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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

## PUBLICATIONS

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

### Journal articles

- to appear      Grafmiller, Jason & Benedikt Szmrecsanyi. Mapping out particle placement . *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

### Invited talks

- 2016 Grafmiller, Jason. Methods in Corpus-based Variationist Linguistics. Invited talk. University of Uppsala, Uppsala, Sweden. Oct 31.
- 2014 Grafmiller, Jason. Modeling verb meanings: An experimental and corpus-based investigation of English emotion verbs. Invited talk. University of Bamberg, Bamberg, Germany. December 18.
- 2014 Grafmiller, Jason, Benedikt Heller, Melanie Röthlisberger & Benedikt Szmrecsanyi. Exploring probabilistic grammar(s) in Englishes around the world. Invited talk. University of Bamberg, Bamberg, Germany. December 17.

### 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 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 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. 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.

## Teaching and Advising

### Teaching

#### 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, MA level  
2014 Special Topics in English Linguistics, MA level

#### Stanford University

2013 Quantitative Methods in Linguistics.

### Advising and supervision

#### Secondary Advisor

2014-18 **Benedikt Heller**, Ph.D. Linguistics, KU Leuven  
*Title*  
2014-18 **Melanie Röthlisberger**, Ph.D. Linguistics, KU Leuven  
*Title*

### 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