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EDUCATION

- 2013 **Ph.D. in Linguistics**, Stanford University
Dissertation: *The semantics of syntactic choice*
Committee: Beth Levin, Joan Bresnan, Tom Wasow.
- 2006 **B.A. in Linguistics** with distinction, The Ohio State University

EMPLOYMENT

- 2017–present **University of Birmingham**
English Language and Applied Linguistics
Lecturer in corpus-based sociolinguistics
- 2013–2017 **KU Leuven**
Quantitative Lexicology and Variational Linguistics
Post-doctoral fellow

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2018–2021 **Research Foundation Flanders (FWO), grant #G0D4618N**
Title: *The register-specificity of probabilistic grammatical knowledge in English and Dutch*
Budget: €229,000
Co-PIs: Benedikt Szmrecsanyi & Freek Van de Velde

PUBLICATIONS

[Google Scholar Profile](#) (citations: 165 / h-index: 9 / i10-index: 7)

Journal articles

- to appear Grafmiller, Jason & Benedikt Szmrecsanyi. Mapping out particle placement in Englishes around the world. A study in comparative sociolinguistic analysis. *Language Variation and Change*.
- 2018 Grafmiller, Jason, Benedikt Szmrecsanyi, Melanie Röthlisberger & Benedikt Heller. A comparative perspective on probabilistic variation in grammar. Introduction to special collection. *Glossa* 3(1), 94. doi: 10.5334/gjgl.690.

- 2017 Szmrecsanyi, Benedikt, Jason Grafmiller, Joan Bresnan, Anette Rosenbach, Sali Tagliamonte & Simon Todd. Spoken syntax in a comparative perspective: the dative and genitive alternation in varieties of English. *Glossa* 2(1), 86. doi: 10.5334/gjgl.310.
- 2017 Röthlisberger, Melanie, Jason Grafmiller & Benedikt Szmrecsanyi. Cognitive indigenization effects in the English dative alternation. *Cognitive Linguistics* 28(4). doi: 10.1515/cog-2016-0051.
- 2017 Heller, Benedikt, Benedikt Szmrecsanyi, Jason Grafmiller. Stability and fluidity in syntactic variation world-wide: The genitive alternation across varieties of English. *Journal of English Linguistics* 45(1). doi: 10.1177/0075424216685405.
- 2016 Grafmiller, Jason, Benedikt Szmrecsanyi, & Lars Hinrichs. Restricting the restrictive relativizer: Constraints on subject and non-subject English relative clauses. *Corpus Linguistics and Linguistic Theory*. doi: 10.1515/cllt-2016-0015.
- 2016 Szmrecsanyi, Benedikt, Jason Grafmiller, Benedikt Heller, & Melanie Röthlisberger. Around the world in three alternations: Modeling syntactic variation in global varieties of English. *English World Wide*. doi: 10.1075/eww.37.2.01szm.
- 2014 Grafmiller, Jason. Variation in English genitives across modality and genres. *English Language and Linguistics* 18(3): 471–496. doi: 10.1017/S1360674314000136.

Articles in refereed collections

- 2018 Paquot, Magali, Grafmiller, Jason & Szmrecsanyi, Benedikt. Particle placement alternation in EFL learner vs. L1 speech: Core probabilistic grammar and/or L1-specific preferences? *Proceedings of Learner Corpus Research 2017*.
- 2015 Shih, Stephanie, Grafmiller, Jason, Futrell, Richard & Joan Bresnan. Rhythm's role in genitive and dative construction choice in English. *Rhythm in Phonetics, Grammar, and Cognition*. Vogel, R. and R. van de Vijver (eds). De Gruyter. 207–234.
- 2013 Levin, Beth & Jason Grafmiller. Do you always fear what frightens you? *From Quirky Case to Representing Space*. Tracy Holloway King and Valeria de Paiva (eds). CSLI Publications, Stanford, 21–32.

TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

Refereed conferences and workshops

- 2018 Grafmiller, Jason. Comparative sociolinguistics beyond the vernacular: Applying variationist methods to genre variation in written English. *International Society for the Linguistics of English 5*, London. July 18.
- 2018 Szmrecsanyi, Benedikt, Jason Grafmiller, Melanie Röthlisberger & Benedikt Heller. How many probabilistic grammars does it take to model a world language? *International Society for the Linguistics of English 5*, London. July 18.

- 2018 Grafmiller, Jason. When context shapes grammar: Stylistic flexibility in the English genitive alternation. *International Congress of Linguists 20*, Capetown, South Africa. July 3.
- 2018 Tamaredo, Iván, Benedikt Szmrecsanyi, Jason Grafmiller, Benedikt Heller & Melanie Röthlisberger. Measuring the variational homogeneity of English as a world language: Probabilistic indigenization effects in four syntactic alternations. *ICAME 39*, Tampere, Finland. June 1.
- 2018 Grafmiller, Jason. Variable cues vs. multiple grammars: Genre specificity in the English genitive alternation. *ICAME 39*, Tampere, Finland. May 31.
- 2017 Grafmiller, Jason. Register specificity in the English genitive alternation. Do variable cues reflect different grammars? *39th Annual Conference of the German Linguistic Society (DGfS)*, Saarbrücken, Germany. March 8.
- 2016 Methods in corpus-based variationist Linguistics. Invited talk. University of Uppsala, Uppsala, Sweden. Oct 31.
- 2016 Grafmiller, Jason. Reconsidering the locative syntax of experiencers in English. *International Society for the Linguistics of English 4*, Poznan, Poland. September 21.
- 2016 Grafmiller, Jason. Mapping out particle placement around the globe: A corpus study of indigenization patterns. *International Society for the Linguistics of English 4*, Poznan, Poland. September 19.
- 2016 Grafmiller, Jason, Benedikt Heller, Melanie Röthlisberger & Benedikt Szmrecsanyi. Syntactic variation and probabilistic indigenization in World Englishes. *New Ways of Analyzing Syntactic Variation 2*, Ghent, Belgium, May 19.
- 2016 Grafmiller, Jason, Benedikt Heller, Melanie Röthlisberger & Benedikt Szmrecsanyi. Syntactic variation as a measure of probabilistic indigenization in global varieties of English. *The 90th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America*, Washington D.C. January 10.
- 2015 Grafmiller, Jason & Melanie Röthlisberger. Syntactic alternations, schematization, and collostructional diversity in world Englishes. *21st conference of the International Association for World Englishes*, Istanbul. October 9.
- 2015 Röthlisberger, Melanie, Jason Grafmiller, Benedikt Heller & Benedikt Szmrecsanyi. What choice(s) do we have? Processing and contextual constraints on syntactic variation across the globe. *21st conference of the International Association for World Englishes*, Istanbul. October 9.
- 2015 Grafmiller, Jason. Deviant diachrony: Exploring new methods for analyzing language change. *New Developments in the Quantitative Study of Languages*, Helsinki. August 29.
- 2015 Grafmiller, Jason. Transitivity and construal in English emotion verbs: A quantitative investigation. *13th International Cognitive Linguistics Conference*, Newcastle. July 21.

- 2015 Grafmiller, Jason. On the role of agency and causation in the semantics of emotion verbs: An empirical investigation. *23rd annual meeting of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, Tartu, Estonia. July 17.
- 2015 Szmrecsanyi, Benedikt, Jason Grafmiller, Melanie Röthlisberger & Benedikt Heller. Probabilistic variation in a comparative perspective: the grammar of varieties of English. *ICLaVE 8*, Leipzig. May 27.
- 2014 Modeling verb meanings: An experimental and corpus-based investigation of English emotion verbs. Invited talk. University of Bamberg, Bamberg, Germany. December 18.
- 2014 Exploring probabilistic grammar(s) in Englishes around the world. Invited talk. University of Bamberg, Bamberg, Germany. December 17.
- 2014 Grafmiller, Jason, Benedikt Heller, Melanie Röthlisberger & Benedikt Szmrecsanyi. Exploring probabilistic grammar(s) in Englishes around the world. *ISLE 3*, Zurich. August.
- 2014 Grafmiller, Jason, Benedikt Heller, Melanie Röthlisberger & Benedikt Szmrecsanyi. Exploring probabilistic grammar(s) in Englishes around the world. *ICAME 35*, Nottingham. May 1.
- 2013 Grafmiller, Jason. Modeling verb meaning with corpus data: A usage-based investigation of argument realization in English psych-verbs. *American Association for Corpus Linguistics*, San Diego, CA. January 18.
- 2013 Grafmiller, Jason. Object-Experiencer verbs as true transitive verbs. *Poster at the 87th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America*, Boston, MA. January 5.
- 2012 Grafmiller, Jason. On the status of agentivity in Experiencer-object verbs. *Agents and causes: Interdisciplinary aspects in mind, language and culture*, Bielefeld, Germany. March 22.
- 2012 Grafmiller, Jason. On the status of agentivity in the semantics of Experiencer-object verbs. *The 13th Annual Semantics Fest*, Stanford, CA. March 16.
- 2012 Grafmiller, Jason. Agency is inferred in causal events: Evidence from Object-Experiencer verbs. *Poster at the 86th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America*, Portland, OR. January 6.
- 2011 Grafmiller, Jason & Stephanie Shih. New approaches to end weight. *Variation and Typology: New Trends in Syntactic Research*, Helsinki. August 26.
- 2011 Grafmiller, Jason & Stephanie Shih. Weighing in on end weight. *The Crosslinguistic Investigation of Syntactic Alternations Workshop*, Stanford University. March 28.
- 2011 Grafmiller, Jason. Non-structural influences on binding in Finnish possessives. *The 85th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America*, Pittsburg, PA. January 7.
- 2011 Shih, Stephanie & Jason Grafmiller. Weighing in on end weight. *The 85th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America*, Pittsburg, PA. January 9.

- 2010 Grafmiller, Jason & Stephanie Shih. Weighing in on end weight. *The Development of Syntactic Alternations Workshop*, Stanford University. November 12.
- 2010 Grafmiller, Jason. Variation in English genitives across modality and genres. *The 7th Annual QP Fest*, Stanford University. May 14.
- 2009 Shih, Stephanie, Jason Grafmiller, Richard Futrell, & Joan Bresnan. Rhythm's role in genitive and dative construction choice in English. *31st Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Association of Germany (DGfS)*, Osnabrück. March.
- 2008 Dmitrieva, Olga, Matthew Adams, Jason Grafmiller, Scott Grimm, Yuan Zhao, & Arto Anttila. Gradient OCP and harmonic alignment in English phonotactics. *The 82nd Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America*, Chicago, IL. January.

Summer schools and tutorials

- 2018 Random forests. *Birmingham Statistics for Linguists Summer School*, University of Birmingham, June 7.
- 2018 Classification and regression trees. *Birmingham Statistics for Linguists Summer School*, University of Birmingham, June 5.
- 2017 Variationist sociolinguistics from a corpus-based perspective. *Corpus Linguistics Summer School*, University of Birmingham, July 21.
- 2017 An introduction to variationist sociolinguistics. *English Language and Linguistics Summer School*, University of Birmingham, July 12.

Teaching and Advising

Full courses

University of Birmingham

- 2017-19 English as an International Language, MA level
- 2017-19 Social and Psychological/Multimodal Aspects of Language, MA level
- 2017-19 Research Skills in English Language, Year 2 UG level
- 2017-19 Sounds, Structures and Words, Year 1 UG level

KU Leuven

- 2016 Methods in Corpus Linguistics, MA level
- 2015 Special Topics in English Linguistics: Argument realization and psych-verbs, MA level
- 2014 Special Topics in English Linguistics: Probabilistic approaches to syntactic variation, MA level

Stanford University

2013 Quantitative Methods in Linguistics.

Invited workshops

2016 Quantitative methods for linguists. University of Uppsala, Sweden.

2014 Statistics for language studies. An introduction with R. University of Bamberg, Germany.

2014 Quantitative methods for linguists. University of Tampere, Finland.

Advising and supervision

Co-supervisor

2018-present **Alexandra Engel**, Ph.D. Linguistics, KU Leuven

2014-18 **Benedikt Heller**, Ph.D. Linguistics, KU Leuven
Stability and fluidity in syntactic variation world-wide

2014-18 **Melanie Röthlisberger**, Ph.D. Linguistics, KU Leuven
Regional variation in probabilistic grammars

Teaching Assistantships

Stanford University

2010 **Language in Society**. Instructor: Adam Hodges.

2010 **Introduction to Syntax**. Instructor: Hannah Rohde.

2007 **Introduction to Linguistics**. Instructors: Penny Eckert & Ivan Sag.

Additional Research Experience

2010-2011 **Field Interviewer**, Stanford University.
Part of the Stanford [Voices of California project](#). Responsible for contacting members of the community, conducting interviews, organizing and coordinating team members in Merced (2010) and Redding (2011), CA.
PIs: Penny Eckert and John Rickford