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Education

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| 2015–present | PhD in Linguistics, University of Pennsylvania
Dissertation: <i>Morphological processing and the effects of semantic transparency</i>
Advisor: David Embick |
| 2012–2014 | Research M.A. in Linguistics, University of Amsterdam (cum laude)
Master's thesis: <i>Mass-Count and Article Choice in children with High Functioning Autism and with Specific Language Impairment</i>
Supervisors: Jeannette Schaeffer and Judith Rispens |
| 2009–2012 | B.A. Dutch Language and Culture, University of Amsterdam (cum laude)
BA thesis: <i>Nederlandse idiomen als toetsingsdomein voor lexicale decompositie</i>
(Dutch idioms as a testing domain for lexical decomposition)
Supervisor: Jan Don |

Publications

Refereed Journal Articles

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| 2018 | Creemers, Ava , Jan Don, and Paula Fenger. "Some affixes are roots, others are heads". In: <i>Natural Language & Linguistic Theory</i> 36(1), pp. 45–84. doi: 10.1007/s11049-017-9372-1 |
| 2018 | Schaeffer, Jeannette, Merel van Witteloostuijn, Ava Creemers . "Article Choice, Theory of Mind and Memory in Children with High-Functioning Autism and Children with Specific Language Impairment". In: <i>Applied Psycholinguistics</i> 39(1), pp. 89–115. doi: 10.1017/S0142716417000492 |

Manuscripts

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| 2018 | Creemers, Ava , Amy Goodwin Davies, Robert J. Wilder, Meredith Tamminga, and David Embick. "Opacity, Transparency, and Morphological Priming: A Study of Prefixed Verbs in Dutch". Under revision. |
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Conference Proceedings

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| 2019 | Chanchaochai, Nattanun and Ava Creemers . "Investigating the Corner–Corn Effect in Auditory Processing." Manuscript accepted for publication in the <i>Proceedings of the 11th International Conference on the Mental Lexicon</i> . |
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- 2018 **Creemers, Ava**, Jérémy Zehr, and Florian Schwarz. "Interpreting Presuppositions in the Scope of Quantifiers: *every* vs. *at least one*". In: *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung* 22, ed. by Uli Sauerland and Stephanie Solt, Vol. 1. ZASPiL 60. Berlin: Leibniz-Centre General Linguistics, pp. 331–348. [[pdf](#)]
- 2016 **Creemers, Ava** and Jeannette Schaeffer. "Specific Language Impairment and High Functioning Autism: Evidence for Distinct Etiologies and for Modularity of Grammar and Pragmatics." In: *Proceedings of the 6th Conference on Generative Approaches to Language Acquisition North America (GALANA 2015)*, ed. Laurel Perkins et al., pp. 1–12. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project. [[pdf](#)]
- 2015 **Creemers, Ava**, Jan Don, Paula Fenger. "Stress and categorial flexibility of affixes as a consequence of morphological structure". In: *North East Linguistic Society (NELS)* 45, ed. by Bui, T. and Özyildiz, D., Amherst, MA, UMass, GSLA publications, pp. 165–178.
- 2015 **Creemers, Ava** and Jeannette Schaeffer. "Grammatical and pragmatic properties of the DP in children with Specific Language Impairment (SLI) and in children with High Functioning Autism (HFA)". In: *Linguistics in the Netherlands 2015* 32(1), ed. by Köhnlein, Björn and Jenny Audring, pp. 16–32.
- 2015 Fenger, Paula, **Ava Creemers**, and Marlijn Meijer. 'The syntactic nature of the particle *be-*'. In: *Linguistics in the Netherlands 2015* 32(1), ed. by Köhnlein, Björn and Jenny Audring, pp. 48–62.

Presentations

Refereed

- Upcoming **Creemers, Ava**. *Resultative Secondary Predicates and Prefixes in German and Dutch*. Talk at the 43rd Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC 43), University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, March 22-24.
- 2018 **Creemers, Ava**, Amy Goodwin Davies, and Robert J. Wilder. *Auditory morphological priming of semantically transparent and opaque Dutch prefixed verbs*. Talk at the Mental Lexicon (MenLex2018), Edmonton, Canada, September 25-28.
- 2018 Chanchaochai, Nattanun and **Ava Creemers**. *Evidence for early form-based decomposition in auditory priming*. Talk at the Mental Lexicon (MenLex2018), Edmonton, Canada, September 25-28.
- 2018 **Creemers, Ava**, Amy Goodwin Davies, and Robert J. Wilder. *Morphological priming of Dutch prefixed verbs in auditory word processing*. Talk at PLC 42 (Penn Linguistics Conference), University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, March 23-25.
- 2017 **Creemers, Ava**, Jeannette Schaeffer, Merel van Witteloostuijn. *Article Choice, Theory of Mind and Memory in Dutch-speaking children with language impairment*. Poster at BUCLD 42, Boston University, November 3-5.
- 2017 **Creemers, Ava**. *Quantifier scope resolution in doubly quantified ditransitive sentences*. Poster at MACSIM 7 (Mid-Atlantic Colloquium of Studies in Meaning), Georgetown University, Washington D.C., October 7.
- 2017 **Creemers, Ava**, Amy Goodwin Davies, and Robert J. Wilder. *Morphological Priming of Dutch Complex Verbs is independent of Semantic Transparency*. Talk at SLE 50 (Societas Linguistica Europaea), part of the workshop *What is in a Morpheme?*, University of Zurich, Switzerland, September 10-13.

- 2017 **Creemers, Ava**, Jérémy Zehr, and Florian Schwarz. *Interpreting Presuppositions in the Scope of Quantifiers: every vs. at least one*. Poster at SuB22 (Sinn und Bedeutung), ZAS/University of Potsdam, Germany, September 7-10.
- 2017 **Creemers, Ava**, Jérémy Zehr, and Florian Schwarz. *Interpreting Presuppositions in the Scope of Quantifiers: every vs. at least one*. Poster at the 30th CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, MIT, Cambridge MA, March 30 - April 1.
- 2017 **Creemers, Ava**, Florian Schwarz, and Jérémy Zehr. *Presupposition projection in quantified sentences: every vs. at least one*. Theoretical and Experimental Approaches to Presuppositions (workshop), Laboratory of Psychology of Language, Genoa, Italy, March 3-5.
- 2015 **Creemers, Ava** and Jeannette Schaeffer. *Grammatical and pragmatic properties of DP in children with Specific Language Impairment (SLI) and in children with High Functioning Autism (HFA)*. GALANA 2015 (Generative Approaches to Language Acquisition – North America), University of Maryland, College Park MD, February 19-22.
- 2014 **Creemers, Ava**, Jan Don, and Paula Fenger. *Stress and categorial flexibility of affixes as a consequence of morphological structure*. North East Linguistic Society (NELS) 45, MIT, Cambridge MA, October 31 - November 2.
- 2014 **Creemers, Ava**, Jan Don, and Paula Fenger. *Stress-sensitivity and flexibility of affixes*. 16th International Morphology Meeting (IMM), Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, Hungary, May 29-31.
- 2013 **Creemers, Ava**, Jan Don, and Paula Fenger. *A syntactic approach to stress-sensitivity and flexibility of derivational affixes*. Morfologiedagen (Morphology days), De Fryske Akademy, Leeuwarden, the Netherlands, December 13.

Invited Talks

- Upcoming **Creemers, Ava**. *The processing of morphologically complex verbs in Dutch*. Invited talk at workshop *Doing experiments with theoretical linguistics*, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands, April 4.

Other

- 2016 **Creemers, Ava**. *Lexical Representation of Dutch Complex Verbs*. Grammar & Cognition, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands, June 24.
- 2015 Schaeffer, Jeannette, **Ava Creemers**, and Merel van Witteloostuijn. *Article Choice in children with High Functioning Autism (HFA) and in children with Specific Language Impairment (SLI)*. Acquiring Referentiality workshop, Utrecht University, the Netherlands, April 10.
- 2015 **Creemers, Ava** and Jeannette Schaeffer. *Grammatical and pragmatic properties of the DP in children with Specific Language Impairment (SLI) and in children with High Functioning Autism (HFA)*. TIN-day (Taalkunde in Nederland / Linguistics in the Netherlands), Utrecht University, the Netherlands, February 7.
- 2015 Fenger, Paula, **Ava Creemers**, and Marlijn Meijer. *On the Syntactic Nature of the Dutch Particle be-*. TIN-day (Taalkunde in Nederland / Linguistics in the Netherlands), Utrecht University, the Netherlands, February 7.

Additional Training

- 2017 **Crete Summer School of Linguistics**, University of Crete, Rethymnon, Greece.
- 2014 **LOT Graduate Summer School**, Radboud Universiteit, Nijmegen, the Netherlands.
- 2014 **GLOW Spring School 'Theories in Dialogue'**, KU Leuven, Brussels, Belgium.
- 2013 **LOT Graduate Summer School**, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, the Netherlands.

Teaching Experience

- Summer 2018 **Guest lecturer on *Introduction to Psycholinguistics***
Introduction to Linguistics (LING001).
- Spring 2018 **Teaching Assistant for *Introduction to Linguistics*** (LING001)
Instructor: Gareth Roberts, UPenn.
- Fall 2017 **Guest lecturer on *Experimental Approaches to Psycholinguistics***
Experimental Approaches in Language (LING170).
- Spring 2017 **Teaching Assistant for *Introduction to Linguistics*** (LING001)
Instructor: Jianjing Kuang, UPenn.
- Fall 2016 **Teaching Assistant for *Language Acquisition*** (LING270)
Instructor: Charles Yang, UPenn.
- 2013–2015 **Instructor in Dutch writing for De Taalprof**
De Haagse Hogeschool (The Hague University of Applied Sciences).
- 2012–2015 **Examiner of Dutch writing exams for De Taalprof**
De Haagse Hogeschool (The Hague University of Applied Sciences).
- Fall 2012 **Teaching Assistant for *Sentence Analysis (Practicum Zinsanalyse)***
Dutch Linguistics department, University of Amsterdam.

Fellowships, Rewards, & Grants

- 2015–2020 **Benjamin Franklin Fellowship**, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2018–2019 **CTL Graduate Fellowship for Teaching Excellence** at the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL).
- 2017 **President Gutmann Leadership Award** (\$830).
- 2015 **Travel grant** from GALANA (\$400).
- 2014 **Travel grant** from the Language and Literature department, UvA (€ 250).
- 2014 **Travel grant** from the Glow Spring School 1.
- 2013 **First prize poster presentation** 'The emergence of the CP in Germanic and the development of the complementizer *that*' at the Poster Festival, UvA.
- 2012 **Second prize yearly essay competition** organized by the University of Amsterdam: *De Taal van de Universiteit* (The University's Language) (€ 750).

Professional Service

Reviewing

- 2018 | **Abstract Reviewer**, The Mental Lexicon (MenLex2018).
- 2018 | **Reviewer**, Proceedings of the 11th International Conference on the Mental Lexicon.
- 2018 | **Abstract Reviewer**, Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC 43).

Volumes Edited

- 2019 | *Penn Working Papers in Linguistics (PWPL)*, Vol. 25.1, eds. Ava Creemers and Caitlin Richter.

Other Service

- 2019 | **Graduate Student Representative**, SAS Teaching Awards Selection Committee, School of Arts and Sciences, UPenn.
- 2018–2019 | **Co-President, Graduate Linguistics Society**, Department of Linguistics, UPenn.
- 2017–2018 | **Prospective Student Liaison**, Department of Linguistics, UPenn.
- 2016–2017 | **Co-chair Penn Linguistics Conference 41 (PLC)**, Department of Linguistics, UPenn.
- Fall 2016 | **Speaker Series Coordinator**, Department of Linguistics, UPenn.
- Spring 2016 | **Speaker Series Assistant**, Department of Linguistics, UPenn.
- 2015–2016 | **Head Hospitality Committee Penn Linguistics Conference 40 (PLC)**.
- 2014 | **Organizer first RMA Linguistics alumni event**, UvA.
- 2011–2014 | **Editor Linguistics, Absint**, magazine for Dutch Language and Culture, UvA.
- 2010–2011 | **Secretary of Helios**, student association in Dutch Language and Culture, UvA.

Technical Skills

Proficient		LaTeX, R, PsychoPy
Basic		PRAAT

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