Vagueness and the Semantics and Pragmatics of Contradictions Cooperation Meeting in Cambridge, USA

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2. Visit dates

Departure Berlin: April 22, 2012 Arrival Boston April 22, 2012

Stays Cambridge 6 nights

Departure Boston: April 27, 2012 Arrival Berlin: April 28, 2012

3. Content of Scientific Accomplishments

The main accomplishment was to revise and resubmit the paper *Acceptable Contradictions: Pragmatics or Semantics? A Reply to Cobreros et al.*. After receiving several pages of reviewers comments on the original manuscript, it took us four days to prepare a revised version which we have now resubmitted to the *Journal of Philosophical Logic*. The resubmitted version is available from the beneficiary upon request.

The other work left us less time than originally planned for work to plan further experiments. We focussed on this topic in our meeting on the April 26th. We decided to focus on the role of vagueness in the contradiction acceptability. One relevant comparison will be (1).

- (1) a. Joe is and isn't tall.
- b. Joe is and isn't above average height.

Overall the meeting was very useful since the main goal has been accomplished. Further planning can be done by remote interaction also with the other project partners.