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### Employment

- 2013–present **Assistant Professor** (tenure-track) in French Linguistics,  
Department of French & Italian, University of Iowa.  
Supervisor for the First-year French program
- 2013–present Affiliated faculty, Second Language Acquisition program (FLARE).
- 2015–present Affiliated faculty (0% appointment), Department of Linguistics.
- 2012–2013 **Lecturer** in French, St. Edwards University, Austin, TX.

### Education

- 2013 **Ph.D.** in Linguistics, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX.  
Thesis: *The French c'est-cleft: Empirical Studies on Its Meaning and Use.*  
(Advisor: David I. Beaver)
- 2005 **M.A.** in Linguistics and English Literature & Civilization, Université  
Toulouse Le Mirail, Toulouse, France.  
(Advisor: Jacques Durand)
- 2002 **B.A.** in English Literature and Civilization, Université Toulouse Le Mirail,  
Toulouse, France.

### Affiliations

- 2014–present DELTA Center, University of Iowa.
- 2013–present Foreign Language Research and Education (FLARE), University of Iowa.

### Scholarship

#### Refereed Journal articles

1. Leal, Tania, **Emilie Destruel**, & Bradley Hoot (submitted) Focus marking strategies in L2 learners of Spanish.
2. **Destruel, Emilie** & Joseph DeVaugh-Geiss (under review) A pragmatic account of exhaustivity in clefts: Cross-linguistic evidence from interpretation and processing.
3. **Destruel, Emilie** (in press) The pragmatics of (non)-prototypical clefts: Influence of the QUD on naturalness and interpretation. *Journal of Pragmatics*.
4. Leal, Tania, **Emilie Destruel**, & Bradley Hoot (2017) The Realization of Information Focus in Monolingual and Bilingual Native Spanish. *Linguistic Approaches to Bilingualism* 6(6).

5. **Destruel, Emilie** & Bryan Donaldson (2017) On the L2 acquisition of pragmatic inferences: Evidence from the French *c'est*-cleft. *Applied Psycholinguistics* 38(3), 703-732.

6. **Destruel, Emilie** (2016) Focus marking asymmetries in Colloquial and Standard French: A Stochastic Optimality theoretic account. *Journal of French Language Studies* 26(3), 299-326.

#### Refereed conference proceedings

1. **Destruel, Emilie** & Caroline Féry (under review) Realization of post-focal sequences in French.

2. **Destruel, Emilie**, David Beaver & Elizabeth Coppock (2017) Clefts: Quite the contrary! *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung* 21. Edinburgh, Scotland.

3. **Destruel, Emilie** & Caroline Féry (2015) Compression in post-focal sequences in French. *Proceedings of the 18th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences (ICPhS)*. Glasgow, Scotland.

4. **Destruel, Emilie** & Leah Velleman (2014) Refining contrast: Evidence from the English *it*-cleft. In C. Piñon (ed.), *Empirical Issues in Syntax and Semantics* 10, 197–214.

5. **Destruel, Emilie** (2012) The French *c'est*-cleft: An empirical study on its meaning and use. In C. Piñon (ed.), *Empirical Issues in Syntax and Semantics* 9, 95–112.

6. Velleman, Daniel, David Beaver, **Emilie Destruel**, Dylan Bumford, Edgar Onea & Elizabeth Coppock (2012) It-clefts are IT (Inquiry Terminating) Constructions. In A. Chereches (ed.), *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory* 22, 441–460. eLanguage.

7. Chen, Aaju & **Emilie Destruel** (2010) Intonational encoding of focus in Toulousian French, *Proceedings of the 5th International Conference on Speech Prosody*, Chicago, IL, USA.

#### Edited volume

1. Meier, Richard, Helen Aristar-Dry & **Emilie Destruel** (eds.) (2010) *Text, Time and Context: Selected Papers of Carlota Smith*. Dordrecht, The Netherlands, Springer. (pp. xiv–404).

#### Book chapters

1. **Destruel, Emilie**, Daniel Velleman, Edgar Onea, Dylan Bumford & David Beaver (2015) A cross-linguistic study of the non-at-issueness of exhaustive inferences. In F. Schwartz (ed.), *Experimental Perspectives on Presuppositions* (pp. 135–156). Studies in Theoretical Psycholinguistics Series. Springer.

### Non-refereed articles

1. **Destruel, Emilie** & Céline Gaillard Rose (2014) Using movie trailers in beginner French classes. In *Texas Language Center Newsletter*.
2. **Destruel, Emilie** (2014) An empirical approach to the pragmatics of the (non)-canonical French sentences. *Proceedings from the 46h Chicago Linguistic Society Conference*, Chicago, USA.

### Articles in progress

1. **Emilie Destruel**, David Beaver & Liz Coppock (in preparation). Clefts and contrariness: Evidence from English and French.
2. **Emilie Destruel** (in preparation). Effect of language dominance on implicature processing in near-native French speakers.
3. Walker-Cecil, Kezia & **Emilie Destruel**. Focus interpretation in Haitian Creole.

### Book reviews

1. **Destruel, Emilie** (2017) Book review of Estelle Moline & Dejan Stosic, *L'expression de la manière en français*, Ophrys. *The French Review* 91 (2), pages.
2. Rose Gaillard, Céline & **Emilie Destruel** (2015) Book review of Kate Paesani, Helen Willis Allen & Béatrice Dupuy, *A Multiliteracies Framework for Collegiate Foreign Language Teaching*, Pearson. *The Modern Language Journal* 99 (4), 803–805.
3. **Destruel, Emilie** & Alexandra Shaeffer (2015) Book review of Sandrine Zufferey, *Acquiring Pragmatics: Social and Cognitive Perspectives*. New York: Routledge. *The Modern Language Journal* 99 (4), 807–809.
4. Destruel, Emilie (2015) Book review of A. Costăchescu, *La Pragmatique Linguistique*. *The French Review* 88 (4), 237–238.
5. **Destruel, Emilie** & David Beaver (2013) Book review of Manfred Krifka & Renate Musan (eds.), *The Expression of Cognitive Categories [ECC] 5, The Expression of Information Structure*, De Gruyter. *Language* 89 (3), 647–653.

### **Invited talks**

#### International

2016. Comparing the meaning and the processing properties of the French *c'est-* and *y'a-*clefts. International Workshop on Non-prototypical clefts. University of Leuven. Leuven, Belgium.
2015. Processing exhaustive inference in the English *it-*clefts and cross-linguistically. Invited talk at the Semantics Workshop on Clefts. University of Göttingen. Göttingen, Germany.

2014. Contrast and focus. Invited talk at the colloquium Forschergruppe. Goethe Universitat. Frankfurt, Germany.

2014. Focus asymmetries in Spoken and Written French. Invited talk at the LingLunch, Université Paris Diderot. Paris, France.

2013. Inquiry Terminating constructions. Semantik Kolloquium. Postdam University, Germany.

2013. The French cleft. Semantik Kolloquium. Postdam University, Germany.

2013. Asymmetries and gradience in French focus marking and interpretation. The Center for General Linguistics (ZAS), Lecture Series, Berlin, Germany.

#### National

2016. The French clefts: meaning, use and processing. American Pragmatics Association (AMPRA). Indiana University, Bloomington.

2016. All about that cleft. Syntax and Semantics Colloquium. University of Texas at Austin.

2015. Doing Pragmatics. Grinnell College, IA.

2014. Using movie trailers in the beginner's language classroom. Language Matter: Enhancing Foreign Language Teaching series. University of Texas–Austin, Texas. (with Céline Gaillard).

2013. Focus, contrast, and the English *it*-cleft. Romance Linguistics Colloquia, Department of Spanish and Portuguese. University of Iowa.

2013. The French *c'est*-cleft: Empirical studies on its meaning and use. Department of French and Italian, University of Iowa.

2013. Empirical studies in the pragmatics of a syntactic structure. Foreign Language Program, University of California Santa Cruz.

2012. Using technology in the classroom: Assessing oral proficiency using VoiceThread. Central Texas Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of French, Austin, Texas.

#### Local (University of Iowa)

2015. Linguistics Department Symposium. Post-focal decomposition in French.

2014. PSY:6101 “Cognitive Science Proseminar I” (taught by Dr. Thomas Farmer). On the semantic-pragmatic interface.

2014. EDTL:7405 “Research methods in Second Language” (taught by Dr. Pamela Wesely).

2014. How to write and publish an academic paper. FLARE Forum. University of Iowa. (with Dr. Judith Liskin-Gasparro).

## **Refereed Conference Presentations**

### International

2018. Destruel, E. Influence of the question type on the pragmatics of French clefts. Linguistic Evidence. Tübingen, Germany.
2017. Destruel, E. & DeVeugh-Geiss, J. (Non)-Exhaustivity in French *c'est*-clefts. 12th Conference on Syntax and Semantics. Paris, France.
2017. Destruel, E. & DeVeugh-Geiss, J. Cross-linguistic Variation in the Interpretation and Processing of Cleft Exhaustivity: The Semantics-Pragmatics Debate Revisited. Workshop on Theoretical and Experimental Approaches to Presuppositions. University of Genoa, Italy.
2017. Féry, C., Wang, B. & E. Destruel. Dual focus in French, German and Mandarin. Workshop on the Syntax-Phonology Interface. Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW) 40. Leiden University, Germany.
2016. E. Destruel & Féry, C. Post-verbal realization of dual focus in French. Workshop “Prosody meets Syntax”, Going Romance 30. University of Frankfurt, Germany.
2016. Féry, C., Wang, B. & E. Destruel. Prosodic realization of dual focus in French, German and Mandarin. Tone and Intonation in Europe. University of Kent, UK.
2016. Destruel, E., Beaver, D., & L. Coppock. Clefts: Quite the contrary! Sinn und Bedeutung. University of Edinburgh. Edinburgh, UK.
2015. Destruel, E. & Féry, C. Post-focal compression in French. International Congress of Phonetic Sciences. Glasgow, UK.
2013. Destruel, E. & Velleman, D. Refining Contrastiveness: Evidence from the English *it*-cleft. 10th Conference on Syntax and Semantics. Paris, France.
2012. Destruel, E. The *C'est*-Cleft/Canonical alternation in French: A Stochastic Optimality Theoretic Analysis. Going Romance 2012 International Conference. Workshop on Cleft Sentences in Romance and Germanic. Leuven, Belgium.
2011. Destruel, E. On the meaning and use of the French *c'est*-cleft. 9th Conference on Syntax and Semantics. Paris, France.
2009. Chen, A. (Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics) & E. Destruel. Encoding focus in French: phrasing or accentuation, or neither? Workshop on Prosody and Meaning, Barcelona, Spain.
2009. R. Reichle & Destruel, E. Focus constructions and ease of processing in French. XPrag Conference. Lyon, France.
2009. Destruel, E. Focus interpretations in French. 31st DGfS Linguistic Association of Germany Conference. Osnabrück, Germany.

2008. Beaver, D. & Destruel, E. Scalarity and the discourse function of French exclusives. Conference on Scalarity in Linguistics. Ghent, Belgium.

#### National

2018. Destruel, E. Effect of Language Dominance on Implicature Processing. American Association for Applied Linguistics Conference (AAAL). Chicago, USA.

2015. Destruel, E. & Farmer, T. Processing exhaustive in English *it*-clefts. XPrag Conference, Chicago, USA.

2015. Destruel, E. & Farmer, T. Processing exhaustive in English *it*-clefts. Conference on Human Sentence Processing (CUNY). University of Southern California, Los Angeles, USA.

2015. Leal, T., Destruel, E. & Hoot, B. Realizations of focus by native and heritage speakers. Texas Teach, TX, USA.

2014. Destruel, E. and Donaldson, B. Implicatures in the Second Language: Evidence from the *c'est*-cleft in Near-native French. American Association for Applied Linguistics Conference, Portland, USA.

2012. Beaver, D., Bumford, D., Coppock, L., Destruel, E., Onea, E., & Velleman, D. *It*-clefts are IT (Inquiry Terminating) Constructions. SALT (Semantics and Linguistics Theory) 22. Chicago, IL, USA.

2011. Beaver, D., Bumford, D., Destruel, E., Onea, E. and Velleman, D. Yes, but ... Exhaustivity and at-issueness across languages. PEPA (Projection, Entailment, Presupposition, and Assertion) 3. Rutgers, NJ, USA.

2010. Destruel, E. An empirical approach to the pragmatics of (non)-canonical French sentences. 46th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society. Chicago, IL, USA.

2010. Chen, A. (Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics) and Destruel, E. Intonational encoding of focus in Toulousian French. 5th International Conference on Speech Prosody. Chicago, IL, USA.

2009. Reichle, R. & Destruel, E. The effect of NP type on the processing of French focus constructions. 12th Texas Linguistics Society Conference. Austin, TX, USA.

2009. Destruel, E. Focus interpretations and focus realizations in French. 83rd Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. San Francisco, CA, USA.

2008. Destruel, E. and Hou, L. "Sign me a focus": Focus realization on American Sign Language. 34th Annual Conference of the Berkeley Linguistic Society. Berkeley, CA, USA.

## **Service**

Ad hoc reviews: Natural Language Semantics, French Review  
Memberships: ACTFL, AAAL, MLA, LSA  
University: 07/2017 Mentor for Mandela Washington Fellows.  
Division/Department: 2017-2018 Member of search committee for Tenure-track hire in Spanish Linguistics.  
2014-2017 Faculty Assembly representative.  
2015 Member for FLARE/SLA steering committee.  
2013-2014 Supervisor for the Oral Expression in French program.  
Committee member for Ballard-Seashore recommendation.

## **Honors and Awards**

- Texas Language Center Professional Development Award, 2013, University of Texas at Austin.
- COERLL Graduate Student Award, 2011, University of Texas at Austin.
- Texas Exes Teaching Excellence Award, 2010, University of Texas at Austin.
- Professional Development Awards, 2009, 2011, 2012 University of Texas at Austin.