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Curriculum Vitae

Psychology of Language Department
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Current position

2020–present | **Postdoctoral researcher**, Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics
Psychology of Language department
Advisor: Antje Meyer

Education

2015–2020 | **Ph.D. in Linguistics**, University of Pennsylvania
Dissertation: *Morphological processing and the effects of semantic transparency*
Advisor: David Embick; Committee: Meredith Tamminga, Florian Schwarz

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 idiomen als toetsingsdomein voor lexicale decompositie*
(Dutch idioms as a testing domain for lexical decomposition)
Supervisor: Jan Don

Publications

Refereed Journal Articles

2020 | **Ava Creemers**, 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 | **Ava Creemers**, 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 | Jeannette Schaeffer, 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)

Book and Volume Chapters

In press | David Embick, **Ava Creemers**, and Amy Goodwin Davies. "Morphology and the mental lexicon: Three questions about decomposition". In: *Oxford Handbook of the Mental Lexicon*, ed. by Lila Gleitman, Anna Papafragou, and John Trueswell. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Book and Volume Chapters (cont'd)

- In press | Emma Van Lipzig, **Ava Creemers**, and Jan Don. "Morphological processing in nominalizations: A priming study on Dutch." In: *Linguistics in the Netherlands 2020*, ed. by Elena Tribushinina and Mark Dingemanse. doi: [10.1075/avt.00044.lip](https://doi.org/10.1075/avt.00044.lip)
- 2015 | Paula Fenger, **Ava Creemers**, and Marlijn Meijer. "The syntactic nature of the particle *be-*". In: *Linguistics in the Netherlands 2015* 32(1), ed. by Björn Köhnlein and Jenny Audring, pp. 48–62. doi: [10.1075/avt.32.04fen](https://doi.org/10.1075/avt.32.04fen)
- 2015 | **Ava Creemers** 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 Björn Köhnlein and Jenny Audring, pp. 16–32. doi: [10.1075/avt.32.02cre](https://doi.org/10.1075/avt.32.02cre)

Conference Proceedings

- In press | **Ava Creemers**. "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 | **Ava Creemers**, 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 | Nattanun Chanchaochai 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 | **Ava Creemers**, 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 | **Ava Creemers** 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 | **Ava Creemers**, 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.

Edited Volumes

- 2019 | *Penn Working Papers in Linguistics, Proceedings of the 42nd Annual Penn Linguistics Conference*, Vol. 25.1, ed. by **Ava Creemers** and Caitlin Richter. Available at: repository.upenn.edu/pwpl/vol25/iss1/.

Presentations*Refereed Conference Talks*

- 2020 | **Ava Creemers** and David Embick. *Associative stem priming with semantically opaque prefixed verbs in Dutch*. Talk at Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing (AMLaP), University of Potsdam, Germany, September 3–5 (virtual conference).

Refereed Conference Talks (cont'd)

- 2020 Emma Van Lipzig, **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 (conference postponed due to COVID-19).
- 2020 **Ava Creemers**. *The representation of opaque meanings in Dutch prefixed verbs*. Accepted for a talk at the 44th Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC 44), University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia PA, March 27-29; conference cancelled due to COVID-19.
- 2020 **Ava Creemers**. *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. Virtual conference, see <https://osf.io/fxyre/>.
- 2019 **Ava Creemers**, Nattanun Chanchaochai, and David Embick. *Auditory processing of pseudo-derived English words*. Talk at the 10th Tutorial and Research Workshop on Experimental Linguistics (ExLing), University of Lisbon, Portugal, September 25-27.
- 2019 **Ava Creemers**. *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 **Ava Creemers**, 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 Nattanun Chanchaochai and **Ava Creemers**. *Evidence for early form-based decomposition in auditory priming*. Talk at the Mental Lexicon (MenLex2018), Edmonton, Canada, September 25-28.
- 2018 **Ava Creemers**, 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 **Ava Creemers**, 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 **Ava Creemers**, 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 **Ava Creemers**, 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 **Ava Creemers**, 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 **Ava Creemers**, 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 **Ava Creemers** 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.

Refereed Conference Talks (cont'd)

- 2014 **Ava Creemers**, 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 **Ava Creemers**, 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 **Ava Creemers**, 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 **Ava Creemers**, *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 **Ava Creemers**. *Morphological and semantic processing of prefixed verbs in Dutch*. Talk at Grammar & Cognition, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands, November 1.
- 2019 **Ava Creemers**. *The processing of morphologically complex verbs in Dutch*. Talk at workshop *Doing experiments with theoretical linguistics*, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands, April 4 [invited talk].
- 2017 **Ava Creemers**. *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 **Ava Creemers**. *Lexical Representation of Dutch Complex Verbs*. Talk at Grammar & Cognition, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands, June 24.
- 2015 Jeannette Schaeffer, **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.
- 2015 **Ava Creemers** 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 Paula Fenger, **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.

Fellowships, Awards, & Grants

2015–2020	Benjamin Franklin Fellowship , Penn.
2019	Penfield Dissertation Research Fellowship , SAS, Penn (\$4375).
2019	Travel grant , 10th International Conference of Experimental Linguistics.
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 <i>that</i> ’, Poster Festival, UvA.
2012	Second prize yearly essay competition , organized by the University of Amsterdam: <i>De Taal van de Universiteit</i> (The University’s Language) (€ 750).

Teaching and Mentoring Experience

Spring 2020	Guest lecturer on <i>Experimental Design in Linguistics</i> (two classes) <i>Mental lexicon</i> (LING 575; graduate level), Penn.
Fall 2019	Guest lecturer on <i>Modeling RT data in R</i> <i>Quantitative analysis of linguistic variation</i> (LING 562; graduate level), Penn.
Fall 2019	Undergraduate research mentor to Emma van Lipzig Research practicum, Honours Program, University of Amsterdam.
Summer 2018	Guest lecturer on <i>Introduction to Psycholinguistics</i> <i>Introduction to Linguistics</i> (LING 001; undergraduate level), Penn.
Spring 2018	Teaching Assistant for <i>Introduction to Linguistics</i> (LING 001; undergraduate level) I taught two sections with 22 and 24 students. Instructor: Gareth Roberts, Penn.
Fall 2017	Guest lecturer on <i>Experimental Approaches to Psycholinguistics</i> <i>Experimental Approaches in Language</i> (LING 170; undergraduate level).
Spring 2017	Teaching Assistant for <i>Introduction to Linguistics</i> (LING 001; undergraduate level) I taught two sections with 23 and 20 students. Instructor: Jianjing Kuang, Penn.
Fall 2016	Teaching Assistant for <i>Language Acquisition</i> (LING 270; undergraduate level) Instructor: Charles Yang, Penn.
2013–2015	Instructor in Dutch writing for De Taalprof De Haagse Hogeschool (The Hague University of Applied Sciences).
Fall 2012	Teaching Assistant for <i>Practicum Zinsanalyse (Sentence Analysis)</i> Dutch Linguistics department, University of Amsterdam.

Academic Service

Reviewing

Ad hoc	<i>Journal of Experimental Psychology: General; The Mental Lexicon</i>
Abstracts	<i>Penn Linguistics Conference; Going Romance; International Conference on the Mental Lexicon</i>

Professional Service

2019	Graduate Student Representative , SAS Teaching Awards Selection Committee, School of Arts and Sciences, Penn.
2018–2019	Co-President, Graduate Linguistics Society (GradLingS) , Department of Linguistics, Penn (served from January 2018 – May 2019).
2017–2018	Prospective Student Liaison , Department of Linguistics, Penn.
2016–2017	Co-chair Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC₄₁) , Department of Linguistics, Penn.
Fall 2016	Speaker Series Coordinator , Department of Linguistics, Penn.
Spring 2016	Speaker Series Assistant , Department of Linguistics, Penn.
2015–2016	Head Hospitality Committee Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC ₄₀), Penn.
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.

Language proficiency

Native	Dutch
Fluent	English
Basic	German, French

Technical Skills

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

References

| Available upon request