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Education

University of Manchester

PhD Linguistics, Awarded the ESRC Doctoral Scholarship

2011–2015

Title: The Welsh impersonal construction

Supervisors: Dr Andrew Koontz-Garboden, Prof John Payne, Dr George Walkden

Advisor: Prof Delia Bentley

Examiners: Prof Maggie Tallerman (Newcastle, UK), Prof Kersti Börjars

MA Linguistics

2009–2010

MA thesis: Static spatial expressions in Welsh

Supervisor: Prof Eva Schultze-Berndt

Select Masters essays: Reflexivization across Romani dialects, Welsh passives in Role and Reference Grammar, Welsh Information Structure (syntax)

BA French and Linguistics

2005–2009

Select advanced courses: *Language Contact, Topics in English Morphology, Experimental Phonetics, Variation across spoken and written French, Typology, Writing Systems*

Publications and talks

Book.....

Cooper, S. & L. Arman (Eds.) In preparation. *Cyflwyniad i ieithyddiaeth* [An introduction to linguistics]. E-book. Y Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol. Publication planned May 2020.

- *Rhan 1 Cyflwyniad* [Part 1 Introduction] with Dr Sarah Cooper.
- *Rhan 3 Strwythur geiriau: morffoleg a geirfa* [Part 3 Word structure: morphology and lexicon] with Dr Silva Nurmio.
- *Rhan 4 Cystrawen* [Part 4 Syntax].
- *Rhan 5 Ystyr* [Part 5 Meaning] with Dr Silva Nurmio.
- *Rhan 7 Amlieithrwydd* [Part 7 Multilingualism] with Dr Sarah Cooper and Dr Peredur Webb-Davies.

Papers.....

Corcoran, P., G. Palmer, L. Arman, I. Spasic and D. Knight. Under review. Word Embeddings in Welsh. Submitted to Journal of Information Science.

Review paper

Arman, Laura. 2013. "Review of: Alexiadou, Artemis, and Florian Schäfer (eds.). 2013. *Non-Canonical Passives* Amsterdam: John Benjamins." <http://linguistlist.org/issues/24/24-4492.html>

Invited talks and select conference presentations.....

2019. Constructing CorCenCC: project overview and demo of the corpus query tools. National Eisteddfod of Wales, Llanrwst.

2016. Impersonal morphology and verb classes. Invited talk at Bristol Centre for Linguistics Seminar Series, UWE, 23rd November 2016.

2016. with Dr. George Walkden. The Welsh impersonal: a middle ground. Welsh Linguistics Seminar, Gregynog. 4th–5th July 2016.

2015. Passives in linguistic theory. Invited talk at Langwidge Sandwidge, University of Manchester.

2014. In search of unaccusative verbs. Paper presented at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain (LAGB), University of Oxford, 1st-5th September.

2013. Welsh impersonal verbs and their arguments. Presented at SKY (Suomen kielitieteellinen yhdistys) Symposium on 'Subject: cognitive, typological and functional approaches', University of Helsinki, 12th-13th September 2013.

2010. Focus in Welsh. Paper given at the 3rd Celtic Postgraduate Conference, University of Aberdeen, 28th-29th October 2010.

Academic Positions

Current.....

Research Assistant	Cardiff University
<i>CorCenCC — National Corpus of Contemporary Welsh</i>	<i>January 2019 – present</i>

Teaching.....

Lecturer	Bangor University
<i>Welsh Linguistics, Variation in Welsh, Describing Welsh</i>	<i>Sept 26 2016 – January 2019</i>

Lecturer	University of Huddersfield
<i>Multilingualism</i>	<i>January – July 2016</i>

Guest Lecturer	University of Manchester
<i>Historical Syntax</i>	<i>Nov 2014, December 2015</i>

Graduate Teaching Assistant	
<i>Linguistics and English Language</i>	<i>2011–2015</i>

Research.....

Research Assistant	University of Manchester
<i>Kurdish Project</i>	<i>2010, 2013, 2014</i>

Research Assistant	
<i>Romani Project</i>	<i>2010-2013</i>

Service

Departmental service.....

University of Manchester	
<i>Series co-ordinator, Syntax and Semantics reading group</i>	<i>Spring 2012 – June 2014</i>
<i>Peer representation</i>	<i>2009 – 2010, 2013 – 2014</i>

Conference organisation.....

Language Diversity in Wales	National Library of Wales
<i>Co-organiser</i>	<i>2014</i>

Manchester Forum in Linguistics (mFiL)	University of Manchester
<i>Co-organiser</i>	<i>2012, 2013</i>

Languages

Welsh: Native speaker

English: Native speaker

French: Advanced	<i>Fluent in conversational French, BA(hons) French and Linguistics</i>
Spanish: Basic knowledge	<i>Common European Framework (CEFR) level B2</i>
Polish: Beginner	<i>CEFR level A2</i>
Romani: Structural knowledge	<i>Linguistic analysis of several diverse dialects</i>
Kurdish: Structural knowledge	<i>Some familiarity</i>
Irish, Swedish: ?	<i>Does DuoLingo count?</i>

Skills and Training

Software and Language Analysis.....

- L^AT_EX Proficient in managing long documents in L^AT_EX, and producing presentations in Beamer.
- Python (programming language) - for managing large documents, corpora and datasets and searching and extracting data.
- Basic knowledge of the R statistics package
- Basic knowledge of Praat, Praat scripting
- Transcription software: ELAN, Transcriber
- Proficient user of the usual word processing and spreadsheet software
- Working knowledge of html

Outreach

Welsh Festivals.....

I have presented academic work to the public in an easily digestible and relatable way at national Welsh festivals (the National **Eisteddfod** and **Tafwyl**) and smaller events in 2019.

Dissecting Language.....

Volunteer for exhibitions. This role involved engaging with members of the general public about linguistics in general during an exhibition at the Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester.

Multilingual Manchester.....

Volunteer for exhibitions.