

# Florian Matter

## Curriculum vitae

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## Experience

- 07.2024 – 07.2025 **Scientific programmer**, *Goethe-University Frankfurt*  
Project: [TITUS 2.0 database](#)
- 02.2022 – 02.2024 **Postdoctoral fellow**, *University of Oregon, Eugene OR*  
Work sample: [Visualizing data on linguistic trees and maps](#)
- 05.2021 – 01.2022 **Computer linguist**, *Schweizerisches Idiotikon*  
Work sample: [Interactive map in the Swiss German dialect corpus search mask](#)
- 02.2021 – 07.2021 **Lecturer**, *University of Bern, Institute of Linguistics*
- 07.2016 – 12.2016 **External Language Consultant**, *Samsung*
- 02.2016 – 01.2020 **Assistant**, *University of Bern, Institute of Linguistics*
- 10.2015 – 03.2016 **Student Assistant**, *University of Bern, Department of English*
- 02.2015 – 08.2015 **Tutor**, *University of Bern, Institute of Linguistics*
- 02.2014 – 08.2014 **Tutor**, *University of Bern, Institute of Linguistics*
- 01.2011 – 01.2013 **Substitute teacher**, *Orientierungsschule Region Murten*

## Education

- 02.2016 – 02.2021 **Doctorate in Linguistics**, *University of Bern*  
Defense: 26.02.2021 Work sample: [Comparative Cariban database](#)
- 08.2014 – 01.2016 **Master's degree**, *University of Bern*  
Linguistics (90 ECTS) Sociolinguistics (30 ECTS). Work sample: [Paper with statistical evaluation](#)
- 08.2011 – 07.2014 **Bachelor's degree**, *University of Bern*  
Linguistics (120 ECTS) Computer Science (60 ECTS)
- 08.2006 – 06.2010 **Gymnasial Matura**, *Collège Ste. Croix, Freiburg (CH)*, English (major)  
Music (minor)

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## Teaching activities

- 2019/21 **Morphologie**
- 2016/18/19/20 **Bachelor- und Masterarbeitskolloquium**
- 2016/18/19 **Einführung in LaTeX für Linguisten**
- 2017/18 **Einführung in die allgemeine Linguistik**
- 2018 **Argumentmarkierung in den Sprachen der Welt**
- 2017 **Dialektologie**
- 2016/17 **Phonetik**

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## Digital competences

- Basic Java, SQL
- Intermediate \*nix, docker/podman, django, git, XML, TEI, HTML/CSS/Javascript, R, pandoc
- Advanced Python, LaTeX

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## Language skills

- deu native language *natively spoken variety: Bernese German*
- eng fluent
- fra C1
- swe B2
- spa B1
- por/nld A2
- ell/rus/tpi A1

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## Bibliography

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### Articles

- Matter, Florian (2020a). "An Inspection of Preferred Argument Structure in Mapudungun Narratives." In: *International Journal of American Linguistics* 86.1, pp. 59–93. DOI: [10.1086/705754](https://doi.org/10.1086/705754).
- (2021e). "The origin of split third person marking in Arara (Cariban)." In: *Cadernos de Etnolingüística* 8.2, pp. 1–22. URL: <http://www.etnolingustica.org/article:vol8n2-1>.

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### Accepted

- Matter, Florian (2022a). "A comparative account of intransitive verbs with conservative first person forms in Cariban." Accepted. URL: [https://github.com/fmatter/cariban\\_irregular\\_1](https://github.com/fmatter/cariban_irregular_1).

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### Datasets

- Matter, Florian (Jan. 2021d). *Modified Swadesh-100 list of 23 Cariban languages*. Version v0.1. Zenodo. DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.4438189](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.4438189).

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### Online

- Matter, Florian (2020c). *Comparative Cariban Database*. Version 1. URL: <https://cariban.clld.org/>.
- Matter, Florian, Natalia Cáceres, and Spike Gildea (2023). *A digital sketch grammar of Yawarana*. Version v0.0.3. URL: <https://caribank.github.io/yawarana-sketch>.

## Talks

- Matter, Florian (Sept. 2016a). "Preferred Argument Structure in Mapudungun Narratives." European Summer School of Linguistic Typology 2016, Porquerolles FR. URL: [https://fl.mt/pdfs/typoling\\_PAS.pdf](https://fl.mt/pdfs/typoling_PAS.pdf).
- (Aug. 2018b). "Gliding into a smaller inventory: A reanalysis of diphthongs in Bernese German." SLE 2018, University of Tallinn. URL: [https://fl.mt/pdfs/SLE\\_bernese.pdf](https://fl.mt/pdfs/SLE_bernese.pdf).
  - (Aug. 2020d). "Integrating grammatical description, text collection and dictionary: Language documentation and description for the digital age." SLE 2020, Online. URL: <https://osf.io/3vm6u/>.
  - (Mar. 2021a). "Combining description and documentation: a digital Boasian trilogy." International Conference on Language Documentation & Conservation, Online. URL: [https://fl.mt/pdfs/gramr\\_icldc\\_matter.pdf](https://fl.mt/pdfs/gramr_icldc_matter.pdf).
  - (Aug. 2021c). "Irregular first person inflections in Cariban: converging factors for morphological (dis-)similarity." SLE 2021, Online. URL: <https://osf.io/8zqe4/>.
  - (Aug. 2022b). "A second comparison of Cariban pronouns and deictics." SLE 2022, University of Bucharest.
  - (June 2023a). "A digital sketch grammar of Yawarana." Amazonicas IX, University of the Andes. URL: <https://fl.mt/pdfs/amazonicas23.pdf>.
  - (Aug. 2023c). "Digital grammaticography: towards data-rich corpus-based interactive hypertext grammars." SLE 2023, University of Athens. URL: [https://fl.mt/pdfs/poster\\_sle2023.pdf](https://fl.mt/pdfs/poster_sle2023.pdf).
- Matter, Florian and Rik van Gijn (Aug. 2019). "'Linking' morphology in Tupían, Cariban, and Macro-Jê languages." SLE 2019, University of Leipzig. URL: [https://fl.mt/pdfs/linking\\_morphemes\\_SLE.pdf](https://fl.mt/pdfs/linking_morphemes_SLE.pdf).
- Matter, Florian and Spike Gildea (Dec. 2022). "Apparent Discontinuous NPs in the Cariban family from the perspective of diachronic typology." ALT 2022, University of Texas. URL: [https://github.com/fmatter/cariban\\_nps/](https://github.com/fmatter/cariban_nps/).

## Unpublished

- Matter, Florian (2019a). "Gliding into a smaller inventory. A reanalysis of Bernese German diphthongs." MS. University of Bern.
- Matter, Florian and Rik van Gijn (2022). "'Linking' morphology in Tupían, Cariban, and Macro-Jê languages." MS.