

Education

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

starting 09/2024 Doctorate degree: Linguistics,
University of Oregon (U.S.)

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 natuerlicher
Sprache: Computerlinguistik – Psycholinguistik – Theoretische Linguistik
(Processing, Analyzing 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

ABITUR

08/2005 - 04/2015 Lessing Gymnasium Norderstedt, Germany

Major: Music

Jobs in Academia

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), led by Prof. Dr. Isabelle Buchstaller
Tasks: transcription, alignment checking, and auditory coding in ELAN and Praat

05/2022 – 03/2024 Student assistant for Prof. Dr. Eva Belke (Psycholinguistics),
Ruhr University Bochum (Germany)
Tasks: transcriptions, alignments, and measurements in ELAN and Praat, composition
of nursery rimes

10/2019 - 03/2024 Student assistant for Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Bloesel (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 11/2022** Writing in Academia (Wissenschaft unter Dach und Fach: Einfuehrung in das wissenschaftliche Schreiben),
Student Laboratory at Ruhr University Bochum (Germany), 4 sessions so far
- since 08/2022** The Mental Lexicon (Das Woerterbuch im Kopf),
Student Laboratory at Ruhr University Bochum (Germany), 8 sessions so far
- 05/2024** Tutorial: ELAN (master's level) – 4h,
University of Duisburg-Essen (Germany), 1 session
- 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) – 2h,
Ruhr University Bochum (Germany), 1 session

Conference Presentations

- 07/2024** Moelders, A., **Ahrens, C.:** me and my Accent - Analyzing Acoustic Patterns of the First-Person Possessive and Object 'me': Evidence from Tyneside English. Paper accepted for oral presentation at International Conference on Language Variation in Europe 12. 8th-11th July 2024, Vienna (Austria).
- 07/2024** **Ahrens, C.,** Grama, J.: Evaluating a traditionally “stable” variable in a contact language: A study of (dh)-stopping in Hawai'i Creole. Paper accepted for oral presentation at Methods in Dialectology XVIII. 01st-05th July 2024, Melbourne (Australia).
- 07/2024** **Ahrens, C.,** Moelders, A.: A.: Exploring acoustic realisations of Tyneside English: Homophonous realisation of the First-Person Possessive and Object 'me'?. Paper accepted for oral presentation at Methods in Dialectology XVIII. 01st-05th July 2024, Melbourne (Australia).
- 06/2024** **Ahrens, C.,** Grama, J.: (dh)-stopping in Hawai'i Creole: Testing a stable variable in a creole. Paper accepted for oral presentation at Methods in 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 oral 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 NWA 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 Ruehlemann, 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 in 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, Grants & Awards

- 02/2024** 6 000\$ Lokey Graduate Science Award: most competitive UO doctoral applicants,
 University of Oregon, Eugene (U.S.)
- 10/2023** 650\$ NWAV Student Travel Grant for travels to NWAV 51 Queens College, New York
 (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, Rethymno (Greece)
- 07/2021 - 09/2021** 1 040€ ERASMUS Plus Scholarship for 9-week-internship, 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)