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EMPLOYMENT

February – September 2018

Visiting Professor
Ghent University
Belgium

January 2018–

Lecturer in Linguistics
Department of Language and Linguistics, University of Essex
United Kingdom

October 2017–January 2018

Post-doctoral Researcher (Japan Society for the Promotion of Science)
Graduate School of Languages and Cultures, Osaka University
Japan

October 2014–September 2017

British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow
Department of Linguistics, SOAS University of London
United Kingdom

January 2014–March 2015

Tutor, Swahili
CityLit, London
United Kingdom

January–July 2014

Senior Teaching Fellow
Department of Linguistics, SOAS University of London
United Kingdom

January 2012–July 2014

Policy Researcher
Africa Research Institute, London
United Kingdom

EDUCATION

2008–2012

PhD in Linguistics, SOAS University of London.
Dissertation title: *Auxiliary placement in Rangi: A Dynamic Syntax perspective.*

- 2007–2008 MA in Linguistics (Distinction), SOAS University of London.
Dissertation title: *Half empty or half full: An analysis of subject-object inversion in Swahili*.
- 2004–2007 BA in Law and Swahili (First Class Honours), SOAS University of London.

PUBLICATIONS

Monograph

Accepted *Building meaning in context: A dynamic approach to Bantu clause structure*. To appear in the series Publications of the Philological Society, Blackwell Publishing Ltd.

Journal articles

- Accepted* ‘Deconstructing morphosyntactic change: Innovation, grammaticalisation and contact in Rangi’ (with Lutz Marten) *Studies in African Languages*.
- Accepted* ‘Verb doubling and verb reduplication in Swahili’ (with Nobuko Yoneda) To appear in *Journal of Asian and African Studies* (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies). Publication expected September 2018.
- Forthcoming* ‘Dynamic developments in the marking of diminutives in Bantu’ (with Rozenn Guérois and Lutz Marten). *Nordic Journal of African Studies*.
- 2017 The Bantu-Romance-Greek connection revisited: processing constraints in auxiliary and clitic placement from a cross-linguistic perspective.’ (with Stegios Chatzikyriakidis). *Glossa: a journal of general linguistics*. 2(1): 4. 1–39, doi.org/10.5334/gjgl.135
- 2016 ‘A unified, dynamic account of auxiliary placement in Rangi’. *Lingua*. 184, 79–103. DOI: 10.1016/j.lingua.2016.06.003.
- 2016 ‘A Dynamic Syntax Modelling of Japanese and Rangi Clefts: Parsing Incrementality and Growth of Interpretation’ (with Tohru Seraku). *Journal of Language Sciences*, 56 (2016), 45–67. DOI: 10.1016/j.langsci.2016.03.003.
- 2016 ‘A review of Klaus Zimmerman & Birte Kellemeier-Rehbein (eds.), *Colonialism and missionary linguistics*.’ *Journal of Linguistics*.
- 2016 ‘Structure building and thematic constraints in Bantu inversion constructions’ (with Lutz Marten) *Journal of Linguistics*. 52(3), 565–607 DOI: 10.1017/S0022226715000298.
- 2015 ‘Cycles of negation in Rangi and Mbugwe’ (with Vera Wilhelmsen) *Africana Linguistica*, 21, 233–257.

- 2015 'The dynamics of structure building in Rangi: At the syntax-semantics interface' *Cambridge Occasional Papers in Linguistics*. 8, pp41–55.
- 2013 'Auxiliary placement in Rangi: A case of contact-induced change?', *SOAS Working Papers in Linguistics*. 16, 153–165.

Book chapters

- Forthcoming* 'Swahili and the Bantu languages' (with Benji Wald) *The World's Major Languages*. 3rd edition. Routledge.
- Forthcoming* 'Variation in Bantu copula constructions' (with Rozenn Guérois and Lutz Marten). Arché, M., A. Fábregas & R. Marin (eds.). *The Grammar of Copulas Across Languages*. Oxford Studies in Theoretical Linguistics, Oxford University Press. 2018.
- 2017 'Locating the Bantu conjoint/disjoint alternation in a typology of focus marking' (with Andriana Koumbarou, Lutz Marten and Jenneke van der Wal). In: van der Wal, J. and Hyman, L. (eds.) *The conjoint/disjoint alternation in Bantu*. Mouton de Gruyter. Trends in Linguistics. Studies and Monographs. pp65-99, DOI: 10.1515/9783110490831-003
- 2016 'Variation and grammaticalisation in Bantu complex verbal constructions: The dynamics of information growth in Swahili, Rangi and siSwati' (with Lutz Marten). In: Samvelian, P. and Nash, L. (eds.) *Approaches to Complex Predicates*. Brill, pp70–109.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Japan Society for the Promotion of Science short-term postdoctoral fellowship (with Professor Nobuko Yoneda) (2017–2018): For project entitled 'Microvariation in complex constructions: insights from Bantu languages'

British Academy/Leverhulme Small Grant scheme (2015–17): For project entitled 'Auxiliary constructions in Simbiti and Ngoreme: A descriptive account'

British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship (2014–17): For project entitled 'Pathways of change at the northern Bantu borderlands'

Arts and Humanities Research Council Doctoral Award (2008–2012)

UNIVERSITY LEVEL TEACHING

2017-18 Bantu grammar in contrastive and comparative perspective. Ghent University.

Syntactic Theory II, Department of Language and Linguistics, University of Essex

Words and Sentences, Department of Language and Linguistics,
University of Essex

Semantics and Pragmatics, Department of Language and Linguistics,
University of Essex

- 2016–17 Introduction to Grammatical Structure, Department of Linguistic,
SOAS University of London. Undergraduate lectures.
- 2015–16 The Structure of Bantu Languages, Department of Linguistics, SOAS
University of London. Undergraduate lectures.
- 2014–15 Dynamic Syntax, Department of Linguistics, SOAS University of
London. Undergraduate and postgraduate lectures.
- 2013-14 Dynamic Syntax, Department of Linguistics, SOAS University of
London. Undergraduate and postgraduate lectures.
- 2010–11 Intermediate Syntax, Department of Linguistics, SOAS University of
London. Undergraduate tutorials.
- 2008–09 Intermediate Syntax, Department of Linguistics, SOAS University of
London. Undergraduate tutorials.
- 2006–07 Swahili I, Africa Department, SOAS University of London.
Undergraduate and postgraduate tutorials.

INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCE PAPERS

‘The interaction between tense-aspect and information structure in Bantu’ Research
Institute for Languages and Cultures of Africa and Asia, Tokyo University of Foreign
Studies. 11th December 2017.

‘Particles in Bantu’ (with Rozenn Guérois and Lutz Marten) Linguistics Association
of Great Britain Annual Meeting, University of Kent. 4-7th September 2017.

‘Language change in East African Bantu: multilingualism and its effects’ Workshop
on non-dominant speakers of agents of language change. International Conference on
Historical Linguistics, San Antonio, Texas. 31st July-4th August 2017.

‘Morphosyntactic micro-variation in Bantu: A parametric approach and three case
studies’ (with Rozenn Guérois and Lutz Marten) International Conference on
Historical Linguistics, San Antonio, Texas. 31st July-4th August 2017.

‘Dynamic developments in the marking in Bantu diminutives’ Workshop on
Morphological complexity and nominal classification at SOAS University of London
21st June 2017.

‘Introduction to parametric variation research in Bantu’(with Rozenn Guérois and
Lutz Marten) Ghent University, Belgium, 31st March 2017.

‘Contact and change in East African Bantu’ University of Essex Linguistics Departmental seminar, 16th March 2017.

‘Parametric approaches to morphosyntactic variation in Bantu’ Paper presented at a workshop on morphosyntactic variation in Bantu and Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Tokyo, Japan. March 2-3rd 2017.

‘Morphosyntactic variation in East African Bantu: contact and change’. Ghent University. 6th December 2016.

‘Diagnosing contact in the Mara region’ Language Documentation and Linguistic Theory 5, SOAS University of London. 4th December 2016.

‘Language contact and innovation: Insights from colloquial varieties of Swahili, Sheng and African youth languages.’ (with Lutz Marten) SOAS Swahili Baraza II, SOAS University of London. 29th October 2016.

‘The encoding of complex motion events in Bantu: variation and distribution’ (with Rozenn Guérois). Syntax of the World’s Language VII, Autonomous University of Mexico, Mexico City. 17-20th August, 2016.

‘Parametric approaches to morphosyntactic variation in Bantu: a comparative-typological account of negation’ (with Rozenn Guérois, Chege Githiora and Lutz Marten). Syntax of the World’s Language VII, Autonomous University of Mexico, Mexico City. 17-20th August, 2016.

‘A dynamic approach to the grammaticalisation of Bantu auxiliary constructions: context and change’. Languages as Mechanisms of Interaction, University of Ghent. 23-24th June 2016.

‘Language contact in East African Bantu: Insights from word order’ 6th International Bantu Conference, University of Helsinki, Helsinki. 20-22nd June 2016.

‘Parametric approaches to negation in Bantu’ (with Rozenn Guérois) 6th International Bantu Conference, University of Helsinki, Helsinki. 20-22nd June 2016.

‘Language contact at the northern Bantu borderlands’. Invited talk at the University of Gothenburg. 23rd May 2016.

‘Towards an account of deictic particles in Rangi’ Invited talk at the University of Gothenburg. 24th May 2016.

‘Grammaticalisation pathways in Bantu auxiliary systems’ (with Rozenn Guérois and Lutz Marten). 2nd International Conference on Grammaticalisation, University of Rouen. Rouen. 25-27th April 2016.

‘The grammaticalisation of verb-auxiliary order in East African Bantu: present, future and beyond.’ 47th Annual Conference on African languages, University of California, Berkeley. 23-26th March 2016.

‘Variation, contact and convergence in Bantu’ (with Rozenn Guérois and Lutz Marten). 47th Annual Conference on African languages, University of California,

Berkeley. 23-26th March 2016.

‘Structural retention and innovation in youth languages: Insights from morphosyntactic variation and convergence in Bantu.’ (with Lutz Marten) 2nd Conference on African Urban Youth Languages, Kenyatta University, Nairobi. 11-13th December 2016.

‘A typology of copulas and non-verbal predication in Bantu’ (with Rozenn Guérois and Lutz Marten). Linguistics Association of Great Britain, Annual Meeting, University College London, London. 15-18th September 2015.

‘Verb-auxiliary order in East African Bantu’ Colloquium on African Languages and Linguistics. Leiden University. 31st August-1st September 2015 .

‘Morphosyntactic variation and language contact in Bantu’. Colloquium on African Languages and Linguistics. Leiden University. 31st August-1st September 2015 .

‘Contact, change and convergence in Bantu: The case of Rangi’. World Congress on African Language, Kyoto. Japan. 20-24th August 2015.

‘Word order and information structure in Rangi’. Information Structure in Endangered Languages. SOAS, University of London. 8-9th May 2015.

‘Approaches to research: Interviews and beyond’ Centre for International Development, University of Edinburgh. February 2015.

‘Conducting research in East Africa: Thoughts and considerations.’ Centre for African Studies, University of Edinburgh. February 2015

February 2015 ‘Contact and change at the northern Bantu borderlands’. Linguistics Departmental Seminar, SOAS, University of London. February 2015.

‘Underspecification in multiverb constructions: Building meaning in context’. Department of Theoretical and Applied Linguistics, University of Cambridge. January 2015.

‘Conducting research in East Africa: Thoughts and considerations’. University of Edinburgh. February 2014.