

# 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
- 2014 | **Research M.A. in Linguistics, University of Amsterdam**, cum laude  
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
- 2012 | **B.A. Dutch Language and Culture, University of Amsterdam**, cum laude  
BA thesis: *Nederlandse idiomem als toetsingsdomein voor lexicale decompositie*  
(Dutch idioms as a testing domain for lexical decomposition)  
Supervisor: Jan Don

## Publications

### Refereed Journal Articles

- 2020 | **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". *Journal of Memory and Language*, 110, 104055. doi: [10.1016/j.jml.2019.104055](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jml.2019.104055)
- 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)
- 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 Köhnllein, 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 Köhnllein, Björn and Jenny Audring, pp. 16–32. doi: [10.1075/avt.32.02cre](https://doi.org/10.1075/avt.32.02cre)

### Book Chapters

- Forthcoming | David Embick, **Ava Creemers**, and Amy Goodwin Davies. "Morphology and the mental lexicon: Three questions about decomposition". In: *Oxford Handbook of the Mental Lexicon*.

## Manuscripts

- 2019 **Creemers, Ava**, Nattanun Chanchaochai, Meredith Tamminga, and David Embick. "The auditory processing of English pseudo-derived words". In prep.

## Edited Volumes

- 2019 *Penn Working Papers in Linguistics, Proceedings of the 42nd Annual Penn Linguistics Conference*, Vol. 25.1, eds. **Ava Creemers** and Caitlin Richter. Available at: [repository.upenn.edu/pwpl/vol25/iss1/](https://repository.upenn.edu/pwpl/vol25/iss1/).

## Conference Proceedings

- Forthcoming **Creemers, Ava**. "Resultative Secondary Predicates and Prefixes in German and Dutch". In: *Penn Working Papers in Linguistics: Proceedings of the 43rd Annual Penn Linguistics Conference*, ed. by Ryan Budnick and Nari Rhee, vol. 26.1, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.
- 2019 **Creemers, Ava**, Nattanun Chanchaochai, and David Embick. "Auditory priming of pseudo-derived words". In: *Proceedings ExLing 2019: 10th International Conference of Experimental Linguistics*, ed. by Antonis Botinis. Athens, Greece, pp. 65-68. [pdf]
- 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.

## Presentations

### 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.

## Refereed Conference Talks

- Upcoming Van Lipzig, Emma, **Ava Creemers**, and Jan Don. *Is there Morphological Decomposition in Irregular Nominalizations? A Priming Study on Dutch*. Talk at the Morphology in the Low Countries (MiLC) symposium, Utrecht University, the Netherlands, April 8-9.
- Upcoming **Creemers, Ava**. *The representation of opaque meanings in Dutch prefixed verbs*. Talk at the 44th Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC 44), University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia PA, March 27-29.
- Upcoming **Creemers, Ava**. *Auditory processing of English compound words*. Poster at the 33rd Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, University of Massachusetts, Amherst MA, March 19-21.
- 2019 **Creemers, Ava**, Nattanun Chanchaochai, and David Embick. *Auditory processing of pseudo-derived English words*. Talk at the 10th Tutorial and Research Workshop on Experimental Linguistics (ExLing 2019), 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, 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), 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.

### Other Talks

- 2020 **Creemers, Ava**, *Morphological and semantic processing of semantically opaque prefixed verbs in Dutch*. Talk at the ILST seminar (Integrated Language Science and Technology), University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia PA, February 14.
- 2020 Emma van Lipzig, **Ava Creemers**, and Jan Don. *Snuiten - snot: over de rol van morfologie bij onregelmatige nominalisaties 'Snuiten - snot: on the role of morphology in irregular nominalisations'*. Talk at the Dutch Annual Linguistics Day, Utrecht University, the Netherlands, January 31.
- 2019 **Creemers, Ava**. *Morphological and semantic processing of prefixed verbs in Dutch*. Talk at Grammar & Cognition, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands, November 1.
- 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*. Talk at 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.

### Fellowships, Awards, & Grants

- 2015–2020 **Benjamin Franklin Fellowship**, Penn.
- 2019 **Penfield Dissertation Research Fellowship**, SAS, Penn (\$4375).
- 2018–2019 **Graduate Fellowship for Teaching Excellence**, Center for Teaching and Learning. Awarded annually to fourteen graduate students university-wide, nominated by department (\$6000).
- 2017 **President Gutmann Leadership Award**; selectivity rate of 10% (\$830).
- 2015 **Travel grant**, GALANA (\$400).
- 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*', 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).

## Teaching and Mentoring Experience

Fall 2019	<b>Guest lecturer on on <i>Modeling RT data in R</i></b> <i>Quantitative analysis of linguistic variation</i> (LING 562).
Fall 2019	<b>Undergraduate research mentor</b> to Emma van Lipzig Research practicum, Honours Program, University of Amsterdam.
Summer 2018	<b>Guest lecturer on <i>Introduction to Psycholinguistics</i></b> <i>Introduction to Linguistics</i> (LING001).
Spring 2018	<b>Teaching Assistant for <i>Introduction to Linguistics</i></b> (LING001) I taught two sections with 22 and 24 students. Instructor: Gareth Roberts, Penn.
Fall 2017	<b>Guest lecturer on <i>Experimental Approaches to Psycholinguistics</i></b> <i>Experimental Approaches in Language</i> (LING170).
Spring 2017	<b>Teaching Assistant for <i>Introduction to Linguistics</i></b> (LING001) I taught two sections with 23 and 20 students. Instructor: Jianjing Kuang, Penn.
Fall 2016	<b>Teaching Assistant for <i>Language Acquisition</i></b> (LING270) Instructor: Charles Yang, Penn.
2013–2015	<b>Instructor in Dutch writing for De Taalprof</b> De Haagse Hogeschool (The Hague University of Applied Sciences).
2012–2015	<b>Examiner of Dutch writing exams for De Taalprof</b> De Haagse Hogeschool (The Hague University of Applied Sciences).
Fall 2012	<b>Teaching Assistant for <i>Practicum Zinsanalyse (Sentence Analysis)</i></b> Dutch Linguistics department, University of Amsterdam.

## Additional Training

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

## Academic Service

### *Reviewing*

2018, 2019	<b>Abstract Reviewer</b> , Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC43, PLC44).
2019	<b>Abstract Reviewer</b> , Going Romance 2019.
2019	<b>Ad Hoc Reviewer</b> , The Mental Lexicon.
2018	<b>Abstract Reviewer</b> , International Conference on the Mental Lexicon.
2018	<b>Reviewer</b> , Proceedings of the 11th International Conference on the Mental Lexicon.

*Professional Service*

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

## Language proficiency

Native	Dutch
Fluent	English
Basic	German, French

## Technical Skills

Proficient	LaTeX, R, PsychoPy, Ibx
Basic	Qualtrics, Praat, Python

## References

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