Vincent Rouillard

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Academic Appointments

2026– | **Université Laval**,
Professeur adjoint.

2024–2025 | **Harvard University**,
Postdoctoral Fellow.

2023–2024 | **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**,
Postdoctoral Associate.

Education

2017–2023 | **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**,
PhD in Linguistics,
Dissertation: *A semantic account of distributional constraints on temporal in-adverbials*.

2014–2017 | **McGill University**,
B.A. Honours Linguistics.

2013–2014 | **Université de Montréal**,
Certificat Arts et Sciences.

Papers

Journal Articles

2026 | **Maximal informativity accounts for the distribution of temporal *in*-adverbials**,
Linguistics and Philosophy.

2023 | **Spanish bare interrogatives and number**,
with Luis Alonso-Ovalle,
Journal of Semantics.

2021 | **Second language experience impacts first language irony comprehension among bilingual adults**,
with Mehrgol Tiv, Fiona Deodato, Sabrina Wiebe, and Debra Titone,
Canadian Journal of Experimental Psychology/Revue Canadienne de Psychologie Expérimentale.

2019 | **Global second language proficiency predicts self-perceptions of general sarcasm use among bilingual adults**,
with Mehrgol Tiv, Naomi Vingron, Sabrina Wiebe, and Debra Titone,
Journal of Language and Social Psychology.

Conference Proceedings

2024 | **Thinking statively and dynamically: a view from Georgian**,
with Tatiana Bondarenko and Richard Luo,
Proceedings of Amsterdam Colloquium 2024.

2022 | **Lexically triggered uniqueness in *wh*-questions: an argument from Brazilian Portuguese**,
with Filipe Hisao Kobayashi,
Proceedings of SALT 31.

2021 | **High and low uniqueness in singular *wh*-interrogatives**,
with Filipe Hisao Kobayashi,
Proceedings of SALT 30.

2020 | **Alternatives, density, and *in*-adverbials**,
Proceedings of NELS 50.

2020 | **Tying free choice in questions to distributivity**,
with Filipe Hisao Kobayashi,
JSAI International Symposium on Artificial Intelligence 2019.

2019 | **Number inflection, Spanish bare interrogatives, and higher-order quantification**,
with Luis Alonso-Ovalle,
Proceedings of NELS 49.

2018 | **Presuppositional implicatures: Quantity or Maximize Presupposition?**,
with Bernhard Schwarz,
Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 22.

2017 | **Epistemic narrowing from Maximize Presupposition**,
with Bernhard Schwarz,
Proceedings of NELS 47.

Public Outreach

2024 | **Evaluating the effectiveness of AI source disclosure in human–AI communication**,
with Gabor Brody, Daniel Asherov, and Athulya Aravind,
An MIT Exploration of Generative AI.

Selected Presentations

Invited Presentations

2023 | **Bare interrogatives and number: a case for higher order quantification, a weak singular and a strong plural**,
guest lecture at the Semantics Research Seminar (PLIN0056) at University College London.

2022 | **Maximal informativity and the licensing of temporal in-adverbials**,
invited presentation at the S-babble reading group at the University of California, San Diego.

2022 | **Maximal informativity and the licensing of temporal in-adverbials**,
invited presentation at the Synners reading group at the Ohio State University.

2020 | **Spanish bare interrogatives and number**,
with Luis Alonso-Ovalle,
invited talk at *SENSUS*.

Other Presentations..

2024 | **A note on *any* and simplification**,
talk at *SALT 34*.

2024 | **Pragmatics of human-AI communication**,
with Daniel Asherov, Gabor Brody, and Athulya Aravind,
poster at *ELM 3*.

2020 | **Lexically triggered uniqueness in *wh*-questions: An argument from Brazilian Portuguese**,
with Filipe Hisao Kobayashi,
poster at *SALT 31*.

2020 | **High and low exhaustification in singular *which*-questions**,
with Filipe Hisao Kobayashi,
poster at *SALT 30*.

2019 | **Tying free choice in questions to distributivity**,
with Filipe Hisao Kobayashi,
talk at *LENLS 16*.

2019 | **Alternatives, density, and *in*-adverbials**,
poster at *NELS 50*.

2017 | **Presuppositional implicatures: Quantity or Maximize Presupposition?**,
with Bernhard Schwarz,
poster at *Sinn und Bedeutung 22*.

2016 | **Epistemic narrowing from Maximize Presupposition**,
with Bernhard Schwarz,
talk at *NELS 47*.

Internships

2020 | **ExQ project in Xprag.de Internship Program**,
with Malte Zimmermann.

Teaching experience

2025 | **LING 147 - Semantics of Questions**,
co-instructor with Gennaro Chierchia,
Harvard University.

2024 | **Winter LaTeX Crash Course**,
instructor,
Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

2023 | **Winter Logic Crash Course**,
co-instructor with Filipe Hisao Kobayashi,
Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

2022 | **24.970 - Introduction to Semantics**,
teaching assistant for Martin Hackl and Amir Anvari,
Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

2020 | **24.900 - Introduction to Linguistics**,
teaching assistant for David Pesetsky,
Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

2019 | **24.903/24.933 - Language and its Structure III: Semantics and pragmatics**,
teaching assistant for Luka Crnič,
Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

2019 | **Intermediate Semantics**,
teaching assistant for Rajesh Bhatt and Winfried Lechner,
The 3rd Crete Summer School of Linguistics.

Awards

2017 | **Cremona Memorial Prize in Linguistics**,
McGill University.

2016 | **William Macdonald Scholarship in Arts**,
McGill University.

2015 | **Dow-Hickson Scholarship**,
McGill University.

Reviewer

Journal of Semantics
Linguistics and Philosophy
Semantics and Linguistic Theory

Language Competence

French | Native
English | Fluent