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## EDUCATION

- PhD     *Retelling Stories. A Computational-Evolutionary Perspective, (Cum Laude)*, Radboud University, Nijmegen, 2012–2016
- MA     Linguistics (*Cum Laude*), Leiden University, 2007–2009
- BA     Dutch Language and Culture, Leiden University, 2004–2007

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2023–     KNAW Meertens Institute  
Team Leader Oral Culture Research Group
- 2023–25   Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology  
Guest Researcher, Department of Human Behavior, Ecology and Culture
- 2020–     KNAW Meertens Institute  
Senior researcher, Oral Culture Research Group & Affiliated member of the KNAW Humanities Cluster DHlab
- 2016–20   KNAW Meertens Institute  
Tenure Track researcher, Oral Culture Research Group & Affiliated member of the KNAW Humanities Cluster DHlab
- 2016–16   Radboud University  
Research assistant, supervision by Prof. Dr. Antal van den Bosch
- 2010–11   Instituut voor de Nederlandse Taal  
Researcher, (Formerly known as the Instituut voor Nederlandse Lexicologie)
- 2009–10   Free University Berlin  
Research Assistant, Supervision by Prof. Dr. Matthias Hüning

## RESEARCH AREAS

Folger Karsdorp, PhD, is a senior researcher in Computational Humanities and Cultural Evolution at Amsterdam's Meertens Institute of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences. He specializes in the quantitative analysis of cultural change, focusing on measuring and understanding the emergence of cultural diversity and complexity. His research critically examines and addresses biases in these quantifications, drawing on computational models from Machine Learning, Cultural Evolution, and Ecology. At the Meertens Institute, Karsdorp applies innovative techniques to explore the nuances of cultural evolution. His interdisciplinary approach bridges traditional humanities with new computational methods, leading to publications in prestigious journals including *Science* and *PLOS Computational Biology*. Karsdorp is the founder of the largest international conference on Computational Humanities Research. In 2024, he launched an accompanying gold open access journal,

*Computational Humanities Research*, published with Cambridge University Press. Beyond his research, Karsdorp is passionate about education, particularly in teaching computer programming for Humanities applications. He co-authored *Humanities Data Analysis: Case Studies with Python* (Princeton University Press, 2021), a comprehensive guide to utilizing Python for data analysis in Humanities research.

## PUBLICATIONS

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## FUNDING

- 2023–26 “Botanical Records Through a Social Lens: Exploring Bias and Perception in Historical Citizen Science”. Principal Investigator, KNAW research funds (€248k).
- 2023–27 “Mining the Dutch Disposition towards Animals and Plants”, PhD funding, AI Labs call to action, Utrecht University, Co-applicant (Principal Investigator: Prof. dr. Els Stronk), (€245k).
- 2018–18 “Van wie is het Wilhelmus? Een getest ontwerp voor een mini-documentaire voor middelbare scholieren over het Wilhelmus als nationaal symbool”. (Principal Investigator: Prof. dr. Els Stronk) (UU) research fund NWO-Kiem (€50k).

## KEYNOTE AND INVITED TALKS

- 2024 “Neural Ratio Estimation of Evolutionary Dynamics Using Transformer Models”. Invited talk at the workshop “Understanding Grammar Change: Digital Resources and Evolutionary Modelling”, Edinburgh, UK, 4–5 June, 2024.

- 2024 “Forgotten knights, unseen sailors, and unapprehended criminals. Applying unseen species models to the survival of culture”. Invited talk at Le Studium Conference Ephemeral Media of Knowledge: Perspectives From Intellectual History and the Digital Humanities, Tours, France, 22-23 May, 2024.
- 2023 “Forgotten knights, unseen sailors, and unapprehended criminals”. Invited talk at the DIGHUMLAB, University of Copenhagen, Denmark, October 30, 2023.
- 2022 “Forgotten Books The application of unseen species models to the survival of culture”. Invited talk at the CUDAN Open Lab Seminar series, Tallinn University, Tallinn, Estonia, September 19, 2022.
- 2022 “Forgotten Books The application of unseen species models to the survival of culture”. Keynote at the Summer School for Literary Studies and DH, Leiden University, Leiden, the Netherlands, June 20, 2022.
- 2021 “Unseen Species Models from Ecology to Estimate the Losses of Medieval Literature: Advances in an International Comparison”. Talk at the International Medieval Conference 2021 (IMC 2021) in the session “Loss and Transmission: Quantitative Approaches to Modelling the Dissemination and Survival of Medieval Literature”, 8 July 2021
- 2021 “The Birds in the Bush. What can Occupancy Models from Ecology Teach us about the Survival of Medieval Literature?”, Invited presentation at the symposium The Human in Digital Humanities, June 23 2021.
- 2021 “Libraries as book traps. Statistical methods from ecology to study the survival of historic literature”, Keynote lecture at the conference *Old Books and New Technologies: Medieval Books and the Digital Humanities in the Low Countries*, 6 May 2021
- 2021 “Estimating the loss of medieval literature with methods from ecology”, invited talk in the online lecture series Beyond the Patterns. 10 March 2021, FAU, Nürnberg, DE.
- 2021 “Estimating the loss of medieval literature with methods from ecology”, invited talk in the ATNU/IES Virtual Speaker Series 2020/2021 #6. 21 February 2021, Newcastle, UK
- 2020 “Blind or directed? Cultural Evolution of Children’s Books”, Children’s Literature and Digital Humanities, University of Antwerp, 22-23 October 2020
- 2020 “Bias, diversity and survival. Can statistical methods from ecology estimate the loss of medieval literature?” Online Árni Magnússon Birthday lecture, 13 november 2020, The Arnarnagæan Institute, University of Copenhagen
- 2020 “Estimating the loss of medieval literature with unseen species model from ecodiversity”. Presentation at the online conference Dark Archives 20/20: A Voyage into the Medieval Unread and Unreadable, Tuesday 8th September 2020
- 2019 “Cultural entrenchment of folktales is encoded in language”, Presentation at the Lecture series of the Leiden University Centre for Digital Humanities, Leiden, 28 February 2019
- 2019 “The artificial synthesis of hiphop lyrics”. Humlab talk series. Umeå universitet, Sweden. 12 February 2019.
- 2019 “Keeping it real: the artificial synthesis of hiphop lyrics”. Vogin-IP, Amsterdam. 22 March 2019
- 2018 “Hoe verzin je het?”. Kenniscafe de Balie over wetenschap van creativiteit. April 16, 2018, Amsterdam.
- 2018 “Cultural Evolution in Children’s Literature”. Cultural Evolution in Children’s Literature, Jul

- 5, 2018.
- 2018 “How to Read a Million Stories? Digital Text Analysis for the Study of Children’s Literature”. Plenary lecture at Children’s Literature Summer School 2018, University of Antwerp, 5 July 2018
- 2018 “Synthesising humanities. Explaining complex models through simple data synthesis”. Closing keynote lecture at Digital Humanities Benelux conference 2018. Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 8 June 2018
- 2018 “Cultural entrenchment of folktales is encoded in language”, Presentation at the workshop Interdisciplinary Workshop on Folk and Fairytales Digital, 15 February 2018
- 2018 “Willekeur in de Geesteswetenschap”. De analyse van emoties en betekenis in tekst en beeld, 15 Jun 2018, VU Amsterdam.
- 2017 “Een literaire robot als schrijfhulp”. Robots: van hulpje tot kunstenaar (Research Files 4), Pakhuis de Zwijger, October 12, 2017.
- 2017 “Character Bias in Transmitting Folktales”. 14th SIKS/Twente Seminar on Searching and Ranking. March 10, 2017.

## OPEN DATA SETS

- 2019 *Supplemental Materials for “Humanities Data Analysis”*  
Data discussed in the manuscript *Humanities Data Analysis: Case Studies with Python*. Each folder in this dataset contains data used or discussed in one chapter. Most of the data are texts published before 1900. These texts are in the public domain.  
<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.891264>
- 2016 *Story network data sets*  
Data discussed in Karsdorp & Van den Bosch (2016): The structure and evolution of story networks. Royal Society Open Science, 3, 160071. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.51588>

## OPEN-SOURCE SOFTWARE

- 2020–21 Copia. Estimating the survival of cultural heritage artifacts with unseen species models from ecology. Copia is a Python package that can be used for estimating the survival of artifacts from cultural heritage, based on established unseen species models from ecology.  
<https://copia.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>
- 2018–19 Deep flow. Open source code for the Hip Hop experiment executed at Lowlands 2018.  
<https://github.com/fbkarsdorp/deepflow>
- 2015–21 Momfer. Meertens Motif Finder. Online application and app for browsing Thompson’s *Motif Index*. <https://momfer.meertens.knaw.nl/>
- 2013–19 Open source and open access materials for an interactive course about Python in the Humanities. <https://github.com/fbkarsdorp/python-course>

## PUBLIC OUTREACH PROJECTS

- 2018 *Deepflow: Linguistic models of authenticity judgments for artificially generated rap lyrics*

Collaboration between the Meertens Institute, the University of Antwerp and Lowlands Science on generating artificial hip hop lyrics using neural language models. The project involved an experiment carried out in the context of a large, mainstream contemporary music festival in the Netherlands (Lowlands). We developed an app to study crowd-sourced authenticity judgments for such artificially generated texts.

- 2017 *Asibot: Writing science fiction in a co-creative process*  
 Collaboration between the Meertens Institute, the University of Antwerp, the CPNB foundation and writer Ronald Giphart on employing Artificial Intelligence for literary language generation. The result of this experiment was a new story, "De Robot van de Machine is de mens" – written by Giphart and a neural network language generation system – of which 250,000 copies were disseminated to the public during the national campaign "Nederland Leest" in November 2017.

## TEACHING (SELECTED COURSES)

My academic teaching efforts are manifested in several ways. Firstly, I have conducted various workshops at the BA/MA and PhD levels on Humanities Data Analysis as well as on Computational Models of Cultural Evolution and Diversity. Additionally, I have taught numerous summer and winter schools both nationally (e.g., the LOT Winter School) and internationally (e.g., the CUSO Winter School in Switzerland). I am the lead author of the educational book on data science in the humanities, *Humanities Data Analysis: Case Studies with Python*, published by Princeton University Press. This book has been instrumental in the development of MA courses, for example at the University of Amsterdam, Antwerp, and Indiana University Bloomington. Finally, I have supervised a variety of MA students with their theses and also guided several interns at the Meertens Institute.

- 2023 "Workshop on Unseen Species Models for Humanities Data". DigHumLab, 30 October 2023, University of Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 2022 "Humanities Data Analysis with Python". Digital Curriculums Inspirational Seminar, May 24 2022, Aarhus University, Denmark.
- 2022 "Humanities Data Analysis with Python". CUSO Winterschool, January 31 – February 4 2022, University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland.
- 2021 "Humanities Data Analysis with Python. Wetting one's appetite with historic cookbooks". Workshop at the Leiden Summer School *Literary Studies & Digital Humanities*, 31 May 2021, Leiden University.
- 2021 "Automated Authorship Attribution". Guest lecture at Leiden University, April 28 2021, Leiden University.
- 2021 "Cultural Evolution and the Humanities". Guest lecture at Antwerp University, April 22, 2021. Antwerp University.
- 2018 "How to Read a Million Stories? Digital Text Analysis for the Study of Children's Literature". Full-day tutorial at the Children's Literature Summer School 2018, July 1 – 5, 2018, University of Antwerp.
- 2017 "Skills Training 'Introduction to Programming", December 4 – 8, 2017, Doctoral Training Unit 'Digital History & Hermeneutics' (DHH), University of Luxembourg.
- 2017 "Python programming for the humanities and allied social sciences", Mar 29, 2017 - Mar 31, 2017, Radboud Digital Humanities Spring School 2017

- 2017 “Text Analysis with Python”, January 27, 2017, Digital Humanities Workshop Series, University of Manchester
- 2016 “Scraping Twitter with Python”. Workshop on scraping Twitter data with Python. May 24, 2016. Digital Disruption in Asia Conference, Leiden.
- 2016 “Cultural Selection of Fairy Tales”. Guest lecture on cultural selection and evolution of fairy tales. April 28, 2016, Digital Humanities Lecture Series, Radboud University.
- 2016 “Digital Text Analysis”, Five-day (MA, PhD-level) course on computational text analysis, with a special focus on ‘authorship attribution’, ‘text normalization’, and ‘linguistic profiling’, January 18 – 22, 2016, LOT Winter School, Tilburg University.
- 2016 “Python for the Humanities”, The objective of the full (MA, PhD-level) course was to familiarize students with the programming language Python for the computational processing of texts. December 2015 – April 2016, Ghent University.
- 2015 “Python for the Arts and Humanities”. Four-day (MA, PhD-level) workshop on programming with Python for the Humanities. March 23 – 26, 2015, Literary Lab, Ghent University.
- 2015 “Python for the Arts and Humanities”. Three-day (MA, PhD-level) workshop on programming with Python in the Humanities and Social Sciences, February 16 – 18, 2015, Maynooth University
- 2014 “Introduction and tutorial in Humanities Programming with Python”. Five-day (MA, PhD-level) workshop on programming with Python for the Humanities and Social Sciences. August 17 – 30, 2014. University of Göttingen.
- 2014 “Advanced Programming with Python”. Five-day (MA, PhD-level) workshop on advanced topics in Humanities programming. European Summer School in Digital Humanities Culture & Technology, July 22 – August 1, 2014.
- 2014 “Introduction into Python for the Humanities and Social Sciences”. March 31 – April 4 2014, University of Antwerp.
- 2013 “Introduction into Python Programming for the Humanities”, Three-day (MA-, PhD-level) workshop on programming with Python for the Humanities. With Maarten van Gompel. April 2013, Radboud University.

## **SUPERVISION**

### **Postdoctoral Supervision**

- 2024-27 Supervision of Postdoc Luiza Teixeira-Costa in the project “Botanical Records Through a Social Lens”.

### **PhD thesis Supervision**

- 2024- Supervision PhD thesis by Sebastiaan van Daalen, University of Amsterdam;
- 2022- Supervision PhD thesis by Arjan van Dalfsen, Utrecht University;

### **MA thesis supervision**

- 2023 Supervision MA thesis by Jurrian Kooiman about detecting and classifying aspects of focalisation in literary texts, Utrecht University;



- 2021 Supervision MA thesis by Arjan van Dalftsen on applying Unseen Species models to the Short Title Catalog, the Netherlands, Utrecht University;
- 2020 Supervision Internship Liesje Linden about applying Neural Language Models to classify grammatical connectives in Dutch, Utrecht University;
- 2020 Supervision MA Thesis Joris Veerbeek on a computational perspective to the evaluation of literary critics, Utrecht University;
- 2018 Supervision MA thesis by Alie Lassche on Cultural Evolution in Dutch Early Modern Songs. Topical Fluctuations in the Dutch Song Database (1550-1750), Utrecht University;

## CURRENT ACADEMIC SERVICE

- 2024– Commissioning Editor of the journal *Computational Humanities Research* published by Cambridge University Press.
- 2020– Founder and Programme Chair of the *Computational Humanities Research* conference
- 2017– Steering and Programme Committee member of the DH Benelux conference
- 2021 Guest editor of the *Journal of Open Humanities Data*
- 2021 Programme Chair of the SciPy 2021 Symposium on Computational Social Science & Digital Humanities

## SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE

- 2022 The big idea: could the greatest works of literature be undiscovered? *Guardian*, May 30, 2022.
- 2022 How much medieval literature has been lost? *Scientific American*, March 8, 2022.
- 2022 ‘Lost’ medieval literature uncovered by techniques used to track wildlife, *Science Magazine*, February 17, 2022.
- 2022 Seule une infime partie des récits médiévaux a survécu, *Le Figaro*, March 11, 2022.
- 2022 Study finds 90 percent of medieval chivalric and heroic manuscripts have been lost, *Ars Technica*, February 21, 2022.
- 2022 De helft van de Nederlandse ridderromans is waarschijnlijk voorgoed verdwenen, *de Volkskrant*, February 18, 2022.
- 2020 De jacht op de verloren ridderromans. *NRC*, August 24, 2020.
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