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EDUCATION

- 2018-24** **PhD Linguistics** - Leiden University
Thesis: Tunen syntax and information structure
Supervisors: Dr. Jenneke van der Wal, Prof. Maarten Mous
Committee: Prof. Sjef Barbiers, Dr. Fatima Hamlaoui, Prof. Lutz Marten,
Prof. Stavros Skopeteas
- 2017-18** **MA Linguistics** (Distinction) - School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS),
University of London
Dissertation: A Dynamic Syntax account of the conjoint/disjoint alternation
in Zulu (Distinction)
Supervisor: Prof. Lutz Marten
- 2014-17** **BA (Hons) Linguistics** (First class) - King's College, University of Cambridge
Dissertation: Focus marking in Èkègùsǐ (Distinction)
Supervisor: Dr. Craig Sailor

EXPERIENCE

- Nov 2025-** **Invited Researcher**, CNRS-LLACAN
4-month visiting research fellowship at CNRS-LLACAN (via FWO mobility grant)
- Oct 2024-** **FWO Junior Postdoctoral Fellow**, Ghent University
Junior postdoctoral fellow on project Modelling Bantu Analytic Morphosyntax
(MBAM): The Mbam languages as a case study in morphosyntactic change (PI)
- Aug 2023-Jul 24** **Lecturer (docent)**, Leiden University
Lecturer for courses on theoretical syntax, morphology, and research methods;
supervisor and second examiner for BA/MA dissertations in the BA English Lan-
guage and Culture and BA/pre-master/MA Linguistics programmes (0.45 fte)
- Sep 2018-Jul 23** **PhD candidate (promovendus)**, Leiden University
PhD researcher in 10-person international research team conducting research on
syntax and information structure in Bantu (Niger-Congo) languages (BaSIS; PI Dr.
Jenneke van der Wal), on Tunen project (0.85 fte, with COVID-19 extension)
- Oct-Dec 2022** **Visiting Short-Term Fellow**, Universität Potsdam
3-month visiting fellowship in SFB 1287 Limits of Variability in Language, work-
ing on Niger-Congo, theoretical syntax, and syntactic typology for the Conse-
quences of Head-Argument Order for Syntax project (PI Prof. Gisbert Fanselow†)

Sep 2020-Aug 22	University Council Member (Universiteitsraadslid) , Leiden University 1 of 16 elected members of the University Council, representing PhDs/postdocs in university-level decision making through PhDoc (Chair 2021-2022) (0.225 fte)
May-Jun 2018	Consultant (computational linguistics) , Africa's Voices Foundation Consultant for natural language processing (NLP) workflow for Sheng data, improving data pre-processing for morphological and sentiment analysis in Python
Jan 2018	Research assistant (typology) , SOAS, University of London Research assistant for Leverhulme project Morphosyntactic Variation in Bantu: Typology, Contact and Change (PI Prof. Lutz Marten), coding parameter values from descriptive grammars
Dec 2017-Jan 18	Research assistant (data analysis) , SOAS, University of London Research assistant to Dr. Chege Githiora for analysis of Sheng sociolinguistic data
Jul-Sep 2017	Intern (computational linguistics) , Africa's Voices Foundation 3-month internship and training programme via University of Cambridge Computer Laboratory and AVF offices in Cambridge/Nairobi, using Python to adapt NLP methods for Sheng data (data pre-processing/annotation/morphological analysis/sentiment analysis)
Jul-Sep 2013	Research assistant (archives/dialectology) , King's College, Univ. Cambridge Research assistant to Prof. Bert Vaux for Saltmarsh project in college library archives and for dialectology project on variation in modern English varieties

PUBLICATIONS

Kerr, Elisabeth J. (2025). Review of Bloom Ström et al. (eds.) (2024) 'Morphosyntactic Variation in Bantu'. *Journal of Historical Syntax*, 9(19), pp. 1-17, <https://doi.org/10.18148/hs/2025.v9i19.261>.

Kerr, Elisabeth J. (2025). The expression of information structure in Tunen. In: Van der Wal, Jenneke (ed.), *The expression of information structure in Bantu*, pp. 53-122. Berlin: Language Science Press. DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.14833606](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.14833606).

Van der Wal, Jenneke, Allen Asimwe, Patrick Kanampiu, **Elisabeth J. Kerr**, Zhen Li, Amani Lusekelo, Nelsa Nhantumbo, and Ernest Nshemezimana. (2025). On the expression of information structure in Bantu. In: Van der Wal, Jenneke (ed.), *The expression of information structure in Bantu*, pp. 1-51. Berlin: Language Science Press. DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.14833604](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.14833604).

Kerr, Elisabeth J. (2024). Item "Recordings and database on Tunen syntax and information structure" in collection "Bantu Syntax and Information Structure (BaSIS)". *The Language Archive*. (<https://hdl.handle.net/1839/2c42e129-6032-4950-9e7a-7f0bde1596ae>).

Kerr, Elisabeth J. (2024). *Tunen syntax and information structure*. Amsterdam: LOT. [PhD thesis, Leiden University]. ([pdf](#)).

Kerr, Elisabeth J. (2024). On OV and VO at the Bantu/Bantoid borderlands. In: Huang, Yaqian, Lim, Jun Jie, Rose, Sharon, Struthers-Young, Anthony and Kaldhol, Nina (eds.). *ACAL in SoCAL: Selected papers*

from the 53rd Annual Conference on African Linguistics (Contemporary African Linguistics), pp. 297–345. Berlin: Language Science Press. ([pdf](#)).

Kerr, Elisabeth J. and Jenneke van der Wal. (2023). Indirect truth marking via backgrounding: Evidence from Bantu. *Zeitschrift für Sprachwissenschaft (ZfS)*, 42(3), pp. 443-492 (<https://doi.org/10.1515/zfs-2023-2010>).

Kerr, Elisabeth J., Allen Asiimwe, Patrick Kanampiu, Zhen Li, Ernest Nshemezimana, and Jenneke van der Wal (2023). Bantu word order between discourse and syntactic relations. *Linguistique et Langues Africaines (LLA)*, 9(1), pp. 1-29. (<https://doi.org/10.4000/lla.9496>).

Kerr, Elisabeth J. (2020). The grammaticalisation of a specific indefinite determiner: Prenominal -mòtè in Tunen. In: Van der Wal, Jenneke, Heleen J. Smits, Sara Petrollino, Victoria A.S. Nyst, and Maarten G. Kossmann. *Essays on African languages and linguistics: In honour of Maarten Mous*, pp. 241-266. Leiden: African Studies Centre Leiden (ASCL) (<https://hdl.handle.net/1887/138531>).

Kerr, Elisabeth J. (2020). (Non-)specificity and Case in Gorwaa: The -oo/-(h)ee suffix. In: Van Alem, Astrid, Mirella De Sisto, Elisabeth J. Kerr, and Joanna Wall, eds. 2020. *ConSOLE XXVIII: Proceedings of the 28th Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (29-31 January 2020, Universitat Pompeu Fabra)*. Leiden: Leiden University Centre for Linguistics ([pdf](#)).

Thesis/dissertations

Kerr, Elisabeth J. (2024). *Tunen syntax and information structure*. PhD thesis, Leiden University. ([pdf](#)).

Kerr, Elisabeth J. (2018). *A Dynamic Syntax account of the conjoint/disjoint alternation in Zulu*. MA dissertation, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London ([pdf](#)).

Kerr, Elisabeth J. (2017). *Focus marking in Ékègùsù*. BA dissertation, University of Cambridge.

Edited volumes

Li, Zhen, Allen Asiimwe, Patrick Kanampiu, **Elisabeth J. Kerr**, Ernest Nshemezimana, and Jenneke van der Wal (eds.) (2023). Bantu Universals and Variation, Special issue *Linguistique et Langues Africaines (LLA)*, 9(1). (<https://doi.org/10.4000/lla.4620>).

Van Alem, Astrid, Mirella De Sisto, **Elisabeth J. Kerr**, and Joanna Wall (eds.) (2020). *ConSOLE XXVIII: Proceedings of the 28th Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (29-31 January 2020, Universitat Pompeu Fabra)*. Leiden: Leiden University Centre for Linguistics ([pdf](#)).

Van Alem, Astrid, Mirella De Sisto, **Elisabeth J. Kerr** and Joanna Wall (eds.) (2019). *ConSOLE XXVII: Proceedings of the 27th Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (21-23 February 2019, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)*. Leiden: Leiden University Centre for Linguistics ([pdf](#)).

FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

2025	Atomb (Bantu A461, Niger-Congo), Nomaandé (Bantu A46, Niger-Congo), Nyokon (Bantu A45, Niger-Congo), Tunen (Bantu A44, Niger-Congo), Bokito/Boneck/Ndikiniméki/Nefanté/Nyokon/Yaoundé, Cameroon (1.5 months)
2025	Atomb (Bantu A461, Niger-Congo), Nomaandé (Bantu A46, Niger-Congo), Nyokon (Bantu A45, Niger-Congo), Tunen (Bantu A44, Niger-Congo), Boneck/Ndikiniméki/Nefanté/Nyokon/Tchekos/Yaoundé, Cameroon (2.5 months)

2024	Tunen (Bantu A44, Niger-Congo) , NdikiniMéki/Yaoundé, Cameroon (2 weeks)
2023	Tunen (Bantu A44, Niger-Congo) , remote fieldwork via WhatsApp (ad-hoc)
2022	Nyokon (Bantu A45, Niger-Congo) , Yaoundé, Cameroon (1 week)
2021-22	Tunen (Bantu A44, Niger-Congo) , NdikiniMéki/Nefanté/Nomena/Yaoundé, Cameroon (3.5 months)
2020	Ékegusií (Bantu (J)E42, Niger-Congo) , Tharaka, Kenya (3 weeks)
2019	Tunen (Bantu A44, Niger-Congo) , NdikiniMéki/Yaoundé, Cameroon (3.5 months)
2017/18	Assamese (Indo-Aryan) , SOAS field methods course (1 semester)
2017	Ékegusií (Bantu (J)E42, Niger-Congo) , Kisii, Kenya (5 weeks)
2015/16	Manange (Sino-Tibetan) , University of Cambridge field methods course (2 semesters)
2016	Ékegusií (Bantu (J)E42, Niger-Congo) , Kisii, Kenya (2.5 months)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses

2024	Linguistics 2B: The Syntax of English , Leiden University (BA) 8-week course on English syntax and syntactic analysis (seminars)
2024	Syntax 1 , Leiden University (BA/pre-master) 16-week course on syntactic analysis in the generative framework (seminars)
2023	Linguistics 1B: Analyzing English Words , Leiden University (BA) 7-week course on English morphology and morphological analysis (seminars/2 lectures)
2023	Language Acquisition 5: Theories and Research Methods in Applied Linguistics , Leiden University (BA) 4-week final-year BA course on interviewing as a research method (course design/lectures/practical)
2023	Language Acquisition 3: Functional Grammar , Leiden University (BA) 7-week course on English pedagogical and functional grammar (seminars)
2020	Linguistics 3: The Syntax of English: Present and Past , Leiden University (BA) 12-week course covering generative syntactic theory and syntactic change from Old English to Present-Day English (seminars) [hybrid format]
2020	Linguistics in Kenya Experience (LIKE) , Tharaka University College (BA/pre-master/MA) 3-week field school on field methods, information structure, and Kenyan languages (course design/field school co-organisation/lectures/practical/mentoring)
2019	Topics in Linguistics A: Information Structure , Leiden University (ResMA) 6-week state-of-the-art MA course on information structure (course design/lectures) [with Jenneke van der Wal]

Guest lectures

- 2023** **Research Data Management**, Leiden University (PhD)
Guest lecture on data management during field research for PhDs in Linguistics
- 2022** **Topics in Linguistics A: Information Structure**, Leiden University (ResMA)
Guest lecture on referent tracking in MA course on IS [co-designed in 2019]
- 2019** **Descriptive Linguistics**, Leiden University (BA)
Guest lecture on phonology problem set and tone analysis

Supervision

- 2024** **MA dissertation**, Leiden University
Linde Giljam: The encoding of referents in Bamana storytelling
- 2024** **BA dissertation**, Leiden University
Max Wassen: Subject inversion in Elhomwe
- 2023/24** **BA dissertation**, Leiden University
Annelies van Heemst: Noun classes in the Mbvumbo variety of Kwasio [co-supervised with Hilde Gunnink]

Examination

- 2024** **BA dissertations**, Leiden University
First reader for 2 dissertations on descriptive linguistics and second reader for 1 dissertation on syntax within the BA Linguistics programme

Qualifications

- 2024** **University Teaching Qualification (BKO)**, Leiden University
Awarded national teaching certificate for level required of an assistant professor (Basis Kwalificatie Onderwijs), based on didactics training, teaching experience, course design, supervision experience, class observations, and written portfolio
- 2024** **Didactics certificate: Supervising thesis students**, Leiden University
12-hour didactics course on supervising BA/MA thesis students
- 2024** **Didactics certificate: Testing and assessment**, Leiden University
14-hour didactics course on using, designing and structuring assessments
- 2021** **Partial University Teaching Qualification (BKO deelcertificaat)**, Leiden Univ.
Awarded university teaching certificate for PhDs (partial BKO certificate) based on didactics training, teaching experience, class observation, and written portfolio
- 2019** **Didactics certificate: Active learning and didactic skills**, Leiden University
28-hour didactics course taught by Cornelia de Haan, Bureau Coaching Hoger Onderwijs [Bureau for Coaching in Higher Education]

EXTRA TRAINING

2025	Project Management , Ghent University
2023	Leiden Summer School in Languages and Linguistics , Leiden University
2021	NGO Safety & Security Training (HEAT) , Forth Global
2021	Leiden Summer School in Languages and Linguistics , Leiden University
2021	Qualitative interviewing for PhDs , Leiden University
2020	LOT Summer School , Leiden University
2019	Leiden Summer School in Languages and Linguistics , Leiden University
2019	LOT Summer School , Utrecht University
2018	Discipline and Place in the Social Sciences and the Humanities , Leiden Global
2018	Form-Meaning Mismatches in Natural Language Summer School , Univ. Göttingen
2018	Advanced Core Training in Linguistics (ACTL) Summer School , UCL
2017	The Crete Summer School of Linguistics (CreteLing) , University of Rethymnon
2017	Advanced Core Training in Linguistics (ACTL) Summer School , UCL
2016	6.00.1x Introduction to Computer Science and Programming using Python , MITx

PRESENTATIONS

Invited

Oct 2025	Tunen Workshop , Universität Bayreuth “The Tunen language: Classification and key characteristics”
Jun 2025	Workshop on Language Fieldwork , Georg-August-Universität Göttingen “Reflections on linguistic fieldwork: Epistemology, ‘failure’, resources, and recommendations” [keynote]
May 2025	1st Workshop on Endangered and Minoritized Languages , University of Minho “The impact of Bantu languages on generative syntactic theory”
Feb 2025	Department of African Languages and Linguistics seminars , Université Yaoundé I “Les ordres OV/VO dans les langues bantu/bantoïdes camerounaises” [in French]
Apr 2024	18th T.W.I.S.T. student conference in linguistics , Leiden University “Reductionism in linguistic typology: Two case studies from word order variation” [keynote]
Oct 2023	Langage, langues et cultures d’Afrique (LLACAN) seminar series , CNRS-LLACAN “OV in Bantu: The syntax of Tunen”
Sep 2023	Syntax Interface Lectures , Utrecht University “When object movement splits the noun phrase”
Mar 2023	SyntaxLab , University of Cambridge “Analysing Aux-O-V disharmony in Niger-Congo: The case of Tunen”
Dec 2022	Syntax/Semantik Kolloquium , Universität Potsdam “Derivations of disharmony: Mixed clausal headedness in West/Central Africa”

Nov 2022	Afrikinguistisches Kolloquium , Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin “Deriving S-Aux-O-V-X word orders in West/Central Africa”
<i>Conferences</i>	
Aug 2025	58th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea (SLE58) , Université Bordeaux Montaigne “On Mbam wordhood and Niger-Congo morphosyntactic reconstruction”
Aug 2025	54th Colloquium on African Languages and Linguistics (CALL54) , Leiden Univ. “‘Optional’ vowel harmony and the phonological word”
Jun 2025	26th Diachronic Generative Syntax Conference (DiGS26) , University of Oxford “Reconstructing changes to verbal synthesis without written records” [with Bernat Bardagil]
May 2025	Comparative Niger-Congo workshop , CNRS-LLACAN “Reconstructing intermediate stages of change in verbal synthesis in Niger-Congo”
Aug 2024	11th World Congress of African Linguistics (WOCAL11) , University of Nairobi “Split subjects in Mbam Bantu”
Jun 2024	25th Diachronic Generative Syntax Conference (DiGS25) , University of Mannheim “The development of disharmonic clausal word order in Tunen”
Jun 2024	2nd Conference on Bantoid Languages and Linguistics (Banto2d) , Université Yaoundé I “The Mbam split subject construction”
May 2024	1st Leiden/Bielefeld Workshop on Comparative Syntax (LeiBieCoS) , Leiden Univ. “Deriving disharmonic clausal word order: Case studies from West/Central Africa”
Jun 2023	54th Annual Conference on African Languages and Linguistics (ACAL54) , University of Connecticut “Analysing discontinuous DPs in Tunen: Contiguity violations not driven by IS?”
Jun 2023	54th Annual Conference on African Languages and Linguistics (ACAL54) , University of Connecticut “Indirect truth marking via backgrounding: Evidence from Bantu” [with Jenneke van der Wal]
Jun 2023	Bantu Syntax and Information Structure (BaSIS) Conference , Leiden University “The (non-)influence of information structure on Tunen syntax”
Jun 2023	Bantu Syntax and Information Structure (BaSIS) Conference , Leiden University “Bantu word order between discourse and syntactic relations” [with Allen Asimwe, Patrick Kanampiu, Ernest Nshemezimana, Zhen Li & Jenneke van der Wal]

Aug 2022	51st Colloquium on African Languages and Linguistics (CALL51) , Leiden Univ. “Tracking referents in Tunen texts”
Aug 2022	51st Colloquium on African Languages and Linguistics (CALL51) , Leiden Univ. “Indirect truth marking in 10 Bantu languages” [with Jenneke van der Wal]
Aug 2022	55th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea (SLE55) , University of Bucharest “Indirect truth marking in 10 Bantu languages” [with Jenneke van der Wal]
Jun 2022	9th International Conference on Bantu Languages (Bantu9) , Malawi University of Science and Technology “Indirect verum marking in 10 Bantu languages” [with Jenneke van der Wal]
Jun 2022	9th International Conference on Bantu Languages (Bantu9) , Malawi University of Science and Technology “Tracking referents in Tunen texts”
Apr 2022	53rd Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL53) , UC San Diego “On OV and VO at the Bantu/Bantoid borderlands”
Mar 2022	1st Conference on Bantoid Languages and Linguistics (Banto1d) , Univ. Hamburg “On OV and VO at the Bantu/Bantoid borderlands”
Aug 2021	2nd Conference of the Language Association of Eastern Africa (LAEA2) , University of Eldoret “Investigating focus marking in Kenyan Bantu”
Aug 2021	2nd Conference of the Language Association of Eastern Africa (LAEA2) , University of Eldoret “Collaborative linguistics: Experiences from the BaSIS project” [keynote, with Allen Asimwe, Patrick Kanampiu, Zhen Li, Amani Lusekelo, Ernest Nshemezimana & Jenneke van der Wal]
Jun 2021	10th World Congress of African Linguistics (WOCAL10) , Leiden University “Discontinuous DPs in Tunen”
Jun 2021	10th World Congress of African Linguistics (WOCAL10) , Leiden University “Bantu word order between discourse and syntactic relations” [with Allen Asimwe, Patrick Kanampiu, Zhen Li & Jenneke van der Wal]
Jun 2021	8th International Conference on Bantu Languages (Bantu8) , University of Essex “Bare nouns and specificity disambiguation in Tunen”
Apr 2021	51st & 52nd Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL51-52) , Univ. Florida “Bantu word order between discourse and syntactic relations” [with Allen Asimwe, Patrick Kanampiu, Zhen Li & Jenneke van der Wal]

Aug 2020	50th Colloquium on African Languages and Linguistics (CALL50) , Leiden Univ. “á, à, á, ò, ó, nà ... nà: A puzzle in Tunen”
Jan 2020	28th Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE28) , Universitat Pompeu Fabreu “(non-)specificity marking in Gorwaa” [poster presentation]
Aug 2019	49th Colloquium on African Languages and Linguistics (CALL49) , Leiden Univ. “Specificity in Tunen”
May 2018	British Association of Applied Linguistics (BAAL) Language in Africa Special Interest Group (LIASIG) Conference , SOAS, University of London “African languages in digital spaces: Automatic textual analysis of a low-resource mixed language” [with Gladys W. H. Tyen, Univ. Cambridge Computer Laboratory]
Apr 2018	2nd Dynamic Syntax Conference , University of Edinburgh “Parsing the Bantu verb: The conjoint/disjoint alternation in Dynamic Syntax”
Nov 2017	Studentische Tagung Sprachwissenschaft (StuTS) 62 , Radboud Univ. Nijmegen “Fokus in Ékègùsìí und weiteren Bantusprachen aus Kenia” [in German]
Apr 2017	Undergraduate Linguistics Association of Britain (ULAB) 7 , Univ. Cambridge “I doing was fieldwork: Focus and V-Aux order in Ékègùsìí”
Apr 2016	Undergraduate Linguistics Association of Britain (ULAB) 6 , University of Aberdeen “Pronoun behaviour in Ékègùsìí, a Bantu language of South-West Kenya”
<i>Other</i>	
Nov 2025	ERC-BANG seminar series , CNRS-LLACAN “Niger-Congo constituent order alternations”
May 2025	BantUGent seminar series , Ghent University “FWO-MBAM: Preliminary fieldwork findings”
Jan 2025	BantUGent seminar series , Ghent University “OV et VO dans les langues bantoues/bantoïdes camounaises” [in French]
Nov 2024	Ghent Generative Grammar Group (G4) , Ghent University “On the roll-up account of FOFC and the generation of disharmonic word orders”
Mar 2023	Comparative Syntax (ComSyn) series , Leiden University “Tunen syntax within a structural typology of Aux-O-V word orders”
Apr 2022	LUCL PhD Symposium , Leiden University “Rethinking word order typology and some implications for theoretical syntax”
Nov 2020	LUCL PhD Symposium , Leiden University “The grammar of discontinuity”

Nov 2019	Bantu Syntax and Information Structure (BaSIS) Brainstorm Workshop , Leiden University “Dative database” “Objects in Tunen” “Case diagnostics” [with BaSIS team] “Word order” [with BaSIS team]
Nov 2019	Comparative Syntax (ComSyn) series , Leiden University “Clefts in Tunen: A biclausal account”
Nov 2019	LUCL PhD Symposium , Leiden University “Diagnosing cleft structures in Tunen”
Jul 2019	LOT summer school , University of Utrecht “Tunen numerals and specificity” [poster presentation]
Nov 2018	LUCL PhD Symposium , Leiden University “Bantu Syntax and Information Structure: Tunen and Téké” [with Zhen Li]

SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

2025	Research Foundation - Flanders (FWO) long stay abroad grant , CNRS-LLACAN (€6732)
2025	Endangered Language Fund (ELF) Language Legacies Grant (Atomb project) (€2885)
2025	Foundation for Endangered Languages (FEL) grant (Atomb project) (€953)
2024	3-year junior postdoctoral fellowship (MBAM project 1274225N, PI) , FWO (€210000)
2024	Leiden University Fund (LUF) conference travel subsidy , Leiden University (€1143)
2022	Visiting Short-Term PhD fellowship (SFB 1287/C08) , Universität Potsdam (€4200)
2022	1st place, EU Mission Arena 1: Adaptation to Climate Change , EU TalentOn (€8000) (x)
2017	SOAS Faculty of Languages and Cultures Masters Scholarship , Univ. London (£17100)
2017	The Philological Society Masters Bursary (£4000) [declined for SOAS scholarship]
2016	King’s College Scholarship , University of Cambridge (admitted as Scholar of College)
2016	Undergraduate Travel Grant, DTAL , University of Cambridge (£100)
2015	Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) Stipendium , Univ. Bonn (€850)
2015	Fieldwork Grant , King’s College, University of Cambridge (£1200)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

2025-	Editorial Board Member , Journal of Historical Syntax (x)
2025-	Bantoid syntax reading group co-organiser , CNRS-LLACAN
2025-	Diachronic and Diatopic Linguistics (ΔiaLing) talk series co-organiser , Ghent University
2025-	Ghent Generative Grammar Group (G4) talk series co-organiser , Ghent University
2018-23	Comparative Syntax (ComSyn) talk series co-organiser , Leiden University
2018-22	Bantu Syntax and Information Structure (BaSIS) reading group co-organiser , Leiden Univ.
2022	Participant , EU TalentOn: Adaptation to Climate Change (5-day event for young scientists; x)
2022	Representative of young scientists , Tweede Kamer [Dutch parliament] (1-day V-100 event; x)

2020-22	Elected member of University Council (Universiteitsraadslid) , Leiden University (2 years) - Committee Finances & Infrastructure (F&H) (2020/21, 2021/22) - Committee Staff affairs, Student affairs, and Internationalisation (PS&I) (2020/21, 2021/22) - Ad-hoc committee Strategic Plan (2021) - Crisis management/COVID-19 response group (2021/22) - Representative of Leiden University in National PhD Association (PNN) (2020/21, 2021/22)
2018-20	Board member , Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (SOLE) (x)
2018-20	PhD Council Secretary , Leiden University Centre for Linguistics
2017-18	MA Linguistics Student Representative , SOAS Faculty of Languages and Cultures
2016-18	National Vice-Chair , Undergraduate Linguistics Association of Britain (ULAB)
2016-17	Local Secretary , Undergraduate Linguistics Association of Britain (ULAB)

CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP CO-ORGANISATION

2023	Bantu Syntax and Information Structure (BaSIS) Conference , Leiden University
2021	10th World Congress of African Linguistics (WOCAL10) , Leiden University
2021	Bantu Universals and Variation (BantUniVar) Workshop, WOCAL10 , Leiden University
2021	29th Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE29) , Leiden University (Chair of organising committee)
2020	50th Colloquium on African Languages and Linguistics (CALL50) , Leiden University
2019	Bantu Syntax and Information Structure (BaSIS) Brainstorm Workshop , Leiden University
2017	7th Conference of the Undergraduate Linguistics Association of Britain (ULAB7) , University of Cambridge (Secretary of organising committee)

OUTREACH AND MEDIA

2015-	Volunteer marker (Advanced level) , United Kingdom Linguistics Olympiad (UKLO) (x)
2025	Community orthography workshop “Atelier sur l’orthographe d’Atomb”, CERDOTOLA (x)
2022	Blog post “Waarom één op een lijkt in zoveel talen”, Stemmen van Afrika [in Dutch] (x)
2022	Linguistics escape room , European City of Science Leiden2022 Africa Day [in Dutch] (x)
2022	Blog post “A day in the life of a field linguist”, Leiden Language Blog, Leiden University (x)
2021	Newspaper article on impact of travel policy on field researchers, de Mare [in Dutch] (x)
2019	Linguistics escape room , Nacht van Ontdekkingen Science Festival, Leiden [in Dutch] (x)
2017	Blog post on using computational linguistics to investigate attitudes to Kenyan elections (x)
2017	UK team member mentor , International Linguistics Olympiad (IOL) (x)

REVIEWING

(NB: This section is updated only periodically)

Articles	Afrika und Übersee (x1), Cogent Arts & Humanities (x1), Journal of African Languages and Linguistics (x3), Language in Africa (x1), Linguistics (x1 [co-review]), SKASE Journal of Theoretical Linguistics (x1), Studies in African Linguistics (x3), Zeitschrift für Sprachwissenschaft (x1)
Book chapters	Cambridge Handbook for Comparative Syntax (x1)
Book proposals	Cambridge University Press (x1)

Abstracts 29th Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE29) (x2), 10th World Congress of African Linguistics (WOCAL10) (x10)

LANGUAGES AND TECH SKILLS

Languages English (native), Dutch (CEFR C1/C2), French (CEFR C1), German (CEFR B2/C1), Swahili (intermediate), Tunen (fieldwork), Atɔmb (fieldwork), Nomaandé (fieldwork), Nyokon (fieldwork), Ékegusií (fieldwork)

Tech skills Audacity, Dative database/OLD, EasyChair, ELAN, FLEx, Google docs, ~~W~~TeX, Living Dictionaries, Microsoft Office, Praat, Python 3.5, Wordpress

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

2025- Association for Linguistic Typology (ALT)

2025- Societas Linguistica Europaea (SLE)

2024- Foundation for Endangered Languages (FEL)