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About me

I am a proactive researcher and teacher with a passion for African languages and linguistics. In my research I investigate what determines how we express ourselves and what that tells us about human cognition and interaction. I believe this is best done through collaborative research. In my teaching and outreach I aim to spark enthusiasm for African languages, interactively making students think critically about bigger questions.

Academic employment

2020-current	Senior University Lecturer at Leiden University
2017-2020	University Lecturer at Leiden University
2016-2017	Lecturer on Linguistics at Harvard University
2011-2016	Research Associate at the University of Cambridge, on the ERC-funded project <i>Rethinking Comparative Syntax</i>
2012-2016	Research Fellow at Darwin College, Cambridge
2009-2011	Post-doctoral researcher at the Royal Museum for Central Africa, Tervuren (Belgium), on the Interuniversity Attraction Pole <i>Grammaticalization and (Inter)Subjectification</i>

Education

2004-2009	PhD at Leiden University; thesis <i>Word order and information structure in Makhuwa-Enahara</i>
2000-2004	MA in African linguistics at Leiden University; thesis <i>Lusoga phonology</i>

Publications

All scientific publications are openly accessible, either through open access publishing or through my personal website under [publications](#), where links to PDFs are provided. For the BaSIS project, the data underlying the findings are available, and the databases will be accessible through an archive after the end of the project.

To appear (see below for submitted/in preparation)

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Barbiers, Sjef, Guido Vanden Wyngaerd, and Jenneke van der Wal. Theoretical approaches to comparative syntax. In Maria Polinsky, Norbert Corver, and Sjef Barbiers (eds.), *The Cambridge Handbook of Comparative Syntax*.

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Bárány, András, and Jenneke van der Wal. 2022. We don't Agree (only) upwards. *Linguistic Inquiry* 53 (3): 501–521.

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Kruisdijs, Iris, Nina van der Vlugt, and Jenneke van der Wal. 2022. The insubordinated infinitive in Makhuwa-Enahara (P31) and the expression of feelings. In Jorrig Vogels & Sterre Leufkens (eds), *Linguistics in the Netherlands* 39, 122-142. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.

Van der Wal, Jenneke, and Amani Lusekelo. 2023. The V and CV augment and exhaustive focus in Kinyakyusa. *Studies in African Linguistics* 51(2), 324-346.

2021

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2020

Van der Wal, Jenneke, Heleen Smits, Sara Petrollino, Victoria Nyst, and Maarten Kossmann (eds.). 2020. *Essays on African languages and linguistics in honour of Maarten Mous*. ASCL Occasional Publication 41. Leiden: ASCL.

- Van der Wal, Jenneke. From macroparameters to nanoparameters – a comparative Bantu case study. In András Bárány, Theresa Biberauer, Jamie Douglas, and Sten Vikner (eds.), *Syntactic architecture and its consequences I: Syntax inside the grammar*, 25-60. Berlin: Language Science Press.
- Van der Wal, Jenneke. Review of Van de Velde, Mark, Koen Bostoen, Derek Nurse and Gérard Philippson (eds.), *The Bantu Languages*, second edition. London: Routledge. *Linguistic Typology* 24(2). 399-412.
- Van der Wal, Jenneke. 2020. The AWSOM correlation in comparative Bantu object marking. In Katharina Hartmann, Johannes Mursell, and Peter W. Smith (eds.), *Agree to agree: Agreement in the Minimalist Program*, 199-234. Berlin: Language Science Press.
- Van der Wal, Jenneke, and Allen Asiimwe. 2020. The residue of the conjoint/disjoint alternation in Rukiga. *Studies in African Linguistics* 49(1). 43-59.

2019

- Ahn, Dorothy, and Jenneke van der Wal. 2019. What does that Lugwere demonstrative refer to? A semantic analysis of proximity and exteriority. *Studies in African Linguistics* 48(1). 1-24.
- Holmberg, Anders, Michelle Sheehan, and Jenneke van der Wal. 2019. Movement from the double object construction is not fully symmetrical. *Linguistic Inquiry* 50(4). 677-721.

2018

- Sheehan, Michelle and Jenneke van der Wal. 2018. Evidence for nominal licensing in caseless languages. *Journal of Linguistics* 54. 527-589.

2017

- Van der Wal, Jenneke and Larry Hyman (eds). 2017. *The conjoint/disjoint alternation in Bantu*. Trends in Linguistics series. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter.
- Van der Wal, Jenneke. What is the conjoint/disjoint alternation? Parameters of crosslinguistic variation. In Jenneke van der Wal and Larry Hyman (eds), *The conjoint/disjoint alternation in Bantu*, 14-60. Trends in Linguistics series. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter.
- Gibson, Hannah, Andriana Koumbarou, Lutz Marten and Jenneke van der Wal. 2017. Locating the Bantu conjoint/disjoint alternation in a typology of focus marking. In Jenneke van der Wal and Larry Hyman (eds), *The conjoint/disjoint alternation in Bantu*, 61-99. Trends in Linguistics series. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter.
- Van der Wal, Jenneke. 2017. Flexibility in symmetry: An implicational relation in Bantu double object constructions. In Michelle Sheehan and Laura R. Bailey (eds.), *Order and structure in syntax II: Subjecthood and argument structure*, 115–152. Berlin: Language Science Press.

2016

- Van der Wal, Jenneke. 2016. Diagnosing focus. *Studies in Language* 40(2), 259-301.
- Sheehan, Michelle and Jenneke van der Wal. 2016. Do we need abstract Case? In Kyeongmin Kim et al. (eds), *Proceedings of the 33rd West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, 351-360. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project.

Van der Wal, Jenneke and Saudah Namyalo. 2016. The interaction of two focus marking strategies in Luganda. In Doris L. Payne, Sara Pacchiarotti & Mokaya Bosire (eds.), *Diversity in African languages*, 355–377. Berlin: Language Science Press.

2015

Van der Wal, Jenneke and Jacky Maniacky. 2015. How ‘person’ got into focus. *Linguistics* 53(1), 1-52.

Van der Wal, Jenneke. 2015. Information structure, (inter)subjectivity and objectification. *Journal of Linguistics* 14(2), 425-464.

Van der Wal, Jenneke and Tonjes Veenstra. 2015. The long and short of verb alternations in Mauritian Creole and Bantu languages. *Folia Linguistica* 49(1), 85-116.

Van der Wal, Jenneke. 2015. A note on the (non-existing) passive in Matengo. *Linguistique et Langues Africaines* 1, 81-98.

Van der Wal, Jenneke. 2015. Evidence for abstract Case in Bantu. *Lingua* 165, 109-132.

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Van der Wal, Jenneke. 2015. Bantu object clitics as defective goals. *Revue Roumaine de Linguistique* LX(2-3), 277-296.

2014

Devos, Maud and Jenneke van der Wal (eds). 2014. *COME and GO off the beaten grammaticalization path*. Berlin: De Gruyter.

Van der Wal, Jenneke. 2014. Tests for focus. In Dina El Zarka and Steffen Heidinger (eds), *Grazer Linguistischer Studien*, 105-134.

Van der Wal, Jenneke. 2014. Subordinate clauses and exclusive focus in Makhuwa. In Rik van Gijn, Jeremy Hammond, Dejan Matić, Saskia van Putten & Ana Vilacy Galucio (eds), *Information structure and reference tracking in complex sentences*, 45-70. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.

Marten, Lutz and Jenneke van der Wal. 2014. A typology of Bantu subject inversion. *Linguistic Variation* 14(2), 318-368.

2013

Van der Wal, Jenneke. 2013. (Inter)subjectification and demonstratives as pragmatic particles. *Journal of Historical Pragmatics*, 1-44.

2012

Van der Wal, Jenneke. 2012. Location, time, condition: grammaticalisation of a demonstrative in Makhuwa. *Africana Linguistica* XVIII, 235-259.

Kavari, Jekura, Lutz Marten and Jenneke van der Wal. 2012. Tone cases in Otjiherero: head-complement relations, linear order, and information structure. *Africana Linguistica* XVIII, 315-353.

Van der Wal, Jenneke. 2012. Subject agreement and the EPP in Bantu Agreeing Inversion. *Cambridge Occasional Papers in Linguistics* 6, 201-236.

2011

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- Buell, Leston, Kristina Riedel and Jenneke van der Wal. 2011. What the Bantu languages can tell us about word order and movement. *Lingua* 121(5), 689-701.
- Buell, Leston, Kristina Riedel and Jenneke van der Wal (eds). 2011. *Movement and word order in Bantu*. Special issue of *Lingua* 121(5).

2010

- Van der Wal, Jenneke. 2010. The Makhuwa non-subject relative as a participial modifier. *Journal of African Languages and Linguistics* 31(2), 205-231.
- Van der Wal, Jenneke. 2010. Functions of demonstratives in Makhuwa narratives. *Africana Linguistica* XVI, 183-213.
- Devos, Maud and Jenneke van der Wal. 2010. 'Go' on a rare grammaticalisation path to focus. In Rick Nouwen and Jacqueline van Kampen, *Linguistics in the Netherlands* 27, 45-58. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
- Van der Wal, Jenneke. 2010. Review of 'Information structure, meaning and form', edited by Kerstin Schwabe and Susanne Winkler. *Linguistische Berichte* 222, 253-256.

2009

- Van der Wal, Jenneke. 2009. *Word order and information structure in Makhuwa-Enahara*. Utrecht: LOT.

2008

- Van der Wal, Jenneke. 2008. Agreement inthetic sentences in Bantu and Romance. In Cécile De Cat and Katherine Demuth (eds), *The Bantu-Romance connection. A comparative investigation of verbal agreement, DPs and information structure*, 323-350. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.

2006

- Van der Wal, Jenneke. 2006. Predicative tone lowering in Makhuwa. 2006. In Jeroen van de Weijer, and Bettelou Los (eds), *Linguistics in the Netherlands* 23, 224-236. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
- Van der Wal, Jenneke. 2006. The disjoint verb form and an empty Immediate After Verb position in Makhuwa. In Downing, Laura, Lutz Marten and Sabine Zerbian (eds), *ZASPIL* 43, 233-256.

Submitted

- Simon Msovela, Jenneke van der Wal, and Amani Lusekelo. Subject inversion in Kinyakyusa.
- Van der Wal, Jenneke. How to find information structure. In Stavros Skopeteas, Firmin Ahoua, and Dafydd Gibbon (eds.), *Linguistic Fieldwork and Language Documentation, A Course Book on Foundational and Advanced Skills*.

In preparation

- González, Paz, Jenneke van der Wal, Claudia Berruti, Victor van Doorn, Irina Morozova, Jai von Raesfeld Meyer, Thomas Vorisek. Using virtual reality for linguistic fieldwork.
- Kerr, Elisabeth, and Jenneke van der Wal. Indirect truth marking through degrees of backgrounding: evidence from Bantu.
- Lipták, Anikó, and Jenneke van der Wal. Gapping in Makhuwa-Enahara.

Van der Wal, Jenneke, and Kyle Jerro. A contrastive topic analysis of Bantu predicate doubling.

Verdonschot, Rinus, Jenneke van der Wal, Birgit Knudsen, Ashley Lewis, Sarah Von Grebmer zu Wolfsturn, Niels O. Schiller, Peter Hagoort. The processing of morphosyntactic focus: an EEG study on Makhuwa-Enahara.

Van der Wal, Jenneke (ed.), The expression of information structure in Bantu. Book proposal accepted for Contemporary African Linguistics series of Language Science Press.

Van der Wal, Jenneke, Allen Asiimwe, Patrick Kanampiu, Elisabeth Kerr, Zhen Li, Amani Lusekelo, Nelsa Nhantumbo, Ernest Nshemezimana. Introduction to the volume 'The expression of information structure in Bantu'.

Asiimwe, Allen, and Jenneke van der Wal. The expression of information structure in Rukiga.

Kanampiu, Patrick, and Jenneke van der Wal. The expression of information structure in Kĩitharaka.

Lusekelo, Amani, Jenneke van der Wal, and Simon Msovela. The expression of information structure in Kinyakyusa.

Nhantumbo, Nelsa, and Jenneke van der Wal. The expression of information structure in Cicopi.

Nshemezimana, Ernest, and Jenneke van der Wal. The expression of information structure in Kirundi.

Van der Wal, Jenneke. The expression of information structure in Makhuwa-Enahara.

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Administrative functions and academic service

2021-present	Member of Steering Committee Leiden African Studies Assembly (LeidenASA).
2021-present	Organisor of the Descriptive Linguistics research group at LUCL.
2019-present	Representative of the AVT in the General Assembly of the Comité International Permanent de Linguists (CIPL).
2018-present	Secretary of the Algemene Vereniging voor Taalwetenschap (AVT , Dutch Linguistics Association)
2022	Thinktank Humanities Campus, FGW Leiden University.
2021	Committee Cluster Noord, FGW Leiden University.
2021	Committee Contractverlengingen Covid-19, FGW Leiden University.
2015	Committee member for Adrian Research Fellowship competition, Darwin College Cambridge.
2012-2016	Member of the Education and Research Committee at Darwin College Cambridge.
2013-2014	Member of the Finance Committee at Darwin College Cambridge.
2007- 2008	Member of the University Council of Leiden University, and chair of the PhD fraction.
2003-2004	Secretary of the Education committee of the African Linguistics department, Leiden.
2015-2018	External project advisor for Leverhulme project 'Morphosyntactic variation in Bantu: typology, contact and change' (Principal Investigator Lutz Marten, SOAS).

2013	Guest researcher at the University of Potsdam (in the project of Gisbert Fanselow).
2010	Guest researcher at the Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, Berlin (with Tonjes Veenstra).
2019-present	Member of Editorial Board of <i>Linguistic Variation</i> .
2017-present	Member of Editorial Board of <i>Syntax</i> .
2009-2012	Editor of <i>Africana Linguistica</i> .
2006-2008	Editor of the Leiden Working Papers in Linguistics.
2006-present	Peer reviewing of manuscripts for journals, including: Syntax, Linguistic Inquiry, Natural Language and Linguistic Theory, Lingua, Glossa, Linguistic Variation, Linguistics, Journal of Linguistics, Studies in Language, The Linguistic Review, <i>Africana Linguistica</i> , Journal of African Languages and Linguistics, Proceedings of ACAL, Studies in African Linguistics, Linguistique et Langues Africaines, Stellenbosch Papers in Linguistics, South African Journal of African Linguistics.
2014-present	Peer reviewing of proposals for British Academy, Research Foundation Flanders (FWO), Leverhulme Foundation, FWF Austrian Science Fund, US National Science Foundation.
2022	External assessor Tenure procedure University of Toronto.

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Professional development

May 2022	Active bystander training, FGW Leiden University.
August 2021	Online course <i>Leadership at FGW</i> .
Autumn 2019	Course <i>Situational Leadership</i> , by Aletta Wubben at Leiden University.
Autumn 2018	Course <i>Supervising PhD candidates</i> , HRM Learning and Development, Leiden University.
30 Nov 2018	Training <i>Basic project management</i> , HRM Learning and Development, Leiden University.
24 Nov 2015	Training <i>Undergraduate admissions</i> , Personal and Professional Development, University of Cambridge.
Autumn 2014	Course <i>Becoming a research leader</i> , Leadership Foundation, at the Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Cambridge.
21 May 2014	Training <i>MBTI: Understanding Personality in a Research Environment</i> , Personal and Professional Development, University of Cambridge.
February 2014	Training <i>Making the most of meetings</i> , Personal and Professional Development, University of Cambridge
February 2013	Training <i>Solving research problems creatively</i> , Personal and Professional Development, University of Cambridge.

- May 2012 Training *Effective Research Presentations*, Personal and Professional Development, University of Cambridge.
- October 2011 Training *Undergraduate supervisions*, Personal and Professional Development, University of Cambridge.
- September 2008 Training *Effective Time Management*, Leiden University.
- Spring 2007 Course *Effective Teaching in Higher Education*, ICLON, Leiden University.
- Spring 2006 Course *Writing Academic English*, Leiden University.

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Grants and awards

- 2022 Leiden University Centre for Digital Humanities Small Grant to pilot the use of VR in fieldwork, with Paz González.
- 2019 African Studies Assembly grant for a Field School in Kenya, with Peter Muriungi (Tharaka University College, Kenya).
- 2017 NWO grant Vidi (Innovational Research Incentives Scheme). Project *Bantu Syntax and Information Structure* (BaSIS).
- 2017 Derek Bok Teaching and Learning Centre (Harvard) Certificate of Excellence in Teaching
- 2016 LUCL grant *Profile Area Language Diversity*, Leiden University Centre for Linguistics (declined).
- 2014 SLE 47th Annual Meeting - Best presentation by a postdoctoral researcher, second prize.
- 2014 Alborada Trust grant for cooperation with Dr Saudah Namyalo (Makerere University, Uganda). Project 'The morphosyntax of information structure in Luganda'.
- 2011 Grant for a short stay abroad from Fonds Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek Vlaanderen (FWO).
- 2008 Grant for conference travel from Leiden University Fund (LUF).

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Linguistics teaching

In 2019, I obtained the Dutch higher education basic teaching qualification (basiskwalificatie onderwijs). Recently (2022-23), I was nominated for the Leiden University Student Platform [Teaching Prize](#).

Summerschools

- 13 June-2 July 2022 Co-organiser and instructor of the *Linguistics In Malawi Experience*, a three-week field school for collaborative linguistic fieldwork with students from Leiden University and the University of Malawi. See the [website](#).
- 5-25 January 2020 Co-organiser and instructor of the *Linguistics In Kenya Experience*, a three-week field school for collaborative linguistic fieldwork with students from Leiden University, Tharaka University College, and Chuka University. See the [news report](#) and [website](#).

- 6-10 August 2018 University of Abidjan, course *Investigating information structure in the field* (invited by the project 'La Langue en Contexte: Documentation, Description, Application'), partly taught in French.
- 17-22 June 2018 Potsdam Summerschool *Limits of variability in language*, course *Variation in Bantu morphosyntax*.

Leiden University

- Autumn 2022 *Topic A Information structure*, ResMA Linguistics.
- Nov 2022 Scientific integrity for PhD candidates, descriptive linguistics session.
- Spring 2022, 2023 Co-coordinator and instructor *Samples of linguistic structure* (2 intro classes, 4 classes on Makhuwa), ResMA Linguistics (with Martine Bruil).
- Autumn 2021, 2022, 2023 *Diversity Linguistics*, MA linguistics (co-taught with Marian Klamer & Martine Bruil).
- Autumn 2019 *Topic A Information structure*, ResMA Linguistics (co-taught with Elisabeth Kerr).
- Autumn 2018 *Taaltypologie*, BA Linguistics.
- Spring 2018 *Syntaxis 1*, BA Linguistics.
- Autumn 2007 Third-year course *Vorm en betekenis* (form and meaning), BA Linguistics

Harvard University

- Spring 2017 Ling 117r *Field methods* course on Lugwere, graduate.
- Spring 2017 Ling 156 *Structure of Bantu*, undergraduate+graduate.
- Autumn 2016 Ling 148 *Language universals*, graduate.
- Autumn 2016 Ling 102 *Sentence structure*, undergraduate.
- Autumn 2016 Reading group on Focus and Features.

University of Cambridge

- 2015-2016 Fieldwork seminar undergraduate and graduate students (with Joe Perry) on Manange.
- 2014-2015 Supervision second and third year students for Li17 *Language Typology*.
- Autumn 2014 Supervision first year students Li2 *Structures and Meanings* (Introduction to syntax).
- Autumn 2014 Lectures Li17 *Language typology*.
- 2013/2014 Supervisions 2nd and 3rd year students for Li17 *Language Typology*.
- Autumn 2013 Coordinator and lecturer of Li2 *Structures and meanings* (Introduction to syntax).
- January 2013 Lectures Li17 *Language typology*.
- Autumn 2012 Coordinator and lecturer of Li2 *Structures and meanings* (introduction to syntax).
- 2012-2013 Supervisions second year Li17 *Language typology*.
- Spring 2012 Supervisions first year *Structures and Meanings* (semantics/pragmatics part).
- Spring 2012 Lectures in MPhil seminar on null arguments.
- Autumn 2011 Lectures Li2 *Structures and Meanings* (Introduction to syntax).

Other

- 2020, 2021 Invited for a video mini class in the [online experience for linguistics](#) at Leiden University, as well as the 'matching' (together with recruitment team: developing class, writing script, recording video in studio, developing test questions).
- Autumn 2021 Reading group *New developments in (Bantu) syntax*
- Spring 2021 Reading group *Northwestern Bantu*
- Spring 2020 Reading group *Syntactic features of information structure and Case*
- Spring 2019 Reading group *Information structure and Bantu languages*
- Autumn 2018 Reading group *Definiteness, specificity and (their influence on) information structure*
(see [overview reading groups](#) on the BaSIS site)
- August 2010 *Introduction à la structure informationnelle* (whole day for PhD and staff), Royal Museum for Central Africa, Tervuren.

Transferrable skills teaching

- Autumn 2021 Topic B *Academic skills*, sessions on presentation skills, MA Linguistics LUCL.
- October 2019 PhD students workshop *How to not procrastinate*, LUCL.
- May 2017 Graduate students workshop *How to not procrastinate*, Department of Linguistics, Harvard University.
- 2015-2016 Professional skills workshops *How to not procrastinate* and *How to stay confident in Cambridge*, Darwin College Cambridge.
- May 2016 *Managing procrastination*, University of Cambridge Researcher Development Programme.
- January 2016 MPhil training *Presentation skills*, DTAL Cambridge.
PhD training *How to not procrastinate*, DTAL Cambridge.
- September 2015 LAGB Summer School training *How to not procrastinate: understand your motivations for procrastination and effectively manage them*.
- 2014-2015 Professional skills workshops *How to give an effective presentation* and *How to not procrastinate*, Darwin College Cambridge.
- November 2014 PhD training seminar *How to write a good abstract*, DTAL Cambridge.
- February 2014 Professional skills workshop *How to not procrastinate*, Darwin College Cambridge.
- Jan/Feb 2013 PhD training seminars *Presenting research without losing your audience* and *Visual support in presentations*, Darwin College Cambridge.
- January 2013 PhD seminar *The worst powerpoint ever*, DTAL Cambridge.
- February 2012 PhD training seminar *How to write a good abstract* together with John Williams, DTAL Cambridge.

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Outreach

2019-current	Editor of Dutch website Stemmen van Afrika (Voices of Africa).
2013-current	Author of various posts on Stemmen van Afrika.
2022	<i>Taboetaal</i> – Wetenschapsfestival Stedelijk Gymnasium Den Bosch.
2022	Interview Radio Weetlust (Leiden City of Science 2022).
2022	Virtual visit class 4 primary school NSV2 for their theme <i>Around the world</i> , from Malawi.
2021	Online escape game at Stemmen van Afrika.
2021	<i>Het Makhuwa mysterie</i> – Wetenschapsfestival Stedelijk Gymnasium Den Bosch.
2020	<i>Taalkundig veldwerk: Bantoe en de arrogantiehierarchie</i> – Wetenschapsfestival Stedelijk Gymnasium Den Bosch.
2019	<i>Escape from Linguistics</i> – escape room with African language puzzles at the Nacht van Ontdekkingen , Leiden.
2019	<i>Wat onmogelijke talen ons kunnen vertellen over menselijke Taal</i> - talk at Wijhese Heeren Sociëteit.
2016	<i>Linguistic fieldwork puzzles in African languages</i> - Insight event, Cambridge Admissions Office, Sidney Sussex College.
2016	<i>Bantu objects and the arrogance hierarchy</i> - Linguistics Masterclass at Corpus Christi College Cambridge.
2015	<i>The youths on the wheel</i> - interactive talk on Ugandan youth language, with Saudah Namyalo, Festival of Ideas, University of Cambridge.
2012, '13, '14	<i>Linguistics</i> with ReCoS at the Festival of Ideas, University of Cambridge - Family Fortunes, Who wants to be a millionaire and Blockbusters with linguistics questions.
2014	<i>Puzzles and patterns in language</i> - interactive talk on English, Beja and Makhuwa, with ReCoS team.
2013	<i>Frontiers of linguistic fieldwork</i> - interactive talk on Bantu object markers, with András Bárány, at the Festival of Ideas, University of Cambridge.
2008	Presentation about African languages at the <i>Dag van de Talen</i> (Day of Languages) at a primary school.

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Supervision

In June 2021, I was granted the *ius promovendi* at Leiden University.

Elisabeth Kerr	PhD dissertation <i>Information structure in Tunen</i> (ongoing), Leiden University. Co-supervised with Maarten Mous.
Zhen Li	PhD dissertation <i>Information structure in Teke-Kukuya</i> (ongoing), Leiden University. Co-supervised with Maarten Mous.
Rich Boutwell	PhD dissertation <i>A grammar of Ncane</i> (completed 2020), Leiden University. Co-supervised with Maarten Mous.
Tim Bazalgette	PhD dissertation <i>Algorithmic acquisition of focus parameters</i> (completed 2015), University of Cambridge. Co-supervised with Ian Roberts and Theresa Biberauer.
David Iorio	PhD dissertation <i>Subject and object marking in Bembe</i> (completed 2014), University of Newcastle. Co-supervised with Anders Holmberg.

Glen Homann	BA <i>Object doubling in Xitsonga</i> (ongoing), Leiden University.
Jesper Tittse	BA <i>Predicate doubling in Chitumbuka</i> (ongoing), Leiden University.
Iris Kruijsdijk	ResMA <i>The Kimbugwe noun class system and its interaction with semantics</i> (completed 2022, <i>cum laude</i>), Leiden University.
Elizabeth Kujath	MA <i>Copular constructions in Makhwua-Enahara</i> (completed 2022), Leiden University.
Melle Groen	BA <i>Predicate-centred focus in Kiambu</i> (completed 2020, <i>cum laude</i>), Leiden University.
Martha Wechsler	MPhil <i>Case assignment in applicative, causative, and double object constructions</i> (completed 2016), University of Cambridge.
Rodrigo Ranero	MPhil <i>The syntax of dislocated objects in Luganda</i> , University of Cambridge (completed 2015), University of Cambridge.

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Examination

I have been a second reader or examiner for various BA, MA, ResMA and Mphil theses at different institutions. I was in the jury of the following PhD theses:

Astrid van Alem	<i>Life of Phi</i> , Leiden University, 2023.
Erika Just	<i>A functional approach to differential indexing – combining perspectives from typology and corpus linguistics</i> , Leiden University, 2022.
Henry Fominyam	<i>Aspects of Awing grammar and information structure</i> , University of Potsdam, 2021.
Andreas Joswig	<i>The Majang language</i> , Leiden University, 2019.
Raed Al-Janabi	<i>Ditransitives in Iraqi Arabi and English</i> , University of Newcastle, 2019.
Franca Wesseling	<i>There is more</i> (on Dutch expletive ‘er’), Utrecht University, 2018.
Ana Gauché	<i>A relevance-theoretic analysis of selected South African English pragmatic markers and their cultural significance</i> , Stellenbosch University, 2017.

Mentoring

Molly Rolfs	MEiN programme Konstanz University, 2023
Zorica Puškar	Leibniz mentoring programme, 2019-2020
András Bárány	2017-2020

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Invited lectures

April 2023	Invited to the seminar on information structure, Leuven (Karen Lahousse).
29 March 2023 (declined)	Invited guest lecture at NYU (Chris Collins). Invited as plenary speaker for the 2 nd conference on Adverbial clauses, Cologne.
(declined)	Invited for workshop <i>The theory and historical developments of expletives</i> , Bochum.

- 25 January 2022 We don't Agree (only) upwards. Invited in Konstanz, together with András Bárány.
- 2 November 2021 The RANDOM: a striking correlation in Bantu object marking. Invited at Linguistics Colloquium Düsseldorf (Kilu von Prince).
- 11 August 2021 Collaborative linguistics: experiences from the BaSIS project. Keynote speaker at 2nd meeting of the Linguistics Association of East Africa.
- 31 May 2021 Information structure as A-syntax. Invited at Move and Agree forum, McGill & UBC.
- 24 April 2021 Exclusive focus and givenness: How Eastern Bantu languages have their cake and eat it. Invited at workshop *Syntactic asymmetries in African languages*, Potsdam.
- 1 March 2021 Information structure and nominal licensing. Invited at the General Linguistics Seminar, University of Oxford.
- 8-9 Nov.2018 The phoenix probe. Plenary speaker at workshop *Multiple Agreement across Domains*, ZAS Berlin.
- 4 June 2018 Bantu split agreement alignment. Invited to the Linguistics Colloquium at Frankfurt University.
- 22 February 2018 Max Planck Institute Nijmegen.
- 6-8 September 2017 Resetting object marking parameters in Bantu. Plenary speaker at Diachronic Generative Syntax (DiGS) conference, Stellenbosch University.
- 3 May 2017 Investigating focus marking in Luganda and Lingala. Invited for Bantu Workshop. McGill University, Montréal.
- 30 March - 2 April 2017 The need for an alternative system of nominal licensing in Bantu. Keynote speaker at the Annual Conference on African Linguistics. Indiana University
- 11 January 2017 The AWSOM and RANDOM in Bantu object marking. Invited for the IGRA Colloquium series, University of Leipzig.
- 29 November 2016 The need for an alternative system of nominal licensing in Bantu. Invited for job interview presentation at the University of Oxford.
- 18 November 2016 Beyond the cracks in the system: An alternative system of Case licensing in Bantu. Invited at the University of Minnesota.
- 10 November 2016 On the elicitation of focus and information structure in fieldwork. Invited at the Fieldwork Group, Harvard University and MIT.
- 5-8 July 2016 Two reasons to be suspicious of surface form-meaning mapping in focus constructions. Invited at conference 'The semantics of African, Asian and Austronesian languages'. University of Tübingen.
- 12-13 November 2016 Idioms and Bantu syntax. Invited at workshop on idioms. University of Potsdam.
- 5-6 November 2015 What you see is (not) what you get: on the interface between information structure and syntax. Keynote speaker at the Manchester Forum in Linguistics, University of Manchester.
- 12 February 2015 How to elicit information structure in fieldwork? An illustration from focus strategies in Luganda. Invited at the Fieldwork Forum, University of California at Berkeley.
- 5 February 2015 Disentangling focus constructions in Luganda. Invited at the Linguistics Society of Cambridge.

28-29 March 2014	Morphological marking of term focus. Keynote speaker at Workshop on information structure in head-marking languages, Max Planck Institute, Nijmegen.
12-15 June 2013	A typology of Bantu subject inversion (with Lutz Marten). Plenary lecture, Bantu 5, Paris.
4 June 2013	Structuring parameters in comparative Bantu subject inversion. Invited at University of Potsdam.
5 March 2013	Subordinate clauses and exclusive focus in Makhuwa: no independent information structure? Invited at the Institute for Linguistics and Language Studies, University of Manchester.
15 February 2012	Subordinate clauses and focus in Makhuwa. Invited at Newcastle University.
29 October 2011	Focus on conjugations: conjoint and disjoint verb forms in Bantu. Invited at the 6th South of England LFG meeting, London.
3 August 2011	Focus encoded in grammar: the case of Bantu verb forms. Invited at Nagoya University, Nagoya.

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Conference organisation

June 2023	Co-organiser of BaSIS conference, Leiden/hybrid.
October 2021	Co-organiser of online workshop on <i>Mirativity and evidentiality in Bantu languages</i> , with Hannah Gibson.
June 2021	Co-organiser of WOCAL 10, Leiden/hybrid.
June 2021	Co-organiser of workshop <i>Bantunivar</i> on universals and variation in Bantu languages, at WOCAL 10, Leiden/hybrid.
June 2021	Co-organiser of workshop on <i>Definiteness in Bantu languages</i> , with Eva-Marie Bloom-Ström, Allen Asiiimwe, and Jochen Zeller, at Bantu 8, Essex.
July 2018	Co-organiser of workshop <i>Information structure in Bantu languages</i> , with Allen Asiiimwe, at Sintu 7, Cape Town.
June 2016	Organisator of workshop <i>Bantu Objects and Object Marking</i> (BOOM!), at Bantu 6, Helsinki.
May 2016	Co-organiser of the fifth Cambridge Comparative Syntax conference (CamCoS 5).
Sept 2015	Co-organiser of themed session <i>Differential marking: implications for Case and Agree</i> at the 48 th meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea, Leiden.
May 2015	Co-organiser of the fourth Cambridge Comparative Syntax conference (CamCoS 4).
Jan 2015	Co-organiser of Comparative Syntax workshop with University of York (CoSy 3).
Nov 2014	Co-organiser of the workshop <i>Syntactic Variation</i> , Bucharest.
May 2014	Co-organiser of the third Cambridge Comparative Syntax conference (CamCoS 3).
Feb 2014	Co-organiser of Comparative Syntax workshop with University of York (CoSy 2).

Dec 2013	Initiator and co-organiser of Comparative Syntax workshop with University of York (CoSy).
October 2013	Co-organiser of workshop <i>Comparative syntax of English</i> , Darwin College, Cambridge.
August 2013	Co-organiser of themed session <i>Subtypes of thetic expressions in a comparative perspective</i> within Annual meeting of the LAGB.
May 2013	Co-organiser of the second Cambridge Comparative Syntax conference (CamCoS 2).
August 2012	Co-organiser of workshop <i>Parametric variation in discourse-configurationality</i> within 45th meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea, Stockholm, Sweden.
May 2012	Co-organiser of the first <i>Cambridge Comparative Syntax</i> conference (CamCoS 1).
Sept 2011	Co-organiser of workshop <i>Come and go off the beaten grammaticalisation path</i> within 44th meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea, Logroño, Spain.
March 2009	Organiser of the workshop <i>Inversion constructions in Bantu</i> , Tervuren.
March 2008	Co-organiser of the conference <i>Movement and word order in Bantu</i> , Leiden.

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Fieldwork

July 2022	Fieldwork on Makhuwa at Ilha de Moçambique, Mozambique. Support in EEG experiment at Ilha de Moçambique, Mozambique.
June 2022	Elicitation sessions on Emihavani, Zomba, Malawi.
November 2020	Fieldwork on Nyakyusa in Kiwira, Tanzania, with Amani Lusekelo and Simon Msovela.
December 2019	Fieldwork on Kĩĩtharaka in Marimanti, Kenya, with Patrick Kanampiu.
August 2019	Fieldwork on Makhuwa at Ilha de Moçambique, Mozambique.
July 2019	Fieldwork on Copi in Chidenguele, Mozambique, with Nelsa Nhantumbo.
June 2019	Fieldwork on Changana in Magude, Mozambique, with Aurélio Simango.
January 2019	Fieldwork on Rukiga in Kabale, Uganda, with Allen Asiimwe.
Spring 2017	Data collection and field methods class on Lugwere, Cambridge MA.
August 2014	Fieldwork on Luganda in Kampala and Masaka, Uganda, with Saudah Namyalo.
2013	Data collection on Matengo at the Institute of Education UCL, London.
March 2011	Fieldwork on Makhuwa at Ilha de Moçambique, Mozambique.
Jan-Feb 2008	Fieldwork on Makhuwa at Ilha de Moçambique, Mozambique.
Sept-Dec 2006	Fieldwork on Makhuwa at Ilha de Moçambique, Mozambique.
Apr-Sept 2005	Fieldwork on Makhuwa at Ilha de Moçambique, Mozambique.
Summer 2003	Fieldwork on Lusoga in Jinja, Uganda.

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Language skills

Swahili and Makhuwa have a competing competence; my passive German is better than active; I use French, Portuguese, and English regularly in my work with African colleagues (and English also in teaching); and Dutch is my native language.

October 2020	Lessons Swahili via Italki.
March-Apr 2020	Lessons French via Italki.
April-June 2019	Lessons Portuguese via Italki.
Autumn 2010	Course 'French at work', level B1, training institute of the Belgian federal government (OFO/IFA, Brussels).
February 2005	Intensive course Portuguese, University of Coimbra (Portugal).
July 2002	Advanced course Swahili, Zanzibar (Tanzania).

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