window from free relatives”. Department of Linguistics, Philology, and Phonetics, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK, March 16, 2010.
37. “Ask, and tell as well: Question-Answer Clauses in American Sign Language”. Linguistics Department Colloquium Series, University of Maryland at College Park, MD, October 30, 2009.
38. Scalar implicatures in American Sign Language”. With Kathryn Davidson. Heritage Languages and Language Processing Lab, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, October 26, 2009.

39. "On the semantics and pragmatics of Question-Answer Clauses in American Sign Language". Linguistics Department Colloquium Series, University of California, Los Angeles, November 21, 2008.
40. "Caucasian relatives galore". Workshop on Semantics and Philosophy of Language, University of Chicago, June 13, 2008.
41. "We know, therefore I ask". Construction of Meaning - Stanford Semantics and Pragmatics Workshop, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA, April 20, 2007.
42. "We know, therefore I ask". Linguistics Department Colloquium Series, McGill University, Montreal, Canada, February 15, 2007.
43. "The questionable nature of rhetorical questions". Linguistics Department Colloquium Series, University of California, Santa Cruz, CA, October 27, 2006.
44. "On the semantics of wh-words: Evidence from free relatives and other wh-constructions cross-linguistically". Linguistics Department, University of California, San Diego, CA, February 15, 2006.
45. "On the semantics of wh-words and rhetorical questions", Linguistics Department, University of Maryland at College Park, MD, February 6, 2006.
46. "The questionable nature of rhetorical questions". Linguistics Department, University of Toronto, Canada, February 3, 2006.
47. "The questionable nature of rhetorical questions". BIL, Psychology Department, University of Milan-Bicocca, Milan, Italy, January 26, 2006.
48. "Free relatives or what the semantic investigation of non-interrogative wh-constructions cross-linguistically can tell us about the meaning of wh-words". MayFest, Linguistics Department, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, May 13–15, 2005.
49. "On the semantics of free relatives cross-linguistically and related matters". Linguistics Department Colloquium Series, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY, February 25, 2005.
50. "On the semantics of free relatives cross-linguistically and related matters". BIL, Psychology Department, University of Milan-Bicocca, Milan, Italy, February 8, 2005.
51. "The semantic contribution of wh-words and type shifts: Evidence from free relatives cross-linguistically". SURGE, Linguistics Department, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, May 5, 2004.
52. "The semantic contribution of wh-words: Evidence from free relatives cross-linguistically". Linguistics Department Colloquium Series, University of Delaware, Newark, DE, February 13, 2004.
53. "Free not to ask: On the semantics of free relatives and wh-words cross-linguistically". Tokyo University, Tokyo, Japan, December 26, 2003.
54. "Free not to ask: On the semantics of free relatives and wh-words cross-linguistically". Linguistics Department Colloquium Series, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, September 12, 2003.
55. "The non-concealed nature of free relatives: Implications for connectivity". Workshop on Direct Compositionality, Brown University, Providence, RI, June 19-21, 2003.
56. "Free not to ask: On the semantic contribution of free relatives and wh-words cross-linguistically". Linguistics Department Colloquium Series, University of California, Los Angeles, CA, May 22, 2003.
57. "Free not to ask: Free relatives and question words". McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada, February 5, 2003.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

1. Ivano Caponigro and Anamaria Fălăuș. “Rudin constructions in Romanian: identity of relations via multiple *wh*-clauses.” 53rd Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages (LSRL 53), Inalco, Paris, France, June 26–30, 2023.
2. Ivano Caponigro and Anamaria Fălăuș. “Multiple *wh*-clauses: insights from Rudin constructions in Romanian.” RALFE 2023: Rencontres d’Automne de Linguistique formelle, Université Côte d’Azur, Nice, France, May 25–26, 2023.
3. Anamaria Fălăuș and Ivano Caponigro. “Making sense of *wh*-clauses.” 32nd Colloquium on Generative Grammar (CGG), University of the Basque Country, Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain, April 24–26, 2023.
4. Ivano Caponigro and Anamaria Fălăuș. “The semantics of Rudin constructions in Romanian.” Amsterdam Colloquium, Amsterdam, December 19–21, 2022. [virtual presentation]
5. Ivano Caponigro and Anamaria Fălăuș. “*What* clauses can and *which* cannot: a Romanian puzzle.” Romance Languages: Recent Contributions to Linguistic Theory”, April 28–29, 2022. [virtual presentation]
6. Seoyeon Jang and Ivano Caponigro. “A semantic analysis for Korean Echo Questions.” The 29th Japanese/Korean Linguistics Conference (JK29), Nagoya, Japan, October 9–11, 2021. [virtual presentation]
7. Peter Arkadiev and Ivano Caponigro. “Conveying content questions without *wh*-words: evidence from Abaza.” Sinn und Bedeutung 25. London, September 3–5, 2020. [virtual presentation]
8. Seoyeon Jang and Ivano Caponigro. “A semantic proposal for Korean Echo Questions.” The 22nd Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar (SICOGG 22), Seoul, Korea, August 12–14, 2020. [virtual presentation]
9. Ivano Caponigro. “Headless relative clauses and the syntax-semantics mapping: evidence from Mesoamerica”, Semantics of Under-represented Languages in the Americas (SULA) 11, Mexico City, México, August 4-7, 2020. [virtual presentation]
10. Iara Mantenuto and Ivano Caponigro. “Microvariation in Light-headed Relative Clauses: between Teramano Abruzzese and varieties of Italian”. Microcontact Workshop, Going Romance, Utrecht, December 11, 2018.
11. Ivano Caponigro and Anamaria Fălăuș. “Multiple *wh*- free relatives and related issues”. Workshop on Multiple *wh*- constructions and their kin. CNRS, University of Nantes, France. September 17–18, 2018.
12. Ivano Caponigro and Anamaria Fălăuș. “The polysemy of *wh*-words: insights from Romanian.” Ambigo: Workshop on Ambiguity – Theory, Development, and Processing, University of Göttingen. July 4–6, 2018.
13. Ivano Caponigro and Anamaria Fălăuș. “On the semantics of multiple *wh*- free relative clauses.” The Language Faculty. University of Nantes, June 7–8, 2018.
14. Ivano Caponigro and Anamaria Fălăuș. “Multiple *wh*- clauses: insights from free relatives in Romanian.” Language Variation and Language Architecture. University of the Basque Country, Vitoria-Gasteiz, June 1, 2018.

15. Ivano Caponigro and Anamaria Fălăuș. “The functional nature of Multiple *wh*- Free Relative Clauses in Romanian”. *Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT)* 28. Poster. MIT, Cambridge, MA, May 18–20, 2018.
16. Ivano Caponigro and Anamaria Fălăuș. “Variation among Free Choice Constructions: Insights from Italian and Romanian.” Workshop on “Microvariation in Semantics”, *Sinn und Bedeutung* 22, Berlin, September 6, 2017.
17. Harold Torrence, Ivano Caponigro, and Carlos Cisneros. “Free relative clauses in two Mixtec languages.” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA), Boston, January 3–6, 2013.
18. Ivano Caponigro and Jonathan Cohen, “Semantic content and collection”. 3rd Workshop on Semantic Content, Barcelona, Spain. November 4–6, 2011.
19. Harold Torrence, Ivano Caponigro, and Carlos Cisneros. “Free relative clauses in two Mixtec languages”. 40th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Association of the Southwest (LASSO). South Padre Island, TX. September 30–October 2, 2011
20. Carlos Cisneros and Ivano Caponigro. “Free relative clauses in Nieves Mixtec”. Workshop on American Indigenous Languages, University of California, Santa Barbara. April 15–16, 2011.
21. Simone Gieselman, Robert Kluender, and Ivano Caponigro. “Processing factors in negative island contexts.” 24th Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA. March 24–26, 2011
22. Simone Gieselman, Robert Kluender, and Ivano Caponigro. “Processing factors in negative island contexts.” Western Conference on Linguistics (WECOL). California State University, Fresno, November 12–14, 2010.
23. Simone Gieselman, Robert Kluender, and Ivano Caponigro. “Isolation of independent processing factors in negative island contexts.” North East Linguistic Society (NELS) 41. University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. October 22–24, 2010.
24. Simone Gieselman, Robert Kluender, and Ivano Caponigro. “Isolation of independent processing factors in negative island contexts.” Third California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics Workshop (CUSP 3), Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA. October 15–16, 2010.
25. Ivano Caponigro, Lisa Pearl, Neon Brooks, and David Barner. “Acquiring maximality in free relatives and definite descriptions.” Talk. *Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) XX*, University of British Columbia and Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada. April 29 – May 1, 2010.
26. David Hall and Ivano Caponigro. “On the semantics of temporal *when*-clauses.” Poster. *Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) XX*, University of British Columbia and Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada. April 29 – May 1, 2010.
27. Ivano Caponigro, Lisa Pearl, Neon Brooks, and David Barner. “On the acquisition of maximality.” Poster. The 36th Incontro di Grammatica Generativa, University of Milan – Bicocca, Milan, February 25–27, 2010.
28. Simone Gieselman and Ivano Caponigro. “Two sides of the same pragmatic move: The German discourse particles *etwa* and *nicht*.” The 40th annual meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 40), Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, MA, November 13–15, 2009.
29. David Hall and Ivano Caponigro. “On the syntax and semantics of temporal *when*-clauses.” *Moscow Syntax and Semantics (MOSS)*, Institute of Russian Language of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, October 7–9, 2009.

30. Kathryn Davidson, Ivano Caponigro, and Rachel Mayberry. "Testing Calculation of Scalar Implicatures in English and American Sign Language." Formal Approaches to Sign Languages Workshop, European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information (ESSLLI), Nantes, France, July 24–30, 2009.
31. Kathryn Davidson and Ivano Caponigro. "Exhaustivity and Pragmatic Properties in the Question-Answer Clause in American Sign Language." Formal Approaches to Sign Languages Workshop, European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information (ESSLLI), Nantes, France, July 24–30, 2009.
32. David Hall and Ivano Caponigro. "On the syntax and semantics of temporal *when*-clauses." California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics (CUSP), University of California, Los Angeles, May 23–24, 2009.
33. Kathryn Davidson and Ivano Caponigro. "Calculating scalar implicatures in English and ASL." California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics (CUSP), University of California, Los Angeles, May 23–24, 2009.
34. Simone Hartung and Ivano Caponigro. "Negation as a commitment marker." California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics (CUSP), University of California, Los Angeles, May 23–24, 2009.
35. Ivano Caponigro and Maria Polinsky. "Relatively speaking (in Circassian)." West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL) XXVII, University of California, Los Angeles, May 16–18, 2008.
36. Kathryn Davidson, Ivano Caponigro, and Rachel Mayberry. "On the Syntax and Semantics of Question-Answer Pairs in American Sign Language." West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL) XXVII, University of California, Los Angeles, May 16–18, 2008.
37. Ivano Caponigro and Maria Polinsky. "Everything is relative: Evidence from Northwest Caucasian." 31st GLOW Colloquium. Newcastle University, Newcastle, UK, March 26–28, 2008.
38. Ivano Caponigro and Maria Polinsky. "Almost everything is relative in the Caucasus." Talk. Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) XVIII, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Mass., March 21–23, 2008.
39. Kathryn Davidson, Ivano Caponigro, and Rachel Mayberry. "Clausal question-answer pairs: Evidence from American Sign Language." Poster. Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) XVIII, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Mass., March 21–23, 2008.
40. Ivano Caponigro and Jon Sprouse. "Rhetorical questions as questions." *Sinn und Bedeutung* 11. Barcelona, Spain, September 21–23, 2006.
41. Ivano Caponigro and Jon Sprouse. "The questionable nature of rhetorical questions." The 2006 Milan Meeting, Gargnano, Italy, June 15–17, 2006.
42. Ivano Caponigro and Lisa Pearl. "Silent (special) prepositions: evidence from free relatives." Conference on the Syntax and Semantics of Spatial Preposition, UiL OTS, Utrecht University, Utrecht, Holland, June 2–4, 2006.
43. Ivano Caponigro. "The semantic contribution of *wh*-words and type shifts: Evidence from free relatives cross-linguistically." Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) XIV, Northwestern University, Chicago, May 14–16, 2004.
44. Ivano Caponigro. "The semantic contribution of *wh*-words: Evidence from free relatives cross-linguistically." Poster. The Georgetown University Round Table on Languages and Linguistics (GURT), Washington, DC, March 26–29, 2004.
45. Ivano Caponigro. "On the non-quantificational nature of *wh*-words: Evidence from free relatives cross-linguistically." 77th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA), Atlanta, GE, January 3–5, 2003.

46. Ivano Caponigro. "On the source of maximality in wh-constructions cross-linguistically." 38th Meeting of the Chicago Linguistics Society (CLS 38), Chicago, IL, April 25–27, 2002.
47. Ivano Caponigro. "The semantics of indefinite free relatives." 76th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA), San Francisco, CA, January 3–6, 2002.
48. Ivano Caponigro and Carson T. Schütze. "Parameterizing passive participle movement." 76th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA), San Francisco, CA, January 3–6, 2002.
49. Ivano Caponigro. "On the semantics of indefinite free relatives." 10th Meeting of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE X), Leiden, Netherlands, December 7–9, 2001.
50. Ivano Caponigro. "Free relatives as DPs with a silent D and a CP complement." Western Conference on Linguistics 2000 (WECOL 2000), Fresno, CA, October 27–29, 2000.

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

1. Academic Senate Research Award, University of California, San Diego. 2025.
2. Summer Stipend Award, National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). 2024.
3. Academic Senate Research Award, University of California, San Diego. 2023
4. Academic Senate Research Award, University of California, San Diego. 2020.
5. Faculty Research Group Award, Institute of Arts & Humanities, University of California, San Diego. With Jonathan Cohen (UCSD). 2019–2020.
6. Faculty Research Group Award, Institute of Arts & Humanities, University of California, San Diego. With Jonathan Cohen (UCSD). 2018–2019.
7. Academic Senate Research Award, University of California, San Diego. 2018.
8. Collaborative Research Grant, The University of California Institute for Mexico and the United States (UC MEXUS) and El Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología - Mexico (CONACYT). With Harold Torrence (UCLA) and Roberto Zavala (CIESAS, Chiapas). 2017–2018.
9. Divisional Research Grant, Social Sciences, University of California, San Diego. 2017–2018.
10. Faculty Research Group Award, Institute of Arts & Humanities, University of California, San Diego. With Jonathan Cohen (UCSD). 2017–2018
11. Academic Integration Grant, University of California, Education Abroad Program. With Alicia Munoz (UCSD). 2016–2017.
12. Faculty Research Group Award, Center for the Humanities, University of California, San Diego. With Jonathan Cohen (UCSD). 2016–2017
13. Faculty Fellowship, Center for the Humanities, University of California, San Diego. 2015–2016
14. Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS). 2015.
15. Fellowship, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (CASBS), Stanford University. 2014–2015.
16. Fellowship, Humanities Institute, University of Connecticut. 2014–2015. [declined]
17. Academic Senate Research Award, University of California, San Diego. 2014–15
18. Faculty Research Group Award, Center for the Humanities, University of California, San Diego. With Jonathan Cohen (UCSD). 2013–2014
19. Franklin Research Grant, American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia. 2013

20. Academic Senate Research Award, University of California, San Diego. 2013
21. Faculty Research Group Award, Center for the Humanities, University of California, San Diego. With Jonathan Cohen (UCSD). 2012–2013
22. Faculty Research Group Award, Center for the Humanities, University of California, San Diego. With Jonathan Cohen. 2011–2012
23. Hellman Faculty Fellows Award, University of California, San Diego. 2009–2010
24. Faculty Career Development Program Award, University of California, San Diego. 2009–2010
25. Academic Senate Research Award, University of California, San Diego. 2009–2010
26. Latino Studies Research Initiative Research Grant, University of California, San Diego. 2009–2010
27. Academic Senate Travel Expenses Award, University of California, San Diego. Winter 2008
28. Academic Senate Travel Expenses Award, University of California, San Diego. Fall 2006
29. Research Grant, University of Milan-Bicocca. With Gennaro Chierchia. 2006
30. Research Grant, University of Milan-Bicocca. With Gennaro Chierchia. 2005
31. Dissertation Year Fellowship, Graduate Division, University of California, Los Angeles. 2001–2002
32. Linguistics Department Fellowship, University of California, Los Angeles, Winter. 2001
33. Linguistics Department Fellowship, University of California, Los Angeles. Fall 1999
34. Dean's Fellowship, University of California, Los Angeles. 1997–1998

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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

GRADUATE CLASSES

- Linguistics 230 – Semantics
Spring 2006–2011, Winter 2012, Spring 2014, Spring 2016–2018, Winter 2019–2020, Spring 2021–2022, Spring 2024, Spring 2026
- Linguistics 232 – Semantic Development
Spring 2013 (with David Barner)
- Linguistics 235 – Semantics seminar
Fall 2007, Fall 2012, Fall 2016, Spring 2019, Fall 2020
- Linguistics 247 – Pragmatics seminar
Winter 2009, Spring 2012 (with Jonathan Cohen)

UNDERGRADUATE CLASSES

- Linguistics 130 – Semantics
Spring 2006–2014, Spring 2016–2023
- Linguistics 121 – Syntax
Winter 2014
- Linguistics 101 – Introduction to the Study of Language
Winter 2007, Fall 2007, Winter 2009, Fall 2010, Winter 2012, Fall 2012, Winter 2014, Winter 2018

At the University of California Education Abroad Program Bologna Study Center, Italy

- UCEAP 137 - Language, Mind, and Society (undergraduate)
Fall 2021, Fall 2022

At the University of Milan-Bicocca:

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

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

GRADUATE CLASSES

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

UNDERGRADUATE CLASSES

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

GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ADVISING

Research Advisor or Dissertation Committee Chair:

- [SEOYEON JANG](#), graduate student, UCSD, Linguistics, Ph.D. 2024, chair
Currently, ML Data Linguist, Amazon Web Services
- OLIVIER JAMOIS, undergraduate student, UCSD, Linguistics major, Honors Program, advisor, 2020-2021
- †CRONO TSE, graduate student, UCSD, Linguistics, advisor, 2016–2019
- SEPTEMBER COWLEY, graduate student, UCSD, Linguistics, advisor, 2017–2019
- [JULIA BLUME](#), graduate student, UCSD, Linguistics, M.A. 2015
- [PATRICK MUNOZ](#), undergraduate student, UCSD, Linguistics, Honors Program, advisor, B.A. 2013
Ph.D. 2019, University of Chicago, Linguistics.
- SIMONE GIESELMAN, graduate student, UCSD, Linguistics, co-advisor, 2007–2013
- TARA BOSWELL, graduate student, UCSD, Linguistics, M.A. 2012

- [CARLOS CISNEROS](#), undergraduate student, UCSD, Linguistics, Honors Program, advisor, B.A. 2012. University of Chicago, Linguistics, Ph.D. 2020.
- [KATHRYN DAVIDSON](#), graduate student, UCSD, Linguistics, Ph.D. 2011, co-chair
Currently Professor, Linguistics Department, Harvard University
- [DAVID HALL](#), graduate student, UCSD, Linguistics, co-advisor, 2007–2011
- [SHINICHIRO FUKUDA](#), graduate student, UCSD, Linguistics, Ph.D. 2009, co-chair
Currently, Professor, Linguistics Department, University of Hawaii at Manoa
- RACHELE BIANCHI-PORRO, undergraduate student, University of Milan-Bicocca, Psychology, 2005–2006, senior thesis advisor
- [JACOPO ROMOLI](#), undergraduate student, University of Milan-Bicocca, Psychology, 2005–2006, senior thesis advisor
Ph.D. 2012, Linguistics, Harvard University. Currently professor of semantics, Heinrich-Heine Universität, Düsseldorf

Comprehensive and Qualifying Paper Committee Chair:

- Seoyeon Jang, UCSD, Linguistics, qualifying paper, 2021-2022, chair
- Seoyeon Jang, UCSD, Linguistics, comprehensive paper, 2019-2020, chair
- Crono Tse, UCSD, Linguistics, comprehensive paper, 2017–2018, chair
- Gustavo Guajardo, UCSD, Linguistics, 1st comprehensive paper, 2012–2013, chair
- Gary Patterson, UCSD, Linguistics, 2nd comprehensive paper, 2012–2013, chair
- Gwendolyn Gillingham, UCSD, Linguistics, 1st comprehensive paper, 2009–2010, co-chair
- Kathryn Davidson, UCSD, Linguistics 2nd comprehensive paper, 2008–2009, co-chair
- David Hall, UCSD, Linguistics, 1st comprehensive paper, 2008–2009, chair
- Simone Hartung, UCSD, Linguistics, 1st comprehensive paper, 2008–2009, chair
- Kathryn Davidson, UCSD, Linguistics 1st comprehensive paper, 2007–2008, chair

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Associate Editor:

- *Linguistics and Philosophy* (2023)

Member of the editorial board of:

- *Semantics and Pragmatics* (ongoing)

Paper reviewer for:

- *Brill's Journal of Afroasiatic Languages and Linguistics*
- *Glossa*
- *International Journal of American Linguistics*
- *Journal of Comparative Germanic Linguistics*
- *Journal of East Asian Linguistics*

- *Journal of Linguistics*
- *Journal of Psycholinguistic Research*
- *Journal of Slavic Linguistics*
- *Language*
- *Language Acquisition*
- *Linguistics and Philosophy*
- *Linguistic Inquiry*
- *Linguistic Typology*
- *Mind*
- *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*
- *Natural Language Semantics*
- *Revue canadienne de linguistique/Canadian Journal of Linguistics*
- *Semantics & Pragmatics*
- *Sign Language and Linguistics*
- *Syntactic Theory and Research*
- *Syntax*
- *SKY - Journal of Linguistics*
- *Studies in Polish Linguistics*

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

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

- External Relations Committee, chair (2006–2008, 2016–)
- SemanticsBabble, organizer (2006–2021)
- Syntax and Semantics Babble, co-organizer (2021–) ([webpage](#))
- Promoter and program coordinator of Global Exchange program with the Linguistics Department at Macquarie University, Sydney (2018–) ([webpage](#))
- Excellence Review Committee for Continuing Lecturer, chair (2017, 2019)
- Graduate Student Admissions Committee (2011–2012, 2017–2018)
- LingUA Faculty Advisor (2013–2014)
- Undergraduate Advisor (2012–2014)
- Research/Travel Grant Committee (2006–2007, 2008–2102)
- Library Committee (2009–2011)
- Colloquium Committee, chair (2007–2008)
- Curriculum Committee (2008–2009)

At University of California, San Diego:

- Revelle College Quarter and Summer TRELs Scholarships, reviewer (2019–)
- Faculty Co-Director, Study Abroad (2019–2022)
- ACE Internationalization Laboratory, Steering Committee, member (2019–2021)
- ACE Internationalization Laboratory, “Student Engagement” Subcommittee, chair (2019–2021)
- UC Study Abroad Faculty Director Committee, chair (2019–2021)
- Committee on Undergraduate Education (2018–2022)
- Committee on International Education, member (2016–2022)
- Acting Faculty Director, Study Abroad Program (September 1, 2018–March 31, 2019)
- Associate Faculty Director, Study Abroad (2016–19)
- Faculty volunteer in the Next Step Undergraduate Mentoring Program, Revelle College (2016)
- Committee on Campus & Community Environment, member (2013–2014)
- Social Sciences Undergraduate Council, member (2013–2014)
- Council for Undergraduate Education, member (2012–2014, 2018–22)

At University of California, Education Abroad Program:

- Faculty Director, University of California Education Abroad Program, Italy Programs (2021–2025)
- University of California Education Abroad Program, Associate Dean Search Committee, member, 2022.
- UCEAP Italy Programs 10-year review, author of the Study Center report and organizer of the review committee chair’s on-site visits in Milan and Bologna, Fall 2022

In the Psychology Department, University of Milan-Bicocca:

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