

Curriculum Vitae

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Research and teaching Interests

- ◇ variationist (socio)linguistics & probabilistic linguistics
- ◇ dialectology and dialectometry
- ◇ varieties of English world-wide
- ◇ historical linguistics
- ◇ language/dialect typology

Education

- ◇ 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*
(under contract with Cambridge University Press, to appear 2012)
- ◇ 2002–2005
University of Freiburg
PhD (*summa cum laude*) in English Linguistics
PhD dissertation title: *Persistence Phenomena in the Grammar of Spoken English*
(published in 2006 with Mouton de Gruyter)
- ◇ 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*
- ◇ 1999–2000
Georgetown University, The Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Washington, D.C.
Visiting student; studied Linguistics, American Literature, Public Policy, Government.

Summer schools

- ◇ September 2003
Università degli Studi di Cagliari, Sardinia.
3-week summer school organized by the Association for Linguistic Typology
- ◇ July 2002
University of Düsseldorf, Germany.
"Formal and Functional Linguistics" (3-week joint summer school organized by the Linguistic Society of America and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft)

- Employment** ◇ 2008–present
Junior Fellow
 Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies (FRIAS), University of Freiburg
 (position funded by the Excellence Initiative of the Federal Government and the German Research Foundation)
- ◇ 2005–2008
Lecturer, non-tenured (“*Akademischer Rat auf Zeit*”)
 English Department, University of Freiburg
- ◇ 2002–2005
Research Assistant
 English Department, University of Freiburg
- Current collaborations**
- ◇ with **Joan Bresnan**, Stanford University (USA)
 (Predicting syntax in space and time)
- ◇ with **Lars Hinrichs**, University of Texas at Austin (USA)
 (Prescriptivism in Present-Day American English)
- ◇ with **Marianne Hundt**, University of Zurich (Switzerland)
 (Grammatical variation in Early New Zealand English)
- ◇ with **Anette Rosenbach**, Tanagra Wines (South Africa)
 (Genitive and dative variability in Late Modern English)
- ◇ with **Tom Ruette**, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Belgium)
 (A bottom-up approach to multilectal variation in the lexicon of written Standard English)
- ◇ with **Jeff Siegel**, University of New England (Australia)
 (Measuring analyticity and syntheticity in creoles)
- ◇ with **Bernhard Wälchli**, Stockholm University (Sweden)
 (Aggregating dialectology and typology)
- Data collection**
- ◇ 2007–2011
The Freiburg Corpus of English Dialects Sampler (FRED-S)
 FRED-S is a 1-million word, publicly available subcorpus of FRED sampling naturalistic interviews with dialect speakers all over Great Britain. Online access to a part-of-speech tagged version of FRED-S is available at <http://www.meertens.nl/edisyn/searchengine>.
- ◇ 2004
The morphosyntactic survey coming with the *Handbook of Varieties of English*
 I am one of the principal designers of the morphosyntactic survey of the multimedia reference tool (available online at <http://www.mouton-online.com/>) accompanying the *Handbook of Varieties of English* (Kortmann et al. 2004).
- ◇ 2003–2005
The Freiburg Corpus of English Dialects (FRED)
 FRED is a monolingual spoken dialect corpus consisting of full-length interviews with native speakers from England, Scotland, as well as Wales, the Hebrides, and the Isle of Man. It reflects the ‘traditional’ varieties of BrE spoken in the second half of the 20th century. For further information, see <http://www.helsinki.fi/varieng/CoRD/corpora/FRED/index.html>.

Publications

Single-authored books

- ◇ Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (under contract, to appear 2012). *Grammatical Variation in British English Dialects: A Study in Corpus-Based Dialectometry* (Series: Studies in English Language). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
[peer-reviewed]
- ◇ 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.
{reviewed by Ingo Plag in *Zeitschrift für Sprachwissenschaft* 27, 293–296}
[peer-reviewed]

Edited volumes

- ◇ Bernd Kortmann & Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (eds.) (in press). *Linguistic Complexity: Second Language Acquisition, Indigenization, Contact* (Series: Linguae et Litterae: Publications of the School of Language and Literature, Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies). Berlin: de Gruyter.
[peer-reviewed]

Papers in peer-reviewed journals

- ◇ Marianne Hundt & Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (accepted for publication). “Animacy in early New Zealand English”. *English World-Wide*.
[peer-reviewed]
- ◇ Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (2011). “Corpus-based dialectometry: a methodological sketch”. *Corpora* 6(1): 45–76.
[peer-reviewed]
- ◇ 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 <http://www.periodicos.letras.ufmg.br/>.
[peer-reviewed]
- ◇ Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (2009). “Typological parameters of intralingual variability: grammatical analyticity versus syntheticity in varieties of English”. *Language Variation and Change* 21(3): 319–353.
[peer-reviewed]
- ◇ Benedikt Szmrecsanyi & Bernd Kortmann (2009). “The morphosyntax of varieties of English worldwide: a quantitative perspective”. *Lingua* 119(11): 1643–1663 (special issue “The Forests behind the Trees”, ed. by John Nerbonne & Franz Manni).
[peer-reviewed]
- ◇ 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).
[peer-reviewed]
- ◇ Nils Goldschmidt & Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (2007). “What do economists talk about? A linguistic analysis of published writing in economic journals”. *American Journal of Economics and Sociology* 66(2): 335–378.
[peer-reviewed]
- ◇ 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.

[peer-reviewed]

- ◇ Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (2005). "Language users as creatures of habit: a corpus-linguistic analysis of persistence in spoken English". *Corpus Linguistics and Linguistic Theory* 1(1): 113–150.
[peer-reviewed]
- ◇ Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (2003). "BE GOING TO vs. WILL/SHALL: does syntax matter?" *Journal of English Linguistics* 31(4): 295–323.
[peer-reviewed]

Other journal papers

- ◇ 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).

Handbook articles

- ◇ Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (in press). "Analyzing aggregated linguistic data". In: Krug, Manfred & Julia Schlüter (eds.), *Research Methods in Language Variation and Change*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- ◇ Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (in press). "Analyticity and syntheticity in the history of English". In: Nevalainen, Terttu & Elizabeth Closs Traugott (eds.), *Rethinking the History of English*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
[peer-reviewed]
- ◇ 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.
[peer-reviewed]
- ◇ Nils Goldschmidt & Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (2008). "Dimension reduction of word-frequency data as a substitute for intersubjective content analysis". In: Vogt, W. Paul (ed.), *Selecting Research Methods*, Vol. 4: Methods for analysing and reporting results (SAGE Benchmarks in Social Research Methods series). Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications.
(reprint of Goldschmidt & Szmrecsanyi 2007)
- ◇ Bernd Kortmann & Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (2004). "Global Synopsis – Morphological and Syntactic Variation in English". In: Kortmann, Bernd, Kate Burridge, Raj Mesthrie & Edgar Schneider (eds.), *A Handbook of Varieties of English*, Vol. 2: Morphology and Syntax. Berlin, New York: Mouton de Gruyter, 1142–1202.

Papers in edited volumes

- ◇ Benedikt Szmrecsanyi & Bernd Kortmann (in press). "Introduction: Linguistic complexity – Second Language Acquisition, indigenization, contact". In: Kortmann, Bernd & Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (eds.), *Linguistic Complexity: Second Language Acquisition, Indigenization, Contact*. Berlin: de Gruyter.
[peer-reviewed]
- ◇ Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (in press). "Geography is overrated". In: Hansen, Sandra, Christian Schwarz, Philipp Stoeckle & Tobias Streck (eds.), *Dialectological and folk dialectological concepts of space*. Berlin: de Gruyter.
[peer-reviewed]

- ◇ Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (in press). “The great regression: genitive variability in Late Modern English news texts”. In: Börjars, Kersti, David Denison & Alan Scott (eds.), *Morphosyntactic categories and the expression of possession*. Amsterdam: Benjamins. [peer-reviewed]
- ◇ Benedikt Szmrecsanyi & Bernd Kortmann (2011). “Typological profiling: learner Englishes versus indigenized L2 varieties of English”. In: Mukherjee, Joybrato & Marianne Hundt (eds.), *Exploring Second-Language Varieties of English and Learner Englishes: Bridging a Paradigm Gap*. Amsterdam: Benjamins, 167–187.
- ◇ Bernd Kortmann & Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (2011). “Parameters of morphosyntactic variation in World Englishes: prospects and limitations of searching for universals”. In: Siemund, Peter (ed.), *Linguistic Universals and Language Variation*. Berlin/New York: de Gruyter Mouton, 264–290. [peer-reviewed]
- ◇ 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. [peer-reviewed]
- ◇ 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. [peer-reviewed]
- ◇ 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.
- ◇ 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.
- ◇ 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. [peer-reviewed]

Conference proceedings

- ◇ 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.
- ◇ 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. [peer-reviewed]
- ◇ 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 Lou-

vain, 1032–1039.
[peer-reviewed]

Book reviews

- ◇ Benedikt Szmrecsanyi (2007). Review of Joybrato Mukherjee. 2005. *English Ditransitive Verbs: Aspects of Theory, Description and a Usage-based Model*. Amsterdam/New York: Rodopi. *English Language and Linguistics* 11(1): 240–246.
- ◇ 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.

Miscellaneous

- ◇ 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: <http://www.freidok.uni-freiburg.de/volltexte/7320/>. Freiburg. (64pp.)
- ◇ 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: <http://www.freidok.uni-freiburg.de/volltexte/2859/>. Freiburg. (32pp.)

Presentations

Invited papers and addresses

- ◇ 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.
- ◇ 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.
- ◇ 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.
- ◇ 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.
- ◇ 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.
- ◇ 2010. "Speech relationships in the HVE morphosyntax survey". Bloomsday Meeting 2010: Echoes of Albion (convenors: Martijn Wieling & John Nerbonne), Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, June 16.
- ◇ 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.

- ◇ 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.
- ◇ 2009. “Diachronic genitive variability and grammaticalization theory”. Workshop on “Form-meaning co-variation in grammaticalization” (convenor: Joan Bybee), NWAV38, Ottawa, October 22–25.
- ◇ 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.
- ◇ 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.
- ◇ 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.
- ◇ 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.
- ◇ 2006 (with Bernd Kortmann). “Vernacular universals and angloversals in a typological perspective”. Symposium on “World Englishes: Vernacular universals vs. contact-induced change” (convenors: Markku Filppula, Juhani Klemola & Heli Paulasto). Mekrijärvi (Finland), September 1–3.
- ◇ 2006 (with Bernd Kortmann). “Morphosyntactic Doubling Phenomena in Non-Standard Varieties of English”. Workshop on “Syntactic doubling in European dialects” (convenor: Sjeff Barbiers), Meertens Institute, Amsterdam, March 16–18.

Guest lectures

- ◇ 2010. “Aggregative Dialektologie”. Guest lecture, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, January 28.
- ◇ 2009. “Varieties of English by numbers”. Guest lecture, University of Zurich, December 11.
- ◇ 2008. “Varieties of English world-wide in a typological perspective”. Guest lecture, University of Paderborn, December 11.
- ◇ 2008. “Dialectology by numbers: World Englishes in the aggregate view”. Guest lecture, Department of Linguistics, UT Austin, November 10.
- ◇ 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.
- ◇ 2007. “Persistence as a probabilistic determinant of word order variation”. Guest lecture, University of Paderborn, May 31.
- ◇ 2007. “Language users as creatures of habit: probing the psycholinguistic underpinnings of linguistic variation”. Guest lecture, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, March 28.
- ◇ 2007. “Psycholinguistics meets variationist sociolinguistics: the case of morphosyntactic persistence”. Guest lecture, Department of Linguistics, University of Toronto, March 11.
- ◇ 2006. “Persistence, Repetitiveness, and Priming: A Corpus-Linguistic Perspective”. Guest lecture, School of Informatics, University of Edinburgh, November 17.

Conference & workshop presentations

- ◇ 2011. “Analyticity-syntheticity variance between Middle English and Present-Day English”. The Helsinki Corpus Festival, Helsinki, September 28 – October 2.
- ◇ 2011 (with Marianne Hundt). “Animacy down under”. The Helsinki Corpus Festival, Helsinki, September 28 – October 2.
- ◇ 2011 (with Jeff Siegel & Bernd Kortmann). “Measuring analyticity and syntheticity in pidgin and creole languages”. The 2011 summer conference of the Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics, Accra, Ghana, August 2–6.
- ◇ 2011 (with Christoph Wolk, Joan Bresnan & Anette Rosenbach). “Dative and genitive variability in late ModE”. ISLE2, Boston, June 17–21.
- ◇ 2010. “Aggregate grammatical variation in traditional British English dialects: Corpus-based dialectometry”. ICAME31, Giessen, May 26–30.
- ◇ 2010 (with Christoph Wolk, Katharina Ehret & Joan Bresnan). “Dative and genitive variability in Late Modern English”. Workshop on “Probabilistic syntax: phonetics, diachrony, and synchrony”, Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies, March 20–24.
- ◇ 2009. “Variationist sociolinguistics meets morphological typology: grammatical analyticity vs. syntheticity in varieties of English”. NWAV38, Ottawa, October 22–25.
- ◇ 2009. “Corpus-based dialectometry: The grammar of traditional British English dialects”. Third International Conference Grammar & Corpora, Mannheim, September 22–24.
- ◇ 2008. “Corpus-based dialectometry: English dialects in the British Isles”. Method-sXIII, Leeds, August 4–8.
- ◇ 2008 (with Bernd Kortmann). “Syntheticity, analyticity, and grammaticity in World Englishes”. MethodsXIII, Leeds, UK, August 4–8.
- ◇ 2008 (with Daniela Kolbe). “The influence of persistence factors on the choice of complementizer”. MethodsXIII, Leeds, UK, August 4–8.
- ◇ 2007 (with Bernd Kortmann). “World Englishes between simplification and complexification”. IAWEL13, Regensburg, Germany, October 4–6.
- ◇ 2007 (with Bernd Kortmann). “Between simplification and complexification: Non-standard varieties of English around the world”. Workshop “Language Complexity as an Evolving Variable”, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, Germany, April 12–14.
- ◇ 2006 (with Lars Hinrichs). “A multivariate analysis of genitive marking in standard English corpora”. NWAV35, Ohio State University, Columbus, November 9–12.
- ◇ 2006. “Trigger happy lexis: the case of lexical persistence”. “Exploring the Lexis-Grammar Interface” (ELeGI). University of Hanover, October 5-7.
- ◇ 2006 (with Lars Hinrichs). “Genitive marking in standard English using *-s* and *of*: A multivariate analysis of the POS-tagged Brown family of corpora”. ICAME27, University of Helsinki, Finland, May 24–28.
- ◇ 2006 (with Bernd Kortmann). “Varieties of English: a global perspective”. Seventh Creolistics Workshop “Simplicity and complexity in pidgins and creoles”, University of Giessen, Germany, April 6–8.
- ◇ 2005 (with Bernd Kortmann). “The quest for angloversals and vernacular universals in varieties of English world-wide”. NWAV34, New York University, NYC, October 20–23.
- ◇ 2005 (with Hubert Cuyckens). “The role of register in the shift from *to*-infinitive to gerundive complement”. ICLC9, Seoul, July 17–22.

- ◇ 2005. “Persistence in Spoken English: A Variationist Approach”. ICLAVE3, Amsterdam, June 23–25.
- ◇ 2005 (with Nils Goldschmidt). “What do economists talk about? A linguistic analysis of published writing in economic journals”. “Rhetoric and Economics: An Interdisciplinary Conference”, Millikin University, Decatur, Illinois, June 6–9.
- ◇ 2005 (with Bernd Kortmann). “The quest for angloversals and vernacular universals in English-based Pidgins and Creoles”. Workshop “Creole language structure between substrates and superstrates”, Max-Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, June 3–5.
- ◇ 2004. “Never change a winning team: A corpus-based analysis of persistence in spoken English”. NWAV33, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, September 30–October 3.
- ◇ 2004. “On operationalizing syntactic complexity”. JADT2004, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium, March 10–12.

Pedagogical certificates

- ◇ 2006
Fit for Teaching: The basics of teaching and learning at university level
 (“*Fit für die Lehre*”)
 Four-day intensive course, University of Freiburg
- ◇ 2011
Designing and managing big courses
 (“*Gestaltung großer Lehrveranstaltungen*”)
 Two-day intensive course, University of Freiburg

Teaching

- NOTE: course descriptions are available on my website.
- ◇ Lecture series *Contrastive Linguistics: English-German*
 University of Freiburg (announced for summer 2012)
 - ◇ Graduate seminar *Variationist sociolinguistics*
 University of Freiburg (announced for summer 2012)
 - ◇ Seminar *Introduction to Middle English*
 University of Freiburg (winter 2011/12)
 - ◇ Lecture series *Introduction to quantitative English linguistics* (with Martin Hilpert)
 University of Basel (fall 2010)
 - ◇ Undergraduate seminar *Second Language Acquisition*
 University of Freiburg (summer 2010)
 - ◇ Undergraduate seminar *Phonetics & phonology*
 University of Freiburg (winter 2009/10)
 - ◇ Graduate seminar *Modern approaches to historical linguistics*
 University of Freiburg (summer 2009)
 - ◇ Graduate seminar *Recent trends in corpus linguistics*
 University of Freiburg (winter 2007/08)
 - ◇ Undergraduate seminar *Semantics*
 University of Freiburg (summer 2007)
 - ◇ Undergraduate seminar *Syntax*
 University of Freiburg (winter 2006/07)
 - ◇ Undergraduate tutorial *LEO – Linguistic Exercises Online*
 University of Freiburg (summer 2006 – summer 2009)

- ◇ Undergraduate seminar *Interactional sociolinguistics*
University of Freiburg (summer 2006)
- ◇ Seminar *Introduction to Old and Middle English*
University of Freiburg (winter 2006/07, winter 2007/08)
- ◇ Graduate tutorial *Research design I/II*
University of Freiburg (winter 2005/06, summer 2007)
- ◇ Seminar *From Old English to Standard English*
University of Freiburg (winter 2005/06)
- ◇ Undergraduate seminar *Language variation and change*
University of Freiburg (winter 2005/06)
- ◇ Undergraduate seminar *Discourse analysis: conversation*
University of Freiburg (winter 2003/04)
- ◇ Undergraduate tutorial *Corpus-linguistic analysis*
University of Freiburg (2004–2005)
- ◇ Undergraduate tutorial *Linguistic analysis*
University of Freiburg (2003–2005)
- ◇ Seminar *Formal and functional linguistics*
University of Freiburg (summer 2004)
- ◇ Tutorial *Modern historical linguistics*
University of Freiburg (summer 2003)
- ◇ Undergraduate tutorial *Microeconomics*
University of Freiburg (winter 2000, summer 2001)

**PhD
dissertations
supervised**

- ◇ since 2011. Katharina Ehret: “A corpus based study of information theoretic complexity in World Englishes” (Freiburg PhD dissertation; first reader)
- ◇ since 2010. Christoph Wolk: “Integrating Aggregational and Probabilistic Approaches to Language Variation” (Freiburg PhD dissertation; first reader)
- ◇ since 2010. Ulrike Schneider: “Frequency, Hesitations and Chunks: What does the placement of hesitations tell us about the nature of chunks?” (Freiburg PhD dissertation; second reader)

**Professional
service**

- ◇ grant reviewer:
 - National Science Foundation, Linguistics section (2006, 2011)
 - Academy of Finland (2009)
 - K.U. Leuven (2011)
 - Swiss National Science Foundation (2011)
- ◇ manuscript reviewer for academic journals:
 - *Corpus Linguistics and Linguistic Theory*
 - *English Language and Linguistics*
 - *International Journal of Corpus Linguistics*
 - *International Journal of Humanities and Arts Computing*
 - *Journal of English Linguistics*
 - *Journal of Pragmatics*
 - *Language in Society*

- *Language Learning*
- *Language Variation and Change*
- *Lingua*
- *Studies in Language*
- *Taal en Tongval*
- *TESOL Quarterly*

- ◇ manuscript reviewing for numerous edited volumes
- ◇ abstract referee for academic conferences: ISLE1, NWAV38, NWAV39, NWAV40, LSA Annual Meeting 2010
- ◇ conference & workshop organization:
 - 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/FRIAS): Workshop on *Probabilistic syntax: Phonetics, diachrony, and synchrony*, Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies, March 21–24, 2010
 - co-organizer (with Peter Auer, FRIAS): Workshop on *Language, space, and geography*, Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies, November 26–28, 2009
 - co-organizer (with Bernd Kortmann, FRIAS): Workshop on *Linguistic complexity in interlanguage varieties, L2 varieties, and contact languages*, Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies, May 21–22, 2009

Memberships

- ◇ Linguistic Society of America
- ◇ The International Society for the Linguistics of English
- ◇ Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sprachforschung
- ◇ The Philological Society

Languages

- ◇ German (native)
- ◇ English (near-native)
- ◇ French (basic)
- ◇ Latin (9 years in school)