

# Laura Arman

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## Education

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### 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*

## Research and academic standing

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### Articles.....

- In preparation. Voice heads and the Welsh impersonal.
- In preparation. Identifying unaccusative verbs in Welsh.

### 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.....

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 Work Experience

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### Teaching.....

**Lecturer**

*Welsh Linguistics, Variation in Welsh, Describing Welsh*

**Bangor University**

*Sept 26 2016 – June 2 2017*

**Lecturer**

*Multilingualism*

**University of Huddersfield**

*January – July 2016*

**Guest Lecturer**

*Historical Syntax*

**University of Manchester**

*Nov 2014, December 2015*

**Graduate Teaching Assistant**

*Linguistics and English Language*

*2011–2015*

### Research.....

**Research Assistant**

*Kurdish Project*

**University of Manchester**

*2010, 2013, 2014*

**Research Assistant**

*Romani Project*

*2010-2013*

## Service

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### Departmental service.....

**University of Manchester**

*Series co-ordinator, Syntax and Semantics reading group*

*Spring 2012 – June 2014*

*Peer representation*

*2009 – 2010, 2013 – 2014*

### Conference organisation.....

**Language Diversity in Wales**

*Co-organiser*

**National Library of Wales**

*2014*

**Manchester Forum in Linguistics (mFiL)**

*Co-organiser*

**University of Manchester**

*2012, 2013*

## Languages

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**Welsh:** Native speaker

**English:** Native speaker

**French:** Advanced

*Fluent in conversational French, BA(hons) French and Linguistics*

**Spanish:** Basic knowledge

*Common European Framework (CEFR) level B2*

**Polish:** Beginner

*CEFR level A2*

**Romani:** Structural knowledge

*Linguistic analysis of several diverse dialects*

**Kurdish:** Structural knowledge

*Some familiarity*

## Skills and Training

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### Software and Language Analysis.....

- L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X Proficient in managing long documents in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, 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, Transcribr
- Proficient user of the usual word processing and spreadsheet software
- Working knowledge of html

## Outreach

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### 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.