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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- 2001-2005 **Ph.D.**, *Universiteit Tilburg*, Tilburg (The Netherlands), defended 5/11/2005.
Title: *Live fast, die young: The short life of Early Modern German auxiliary ellipsis*, Promoter: Prof. Henk van Riemsdijk.
- 1995-2000 **M.A.**, *Friedrich-Schiller-Universität*, Jena (Germany).
M.A. thesis: *Die Repräsentation des Dativs bei morphologischem Abbau*, Adviser: Prof. Josef Bayer, Prof. Peter Suchsland.
- 1995 **Abitur (A-levels)**, 1. *Gymnasium "Adolf Reichwein"*, Jena.

Positions held

- 2013- **Lecturer (tenure track)**, *Universiteit Gent*, Ghent (Belgium).
- 2012-2015 **Postdoctoral researcher**, *Fonds voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek – Vlaanderen (FWO)*, Ghent (Belgium).
Project: *The development of the conditional use of modal verbs in West-Germanic*; since 2013 50%
- 2010-2012 **Postdoctoral researcher**, *Universiteit Gent*, Ghent (Belgium).
FWO-Odyseus project *Layers of Structure*, PI Prof. Liliane Haegeman
- 2006-2009 **Research Associate**, *University of Cambridge*, Cambridge (UK).
AHRC project *The Development of Negation in the Languages of Europe*, PI Dr. David Willis
- 2001-2005 **Assistent in Opleiding**, *Universiteit van Tilburg*, Tilburg (The Netherlands).
Researcher in the the research group *Grammaticamodellen*, PI Prof. Henk van Riemsdijk
- 2001 **Language Engineer**, *SemanticEdge GmbH*, Berlin (Germany).

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Research projects

- 2015-2019 **Continuity or change? The post-cyclic development of preverbal negation in Continental West Germanic**, Bijzonder Onderzoeksfonds (BOF), Universiteit Gent.
Role: principal investigator
- 2014-2020 **A Parsed Corpus of Historical Low German**, infrastructure grant (399.524,00€) of the *Hercules* Foundation (since 1/2016 = FWO).
Role: co-investigator (with Liliane Haegem and Veronique Hoste)
- 2012-2015 **The development of the conditional use of modal verbs in West-Germanic**, Fonds voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek – Vlaanderen (FWO).
Role: principal investigator
- 2012-2013 **A Parsed Corpus of Historical Low German**, Small Research Grant from the British Academy.
Role: co-investigator (PI: Sheila Watts (Cambridge))

Ph.D. supervision

- 2009-2013 **Karen De Clercq** (Universiteit Gent), *A Unified Syntax of Negation* (defended 13/12/2013). Role: regular supervision; member of examining committee. Promoter: Prof. Liliane Haegeman.
- 2013-2017 **Iker Salaberri** (Universidad del País Vasco/Euskal Herriko Unibertsitatea), *Reconstructing word order in Proto-Germanic: A comparative Branching Direction Theory (BDT) analysis of Old Saxon*. Role: External Promoter, Promoter: Carlos García Castillero.
- 2014-2018 **Melissa Farasyn** (Universiteit Gent), *Agreement Phenomena in Middle Low German*. Role: Promoter.
- 2015-2019 **Elisabeth Witzenhausen** (Universiteit Gent), *Continuity or change? The post-cyclic development of preverbal negation in Continental West Germanic*. Role: Promoter.

Publications

Books as (co-)author

- 2014 The history of Low German negation. Oxford: Oxford University Press. [Oxford Studies in Diachronic and Historical Linguistics 13]
- 2005 *Live fast, die young – the short life of Early Modern German auxiliary ellipsis*. Utrecht: LOT dissertation 115.
- in prep. Breitbarth, Anne, Christopher Lucas & David Willis. *The development of negation in the languages of Europe*. Volume 2: *Patterns and Processes*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. (vol. 1 ist ein Sammelband, s.u.)

Edited volumes

- 2014 (with Ben Hermans). *Dialects in contact: changes in transitional zones*. Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press. [Taal & Tongval 66]
- 2013 (with David Willis & Christopher Lucas). *The development of negation in the languages of Europe*. Volume 1: *Case Studies*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2013 (with Karen De Clercq & Liliane Haegeman). *Polarity emphasis: distribution and locus of licensing*, Special Issue of *Lingua* 128.
- 2010 (with Christopher Lucas, Sheila Watts & David Willis). *Continuity and Change in Grammar*. Amsterdam: Benjamins.
- 2004 (with Henk van Riemsdijk). *Triggers*. Berlin/New York: Mouton de Gruyter.

Journal articles (peer-reviewed)

- 2017 (with Mariya Koleva, Melissa Farasyn, Bart Desmet & Véronique Hoste). An automatic part-of-speech tagger for Middle Low German. *International Journal of Corpus Linguistics* 22.1:108–141.
- 2016 (with Melissa Farasyn). Nullsubjekte im Mittelniederdeutschen. *Beiträge zur Geschichte der deutschen Sprache und Literatur* 138.4:524–559.
- 2016 (with Sara Delva & Torsten Leuschner). A (Very) Imperfect Sandwich: English *should* German *sollte* and Dutch *mocht* /*moest* as Grammaticalizing Markers of Conditionality. *Journal of Germanic Linguistics* 28.4:282–316.
- 2014 (with Liliane Haegeman). The distribution of preverbal *en* in (West) Flemish: syntactic and interpretive properties. *Lingua* 147: 69–86.
- 2014 Dialect contact and the speed of Jespersen's cycle in Middle Low German. *Taal & Tongval* 66.1:1–20.
- 2013 Indefinites, negation and Jespersen's Cycle in the history of Low German. *Diachronica* 30.2:171–201.
- 2011 Modality and negation in the history of Low German. *Zeitschrift für Sprachwissenschaft* 30.2:131–167.
- 2009 A hybrid approach to Jespersen's Cycle in West Germanic. *Journal of Comparative Germanic Linguistics* 12.2:81–114.
- 2006 Pragmatic aspects of Early Modern German auxiliary drop. *Leiden Papers in Linguistics* 3.1: 1–15.
- 2005 Auxiliary drop as subordination marking. *Linguistics in the Netherlands* 22:37–47.
- 2004 Auxiliary drop in Early Modern German. *Linguistics in the Netherlands* 21:36–46.
- 2002 Dative Case, Morphological Decay, and Structural Deficiency. *Linguistics in the Netherlands* 19:25–35.

Book chapters

- 2017 Jespersen's cycle = minimize structure + feature economy In: Silvio Cruscina, Katharina Hartmann & Eva-Maria Remberger (eds.), *Studies on negation : syntax, semantics, and variation*, 21-47. Göttingen: V+R unipress.
- 2014 The development of conditional *should* in English. In: Chiara Gianollo, Agnes Jäger & Doris Penka (eds.), *Language Change at the Syntax-Semantics Interface*, 293-322. Berlin: Mouton De Gruyter.
- 2013 The development of negation in Low German and Dutch. In: David Willis, Christopher Lucas & Anne Breitbarth (eds.), *The development of negation in the languages of Europe*, Vol. I: *Case studies*, 190-238. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2013 (with David Willis & Christopher Lucas). Comparing diachronies of negation. In: David Willis, Christopher Lucas & Anne Breitbarth (eds.), *The development of negation in the languages of Europe*, Vol. I: *Case studies*, 1-50. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2013 (with David Willis & Christopher Lucas). Incipient Jespersen's Cycle: the (non-)grammaticalization of new negative markers. In: Jürg Fleischer & Horst Simon (eds.), *Comparing Diachronies / Sprachwandelvergleich*, 143-164. Tübingen: Niemeyer.
- 2010 (with Liliane Haegeman). Continuity is change: The long tail of Jespersen's cycle in Flemish, In: Anne Breitbarth, Christopher Lucas, Sheila Watts & David Willis (eds.), *Continuity and Change in Grammar*, 61-76. Amsterdam: Benjamins.
- 2009 An asymmetric view on stage II of Jespersen's Cycle in the West Germanic languages, In: Monique Dufresne, Fernande Dupuis & Etleva Vocaj (eds.), *Historical Linguistics 2007: Selected papers from the 18th International Conference on Historical Linguistics, Montreal, 6-11 August 2007*, 61-71. Amsterdam: Benjamins.
- 2005 Unbearably light verbs versus finite auxiliary drop. In: Hans Broekhuis, Norbert Corver, Riny Huybregts, Ursula Kleinhenz & Jan Koster (eds.), *Organizing Grammar: Linguistic Studies in Honor of Henk van Riemsdijk*, 53-58. Berlin, New York: Mouton de Gruyter.