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- Research and teaching
Interests
- o* variation studies (synchronic & diachronic)
 - o* probabilistic grammar
 - o* sociolinguistics and register analysis
 - o* language complexity
 - o* geolinguistics, dialectology & dialectometry, and dialect typology
 - o* learner language
- Education
- o* 2011
University of Freiburg
Post-doctoral degree ('Habilitation') in English Philology
Post-doctoral dissertation title: *The geolinguistics of grammatical variability in traditional British English dialects: A large-scale frequency-based study*
 - o* 2002–2005
University of Freiburg
PhD (*summa cum laude*) in English Linguistics
PhD dissertation title: *Persistence Phenomena in the Grammar of Spoken English*
 - o* 1996–2002
University of Freiburg
Magister Artium (M.A.) in English Philology
minors: Political Science and Economic Policy
Master's thesis title: *The Expression of Future Time Reference in Present Day English*
 - o* 1999–2000
Georgetown University, The Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Washington, D.C.
Visiting student; studied Linguistics, American Literature, Public Policy, Government.
- Employment
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Professor (*hoogleraar*)
Department of Linguistics
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- o 2018-2022
Associate professor
 Department of Linguistics
 KU Leuven
- o 2013–2018
Assistant professor
 Department of Linguistics
 KU Leuven
- o 2012–2013
Lecturer in English Linguistics (tenured)
 Linguistics and English Language
 The University of Manchester
- o 2005–2012
Postdoc (various positions)
 University of Freiburg
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Research Assistant (predoc)
 English Department
 University of Freiburg

- Fellowships
- o July 2019
Fellow
 Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies (FRIAS)
 University of Freiburg, Germany
 - o April 2018
Distinguished research fellow
 Research School of the Humanities and the Arts, College of Arts and Sciences (also partly funded by the ARC Centre of Excellence for the Dynamics of Language)
 Australian National University (Canberra), Australia
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Short-term fellow
 Universitärer Forschungsschwerpunkt ‘Sprache und Raum’
 University of Zurich, Switzerland
 - o 2008–2012
Junior Fellow
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Relatively complex or relatively simple? Toward new ways of analyzing language variation
 Main applicant and PI
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How much does meaning matter? A fresh look at grammatical alternations
 Main applicant and PI, with Hubert Cuyckens, Stefania Marzo & Dirk Speelman
 Funded by the Research Foundation Flanders (FWO) (grant # G044721N)
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Broadening the theoretical and methodological scope of translation and interpreting studies: towards an interdisciplinary language-contact framework
 FWO scientific research network member (coordinator: Gert De Sutter)
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Linguistic variation in postcolonial contexts (LiVaPoCo): historical, social and contact linguistic perspectives
 Scientific research network member (coordinator: Pekka Posio)
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The register-specificity of probabilistic grammatical knowledge in English and Dutch
 Main applicant and PI, with Jason Grafmiller and Freek Van de Velde
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Nephological Semantics: Using token clouds for meaning detection in variationist linguistics
 Co-PI with Dirk Geeraerts, Dirk Speelman & Stefania Marzo
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 e 1,271,200
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Frontiers of Language Variety
 Scientific research network member (coordinator: John Nerbonne)
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Exploring probabilistic grammar(s) in varieties of English around the world
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 e 856,260

Publications

- Monographs
- o Benedikt Szmrecsanyi & Jason Grafmiller (under contract). *Syntactic Variation in English around the World: Quantitative methods and Comparative Analysis*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
 - o Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (2013). *Grammatical Variation in British English Dialects: A Study in Corpus-Based Dialectometry* (Series: Studies in English Language). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
 {reviewed by James A. Walker in *ICAME Journal* 38, 2014, 216–220}
 {reviewed by Warren Maguire in *Language* 90(4), 2014, 983–986}
 {reviewed by Sali A. Tagliamonte in *Diachronica* 31(4), 2014, 579–583}

{ reviewed by Luke A Rudge in LINGUIST List 26.3841, 2015 }
 { reviewed by James Stanford in *English Language and Linguistics* 22(1), 183-191 }

- o Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (2006). *Morphosyntactic Persistence in Spoken English. A Corpus Study at the Intersection of Variationist Sociolinguistics, Psycholinguistics, and Discourse Analysis* (Series: Trends in Linguistics. Studies and Monographs [TiLSM] 177). Berlin/New York: Mouton de Gruyter.
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Edited volumes and special issues

- o Jason Grafmiller, Benedikt Szmrecsanyi, Melanie Röthlisberger & Benedikt Heller (eds.) (2017). “Special collection on Probabilistic grammars: Syntactic variation in a comparative perspective”. *Glossa: a journal of general linguistics*.
- o Benedikt Szmrecsanyi & Bernhard Wälchli (eds.) (2014). *Aggregating dialectology, typology, and register analysis: Linguistic variation in text and speech* (Series: *linguae & litterae*). Berlin: de Gruyter.
- o Peter Auer, Martin Hilpert, Anja Stukenbrock & Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (eds.) (2013). *Space in language and linguistics: geographical, interactional, and cognitive perspectives* (Series: *linguae & litterae*). Berlin: de Gruyter.
 { reviewed by Asya Pereltsvaig in LINGUIST List 25.4160, 2014 }
- o Bernd Kortmann & Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (eds.) (2012). *Linguistic Complexity: Second Language Acquisition, Indigenization, Contact* (Series: *linguae & litterae*). Berlin: de Gruyter.
 { reviewed by Natalie Operstein and Amber Clontz in LINGUIST List 23.5022, 2012 }

Papers in international, peer-reviewed journals

- o Engel, Alexandra & Benedikt Szmrecsanyi. 2023. Variable grammars are variable across registers: future temporal reference in English. *Language Variation and Change*.
- o Szmrecsanyi, Benedikt & Alexandra Engel. 2022. A variationist perspective on the comparative complexity of four registers at the intersection of mode and formality. *Corpus Linguistics and Linguistic Theory*.
- o Dubois, Tanguy, Magali Paquot & Benedikt Szmrecsanyi. 2022. Alternation phenomena and language proficiency: the genitive alternation in the spoken language of EFL learners. *Corpus Linguistics and Linguistic Theory*.
- o Engel, Alexandra, Jason Grafmiller, Laura Rosseel & Benedikt Szmrecsanyi. 2022. Assessing the complexity of lectal competence: the register-specificity of the dative alternation after *give*. *Cognitive Linguistics*.
- o Yi Li, Benedikt Szmrecsanyi & Weiwei Zhang (2021). “The theme-recipient alternation in Chinese: tracking syntactic variation across seven centuries”. *Corpus Linguistics and Linguistic Theory*.
- o Matt Hunt Gardner, Eva Uffing, Nicholas Van Vaeck & Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (2021). “Variation isn’t that hard: Morphosyntactic choice does not predict production difficulty”. *PLOS ONE* 16(6).e0252602.
- o Laura Mori & Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (2021). “Mapping Eurolects: an aggregate perspective on similarities between legislative varieties”. *Languages in Contrast* 21(2): 186–216..
- o Dirk Speelman, Stefan Grondelaers, Benedikt Szmrecsanyi & Kris Heylen (2020). “Schaalvergroting in het syntactische alternantieonderzoek: Een nieuwe analyse van het presentatieve er met automatisch gegenereerde predictoren”. *Nederlandse Taalkunde* 25(1): 101–123.

- o Benedikt Szmrecsanyi, Jason Grafmiller & Laura Rosseel (2019). “Variation-Based Distance and Similarity Modeling: a case study in World Englishes”. *Frontiers in Artificial Intelligence* 2:23.
- o Katharina Ehret & Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (2019). “Compressing learner language: an information-theoretic measure of complexity in SLA production data”. *Second Language Research* 35(1): 23–45.
- o Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (2019). “Register in variationist linguistics”. *Register Studies* 1(1): 76–99.
- o Jason Grafmiller & Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (2018). “Mapping out particle placement in Englishes around the world. A case study in comparative sociolinguistic analysis”. *Language Variation and Change* 30(03): 385–412.
- o Jason Grafmiller, Benedikt Szmrecsanyi, Melanie Röthlisberger & Benedikt Heller (2018). “General introduction: A comparative perspective on probabilistic variation in grammar”. *Glossa: a journal of general linguistics* 3(1): 94.
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- o Benedikt Szmrecsanyi, Jason Grafmiller, Joan Bresnan, Anette Rosenbach, Sali Tagliamonte & Simon Todd (2017). “Spoken syntax in a comparative perspective: the dative and genitive alternation in varieties of English”. *Glossa: a journal of general linguistics* 2(1): 86.
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- o Melanie Röthlisberger, Jason Grafmiller & Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (2017). “Cognitive indigenization effects in the English dative alternation”. *Cognitive Linguistics* 28(4): 673–710.
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- o Jan Van den Stock, Daphne Stam, François-Laurent De Winter, Dante Mantini, Benedikt Szmrecsanyi, Koen Van Laere, Rik Vandenberghe & Mathieu Vandembulcke (2017). “Moral processing deficit in behavioral variant frontotemporal dementia is associated with facial emotion recognition and brain changes in default mode and salience network areas”. *Brain and Behavior*. e00843.
- o Benedikt Szmrecsanyi, Jason Grafmiller, Benedikt Heller & Melanie Röthlisberger (2016). “Around the world in three alternations: Modeling syntactic variation in varieties of English”. *English World-Wide* 37(2): 109–137.
- o Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (2016). “About text frequencies in historical linguistics: disentangling environmental and grammatical change”. *Corpus Linguistics and Linguistic Theory* 12(1): 153–171 (special issue, ed. by Martin Hilpert & Hubert Cuyckens).
- o Benedikt Szmrecsanyi, Douglas Biber, Jesse Egbert & Karlien Franco (2016). “Toward more accountability: Modeling ternary genitive variation in Late Modern English”. *Language Variation and Change* 28(1): 1–29.
- o Tom Ruetten, Katharina Ehret & Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (2016). “A lectometric analysis of aggregated lexical variation in written Standard English with Semantic Vector Space models”. *International Journal of Corpus Linguistics* 21(1): 48–79.
- o Lars Hinrichs, Benedikt Szmrecsanyi & Axel Bohmann (2015). “Which-hunting and the Standard English relative clause”. *Language* 91(4): 806–36.

- o Joseph Fraee, Lars Hinrichs, Benedikt Szmrecsanyi & Axel Bohmann (2015). “Which-hunting and the Standard English relative clause: Online Supplement: Automatic Zero-Relative Detection”. *Language* 91(4): s1–s3.
- o Katharina Ehret, Christoph Wolk & Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (2014). “Quirky quadratures: on rhythm and weight as constraints on genitive variation in an unconventional data set”. *English Language and Linguistics* 18(2): 263–303 (special issue on genitive variation, ed. by Eva Berlage & John Nerbonne).
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- o Christoph Wolk, Joan Bresnan, Anette Rosenbach & Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (2013). “Dative and genitive variability in Late Modern English: Exploring cross-constructural variation and change”. *Diachronica* 30(3): 382–419.
- o Marianne Hundt & Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (2012). “Animacy in early New Zealand English”. *English World-Wide* 33(3): 241–263.
- o Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (2011). “Corpus-based dialectometry: a methodological sketch”. *Corpora* 6(1): 45–76.
reprinted in: Biber, Douglas & Randi Reppen (eds.) (2011), *Corpus Linguistics* (SAGE Benchmarks in Language and Linguistics). Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications, 259–289.
- o Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (2009). “Typological parameters of intralingual variability: grammatical analyticity versus syntheticity in varieties of English”. *Language Variation and Change* 21(3): 319–353.
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- o Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (2008). “Corpus-based dialectometry: aggregate morphosyntactic variability in British English dialects”. *International Journal of Humanities and Arts Computing* 2(1-2): 279–296 (special issue on “Language Variation”, ed. by John Nerbonne, Charlotte Gooskens, Sebastian Kürschner & Renée van Bezooijen).
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- o Lars Hinrichs & Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (2007). “Recent changes in the function and frequency of standard English genitive constructions: a multivariate analysis of tagged corpora”. *English Language and Linguistics* 11(3): 437–474.
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- o Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (2003). “BE GOING TO vs. WILL/SHALL: does syntax matter?” *Journal of English Linguistics* 31(4): 295–323.

Other journal papers

- o Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (2013). “Diachronic Probabilistic Grammar”. *English Language and Linguistics (Journal of the English Linguistics Society of Korea)* 19(3): 41–68.
- o Benedikt Szmrecsanyi & Christoph Wolk (2011). “Holistic corpus-based dialectology”. *Brazilian Journal of Applied Linguistics / Revista Brasileira de Linguística Aplicada* 11(2): 561–592 (special issue “Corpus studies: future directions”, ed. by Stefan Th. Gries). Available online at www.periodicos.letras.ufmg.br/.
- o Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (2005). “Never change a winning chunk”. *Recherches Anglaises et Nord-Américaines* 38: 21–34 (special issue “Language chunks and linguistic units”, ed. by Albert Hamm).

Contributions to handbooks, atlases, and textbooks

- o Benedikt Szmrecsanyi & Laura Rosseel (2020). “English corpus linguistics: the current state-of-the-art, and a critical appraisal”. In: Aarts, Bas, April McMahon & Lars Hinrichs (eds.), *The Handbook of English Linguistics*. Wiley, 29–44.
- o Benedikt Szmrecsanyi & Melanie Röthlisberger (2019). “World Englishes from the perspective of dialect typology”. In: Schreier, Daniel, Marianne Hundt & Edgar W. Schneider (eds.), *The Cambridge Handbook of World Englishes*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 534–558.
- o Benedikt Szmrecsanyi & Lieselotte Anderwald (2018). “Corpus-based approaches to dialect study”. In: Kytö, Merje & Päivi Pahta (eds.), *Handbook of English historical linguistics*. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, 300–313.
- o Douglas Biber, Jesse Egbert, Bethany Gray, Rahel Oppliger & Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (2016). “Variation versus text-linguistic approaches to grammatical change in English: Nominal modifiers of head nouns”. In: Charles Boberg, John Nerbonne & Dominic Watt (eds.), *The Handbook of Dialectology*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 351–375.
- o Daniela Kolbe-Hanna & Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (2015). “Grammatical Variation”. In: Biber, Douglas & Randi Reppen (eds.), *The Cambridge handbook of English corpus linguistics*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 161–179.
- o Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (2013). “Kapitel 7: Variation und Wandel [Chapter 7: Variation and Change]”. In: Auer, Peter (ed.), *Sprachwissenschaft: Grammatik - Interaktion - Kognition*. Stuttgart: Metzler, 261–284.
- o Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (2012). “Analyticity and syntheticity in the history of English”. In: Nevalainen, Terttu & Elizabeth Closs Traugott (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of the History of English*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 654–665.
- o Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (2012). “Typological profile: L1 varieties”. In: Kortmann, Bernd & Kerstin Lunkenheimer (eds.), *The Mouton World Atlas of Variation in English*. Berlin, Boston: de Gruyter, 826–843.
- o Lieselotte Anderwald & Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (2009). “Corpus linguistics and dialectology”. In: Lüdeling, Anke & Merja Kytö (eds.), *Corpus Linguistics. An International Handbook* (Series: Handbücher zur Sprache und Kommunikationswissenschaft / Handbooks of Linguistics and Communication Science). Berlin/ New York: Mouton de Gruyter, 1126–1139.
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Papers in edited volumes

- o Matthew Fahy, Jesse Egbert, Benedikt Szmrecsanyi & Douglas Biber (2022). “Comparing Logistic Regression, Multinomial Regression, Classification Trees and Random Forests Applied to Ternary Variables”. In: Ole Schützler & Julia Schlüter (eds.), *Data and methods in corpus linguistics: comparative approaches*. Cambridge, New York: Cambridge University Press, 194-223.
- o Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (2022). “Measuring distance-based coherence”. In: Karen V. Beaman & Gregory R. Guy (eds.), *The Coherence of Linguistic Communities*. New York: Routledge, 127-142.
- o Alexandra Engel, Jason Grafmiller, Laura Rosseel, Benedikt Szmrecsanyi & Freek Van de Velde (2021). “How register-specific is probabilistic grammatical knowledge? A programmatic sketch and a case study on the dative alternation with *give*”. In: Elena Seoane & Douglas Biber (eds.), *Corpus-based Approaches to Register Variation*. Amsterdam: Benjamins, 51-84.
- o Benedikt Szmrecsanyi & Alexandra Engel (2021). “Register Variation in a Cognitive (Socio)linguistics Perspective”. In: Gitte Kristiansen, Karlien Franco, Stefano De Pascuale, Laura Rosseel & Weiwei Zhang (eds.), *Cognitive Sociolinguistics Revisited Cognitive Sociolinguistics Revisited*. Berlin: de Gruyter, 308-409.
- o Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (2021). “Uncovering the big picture: measuring the typological relatedness of varieties of English”. In: Danae Perez, Marianne Hundt, Johannes Kabatek & Daniel Schreier (eds.), *English and Spanish: world languages in interaction*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 184–208.
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- o Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (2010). “The English genitive alternation in a cognitive sociolinguistics perspective”. In: Geeraerts, Dirk, Gitte Kristiansen & Yves Peirsman, *Advances in Cognitive Sociolinguistics*. Berlin/New York: de Gruyter Mouton, 141–166.

- o Benedikt Szmrecsanyi & Bernd Kortmann (2009). “Between simplification and complexification: non-standard varieties of English around the world”. In: Sampson, Geoffrey, David Gil & Peter Trudgill (eds.), *Language Complexity as an Evolving Variable*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 64–79.
- o Benedikt Szmrecsanyi & Bernd Kortmann (2009). “Vernacular universals and angloversals in a typological perspective”. In: Filppula, Markku & Juhani Klemola (eds.), *Vernacular Universals and Language Contacts: Evidence from Varieties of English and Beyond*. London/New York: Routledge, 33–53.
- o Benedikt Szmrecsanyi & Nils Goldschmidt (2008). “The Cameelious Hump and ‘Just So Stories’ in economic literature – a linguistic analysis”. In: Clift, Edward (ed.), *How Language is Used to Do Business: Essays on the Rhetoric of Economics*. New York City: Edwin Mellen Press.
- o Benedikt Szmrecsanyi & Lars Hinrichs (2008). “Probabilistic determinants of genitive variation in spoken and written English: a multivariate comparison across time, space, and genres”. In: Nevalainen, Terttu, Irma Taavitsainen, Päivi Pahta & Minna Korhonen (eds.), *The Dynamics of Linguistic Variation: Corpus Evidence on English Past and Present*. Amsterdam: Benjamins, 291–309.

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- o Magali Paquot, Jason Grafmiller, & Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (2019). “Particle placement alternation in EFL learner vs. L1 speech: Assessing the similarity of probabilistic grammars”. In: Andrea Abel, Aivars Glaznieks, Verena Lyding & Lionel Nicolas (eds.), *Widening the Scope of Learner Corpus Research. Selected Papers from the Fourth Learner Corpus Research Conference*. TLouvain-la-Neuve: Presses universitaires de Louvain, 71-92.
- o Lieselotte Anderwald & Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (2009). “Why grammar is real: a usage-based perspective on patterns”. In: Eckstein, Lars & Christoph Reinfandt (eds.), *Anglistentag 2008 – Tübingen – Proceedings*. Trier: Wissenschaftlicher Verlag Trier, 403-414.
- o Bernd Kortmann & Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (2009). “World Englishes between simplification and complexification”. In: Siebers, Lucia & Thomas Hoffmann (eds.), *World Englishes – Problems, Properties and Prospects: selected papers from the 13th IAWC conference*. Amsterdam: Benjamins, 265–285.
- o Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (2004). “On operationalizing syntactic complexity”. In: Purnelle, Gérard, Cédric Fairon & Anne Dister (eds.), *Le poids des mots. Proceedings of the 7th International Conference on Textual Data Statistical Analysis. Louvain-la-Neuve, March 10–12, 2004*, Vol. 2. Louvain-la-Neuve, Presses universitaires de Louvain, 1032–1039.

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- o Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (2013). “Review of Warren Maguire and April McMahon (eds.), *Analysing variation in English*. Cambridge.” *English Language and Linguistics* 17(1): 222–226.
- o Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (2011). “Review of Bauer, Roland. 2009. *Dialektometrische Einsichten. Sprachklassifikatorische Oberflächenmuster und Tiefenstrukturen im lombardo-venedischen Dialektraum und in der Rätoromania*. San Martin de Tor.” *Romanistisches Jahrbuch* 62: 242–245.
- o Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (2011). “Review of McWhorter, John H. 2011. *Linguistic simplicity and complexity: why do languages undress?* Boston: De Gruyter Mouton.” *Language Dynamics and Change* 1(2): 279–283.

- o Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (2007). “Review of Joybrato Mukherjee. 2005. *English Intransitive Verbs: Aspects of Theory, Description and a Usage-based Model*. Amsterdam/New York.” *English Language and Linguistics* 11(1): 240–246.
- o Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (2006). “Review of Rens Bod, Jennifer Hay & Stefanie Jannedy (Eds.). 2003. *Probabilistic Linguistics*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.” *Corpus Linguistics and Linguistic Theory* 2(1): 79–94.

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- o Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (2010). *The morphosyntax of BrE dialects in a corpus-based dialectometrical perspective: feature extraction, coding protocols, projections to geography, summary statistics*. URN: urn:nbn:de:bsz:25-opus-73209, URL: www.freidok.uni-freiburg.de/volltexte/7320/. Freiburg. (64pp.)
- o Benedikt Szmrecsanyi & Nuria Hernández (2007). *Manual of Information to accompany the Freiburg Corpus of English Dialects Sampler (“FRED-S”)*. URN: urn:nbn:de:bsz:25-opus28598, URL: www.freidok.uni-freiburg.de/volltexte/2859/. Freiburg. (32pp.)

Plenaries and keynotes at major int'l conferences

- o 2022. “In drei Alternationen um die Welt, oder: wie viele probabilistische Grammatiken man braucht, um internationale Varietäten des Englischen zu modellieren”. at the 7. Kongress der Internationalen Gesellschaft für Dialektologie des Deutschen (IGDD), Salzburg (Austria), July 6.
- o 2021. “What corpora can tell us about the link between grammatical variation and language complexity”. Plenary lecture presented at ICAME 42, Dortmund (Germany), August 19.
- o 2020. “How difficult is grammatical variation, really?”. Plenary lecture presented at the Grammar and Corpora 8 conference, Cracow (Poland), November 26 (online).
- o 2019. “Exploring probabilistic grammar(s) in varieties of English”. Plenary lecture presented at the 8th Biennial International Conference on the Linguistics of Contemporary English (BICLCE), Bamberg (Germany), September 27.
- o 2019. “Variation squared”. Plenary lecture presented at the 10th International Conference on Language Variation in Europe (ICLaVE 10), Leeuwarden (Netherlands), June 27.
- o 2018. “Evaluating the similarity of dialect grammars: a corpus-based variationist approach”. Keynote paper presented at the “Grammar of Non-Standard Varieties in the East of the Circum-Baltic Area” conference, Tartu (Estonia), February 2.
- o 2017. “Eurolects: the view from variationist corpus linguistics”. Keynote paper presented at the “Eurolects: language contact and variational dynamics across European legislative corpora” conference, Rome (Italy), September 24.
- o 2017. “The register-specificity of variation grammars”. Keynote paper presented at the theme session “Register in linguistic theory: Modeling functional variation” of the 39. Jahrestagung der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft (DGfS), Saarbrücken (Germany), March 10.
- o 2015. “Contrastive probabilistic grammar”. Plenary lecture presented at the “Language in Contrast” conference, Paris, France, December 5.
- o 2015. “About corpus linguistics, variation, and the variationist method”. Plenary lecture presented at NWAV44, Toronto, Canada, October 23.
- o 2015. “Prescriptivism versus colloquialization: the rise of relative *that*”. Plenary lecture presented at UKLVC10, York, UK, September 1.

- o 2014. “Recent advances in the corpus-based study of linguistic complexity”. Plenary lecture presented at AACL 2014, Flagstaff, Arizona, September 27.
- o 2013. “Diachronic Probabilistic Grammar”. Plenary lecture presented at the 2013 International Conference on English Linguistics, Seoul, July 5.

Presentations

Invited papers

- o 2021. “Morphosyntactic persistence in spoken English”. Workshop “Conversational Priming in Language Change”, University of Cologne, December 3–4.
- o 2021. (with Alexandra Engel) “Assessing the complexity of grammatical variation within and across registers”. Workshop “Complexity and Register (CAR21)”, HU Berlin, November 19.
- o 2021. “Grammatical analyticity and syntheticity in varieties of English and in English-based creole languages”. Workshop “Morphological and Syntactic Variation along the Dialect-Standard Axis: VerMoSyn 2021” (convenors: Hanna Fischer & Stefan Rabanus), Verona (online), April 9.
- o 2019. “Probabilistic ways of measuring complexity in L2 materials”. Colloquium “Broadening the Scope of L2 Complexity Research” (convenors: Alex Housen & Magali Paquot), Brussels, November 15.
- o 2019. “Modeling ternary genitive variation in Late Modern English”. Workshop “New perspectives on language change and variation in the history of English” (convenors: Erice Corre & Marc Fryd), Paris, October 4.
- o 2016. “Typological relatedness of (postcolonial) varieties”. Symposium “Spanish and English in Contact: World Languages in Interaction” (convenors: Daniel Schreier, Marianne Hundt, Johannes Kabatek & Danae Perez), Zurich, June 27–29.
- o 2016. (with Melanie Röthlisberger) “Context matters: the probabilistic grammar of international varieties of English”. Theme session “Cognitive Sociolinguistics: Status quo and challenges” (convenor: Gitte Kristiansen), Sociolinguistics Symposium 21, Murcia, June 15–18.
- o 2015. “Complexity in contrastive linguistics and contrastive dialectology”. Keynote paper presented at the workshop “Measuring linguistic complexity: A multidisciplinary perspective” (convenors: Magali Paquot & Thomas François), Université catholique de Louvain, April 14.
- o 2014 (with Katharina Ehret). “Information theory meets linguistic complexity”. Keynote paper presented at the colloquium on “Cross-linguistic aspects of complexity in SLA” (convenor: Alex Housen), VUB Brussels, December 19.
- o 2014. “On the sorts of changes that linguists can(not) predict”. Workshop on “Building bridges into the future: Can we predict linguistic change?” (convenor: Christina Sanchez-Stockhammer), ISLE3, Zurich, August 24–27.
- o 2014 (with Christoph Wolk). “Corpus-based dialectometry: why and how”. Workshop on “Frontiers in the study of language variety” (convenor: John Nerbonne), Methods XV, Groningen, August 11–15.
- o 2013. “Exploring cross-constructural variation and change”. Keynote paper presented at Taal en Tongval 2013, Gent, December 6.
- o 2013. “Exploring cross-constructural variation and change”. Workshop “Corpus-based historical linguistics” (convenor: Tom Ruetten), HU Berlin, September 5.
- o 2013. “Corpus-based dialectometry: why and how”. Corpus Linguistics in the South V, University of Sussex, Brighton, March 16.

- o 2012 (with Hubert Cuyckens and Frauke D'hoedt). "Variability in verb complementation: Finite vs. non-finite patterns". ICEHL17 pre-conference Workshop "Late Modern English Syntax" (convenor: Marianne Hundt), Zurich, August 19–20.
- o 2011. "Modeling dialect diffusion and diversity on the basis of naturalistic speech data". Workshop on "Geographic perspectives on language diversity and diachrony", held in conjunction with the LSA Linguistic Institute 2011 (convenors: Hannah Haynie & Andrew Garrett), University of Colorado Boulder, July 23–24.
- o 2011 (with Katharina Ehret and Christoph Wolk). "Genitive variation in Late Modern English: focus on weight and rhythm". Workshop on "Genitive variation in English" (convenors: John Payne & Eva Berlage), ISLE2, Boston, June 17–21.
- o 2011. "Culture change versus grammar change: the limits of text frequency (and what we can do about it)". Workshop on "How can new corpus-based techniques advance historical description and linguistic theory?" (convenors: Hubert Cuyckens & Martin Hilpert), ISLE2, Boston, June 17–21.
- o 2010. "Profiling morphosyntax: L2 varieties of English vis-à-vis English-based pidgin and creole languages". 1st Aarhus University workshop on the interdependence of second language acquisition research and research on the development of contact languages (convenors: Peter Bakker & Peter Slomanson), Aarhus University, December 18.
- o 2010 (with Christoph Wolk, in collaboration with Joan Bresnan and Anette Rosenbach). "A multivariate history of dative and genitive variability, 1650–2000". Workshop on "The Development of Syntactic Alternations" (convenor: Joan Bresnan), Stanford University, November 12.
- o 2010. "Speech relationships in the HVE morphosyntax survey". Bloomsday Meeting 2010: Echoes of Albion (convenors: Martijn Wieling & John Nerbonne), Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, June 16.
- o 2010. Panel discussion on "Converging evidence, conflicting evidence, and no evidence at all: On the combination of corpus linguistics with other methods" (Panelist). ICAME31, Giessen, May 26–30.
- o 2009. "Changing habitats versus changing grammars: the case of genitive variability in Late Modern English news texts". Workshop on "Corpus-based advances in historical linguistics" (sponsored by the Philological Society and organized by Susan Pintzuk, Ann Taylor, *et al.*), The University of York, November 14.
- o 2009. "Diachronic genitive variability and grammaticalization theory". Workshop on "Form-meaning co-variation in grammaticalization" (convenor: Joan Bybee), NWAV38, Ottawa, October 22–25.
- o 2009. "What happened to the *s*-genitive? Genitive variation after Early Modern English". Workshop on "Morpho-syntactic categories and the expression of possession" (convenors: Kersti Börjars, David Denison & Alan Scott), The University of Manchester, April 3–4.
- o 2008 (with Lieselotte Anderwald). "Why grammar is real – a usage-based perspective on patterns". Theme session on "Patterns in language" (convenors: Rainer Schulze & Ute Römer), Anglistentag 2008, Tübingen, October 5–8.
- o 2008. "The joys of analyzing aggregate linguistic data". Symposium on "Approaches to variation and change in English" (convenors: Manfred Krug & Julia Schlüter), University of Bamberg, July 21–23.
- o 2007. "Probing probabilistic grammars in time, space, and across genres". Theme session on "Cognitive sociolinguistics" (convenors: Gitte Kristiansen, Yves Peirsman & Dirk Geeraerts), ICLC10, Krakow, July 15–20.

- o 2006 (with Bernd Kortmann). “Morphosyntactic Doubling Phenomena in Non-Standard Varieties of English”. Workshop on “Syntactic doubling in European dialects” (convenor: Sjef Barbiers), Meertens Institute, Amsterdam, March 16–18.

Guest lectures

- o 2018. “Variation-Based Distance & Similarity Modeling: a case study in World Englishes”. Guest lecture, Cambridge University, October 15.
- o 2018. “How many variable grammars does it take to model a world language?”. Guest lecture, Australian National University (Canberra), April 6.
- o 2017. “How many probabilistic grammars does it take to model syntactic variation in varieties of English around the world?”. Guest lecture, University of Leiden, September 30.
- o 2017. “Modeling genitive variation”. Guest lecture, University of Trier, January 31.
- o 2015. “In three alternations around the world: the grammar of varieties of English”. Guest lecture, University of Texas at Austin, October 26.
- o 2015. “In three alternations around the world: the grammar of varieties of English”. Guest lecture, McMaster University, Canada, October 20.
- o 2015. “Exploring probabilistic grammar(s) in varieties of English around the world”. Guest lecture, University of Giessen, May 11.
- o 2014 (with Lars Hinrichs). “*Which*-hunting and the Standard English relative clause: A case of institutionally backed colloquialization”. Guest lecture, University of Augsburg, May 22.
- o 2013. “On linguistic complexity (in varieties of English and beyond)”. Guest lecture, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, December 12.
- o 2013. “Probing probabilistic grammars in diachrony”. Guest lecture, University of Birmingham, January 22.
- o 2012. “Zur Schnittstelle zwischen Variationslinguistik und Sprachtypologie”. Guest lecture, University of Mainz, February 13.
- o 2010. “Aggregative Dialektologie”. Guest lecture, Humboldt University Berlin, January 28.
- o 2009. “Varieties of English by numbers”. Guest lecture, University of Zurich, December 11.
- o 2008. “Varieties of English world-wide in a typological perspective”. Guest lecture, University of Paderborn, December 11.
- o 2008. “Dialectology by numbers: World Englishes in the aggregate view”. Guest lecture, Department of Linguistics, UT Austin, November 10.
- o 2008. “Probabilistic grammars in time, space, and across genres: the case of the English genitive alternation”. Guest lecture, Institut für Maschinelle Sprachverarbeitung (University of Stuttgart), July 3.
- o 2007. “Persistence as a probabilistic determinant of word order variation”. Guest lecture, University of Paderborn, May 31.
- o 2007. “Language users as creatures of habit: probing the psycholinguistic underpinnings of linguistic variation”. Guest lecture, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, March 28.
- o 2007. “Psycholinguistics meets variationist sociolinguistics: the case of morphosyntactic persistence”. Guest lecture, Department of Linguistics, University of Toronto, March 11.
- o 2006. “Persistence, Repetitiveness, and Priming: A Corpus-Linguistic Perspective”. Guest lecture, School of Informatics, University of Edinburgh, November 17.

- Pedagogical certificates
- o 2011
Designing and managing big courses
 (“*Gestaltung großer Lehrveranstaltungen*”)
Two-day intensive course, University of Freiburg
 - o 2006
Fit for Teaching: The basics of teaching and learning at university level
 (“*Fit für die Lehre*”)
Four-day intensive course, University of Freiburg
- Teaching
- o Undergraduate course *Algemene Taalwetenschap II* (B-KUL-F0AA4A)
KU Leuven (since 2022)
 - o Undergraduate course *English Linguistics I* (B-KUL-F0AD7A/V0AD7A)
KU Leuven (since 2021)
 - o Graduate course *Language varieties and language variants* (B-KUL-F0VH3A)
KU Leuven (since 2022)
 - o Undergraduate course *English Linguistics II: History of English* (B-KUL-F0AD8A)
KU Leuven (spring 2019)
 - o Graduate course *Variation in English: Linguistic and social determinants* (B-KUL-F0YI9A)
KU Leuven (since 2018)
 - o Undergraduate course *English Linguistics III: Varieties of English around the world*
 (B-KUL-F0XX6A)
KU Leuven (since 2016)
 - o Undergraduate course *English Linguistics III: Working with historical texts and diachronic corpora* (B-KUL-F0AE3A)
KU Leuven (2015 – 2021)
 - o Graduate course *English Linguistics: Selected Topics* (B-KUL-F0VI5A)
 (with Jason Grafmiller, Benedikt Heller & Melanie Röthlisberger)
KU Leuven (fall 2014)
 - o Undergraduate course *English Linguistics III: Special Topics: Diachronic - Theoretical*
 (B-KUL-F0AE1A)
KU Leuven (fall 2013)
 - o Undergraduate module *World Englishes* (LELA20332)
University of Manchester (spring 2013)
 - o Undergraduate module *Modern Historical English Linguistics* (LELA30992)
University of Manchester (spring 2013)
 - o Undergraduate module *English Historical Sociolinguistics* (LELA31022)
University of Manchester (spring 2013)
 - o Lecture series *Contrastive Linguistics: English-German*
University of Freiburg (summer 2012)
 - o Graduate seminar *Variationist sociolinguistics*
University of Freiburg (summer 2012)
 - o Seminar *Introduction to Middle English*
University of Freiburg (winter 2011/12)
 - o Lecture series *Introduction to quantitative English linguistics* (with Martin Hilpert)
University of Basel (fall 2010)
 - o Undergraduate seminar *Second Language Acquisition*
University of Freiburg (summer 2010)

- o Undergraduate seminar *Phonetics & phonology*
University of Freiburg (winter 2009/10)
- o Graduate seminar *Modern approaches to historical linguistics*
University of Freiburg (summer 2009)
- o Graduate seminar *Recent trends in corpus linguistics*
University of Freiburg (winter 2007/08)
- o Undergraduate seminar *Semantics*
University of Freiburg (summer 2007)
- o Undergraduate seminar *Syntax*
University of Freiburg (winter 2006/07)
- o Undergraduate tutorial *LEO – Linguistic Exercises Online*
University of Freiburg (summer 2006 – summer 2009)
- o Undergraduate seminar *Interactional sociolinguistics*
University of Freiburg (summer 2006)
- o Seminar *Introduction to Old and Middle English*
University of Freiburg (winter 2006/07, winter 2007/08)
- o Graduate tutorial *Research design I/II*
University of Freiburg (winter 2005/06, summer 2007)
- o Seminar *From Old English to Standard English*
University of Freiburg (winter 2005/06)
- o Undergraduate seminar *Language variation and change*
University of Freiburg (winter 2005/06)
- o Undergraduate seminar *Discourse analysis: conversation*
University of Freiburg (winter 2003/04)
- o Undergraduate tutorial *Corpus-linguistic analysis*
University of Freiburg (2004–2005)
- o Undergraduate tutorial *Linguistic analysis*
University of Freiburg (2003–2005)
- o Seminar *Formal and functional linguistics*
University of Freiburg (summer 2004)
- o Tutorial *Modern historical linguistics*
University of Freiburg (summer 2003)
- o Undergraduate tutorial *Microeconomics*
University of Freiburg (winter 2000, summer 2001)

Lecture series o Four lectures on recent advances in variational linguistics
Dalian Maritime University, China (2021)

PhD supervision o since 2022
Sumin Guan
A multifactorial analysis of Chinese analytic passive constructions
KU Leuven PhD dissertation (main supervisor)

o since 2021
Chiara Paolini
How much does meaning matter? A fresh look at grammatical alternations
KU Leuven PhD dissertation (main supervisor)

- o since 2019
Yi Li
A probabilistic grammar analysis of the dative alternation in Mandarin, and of its sensitivity to lectal factors
KU Leuven PhD dissertation (main supervisor)
- o since 2018
Tanguy Dubois
Particle placement and genitive alternations in EFL learner spoken syntax: core probabilistic grammar and/or L1-specific preferences?
UCL / KU Leuven PhD dissertation (co-tutelle, with Magali Paquot as 2nd supervisor)
- o since 2018
Jorina Brysbaert
Contrastive subjects in French: a quantitative corpus analysis
KU Leuven PhD dissertation (co-supervisor, with Karen Lahousse)
- o since 2017
Robbert De Troij
North and South, bottom to top: using big data to model syntactic variation in Belgian and Netherlandic Dutch
KU Leuven PhD dissertation (co-supervisor, with Dirk Speelman)
- o 2018-2022
Alexandra Engel
The register-specificity of probabilistic grammars in English and Dutch: Combining corpus analysis and experimentation
KU Leuven PhD dissertation (main supervisor)
- o 2017-2021
Mariana Montes
Cloudspotting: visual analytics for distributional semantics
KU Leuven PhD dissertation (co-supervisor)
- o 2014–2018
Benedikt Heller
Stability and fluidity in syntactic variation world-wide: the genitive alternation across varieties of English
KU Leuven PhD dissertation (main supervisor)
- o 2014–2018
Melanie Röthlisberger
Regional variation in probabilistic grammars: A multifactorial study of the English dative alternation
KU Leuven PhD dissertation (main supervisor)
- o 2011–2016
Katharina Ehret
An information-theoretic approach to language complexity: variation in naturalistic corpora
University of Freiburg PhD dissertation (supervisor)
- o 2011–2014
Ulrike Schneider
Frequency, chunks and hesitations: a usage-based analysis of chunking in English
University of Freiburg PhD dissertation (supervisor)
- o 2010–2014
Christoph Wolk
Integrating aggregational and probabilistic approaches to language variation
University of Freiburg PhD dissertation (supervisor)

- PhD committees
- o 2018. Iván Tamaredo Meira, “Processing grammatical structures: Morphosyntactic complexity and efficiency in varieties of English around the world with special reference to pronoun omission”. University of Santiago de Compostela; PhD exam committee
 - o 2017. Karlien Franco, “Concept features and lexical diversity: A dialectological case study on the relationship between meaning and variation”. KU Leuven; PhD exam committee
 - o 2017. Charlotte Maekelberghe, “The use of nominal and verbal gerunds in Present-day English”. KU Leuven; PhD exam committee
 - o 2017. Annelore Willems, “Uit het veld geslagen: Een corpusgebaseerd multivariaat onderzoek naar de positie van voorzetselconstituenten in de Nederlandse journalistieke bijzin”. Universiteit Gent; PhD exam committee
 - o 2016. Bastien De Clercq, “The Development of Linguistic Complexity A comparative study on L2 French and L2 English”. Vrije Universiteit Brussel; PhD exam committee
 - o 2015. Job Schepens, “Bridging Linguistic Gaps: The Effects of Linguistic Distance on the Adult Learnability of Dutch as an Additional Language”. Radboud University PhD dissertation; PhD exam committee
 - o 2012. Tom Ruetten, “Aggregating lexical variation: towards large-scale lexical lectometry”. KU Leuven PhD dissertation; PhD exam committee
 - o 2012. Christian Schwarz, “Phonologischer Dialektwandel in den alemannischen Basisdialekten Südwestdeutschlands im 20. Jahrhundert. Eine empirische Untersuchung zum Vokalismus”. University of Freiburg PhD dissertation; PhD exam committee
 - o 2011. Alice Blumenthal, “Entrenchment in usage-based theories. What corpus data do and do not reveal about the mind”. Freiburg PhD dissertation; PhD reading committee
 - o 2010. Robert G. Shackleton Jr., “A Quantitative Assessment of English-American Speech Relationships”. Groningen PhD dissertation; PhD exam committee
- Postdoc supervision
- o 2023 – present: Dr. Thomas Van Hoey (KU Leuven)
 - o 2021 – 2022: Dr. Michael Lang (KU Leuven)
 - o 2021 – 2022: Dr. Mariana Montes (KU Leuven)
 - o 2019 – 2021: Dr. Matt Hunt Gardner (KU Leuven)
 - o 2018 – 2019: Dr. Laura Rosseel (KU Leuven)
 - o 2015 – 2018: Dr. Malte Rosemeyer (KU Leuven)
 - o 2013 – 2017: Dr. Jason Grafmiller (KU Leuven)
- Institutional responsibilities
- o 2023: Member of Research Council, KU Leuven
 - o 2022-: Head, Research Group “Quantitative Lexicology and Variational Linguistics”, Department of Linguistics, KU Leuven
 - o 2016-2022: PhD program officer (“doctoraatsluitenant”), Department of Linguistics, KU Leuven
 - o 2013: Undergraduate admissions officer, Linguistics and English Language, The University of Manchester
- Elected positions
- o 2016–2019: Secretary, International Society for the Linguistics of English (ISLE)

- Professional service
- o associate editor, *Cognitive Linguistics* (De Gruyter)
 - o editorial and advisory boards:
 - 2019–present: *Register Studies* (Benjamins)
 - 2014–present: *Language Variation and Change* (Cambridge University Press)
 - 2014–present: *Journal of English Linguistics* (Sage)
 - 2013–present: *English World-Wide* (Benjamins)
 - 2015–present: book series *Language Variation* (langsci-press.org)
 - 2016–present: book series *Studies in Corpus Linguistics* (Benjamins)
 - 2019–present: series *Elements in corpus linguistics* (Cambridge University Press)
 - o ad-hoc reviewing for academic journals: *Applied Psycholinguistics*, *Baltic Linguistics*, *Belgian Journal of Linguistics*, *Cahiers Chronos*, *Canadian Journal of Linguistics*, *Cognitive Linguistics*, *Corpora*, *Corpus Linguistics and Linguistic Theory*, *English Language and Linguistics*, *Folia Linguistica*, *Functions of Language*, *International Journal of Corpus Linguistics*, *International Journal of Humanities and Arts Computing*, *International Journal of Learner Corpus Research*, *Journal of Germanic Linguistics*, *Journal of Historical Sociolinguistics*, *Journal of Linguistic Geography*, *Journal of Morphology*, *Journal of Pragmatics*, *Language*, *Language Dynamics and Change*, *Language in Society*, *Language Learning*, *Language Sciences*, *Language Variation and Change*, *Lingua*, *Linguistics*, *Linguistics Vanguard*, *Literary and Linguistic Computing*, *Literary Linguistics*, *Nordic Journal of Linguistics*, *PLOS One*, *Second Language Research*, *Studies in Language*, *Taal en Tongval*, *TESOL Quarterly*, *World Englishes*, *Zeitschrift für Dialektologie und Linguistik*
 - o book proposal reviewing: Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Routledge, langsci-press.org
 - o member of the Review College of the Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO) (2021-2023)
 - o expert panel member linguistics, Academy of Finland (2016)
 - o ad hoc grant reviewing: Academy of Finland (2009), Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) (2014, 2015, 2016), National Science Foundation, Linguistics section (2006, 2011), Nederlandse Organisatie voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek (NWO) (2018), Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO) (2012), Schweizerischer Nationalfonds (2011, 2017), VolkswagenStiftung (2013, 2016), The Leverhulme Trust (2015, 2016), The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Canada (2021)
 - o major conference program/advisory/abstract reviewing committee: ISLE1, NWAV38, NWAV39, NWAV40, NWAV41, NWAV44, LSA 2010, GURT 2014, ICLCE5, Methods XV, ICLaVE 8, UKLVC 10, NWASV2, CL4LC 2016, CL2017, NWAV46, CL2018, NWAV 47, ISLE6, UKCLC2020, NWAV49
 - o Assessment of scientific qualifications: Evaluator for professorship, University of Helsinki (2017); search committee member, University of Antwerp (2018); external reviewer for professorship, University of Leipzig (2019)
 - o Member of advisory board, UFSP Sprache und Raum (SpuR), University of Zurich (2019–)
 - o Member of the ICAME (International Computer Archive of Modern and Medieval English) conference series board (2021–)
 - o conference & workshop organization:
 - co-organizer (with Jason Grafmiller, Benedikt Heller, and Melanie Röthlisberger, all KU Leuven): Workshop on *Probabilistic variation across dialects and varieties*, KU Leuven, April 4–5, 2016

- co-organizer (with Bernhard Wälchli, University of Berne): Workshop on *Cross-linguistic and language-internal variation in text and speech: focus on the joint analysis of multiple characteristics*, Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies, February 9–11, 2011
- co-organizer (with Joan Bresnan, Stanford University): Workshop on *Probabilistic syntax: phonetics, diachrony, and synchrony*, Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies, March 21–24, 2010
- co-organizer (with Peter Auer, University of Freiburg): Workshop on *Language, space, and geography*, Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies, November 26–28, 2009
- co-organizer (with Bernd Kortmann, University of Freiburg): Workshop on *Linguistic complexity in interlanguage varieties, L2 varieties, and contact languages*, Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies, May 21–22, 2009

Memberships

- o The International Society for the Linguistics of English
- o The Philological Society

Languages

- o German (native)
- o English (near-native)
- o Dutch (advanced)
- o French (basic)
- o Latin (9 years in school)