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Experience

Doctoral Researcher	Ghent University	2022 - 2026
• Department of Linguistics, English Section		
Language Instructor	Ghent University	2021 - 2022
• Department of Linguistics, Language and Communication Section		
Research Assistant	Ghent University	2020 - 2022
• Department of Linguistics, English Section		
Academic Writing Tutor	Ghent University	2019 - 2020
• (c)ENTER - Academic writing center		

International mobility

- **Visting scholar at City University of New York, Graduate Center**
2024 - Hosted by Prof. Dr. Cecelia Cutler (Executive Officer of Linguistics Department)

Education

MSc in Statistical Data Analysis	2024 - 2026
Ghent University	Ghent, Belgium
MA in Linguistics and Literature	2019 - 2020
Ghent University	Ghent, Belgium
BA in Linguistics and Literature	2015 - 2019
Ghent University	Ghent, Belgium

Publications

Journal articles

- **Covering blue voices: African American English and authenticity in blues covers**
Romeo De Timmerman & Stef Slembrouck
2024 - *Languages*
- **Participant role shifting in minority language institutional interactions: COVID-19 contact tracing telephone calls as complex spaces of linguistic non-understanding**
Romeo De Timmerman, Anne-Sophie Bafort, Mieke Vandenbroucke & Stef Slembrouck
2024 - *Multilingua*
- **Question/answer-sequences in contact tracing telephone calls in Flanders during the Covid-19 pandemic**
Stef Slembrouck, Romeo De Timmerman, Mieke Vandenbroucke, Anne-Sophie Bafort & Sofie Van de Geuchte
2024 - *Medical Research Archives*
- **The globalization of local indexicalities through music: African-American English and the blues**
Romeo De Timmerman, Ludovic De Cuypere & Stef Slembrouck
2023 - *Journal of Sociolinguistics*
- **Transformative practice and its interactional challenges in Covid-19 telephone contact tracing in Flanders**
Stef Slembrouck, Mieke Vandenbroucke, Romeo De Timmerman, Anne-Sophie Bafort & Sofie Van de Geuchte
2023 - *Frontiers in Psychology*
- **COVID-19 telephone contact tracing in Flanders as a 'contested' new genre of conversation : discrepancies between interactional practice and media image**
Anne-Sophie Bafort, Romeo De Timmerman, Sofie Van De Geuchte, Mieke Vandenbroucke & Stef Slembrouck
2023 - *Frontiers in Communication*

Book chapters

- **Formulations of risk and responsibility in COVID-19 contact tracing telephone interactions in Flanders, Belgium**
Romeo De Timmerman, Anne-Sophie Bafort, Sofie Van De Geuchte, Mieke Vandenbroucke & Stef Slembrouck
2023 - *Book chapter in Risk discourse and responsibility (Pragmatics & Beyond New Series)*

Research Data

- **Data for "Covering Blue Voices: African American English and Authenticity in Blues Covers"**
Romeo De Timmerman
2024 - *Open Science Framework*
- **Replication Data for: The globalization of local indexicalities through music: African-American English and the blues**
Romeo De Timmerman
2023 - *DataVerseNO, V2*

Conference presentations

- **Iconicity and indexicality: the manifold social meanings of African American English in blues music**
Romeo De Timmerman & Stef Slembrouck
2024 - *52nd News Ways of Analyzing Variation, Florida International University & University of Miami*
- **Covering blue voices: African American English and authenticity in blues covers**
Romeo De Timmerman
2024 - *25th Sociolinguistics Symposium, Curtin University*
- **When ordinary conduct is not straightforwardly suitable: question/answer-sequences in contact tracing telephone calls in Flanders during the COVID-19 pandemic**
Stef Slembrouck, Mieke Vandenbroucke, Anne-Sophie Bafort & Romeo De Timmerman
2024 - *25th Sociolinguistics Symposium, Curtin University*
- **Managing Fact and Uncertainty: Science Mediation during Telephone Contact Tracing in Flanders**
Sofie Van de Geuchte, Romeo De Timmerman, Anne-Sophie Bafort, Mieke Vandenbroucke & Stef Slembrouck
2023 - *18th International Pragmatics Conference, International Pragmatics Association*
- **Challenges and Opportunities of Linguistically Diverse Data: Government-mandated Contact Tracing as a Multilingual Tool to Reach Linguistic Minorities**
Romeo De Timmerman, Anne-Sophie Bafort, Mieke Vandenbroucke & Stef Slembrouck
2023 - *18th International Pragmatics Conference, International Pragmatics Association*
- **Stylistic Matrices of Language Use in Music: African American English and The Blues**
Romeo De Timmerman & Stef Slembrouck
2022 - *24th Sociolinguistics Symposium, Ghent University*
- **Support and surveillance during contact tracing phone calls in the covid-19 pandemic: a new genre characterized by multiple pressures**
Romeo De Timmerman, Anne-Sophie Bafort, Mieke Vandenbroucke & Stef Slembrouck
2022 - *24th Sociolinguistics Symposium, Ghent University*
- **Support and surveillance during contact tracing phone calls in the covid-19 pandemic: a new genre characterized by multiple pressures**
Stef Slembrouck, Mieke Vandenbroucke, Anne-Sophie Bafort, Sofie Van de Geuchte & Romeo De Timmerman
2021 - *Language of Covid19 Conference, University of Sussex*
- **Support and surveillance during contact tracing phone calls in the covid-19 pandemic: a new genre characterized by multiple pressures**
Stef Slembrouck, Mieke Vandenbroucke, Anne-Sophie Bafort, Sofie Van de Geuchte & Romeo De Timmerman
2021 - *17th Annual DANASWAC, Tampere University*
- **Optimising Covid-19 contact tracing in Belgium: an applied conversation analytic study**
Anne-Sophie Bafort, Romeo De Timmerman, Sofie Van de Geuchte, Mieke Vandenbroucke & Stef Slembrouck
2021 - *17th International Pragmatics Conference, International Pragmatics Association*
- **The Stylistic Use of African American English in Live Performed Blues Music**
Romeo De Timmerman
2021 - *6th Annual IASPM Student Conference, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen*

Invited talks, workshops and meetings

- **Covering blue voices: African American English and authenticity in blues covers**
Romeo De Timmerman
2024 - *City University of New York, Graduate Center*
- **Sociolinguistic approaches to the study of popular culture**
Matthew Garley & Romeo De Timmerman
2024 - *City University of New York, Graduate Center*
- **Inference versus prediction: interpreting machine learning results in (computational) sociolinguistics**
Romeo De Timmerman, Stef Slembrouck & Matthias Heyman
2024 - *4th LW Research Day, Ghent University*
- **Processes of authentication in music: a MULTIPLEtalkS data session**
Romeo De Timmerman
2023 - *Ghent University, MULTIPLES research group*
- **Indexical expressions of authenticity: the stylistic use of African American English in live performed blues music**
Romeo De Timmerman
2022 - *6th LinGhentian Doctorials, Ghent University*
- **The 'new' genre of telephone contact tracing: interactional and pragmatic analysis for optimizing professional practice**
Stef Slembrouck, Mieke Vandenbroucke, Anne-Sophie Bafort, Sofie Van de Geuchte & Romeo De Timmerman
2022 - *3rd LW Research Day, Ghent University*

Science communication

- **"Everybody understands the blues!" But can they sing it?**
Romeo De Timmerman
2023 - *IASPM Research Blog*

Fellowships and grants

External funding

- **FWO travel grant for a long stay abroad**, Fonds voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek
2024 - EUR 4.950,00 (V413124N)

Internal funding

- **CWO travel grant for a long stay abroad**, Commissie Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek
2024 - EUR 6.950,00
- **CWO travel grant for an international conference**, Commissie Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek
2024 - EUR 300,00

Institutional service

Peer review

- **Journal of Sociolinguistics**
2024 - anonymous reviewer
- **BAAHE 2024 conference**
2024 - scientific committee member

Department & research group

- **OAP representative in department council**
2022 - present, representing early career researchers in the linguistics department council
- **Linguistics Reading Group**
2022 - 2024, co-organizing a seminal article reading group

Thesis supervision

- **Kato Speybrouck** - Title TBD
2025 - MA thesis
- **Leen Vandewiele** - Title TBD
2025 - BA paper
- **Yelena Godaert** - Title TBD
2025 - BA paper
- **Elise Van Overmeire** - Jolene Please Don't Sing About My Man A Diachronic Comparison of Love and Relationships in Female and Male Country Lyrics
2024 - BA paper
- **Caroline Sens** - "I'm being misogynistic...I am not being sexist": A linguistic analysis of sexism through humor in The Office.
2023 - MA thesis
- **Kato Speybrouck** - London calling! Accent as a way to claim authenticity in 1970s and contemporary punk-rock music
2023 - BA paper

Teaching

- **English Linguistics: Sociolinguistics** - Ghent University
2024 - guest lecture on dialectal and diatypic variation
2023 - guest lecture on the sociolinguistics of globalization
2022 - guest lecture on pidgins and creoles
- **English Linguistics: Text, genre & translation** - Ghent University
2024 - guest lecture on the globalization of musical genres
2023 - guest lecture on the globalization of musical genres
2022 - guest lectures on the globalization of musical genres & institutional interaction
2021 - guest lecture on institutional interaction
- **English Linguistics: Analysis of spoken interaction** - Ghent University
2025 - coaching and grading students for their final projects
2023 - coaching and grading students for their final projects
- **English Linguistics: Language and literature** - Ghent University
2022 - guest lecture on narratives in institutional contexts
- **Qualitative research methods** - University of Antwerp
2023 - guest lecture on interactional analysis
2022 - guest lecture on interactional analysis
- **Academic English** - Ghent University
2022 - lecturer
2021 - lecturer
- **Advanced Academic English** - Ghent University
2022 - lecturer
2021 - lecturer
- **Economic English I & II** - Ghent University
2022 - lecturer
- **Dutch as a Second Language I & II** - Ghent University
2022 - lecturer

Professional development

- **Machine Learning (CSC 74020)** - Prof. Dr. Joseph Burdis
2024 - City University of New York, Graduate Center
- **Explainability and interpretability in AI** - Dr. Isel Grau
2024 - Flanders' training network for methodology and statistics

- **Handling Imbalanced Data** - Dr. Emmanuel Abatih
2024 - Flanders' training network for methodology and statistics
- **Predictive Modeling using Logistic Regression** - Dr. Emmanuel Abatih
2024 - Flanders' training network for methodology and statistics
- **Introduction to Machine Learning** - Dr. Bart Van Rompaye & Vincent Wauters
2023 - Flanders' training network for methodology and statistics
- **Data Wrangling in Python** - Stijn Van Hoey & Joris Van den Bossche
2023 - Flanders' training network for methodology and statistics
- **Advanced statistical methods with R** - Prof. Dr. Gert De Sutter
2022 - Methods in language sciences
- **Introduction to statistics with R** - Prof. Dr. Ludovic De Cuypere
2022 - Methods in language sciences
- **Perspectives on interaction in institutional settings** - Prof. Dr. Åsa Mäkitalo, Prof. Dr. Dorte Caswell & Prof. Dr. Stef Slembrouck
2022 - Ghent University & Gothenburg University