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## Education

- 2020 (expected)** Ph.D., Linguistics, University of California, Santa Cruz
- 2017** M.A., Linguistics, University of California, Santa Cruz  
Thesis: *The Semantics of Estonian Responsive Predicates*  
Committee: Pranav Anand (chair), Donka Farkas, Jim McCloskey
- 2014** S.B., Linguistics and Philosophy, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

## Other Education

- Jul 2016** Tallinna Ülikool, Tallinn, Estonia  
Estonian language (A1-A2 level)

## Research interests

Semantics, pragmatics, computational linguistics, corpus linguistics, Finnic

## Proceedings Publications

- 2015** Altshuler, D., V. Hacquard, **T. Roberts**, & A. S. White. On double access, cessation and parentheticality. In *Proceedings of SALT 25*, eds. S. D'Antonio, C. Little, M. Moroney, and M. Wiegand, 18-37. Ithaca, NY: CLC Publications.
- 2013** Chang, A., D. Nunez, **T. Roberts**, D. Sengeh, C. Breazeal. Pre-pilot findings on developing a literacy tablet. In *Proceedings of the 12th International Conference on Interaction Design and Children (IDC '13)*, 471-474. New York, NY: ACM.
- 2012** Chang, A., C. Breazeal, F. Faridi, **T. Roberts**, G. Davenport, H. Lieberman, and N. Montfort. Textual tinkerability: encouraging storytelling behaviors to foster emergent literacy. In *CHI '12 Extended Abstracts on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI EA '12)*, 505-520. New York, NY: ACM.

## Presentations

- 2017**      **Roberts, T.** The selectional restrictions of responsive predicates in Estonian. Talk at Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB) 22, September 7-10, 2017, Potsdam, Germany.
- 2017**      **Roberts, T.** Responsive Predicates are Question-Embedding: Evidence from Estonian. Talk at the Chicago Linguistics Society (CLS) 53, May 25-27, 2017.
- 2017**      **Roberts, T.** The semantics of responsive predicates and their complements in Estonian. Talk at Linguistics at Santa Cruz (LASC).
- 2015**      **Roberts, T.** Thinking about thinking in Estonian. Talk at California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics Workshop (CUSP) 8, Stanford University.
- 2015**      Altshuler, D., V. Hacquard, **T. Roberts**, & A. S. White (2015). On double access, cessation and parentheticality. Talk at Semantics and Linguistic Theory 25, Stanford University.

## Selected Research Experience

- Mar 2016 - Jun 2016**      University of California, Santa Cruz, CA, USA  
*Graduate Research Assistant*  
NSF Grant #1302668, *Collaborative Research: RI: Processing Opinion Sharing Dialogue in Social Media*  
PIs: Jean Fox Tree, Marilyn Walker, Pranav Anand, Steve Whittaker
- Aug 2014 - Aug 2015**      University of Maryland, College Park, MD, USA  
*Baggett Fellow*  
One-year post-bac research fellowship  
Advisors: Valentine Hacquard, Philip Resnik
- Jun 2014 - Aug 2014**      Universiteit Utrecht, Utrecht, the Netherlands  
*MIT-Netherlands Researcher*  
SemAnTE project for Recognizing Textual Entailment (RTE).  
Advisor: Yoad Winter
- Jan 2012 - Jan 2013**      MIT Media Lab, Cambridge, MA, USA  
*Research Assistant*  
AIGRE project, a system for automatic interpretation and generation of referring expressions.  
Software Agents Group.

## Awards and fellowships

<b>2015-2016</b>	Regents Fellowship, UCSC
<b>2014-2015</b>	Baggett Fellowship, University of Maryland
<b>2014</b>	1st place, S. Klein Prize for Technical Writing, MIT
<b>2010-2014</b>	James R. Hoffa Memorial Scholarship
<b>2012</b>	3rd place, Robert A. Boit Writing Prize, MIT
<b>2010</b>	National Merit Scholar

## Teaching

*As Teaching Assistant, UCSC:*

<b>Fall 2017</b>	Pragmatics (LING 117), Instructor: Adrian Brasoveanu
<b>Spring 2017</b>	Language, Society and Culture (LING 80C), Instructor: Jim McCloskey
<b>Winter 2017</b>	Semantics 1 (LING 53), Instructor: Donka Farkas
<b>Fall 2016</b>	Introduction to Linguistics (LING 50), Instructor: Adrian Brasoveanu

*As Teaching/Technical Assistant, MIT:*

<b>Fall 2013</b>	21M.624: Acting with the Camera, Instructor Anna Kohler
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## Service

<b>2017-</b>	Events Committee Chair, UCSC Linguistics
<b>2016-</b>	Computer Czar, UCSC Linguistics
<b>2015-</b>	Organizing & Program Committees, North American Computational Linguistics Olympiad (NACLO)
<b>2014-</b>	MIT Educational Council, alumni interviewer
<b>2016-2017</b>	Events Setup Committee Chair, UCSC Linguistics
<b>2014-2015</b>	NACLO site host, University of Maryland

## Computer skills

<b>Languages</b>	Python, R, JavaScript, HTML/CSS
<b>Corpora</b>	Brown, Penn Treebank, UkWaC, CoCA, CHILDES
<b>Misc</b>	NLTK, Stanford Dependency Parser, Praat, Microsoft Excel, Twitter API

## Languages

<b>Native</b>	English
<b>Advanced</b>	French
<b>Intermediate</b>	Japanese, Estonian
<b>Beginner</b>	Dutch, Norwegian