

# Ava Creemers

## Curriculum Vitae

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## Education

- 2015–present | **PhD in Linguistics, University of Pennsylvania**  
Dissertation: *Morphological processing and the effects of semantic transparency*  
Advisor: David Embick  
Degree expected: May 2020
- 2012–2014 | **Research M.A. in Linguistics, University of Amsterdam**  
Master's thesis: *Mass-Count and Article Choice in children with High Functioning Autism and with Specific Language Impairment*  
Supervisors: Jeannette Schaeffer and Judith Rispens  
Cum laude
- 2009–2012 | **B.A. Dutch Language and Culture, University of Amsterdam**  
BA thesis: *Nederlandse idiomen als toetsingsdomein voor lexicale decompositie*  
(Dutch idioms as a testing domain for lexical decomposition)  
Supervisor: Jan Don  
Cum laude

## Research Interests

Psycholinguistics ◊ The mental lexicon ◊ Morphological processing ◊  
Theoretical morphology ◊ Prefixes ◊ Developmental language disorders

## Publications

### Refereed Journal Articles

- 2018 | **Creemers, Ava**, Jan Don, and Paula Fenger. "Some affixes are roots, others are heads". In: *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory* 36(1), pp. 45–84. doi: [10.1007/s11049-017-9372-1](https://doi.org/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: *Applied Psycholinguistics* 39(1), pp. 89–115. doi: [10.1017/S0142716417000492](https://doi.org/10.1017/S0142716417000492)

### Manuscripts

- 2019 | **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 review.

## Conference Proceedings

- 2019 Chanchaochai, Nattanun and **Ava Creemers**. “Investigating the *Corner–Corn* Effect in Auditory Processing.” In: *Proceedings of The 11th International Conference on the Mental Lexicon*, 1, e102. doi: [10.7939/r3-w5rt-gy96](https://doi.org/10.7939/r3-w5rt-gy96)
- 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 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. doi: [10.1075/avt.32.04fen](https://doi.org/10.1075/avt.32.04fen)
- 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. doi: [10.1075/avt.32.02cre](https://doi.org/10.1075/avt.32.02cre)

## Presentations

### Refereed

- Upcoming **Creemers, Ava**, Nattanun Chanchaochai, and David Embick. *Auditory processing of pseudo-derived English words*. ExLing 2019, 10th Tutorial and Research Workshop on Experimental Linguistics, University of Lisbon, Portugal, September 25-27.
- 2019 **Creemers, Ava**. *Resultative Secondary Predicates and Prefixes in German and Dutch*. Talk at the 43rd Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC 43), University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia PA, 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 the 42nd Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC 42), University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia PA, March 23-25.
- 2017 **Creemers, Ava**, Jeannette Schaeffer, and Merel van Witteloostuijn. *Article Choice, Theory of Mind and Memory in Dutch-speaking children with language impairment*. Poster at Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD) 42, Boston University, Boston MA, November 3-5.

- 2017 **Creemers, Ava**, Amy Goodwin Davies, and Robert J. Wilder. *Morphological Priming of Dutch Complex Verbs is independent of Semantic Transparency*. Talk at Societas Linguistica Europaea (SLE) 50, 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 Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB22), 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)*. Talk at Generative Approaches to Language Acquisition – North America (GALANA 2015), 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*. Talk at 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*. Talk at 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*. Talk at the Morfologiedagen (Morphology days), De Fryske Akademy, Leeuwarden, the Netherlands, December 13.

### Invited

- 2019 **Creemers, Ava**. *The processing of morphologically complex verbs in Dutch*. Talk at workshop *Doing experiments with theoretical linguistics*, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands, April 4.
- 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)*. Talk at workshop *Acquiring Referentiality*, Utrecht University, the Netherlands, April 10.

### Other

- 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.
- 2016 **Creemers, Ava**. *Lexical Representation of Dutch Complex Verbs*. Grammar & Cognition, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands, June 24.

- 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.

## 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 *Practicum Zinsanalyse (Sentence Analysis)***  
Dutch Linguistics department, University of Amsterdam.

## Fellowships, Rewards, & Grants

- 2015–2020 **Benjamin Franklin Fellowship**, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2019–2020 **Penfield Fellowship**, to conduct dissertation research in the Netherlands (\$4375).
- 2018–2019 **Graduate Fellowship for Teaching Excellence**, Center for Teaching and Learning. Awarded annually to fourteen graduate students university-wide, nominated by department (\$6,000).
- 2017 **President Gutmann Leadership Award**; selectivity rate of 10% (\$830).
- 2015 **Travel grant**, GALANA (\$400).
- 2014 **Travel grant**, Language and Literature department, UvA (€ 250).
- 2014 **Travel grant**, 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

- 2019 | **Ad Hoc Reviewer**, The Mental Lexicon.
- 2018 | **Abstract Reviewer**, International Conference on the Mental Lexicon.
- 2018 | **Reviewer**, Proceedings of the 11th International Conference on the Mental Lexicon.
- 2018 | **Abstract Reviewer**, Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC43).

### Volumes Edited

- 2019 | *Penn Working Papers in Linguistics (PWPL)*, Vol. 25.1, eds. Ava Creemers and Caitlin Richter. Available at: [repository.upenn.edu/pwpl/vol25/iss1/](https://repository.upenn.edu/pwpl/vol25/iss1/).

### Other Service

- 2019 | **Graduate Student Representative**, SAS Teaching Awards Selection Committee, School of Arts and Sciences, UPenn.
- 2018–2019 | **Co-President, Graduate Linguistics Society (GradLingS)**, Department of Linguistics, UPenn (served from January 2018 – May 2019).
- 2017–2018 | **Prospective Student Liaison**, Department of Linguistics, UPenn.
- 2016–2017 | **Co-chair Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC41)**, 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 (PLC40)**.
- 2014 | **Organizer first RMA Linguistics alumni event**, UvA.
- 2011–2014 | **Editor Linguistics, Absint**, magazine for Dutch Language and Culture.
- 2010–2011 | **Secretary of Helios**, student association in Dutch Language and Culture, UvA.

## 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.

## Language proficiency

Native	Dutch
Fluent	English
Basic	German, French

## Technical Skills

Proficient	LaTeX, R, PsychoPy, Qualtrics
Basic	PRAAT, IBEX