

Education

MASTER OF ARTS

since 10/2022

Double master's degree: Anglophone Studies (English Linguistics) and History, University of Duisburg-Essen (Germany)

since 04/2022

Master's degree: VAMoS: Verarbeitung, Analyse, und Modellierung natürlicher Sprache: Computerlinguistik – Psycholinguistik – Theoretische Linguistik (Processing, Analysing and Modelling Natural Language: Computational, Psycho- and Theoretical Linguistics), Ruhr University Bochum (Germany)

since 10/2019

Master's degree: Musicology and Cultural Studies, Folkwang University of the Arts, Essen (Germany)

BACHELOR OF ARTS

10/2018 - 03/2022

Double bachelor's degree: Anglophone Studies and History, University Duisburg-Essen (Germany)

Bachelor's thesis: Tracking Sociophonetic Variation in one Individual over the Lifespan – FOOT & STRUT, FACE and GOAT
Grade: 1,0

09/2016 - 09/2019

Bilingual bachelor's degree: Musicology (German - French) / musique et musicologie licence franco-allemande, Folkwang University of the Arts, Essen (Germany) and University François Rabelais, Tours (France)

Bachelor's thesis: Die Leitmotivtechnik in Howard Shores Filmmusik *The Lord of the Rings* - Die musikalische Beziehung Aragorns und Arwens
(The technique of Leitmotives of Howard Shores film music *The Lord of the Rings* – The musical relation between Aragorn and Arwen)
Grade: 1,7

Jobs in Academia

since 05/2022

Student assistant for Prof. Dr. Eva Belke (Psycholinguistics), Ruhr University Bochum (Germany)
Tasks: transcriptions, alignments, and measurements in Praat/ELAN, composition of nursery rimes

since 08/2020

Student assistant at the Sociolinguistics Lab, University of Duisburg-Essen (Germany)
DFG funded Project: "Tacking Language Variation and Change across the Lifespan" (LaVaLi), lead by Prof. Dr. Isabelle Buchstaller
Tasks: transcription, alignment checking, and auditory coding in ELAN und Praat

since 10/2019

Student assistant for Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Blösel (History), University of Duisburg-Essen (Germany)
Tasks: scanning, and proofreading

04/2019 - 05/2022

Student assistant at the library, Folkwang University of the Arts, Essen (Germany)
Tasks: assisting students with library use and research, labelling books, etc.

04/2018 - 09/2019

Student assistant for Prof. Dr. Matthias Brzoska (Musicology), Folkwang University of the Arts, Essen (Germany)
Tasks: organizing literature and sheet music, proofreading, and digitizing handwritten notes

Teaching

since 08/2022

- Das Wörterbuch im Kopf (The Mental Lexicon),
Student Laboratory at Ruhr University Bochum (Germany), 5 sessions so far
- 08/2023 Linguistics – the secret behind language, Junior Akademie Bad Segeberg 2023 (Germany), 10-day summer school for students in ~6th grade
- 06/2023 Phonetics & Phonology (undergraduate level),
Ruhr University Bochum (Germany), 2-week block with 6 sessions
- 10/2022 - 02/2023 Areas and Approaches I: Phonetics and Phonology (undergraduate level),
University Duisburg-Essen (Germany), 15-week course
- 06/2022 Tutorial: Praat (undergraduate level),
Ruhr University Bochum (Germany), 1 session

Conference Presentations

- 06/2024 **Ahrens, C.**, Grama, J.: (dh)-stopping in Hawai'i Creole: Testing a stable variable in a creole. Paper accepted for presentation at *Sociolinguistic Symposium 25*. 24th-27th June 2024, Perth (Australia).
- 06/2024 Moelders, A., **Ahrens, C.**: An acoustic study of the first-person possessive in the Northeast of England. Paper accepted for presentation at *Sociolinguistic Symposium 25*. 24th-27th June 2024, Perth (Australia).
- 10/2023 **Ahrens, C.**: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Investigate Language Choices in a Trilingual Setting (Project Launch). Poster presented at *NWAV 51*. 13th-15th October 2023, NYC (U.S.).
- 08/2023 Bauernfeind, L., **Ahrens, C.**, Grama, J.: Change across the lifespan in GOAT: Evidence from a panel study of Tyneside English. Poster presented at *ICPhS 20*. 7th-11th August 2023, Prague (Czech Republic).
- 06/2023 **Ahrens, C.**: Tracing FACE and GOAT across the Lifespan: From Student to Lecturer. Poster presented at *UKLVC 14*. 26th-28th June 2023, Edinburgh (Scotland).
- 12/2022 **Ahrens, C.**: Tracking Sociophonetic Variation in one Individual over the Lifespan – FACE and GOAT. Tweeted at *Linguistweets 3*. 5th December 2022, Twitter.
- 08/2022 Bauernfeind, L., **Ahrens, C.**, Grama, J., Eiswirth, M., and Buchstaller, I.: Socio-demographic trajectory, vowel normalization, and the marriage of auditory and acoustic approaches in assessing lifespan change. Paper presented at *Methods XVII*. 1st-5th August 2022, Mainz (Germany).
- 07/2022 **Ahrens, C.**: Tracking Sociophonetic Variation in one Individual over the Lifespan - FACE and GOAT. Poster presented at *Sociolinguistic Symposium 24*. 13th-16th July 2022, Ghent (Belgium).
- 07/2022 Grama, J., Bauernfeind, L., **Ahrens, C.**, Eiswirth, M., and Buchstaller, I.: FACE and GOAT across the life-span: A three-wave panel analysis of vowel change in Tyneside. Poster presented at *Sociolinguistic Symposium 24*. 13th-16th July 2022, Ghent (Belgium).
- 09/2021 Grama, J., Buchstaller, I., Bauernfeind, L., **Ahrens, C.**: Tracing vowel change across the life-span – A three-wave panel analysis of FACE and GOAT. Paper presented at *UKLVC 13*. 8th-10th September 2021, online / Glasgow (Scotland).

Publications

08/2023

- Bauernfeind, L., **Ahrens, C.**, Grama, J. (2023): Change across the lifespan in GOAT: Evidence from a panel study of Tyneside English. In Radek Skarnitzl & Jan Volín (eds.) *Proceedings of the 20th International Congress of Phonetic Science* (pp. 2064-2068). Guarant International.

Workshops & Summer Schools

05. - 07.09.2023	Forensic Linguistic Short Course Dr. Isabel Picornell and Dr. Annina Heini, Aston University, Birmingham (England) – 30h
08.02.2023	Reproducible analyses with R-Notebooks Dr. Sophia Leimer, University Duisburg-Essen – 2h
16. - 29.07.2022	4th Crete Summer School of Linguistics University of Crete, Rethymno, Crete, (Greece)
21. - 25.03.2022	Bootcamp: R and Statistics for Humanities Prof. Dr. Stephan Th. Gries, University of Santa Barbara & Justus-Liebig-University Giessen – 30 hours
09.02.2022	Preparation for R and Statistics for Humanities Prof. Dr. Stephan Th. Gries, University of Santa Barbara & Justus-Liebig-University Giessen – 3 hours
09. - 10.12.2021 & 27. - 28.01.2022	Regular Expressions in R PD Dr. Christoph Rühlemann, University Freiburg – 24 hours

Committee Work

2019 - 2020	First vice chairwoman at the AStA (General Student Committee), Folkwang University of the Arts, Essen (Germany)
2018 - 2019	Second vice chairwoman at the AStA (General Student Committee), Folkwang University of the Arts, Essen (Germany)

Work Experience and Summer Schools Abroad

07/2022	4th Crete Summer School of Linguistics, University of Crete, Rethymno, Crete, (Greece) (Seed Grant – Junge Sprachwissenschaft e.V. – society of young linguists)
07/2021 - 10/2021	9-week-internship at Medici Archive Project for Florence (Italy) Research in Archives and Libraries about the Medici family (ERASMUS Plus Scholarship)
09/2016 - 06/2017	First year of bachelor's degree in musicology at Université François Rabelais, Tours (France)

Funding

10/2023	650\$ NWAV Student Travel Grant for travels to NWAV 51 Queens College (U.S.)
07/2022	250€ Fee Waiver for online participation at Sociolinguistic Symposium 24 Ghent (Belgium)
07/2022	500€ Seed Grant Junge - Sprachwissenschaft e.V. (society of young linguists) for 4th Crete Summer School of Linguistics (Greece)
07/2021 - 09/2021	1 040€ ERASMUS Plus Scholarship for 9-week-internship in Florence (Italy)

Skills

- **Languages:**
 - German (first language)
 - English (fluent spoken and written – TOEFL: 103)
 - French (advanced – DELF-DALF: B1)
 - Italian (advanced)
 - Latin (beginner)
- **Software and Programming Languages:**
 - Cool Edit
 - Praat
 - ELAN
 - R & RStudio (statistics & visualization)
 - MS-Office
 - Python (basics)
 - HTML, CSS & JavaScript (basics)