

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
- ABITUR** **Lessing Gymnasium Norderstedt, Germany**
08/2005 - 04/2015 Major: Music

Jobs in Academia

- since 05/2022** 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
- 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
- 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 11/2022

Writing in Academia Kopf (Wissenschaft unter Dach und Fach: Einfuehrung in das wissenschaftliche Schreiben),
Student Laboratory at Ruhr University Bochum (Germany), 4 sessions so far

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

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).

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 *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 *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 at Queens College, New York (U.S.)
07/2022	250€ Fee Waiver for online participation at Sociolinguistic Symposium 24 in Ghent (Belgium)
07/2022	500€ Seed Grant Junge - Sprachwissenschaft e.V. (society of young linguists) for 4th Crete Summer School of Linguistics in Crete (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)