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Curriculum Vitae

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Current positions

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| June 2020–present | Postdoctoral researcher , Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics
Psychology of Language department (advisor: Antje Meyer) |
| Spring 2022 | Docent (0.1 fte), Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen
Departement Moderne Talen en Culturen, Leerstoel Nederlandse Taalkunde |

Education

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| 2015–2020 | Ph.D. in Linguistics , University of Pennsylvania
Dissertation: <i>Morphological processing and the effects of semantic transparency</i>
Advisor: David Embick; Committee: Meredith Tamminga, Florian Schwarz |
| 2014 | Research M.A. in Linguistics , University of Amsterdam (cum laude)
MA 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 |
| 2012 | B.A. Dutch Language and Culture , University of Amsterdam (cum laude)
BA thesis: <i>Nederlandse idiomem als toetsingsdomein voor lexicale decompositie</i>
Supervisor: Jan Don |

Publications

Refereed Journal Articles

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| 2021 | Ava Creemers and David Embick. Retrieving stem meanings in opaque words during auditory lexical processing. <i>Language, Cognition and Neuroscience</i> 36(9), pp. 1107–1122. DOI: 10.1080/23273798.2021.1909085 |
| 2021 | Jieying He, Antje Meyer, Ava Creemers , Laurel Brehm. Conducting language production research online: A web-based study of semantic context and name agreement effects in multi-word production. <i>Collabra: Psychology</i> , 7(1): 29935. DOI: 10.1525/collabra.29935 . |
| 2020 | Birgit Knudsen, Ava Creemers , and Antje S. Meyer. Forgotten little words: How backchannels and particles may facilitate speech planning in conversation. <i>Frontiers in Psychology</i> , 11, 3071. DOI: 10.3389/fpsyg.2020.593671 |
| 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. <i>Journal of Memory and Language</i> , 110, 104055. DOI: 10.1016/j.jml.2019.104055 |
| 2018 | Ava Creemers , Jan Don, and Paula Fenger. Some affixes are roots, others are heads. <i>Natural Language & Linguistic Theory</i> 36(1), pp. 45–84. DOI: 10.1007/s11049-017-9372-1 |

Refereed Journal Articles (cont'd)

- 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. *Applied Psycholinguistics* 39(1), pp. 89–115. DOI: [10.1017/S0142716417000492](https://doi.org/10.1017/S0142716417000492)

Book and Volume Chapters

- Forthcoming | **Ava Creemers**. Morphological processing in spoken-word recognition. In Davide Crepaldi (Ed.), *Linguistic Morphology in the Mind and Brain*. Routledge.
- Forthcoming | David Embick, **Ava Creemers**, and Amy Goodwin Davies. Morphology and the mental lexicon: Three questions about decomposition. In Anna Papafragou, John C. Trueswell, and Lila R. Gleitman (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of the Mental Lexicon*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. Preprint: lingbuzz/005435
- 2020 | Emma Van Lipzig, **Ava Creemers**, and Jan Don. Morphological processing in nominalizations: A priming study on Dutch. In Elena Tribushinina and Mark Dingemanse (Eds.), *Linguistics in the Netherlands 2020* (pp. 165–179). 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 Björn Köhnlén and Jenny Audring (Eds.), *Linguistics in the Netherlands 2015*, (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 Björn Köhnlén and Jenny Audring (Eds.), *Linguistics in the Netherlands 2015*, (pp. 16–32). DOI: [10.1075/avt.32.02cre](https://doi.org/10.1075/avt.32.02cre)

Conference Proceedings

- 2020 | **Ava Creemers**. Resultative Secondary Predicates and Prefixes in German and Dutch. In Ryan Budnick and Nari Rhee (Eds.), *Penn Working Papers in Linguistics: Proceedings of the 43rd Annual Penn Linguistics Conference*, vol. 26.1, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. [[pdf](#)]
- 2019 | **Ava Creemers**, Nattanun Chanchaochai, and David Embick. Auditory priming of pseudo-derived words. In Antonis Botinis (Ed.), *Proceedings ExLing 2019: 10th International Conference of Experimental Linguistics*, pp. 65–68. Athens, Greece. [[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 Uli Sauerland and Stephanie Solt (Eds.), *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 22*, Vol. 1. ZASPiL 60, pp. 331–348. Berlin: Leibniz-Centre General Linguistics. [[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 Laurel Perkins et al. (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 6th Conference on Generative Approaches to Language Acquisition North America (GALANA 2015)*, 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 Bui, T. and Özyildiz, D. (Eds.) *North East Linguistic Society (NELS) 45*, pp. 165–178. Amherst, GSLA publications.

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

- 2021 Jieying He, Antje S. Meyer, **Ava Creemers**, Laurel Brehm. *How to conduct language production research online: A web-based study of semantic context and name agreement effects in multi-word production*. Poster at the 18th NVP Winter Conference on Brain and Cognition (conference has been postponed to April 28–30, 2022).
- 2021 **Ava Creemers** and Antje S. Meyer. *Depth of processing influences referential ambiguity resolution*. Short talk at Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing (AMLaP), September 2–4, Université de Paris, France.
- 2021 Jieying He, Antje S. Meyer, **Ava Creemers**, Laurel Brehm. *Lexical selection in spoken production: A web-based study of the effects of semantic context and name agreement in multi-word production*. Short talk at Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing (AMLaP), September 2–4, Université de Paris, France.
- 2020 **Ava Creemers**. *Auditory processing of English semantically transparent and opaque compound words*. Talk at the Words in the World International Conference (WoW), October 16–18 (virtual).
- 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).
- 2020 Emma Van Lipzig, **Ava Creemers**, and Jan Don. *Is there Morphological Decomposition in Irregular Nominalizations? A Priming Study on Dutch*. Accepted for a talk at the Morphology in the Low Countries (MiLC) symposium, Utrecht University (conference cancelled 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, 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, 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 (MenLex 2018), 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 (MenLex 2018), 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.

Refereed Conference Talks (cont'd)

- 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 (SuB 22), 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.
- 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.

Other Talks

- 2021 Jieying He, Antje S. Meyer, **Ava Creemers**, Laurel Brehm. *How to conduct language production research online: A web-based study of semantic context and name agreement effects in multi-word production*. Poster at the 18th NVP Dutch Society for Brain and Cognition Winter Conference, December 16-18, Egmond aan Zee.
- 2021 Jieying He, Antje S. Meyer, **Ava Creemers**, Laurel Brehm. *Name agreement affects processing of background information: the role of attention engagement*. Short poster-talk at the International Workshop on Language Production (IWOLP), November 2, Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics, Nijmegen.
- 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*. Talk at the Dutch Annual Linguistics Day, Utrecht University, 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, 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.
- 2015 Jeannette Schaeffer, **Ava Creemers**, and Merel van Witteloostuijn. *Article Choice in children with High Functioning Autism and in children with Specific Language Impairment*. Talk at workshop *Acquiring Referentiality*, Utrecht University, 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)*. Taalkunde in Nederland (TIN-dag), Utrecht University, February 7.

Teaching Experience

Teaching

Spring 2022	Instructor for <i>Verdieping Psycholinguïstiek</i> (advance undergraduate level) Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen
Spring 2018	Teaching Assistant for <i>Introduction to Linguistics</i> (undergraduate level) I taught two weekly sections with 22 and 24 students Primary instructor: Gareth Roberts, University of Pennsylvania
Spring 2017	Teaching Assistant for <i>Introduction to Linguistics</i> (undergraduate level) I taught two weekly sections with 23 and 20 students Primary instructor: Jianjing Kuang, University of Pennsylvania
Fall 2016	Teaching Assistant for <i>Language Acquisition</i> (undergraduate level) Primary instructor: Charles Yang, University of Pennsylvania
2013–2015	Instructor in Dutch writing De Haagse Hogeschool (through De Taalprof)
Fall 2012	Teaching Assistant for <i>Practicum Zinsanalyse</i> Afdeling Nederlandse Taalkunde, University of Amsterdam

Guest Lectures

Fall 2021	Woordproductie <i>Introductie Psycholinguïstiek</i> , Radboud Universiteit
Fall 2020	Morphological structure in spoken word recognition <i>Leading Questions in Cognition, Language, and Communication</i> , University of Amsterdam
Spring 2020	Experimental Design in Linguistics (two classes) <i>Mental lexicon</i> (graduate level), University of Pennsylvania
Fall 2019	Modeling RT data in R <i>Quantitative analysis of linguistic variation</i> (graduate level), University of Pennsylvania
Summer 2018	Introduction to Psycholinguistics <i>Introduction to Linguistics</i> (undergraduate level), University of Pennsylvania
Fall 2017	Experimental Approaches to Psycholinguistics <i>Experimental Approaches in Language</i> (undergraduate level), University of Pennsylvania

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)
2014–2019	Recipient of several selective travel grants , among which from the Glow Spring School, the International Conference of Experimental Linguistics, and GALANA.
2017	President Gutmann Leadership Award ; selectivity rate of <10% (\$830)
2012	Second prize yearly essay competition , organized by the University of Amsterdam: <i>De Taal van de Universiteit</i> (€750)

Academic Service

Reviewing

Ad hoc	<i>Language, Cognition and Neuroscience</i> · <i>Journal of Experimental Psychology: General</i> · <i>The Mental Lexicon</i> · <i>Glossa: A Journal of General Linguistics</i>
Abstracts	<i>Penn Linguistics Conference</i> · <i>Going Romance</i> · <i>International Conference on the Mental Lexicon</i>

Professional Service

2020–	Translator for MPI TalkLing , MPI's trilingual science communication blog
2020–2021	Member of the MPI Diversity & Inclusion Working Group
Fall 2021	Organizing team <i>International Workshop on Language Production (IWOLP)</i>
2019	Graduate Student Representative, SAS Teaching Awards Selection Committee, 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
2014	Organizer first RMA Linguistics alumni event, UvA
2011–2014	Editor <i>Linguistics, Absint</i> , magazine for Dutch Language and Culture, UvA
2010–2011	Secretary of <i>Helios</i> , student association in Dutch Language and Culture, UvA

Technical Skills

Proficient	R (data processing; statistical analysis, in particular linear mixed-effects modelling; data visualisation using <code>ggplot2</code>), <code>Ibex</code> (use of <code>PennController</code> toolbox), <code>L^AT_EX</code>
Basic	<code>Qualtrics</code> , <code>PsychoPy</code> , <code>Praat</code> , <code>Python</code>

Language proficiency

Native	Dutch
Fluent	English
Basic	German, French