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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

July 2015 to present:

Assistant professor,  
Department of Linguistics, University of Toronto, Canada.

October 2014 to July 2015:

Post-doctoral researcher,  
Laboratório de Psicolinguística e Aquisição da Linguagem,  
Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

October 2013 to September 2014:

Post-doctoral researcher,  
Institut für Sprache und Information,  
Heinrich Heine Universität, Düsseldorf, Germany.

September 2012 to September 2013:

Post-doctoral researcher,  
Institut Jean Nicod,  
CNRS/ENS/EHESS, Paris, France.

### OTHER APPOINTMENTS

October 2013 to May 2015:

Scientific coordinator,  
linguistic and cultural documentation project ‘Guarani Mbyá’,  
UNESCO/Museu do Índio/FUNAI, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

### EDUCATION

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology**, Cambridge, Massachusetts USA

Ph.D. in Linguistics, 2012  
Dissertation title: *Temporal Implicatures*  
Dissertation Supervisor: Prof. Irene Heim

**Université de Nantes**, Nantes, France

Master Degree in Linguistics (*Sciences du Language*), 2006  
*Licence* in Philosophy, 2003

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Pragmatics, Semantics, Morphosyntax, Tupi Languages (*esp.* Mbyá Guaraní)

PUBLICATIONS IN  
PEER-REVIEWED  
JOURNALS

Guillaume Thomas. Accepted for publication. Countability in Mbyá Guaraní. *Linguistic Variation*.

Guillaume Thomas. 2018. Underspecification in Degree Operators. *Journal of Semantics* 35: 43-93.

Guillaume Thomas. 2015. The present tense is not vacuous. *Journal of Semantics* 32: 685-747.

Guillaume Thomas. 2014. Nominal tense and temporal implicatures: evidence from Mbyá. *Natural Language Semantics* 22:357-412. doi: 10.1007/s11050-014-9108-2

Guillaume Thomas. 2014. A split analysis of nasal harmony in Mbya. 2014. *Revista Lingüística* 10-2: 75-104.

Guillaume Thomas. 2013. A note on the analysis of *too* as a discourse marker. *Revista Lingüística* 9-1: 11-23. ISSN 1808-835X 1.

Guillaume Thomas. 2008. Proxy Counterfactuals. In *Snippets 18*. Eds. C. Cecchetto, C. Donati and O. Percus. 17-18.

SUBMITTED /  
UNDER REVISION

Guillaume Thomas. Submitted. Mbyá Resultatives and the Structure of Causation.

Guillaume Thomas. Under revision. Revisiting the temporal orientation of circumstantial modals.

PUBLICATIONS IN  
PEER-REVIEWED  
BOOKS

Guillaume Thomas. Forthcoming. Embedded Imperatives in Mbyá. In *Recursion across Domains*, Cambridge University Press, edited by Luis Amaral, Marcus Maia and Andrew Nevins.

Guillaume Thomas. 2017. Comparison and the expression of degree in Mbyá Guaraní. In *Guaraní Linguistics in the 21 st century*, Brill's Studies in the Indigenous Languages of the America, edited by Bruno Estigarribia, pp. 231-258. BRILL

Guillaume Thomas. 2013. Reference to degrees and nominalization in Mbyá. In *The art and craft of semantics: a Festschrift for Irene Heim*, vol. 2, edited by Uli Sauerland and Luka Crnic, MITWPL 71: 201-225.

PUBLICATIONS IN  
CONFERENCE  
PROCEEDINGS

Guillaume Thomas and Suzi Lima. Forthcoming. Switch Reference in Yudja. To appear in the proceedings of WSCLA 22.

Guillaume Thomas. 2018. Can nominal tense be fake? *Proceedings of WSCLA 21*.

Bruna Franchetto and Guillaume Thomas. 2016. A nominal temporal marker in Kuikuro (Carib). *Proceedings of SULA 9*.

Guillaume Thomas. 2014. Circumstantial modality and the diversity condition. *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 18*.

Guillaume Thomas. 2014. Embedded Imperatives in Mbyá. *Proceedings of NELS 43*.

Guillaume Thomas. 2012. Another additive particle. *Proceedings of SALT 21* (Semantics and Linguistic Theory). Eds. N., A. Chereches et David Lutz. 634-651.

Guillaume Thomas. 2012. Nominal tenses outside the noun phrase. *Proceedings of SULA 6* (Semantics of Under-represented Languages of the Americas). Ed. E. Bogal-Allbritten. 255-270.

Luciana Storto and Guillaume Thomas. 2012. The Clausal Nature of Universally Quantified Phrases in Karitiana. *Proceedings of SULA 6*. Ed. E. Bogal-Allbritten. 221-239. 2012

Guillaume Thomas. 2011. Incremental *more*. In *Proceedings of SALT 20*. Eds. N. Li and David Lutz. 233-250.

Guillaume Thomas. 2011. Incremental comparison. In *Empirical Issues in Syntax and Semantics 8*. Eds. O. Bonami and P. Cabrero Hoffner. 487-510.

Guillaume Thomas. 2009. Comparison accross domains in Mbyá. In *Proceedings of WSCLA 14* (Workshop on the Structure and Constituency of the Languages of America). 2009.

Guillaume Thomas. 2008. An Analysis of the Xiamen Tone Circle. In *Proceedings of WCCFL 27* (West Coast Conference in Formal Linguistics). Eds N. Abner and J. Bishop. 422-430.

Guillaume Thomas. 2007. Quantification, completive aspect and degree modification in Mbyá. In *Proceedings of SULA 4*. Ed. A. Deal. 291-310.

#### INVITED TALKS

Guillaume Thomas. 2018. Underspecification in Degree Operators. University of Quebec at Montreal.

Guillaume Thomas. 2017. Mbyá resultatives and the structure of causation. University of Quebec at Montreal.

Guillaume Thomas. 2016. Revisiting Nominal tense. Dimensions of D Workshop, University of Rochester.

Guillaume Thomas. 2016. Modal Economy and the Temporal Orientation of Circumstantial Modals. Invited lecture, University of Chicago department of Linguistics, April 29, 2016.

Guillaume Thomas. 2016. Modal Economy and the Temporal Orientation of Circumstantial Modals. Invited talk, Toronto-Ontario-Montreal workshop in semantics, April 23, 2016.

Guillaume Thomas. 2016. Fake nominal tense in Mbyá. Invited talk, York University department of Languages, Literature and Linguistics, March 17, 2016.

Guillaume Thomas. 2016. Nominal tense in Mbyá. Invited talk, McMaster University department of Linguistics and Languages, February 24, 2016.

Guillaume Thomas. 2015. How can we fail to tell the truth. Invited talk, University of Toronto Cognitive Science program. December 8, 2015.

CONFERENCE  
PRESENTATIONS

Guillaume Thomas. 2018. Mbya resultatives and the structure of causation. WSCLA 23, University of Ottawa.

Guillaume Thomas and Suzi Lima. 2017. Switch Reference in Yudja. WSCLA 22, UBC.

Guillaume Thomas. 2016. Two types of Negation in Mbyá Guaraní. Amazonicas VI, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Letícia.

Bruna Franchetto and Guillaume Thomas. 2016. A nominal temporal marker in Kuikuro (Carib). SULA 9, UCSC.

Guillaume Thomas. 2016. Real "fake" tense in Mbyá. WSCLA 21, UQAM.

Guillaume Thomas and Yasutada Sudo. Distributive readings of "each." 2016. GLOW 39. Georg- August-Universität Göttingen.

Guillaume Thomas and Yasutada Sudo. Distributive readings of "each." 2016. Co-Distributivity Workshop. University of Paris 8/CNRS.

Guillaume Thomas. 2015. Rising Scale segments. SALT 25, Stanford University.

Guillaume Thomas. 2015. Rising Scale segments. GLOW 38, University of Paris 8/university of Paris Diderot/CNRS/INALCO.

Guillaume Thomas. 2013. Circumstantial modality and the diversity condition. Sinn und Bedeutung 18, Vitoria-Gasteiz.

Guillaume Thomas. 2013. Reference to degrees and nominalization in Mbyá. Workshop on Nominalization and Plurals. IHPST, Paris.

Guillaume Thomas. 2013. The present tense is not vacuous. 2013. SALT 23, Santa Cruz.

Guillaume Thomas. 2013. The present tense is not vacuous. PLC 37, Philadelphia.

Guillaume Thomas. 2012. Embedded Imperatives in Mbyá. NELS 43, New York.

Guillaume Thomas. 2012. Embedded Imperatives in Mbyá. SINFONIJA 5, Vienna.

Guillaume Thomas. 2011. Another additive particle. SALT 21, New Brunswick.

Guillaume Thomas. 2011. Nominal tenses outside the noun phrase. SULA 6, Manchester.

Guillaume Thomas. 2010. *Another* and the meaning of measure phrases. SNEWS, Storrs.

Guillaume Thomas. 2010. Incremental more. SALT 20, Vancouver.

Hrayr Khanjian, Yasutada Sudo and Guillaume Thomas. 2011. Modeling doubly marked lags with exacerbation. The 18th Manchester Phonology Meeting. Manchester.

Guillaume Thomas. 2009. Incremental comparison. Sinn und Bedeutung 15, Vienna.

Guillaume Thomas. 2009. Incremental comparison. CSSP (Colloque de Syntaxe et de Sémantique de Paris), Paris.

Guillaume Thomas. 2009. A few thoughts on proxy counterfactuals and cross-world identity. SNEWS (Southern New England Workshop in Semantics), Amherst.

Guillaume Thomas. 2009. Incremental comparatives and inherently evaluative "many" in Mbya. WSCLA 14, Purdue.

Guillaume Thomas. 2008. An Analysis of the Xiamen Tone Circle. WCCFL 27, Los Angeles.

Guillaume Thomas. 2008. Modal Existential Wh Constructions are not Interrogatives: arguments from French. ECO5, Storrs.

Guillaume Thomas. 2007. Quantification, completive aspect and degree modification in Mbya. SULA 4, São Paulo.

#### TEACHING

**Winter, 2018:** *Semantics* (graduate level). University of Toronto.

**Winter, 2018:** *Introduction to Semantics* (undergraduate level). University of Toronto.

**Winter, 2018:** *Field Linguistics*. University of Toronto.

**Fall, 2017:** *Advanced semantics I: Topics in the Semantics of Argument Realization*. University of Toronto.

**Fall, 2017:** *Field Linguistics*. University of Toronto.

**Spring, 2017:** *Introduction to Semantics* (undergraduate level). University of Toronto.

**Spring, 2017:** *Advanced semantics II: Topics in Event Semantics*. University of Toronto.

**Fall, 2016:** *Syntactic Patterns in Language*. University of Toronto.

**Fall, 2015:** *Advanced semantics II: comparatives and related matters*. University of Toronto.

**Fall, 2015:** *Syntactic Patterns in Language*. University of Toronto.

**Spring, 2015:** *A pragmática formal e a análise lógica da linguagem*. Pontifical Universidade Católica de Rio de Janeiro.

**Spring, 2014:** *Counting and Measuring*, Heinrich Heine Universität, Düsseldorf. (co-taught with Hana Filip).

**July 22-26, 2013:** *Topics in Semantics, Escola de Inverno em Linguística*, Unicamp, Brazil. (invited lecture)

**Fall 2012:** Teaching assistant for *Introduction à la Syntaxe*, IJN, Prof. Léa Nash.

**January 12-15, 2012:** *Introdução á Semântica I*, Escola de Verão em Linguística, Unicamp, Brazil.

**Fall 2010:** Teaching Assistant for *Introduction to Linguistics*, MIT, Prof. Adam Albright and Norvin Richards.

**Spring 2010:** Teaching Assistant for *Language and Its Structure III: Semantics and Pragmatics*, MIT, Prof. Martin Hackl.

**Fall 2008:** Teaching Assistant for *Introduction to Linguistics*, MIT, Prof. Norvin Richards.

#### ADVISING

Ongoing: Angelika Kiss, Generals Paper on word order in Mbya.

Ongoing: Maida Percival, Generals Paper on the semantics of Oromo comparatives.

July 2017: Frederick Gietz, Generals paper: ‘Alternatives for Aspectual Particles.’

August 2016: Symon Jory Stevens-Guille (MA thesis, co-supervised with Arsalan Kahnemuyipour): ‘Right-Node Raising: Pivot-Gap Identity by Timing.’

August 2016: Dylan Bandstra (MA thesis): ‘When a Part is Apart: Inalienable Possession and Severed Body Parts in Tlingit.’

#### MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES

2017: Annick Morin (PhD Dissertation; supervisor: prof. Yves Roberges)

2017: Patrick Murphy (Generals Papers; supervisor: prof. Meg Grant)

2017: Jessica Matthie (Generals Papers; supervisor: prof. Michela Ippolito)

2016: Tomohiro Yokohama (Generals Paper; supervisor: prof. Michela Ippolito)

2015: Dan Milway (Generals Paper; supervisor: prof. Michela Ippolito)

#### FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

July 2017. Fieldwork on Mbyá Guarani, Paraguay.

July 2016. Fieldwork on Kawaiwete, Xingu indigenous territory, Brazil.

2013-2015. Fieldwork and documentation project, Mbyá Guarani, Rio de Janeiro and Espirito Santo, Brazil.

2007-2012. Fieldwork on Mbyá Guarani, Misiones, Argentina.

2006-2007. Fieldwork on Mbyá Guarani, Parana, Brazil.

#### GRANTS AND AWARDS

*Building a Mbyá Treebank*: New Researcher Award, Connaught Fund, University of Toronto, 2017 (CAD 10,000).

UNESCO/Museu do Índio. Funding for documentation project, 2013 (BRL 42,000).

MISTI-Brazil Travel grant for field research, 2010 (BRL 375.000).

MIT Ken Hale Fund for field research, 2009.

MIT Dean's Fund for field research, 2008 (PI Profs. David Pesetsky and Norvin Richards).

SERVICE

Co-organizer of the conference Semantics of Under-represented Languages in the Americas 10, 2018, UofT. Web: <https://linguistics.utoronto.ca/sula10/>

Co-organizer of the conference Semantics of Under-represented Languages in the Americas 5, MIT and Harvard, 2009. Web: <http://web.mit.edu/sula5/home.html>

Co-organizer of the Escola de Verão em Linguística (EVELIN 2012), a summer school in linguistics, January 12-21, 2012, University of Campinas, Brazil.

Occasional reviewer for Journal of Semantics, Glossa, Linguistic Inquiry, Linguistics and Philosophy, Natural Language Semantics, Natural Language and Linguistic Theory, Semantics and Pragmatics, Language.

Occasional reviewer for SALT, Sinn und Bedeutung, NELS, GLOW.

LANGUAGES

Native: French                      Fluent: English, Brazilian Portuguese  
Basic: Spanish                      Grammatical knowledge: Mbyá Guaraní

REFERENCES

**Professor Hana Filip**

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