

CURRICULUM VITAE

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PERSONAL DETAILS

Date of birth: 4th of July, 1997

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Historical and contemporary sociolinguistics

Language variation and change

Contact and heritage linguistics

English and Dutch language contact

Data-driven linguistic analysis

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2021 – 2025: PhD Candidate in Linguistics (current)

Project: *From the promised land: A historical sociolinguistic study on Belgian Dutch as a heritage language in 19th- and 20th- century North America*

Investigation of patterns of language change and variation in the language use of Flemish-Americans under the influence of English

• self-compiled digital corpus of historical Flemish-American documents • historical sociolinguistics and heritage language linguistics • qualitative discourse analysis • quantitative analysis using inferential statistics.

Defense: Expected in October 2025

Institutions: Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB)

Research Foundation Flanders (FWO)

Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Wim Vandenbussche and Prof. Dr. Rik Vosters

2019 – 2021: Teaching assistant and PhD Candidate in Linguistics

Tasks: Preparation of PhD proposal and teaching
Courses: Dutch linguistics: phonetics, phonology and morphology (BA1)
Dutch linguistics: morphology and syntax (BA2)
Institution: Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB)

EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS

2018 – 2019: Master's in Literature & Linguistics, Dutch – English, Universiteit Gent

Grade: Magna cum laude
MA thesis: *Covergirl of hoezenpoes? A study about lexical choice and linguistic attitudes toward English loanwords*
Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Anne-Sophie Ghyselen (UGent)
Prof. Dr. Eline Zenner (KU Leuven)

2017 – 2018: Academic Exchange – Erasmus Program, Universiteit van Amsterdam

Followed BA3 courses with a focus on Dutch and English linguistics from the Language and Culture program.

2015 – 2018: Bachelor's in Literature & Linguistics, Dutch – English, Universiteit Gent

Grade: Magna cum laude
BA thesis: English and Dutch: to worry or not to worry? A study about Flemish attitudes toward Dutch – English code-switching
Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Anne-Sophie Ghyselen (UGent)

2015 – 2017: Quetelet Honors Program, extracurricular, Universiteit Gent

Selective program for high-achieving students.

TRAINING: COURSES & CERTIFICATES

Jan. 2025: Historical Sociolinguistics Young Researchers Forum, Vrije Universiteit Brussel

Jul. 2024: RLING: Predictive modeling for linguists with R by Stefan Th. Gries, UCLouvain

Jul. 2024:	Historical Sociolinguistics Network Summer School 2024, Universidad de Murcia
Nov. 2023:	Workshop Text Analysis using NLP for researchers, VAIA
Oct. 2023:	Data Wrangling in Python, Universiteit Gent & FLAMES
Jul. 2023:	Linear Mixed Models, MILS, Universiteit Gent
May 2023:	Spring School in Language Variation, Università di Bologna
Mar. 2023:	Historical Sociolinguistics Young Researchers Forum, Universiteit Leiden
Aug. 2022:	Advanced Statistical Methods with R, MILS, Universiteit Gent
Jul. 2022:	Historical Sociolinguistics Network Summer School 2022, Universiteit Leiden
Feb. 2022:	Research Data Management, Vrije Universiteit Brussel
Jul. 2021:	Corpus Linguistics Summer School by Bodo Winter, University of Birmingham
May 2021:	Masterclass: Migrant Ego-Documents in Late Modern English, Universitetet i Oslo
Apr. 2021:	Quantitative Language Data Analysis and Visualization in R, CROW
Apr. 2021:	Historical Sociolinguistics Young Researchers Forum, Vrije Universiteit Brussel
Apr. 2021:	Workshop on Transkribus
Mar. 2021:	Fundamental Statistical Methods, KU Leuven & FLAMES
Dec. 2020:	Introduction to Critical Discourse Analysis, Universiteit Gent & FLAMES
Oct. 2020:	Statistical Modeling Using R, KU Leuven & FLAMES.
Sept. 2020:	Using NVIVO for qualitative data analysis, Universiteit Antwerpen & FLAMES

- Sept. 2020:** Basics in R for people who are afraid of computers, Vrije Universiteit Brussel
- Oct. 2019:** Educational training for teaching assistants, Vrije Universiteit Brussel
- 2017-2018:** Practical Spanish A1, Universiteit Gent

SKILLS

Languages: Dutch (native speaker, C2)
English (near-native, C2)
French (intermediate proficiency, B1)
German (basic proficiency, A2)
Spanish (basic proficiency, A1)

Software: R & RStudio (advanced knowledge)
MS Office (solid knowledge)
NVivo (basic knowledge)
Python (basic knowledge)

Soft skills: Driven, motivated
Communicative, collaborative
Independent, eager to learn

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Jun 2025:** **Workshop:** Mixed-effects regression & random forests to model linguistic variation at Vrije Universiteit Brussel
- May 2025:** **Guest lecture:** 'Dutch in North America' for BA1 course *Nederlands in Contact* 'Dutch in Contact' at Vrije Universiteit Brussel
- May 2024:** **Guest lecture:** 'Historical sociolinguistics ft. heritage language linguistics' for MA course *Taalkundige analyse van historische teksten* 'Linguistic analysis of historical texts' at Universiteit Gent
- May 2024:** **Guest lecture:** 'Dutch in North America' for BA1 course *Nederlands in Contact* 'Dutch in Contact' at Vrije Universiteit Brussel
- Mar. 2024:** **Guest lecture:** 'Pursuing a doctorate in Linguistics' for last-year high school students at Sint-Lievenscollege in Ghent

- May 2023:** **Guest lecture:** 'Dutch in North America' for BA1 course *Nederlands in Contact* 'Dutch in Contact' at Vrije Universiteit Brussel
- Nov. 2023:** **Guest lecture:** 'Flemish in North America' for BA2 & BA3 course *History of Migration* at Vrije Universiteit Brussel
- 2020-2021:** **Teaching assistant** for BA1 course Dutch Linguistics: phonetics, phonology and morphology at Vrije Universiteit Brussel
- 2020-2021:** **Teaching assistant** for BA2 course Dutch Linguistics: morphology and syntax at Vrije Universiteit Brussel
- 2019- 2020:** **Teaching assistant** for BA1 course Dutch Linguistics: phonetics phonology and morphology at Vrije Universiteit Brussel
- 2019-2020:** **Teaching assistant** for BA2 course Dutch Linguistics: morphology and syntax at Vrije Universiteit Brussel

BA AND MA THESIS SUPERVISION & JURY

- BA papers
- E. Lambrecht (VUB, 2024)
20ste-eeuws Nederlands-Engels taalcontact: Onderzoek naar het gebruik van Engelse ontleningen in Vlaamse emigrantenbrieven uit Canada
 Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Rik Vosters
 Co-supervisor: Yasmin Crombez
- M. S. Van Muysewinkel (VUB, 2022)
Taalattitudes in de Vlaams-Amerikaanse migrantenkrant De Volksstem tijdens de Eerste Wereldoorlog
 Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Rik Vosters
 Co-supervisor: Yasmin Crombez
- L. Trochs (VUB, 2022)
Op de American farm tijdens het bezig seizoen: Een kwantitatieve studie naar de invloed van het Engels op het taalgebruik van Vlaamse emigranten in Noord-Amerika in de negentiende en twintigste eeuw
 Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Rik Vosters
 Co-supervisor: Yasmin Crombez

- MA papers S. Rammant (VUB, 2025)
Language and Ideology: A Comparative Discourse Analysis of De Nieuwe Wereld
 Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Wim Vandenbussche
 Co-supervisor: Yasmin Crombez
- L. Francken (VUB, 2022)
WTF do you think of taboo words? A comparative perception study among adolescents regarding English and Dutch swearwords.
 Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Rik Vosters
 Co-supervisor: Yasmin Crombez
- J. Defossez (VUB, 2022)
Secondary school teachers' attitude towards the use of English terms/loanwords in (subject) didactics
 Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Rik Vosters
 Co-supervisor: Yasmin Crombez

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- 2023 – 2026:** Elected steering group member of the North American Research Network in Historical Sociolinguistics
- Jun. 2023:** Co-organizer of the 12th Historical Sociolinguistics Network Conference in Brussels, Belgium
- 2019 – 2021:** Coordinator of *Werkgroep over Taal* 'Language Research Group' at Vrije Universiteit Brussel

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed:

- Crombez, Y. (In Press). Newspapers as a Window into Language Beliefs of the Past: Language Contact and Conflict in Flemish-American Press. In C. Joby. & N. van der Sijs (Eds.), *The Dutch Language and Contact Linguistics*. John Benjamins Publishing Company.
- Crombez, Y. (2024). From 'dankgevingdag' to 'turkey party': Historical sociolinguistic perspectives on loan strategies in Flemish-American heritage newspapers. *Bergen Language and Linguistics Studies*, 14(1), 9-19.

Crombez, Y., Vandenbussche, W., & Vosters, R. (2024). Exploring past and present layers of multilingualism in Flemish emigrant writing. In J. Hendriks, & R. Page (Eds.), *Investigating West Germanic Languages: Studies in honor of Robert B. Howell: Studies in Germanic Linguistics* 8 (pp. 276–300). (Studies in Germanic Linguistics). John Benjamins Publishing Company.

Crombez, Y., Ghyselen, A-S., Winter-Froemel, E., & Zenner, E. (2022). The socio-pragmatic parameters steering the reported selection of Anglicisms or their Dutch alternatives. *Linguistics*, 60(4), 973-1010.

Popularizing:

Crombez, Y. (2024). Taalverhalen van over de oceaan: Vlamingen in Amerika. *VakTaal*, (1).

Crombez, Y. (In Preparation). Over ‘turkeyfeesten’ en ‘farmgerief’: het taalgebruik van vroege Vlaams-Amerikanen onder de loop. *De Lage Landen*: www.de-lage-landen.com

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

2025:

Crombez Y., Vandenbussche W., Vosters R. *The socio-historical turn in heritage language linguistics: a case study on historical Heritage Belgian-Dutch in North America*. Presentation for the 14th Historical Sociolinguistics Network Conference: HiSoN 20 years on: past, present, future, Bristol, United Kingdom, 21-23 May 2025.

2024:

Crombez, Y. *American Flemish? A mixed-method approach to the dynamics between English and Belgian Dutch in 19th and 20th century North America*. Presentation for the Belgian Association of Anglicists in Higher Education (BAAHE) 2024 Conference, Brussels, Belgium, 13 December 2024.

Crombez Y., Vandenbussche W., Vosters R. *When the historical, the social and the linguistic meet: A study on variation in Heritage Belgian Dutch in the 19th and 20th century*. Poster presentation for New Ways of Analyzing Variation, Miami Beach, Florida, 7-9 November 2024.

Crombez Y., Vandenbussche W., Vosters R. *Ik kan veel beter English': Heritage Belgian Dutch studied from a socio-pragmatic perspective*. Presentation for the 13th Historical Sociolinguistics Network Conference: Diversity and uniformity across time and space, Zürich, Switzerland, 5-7 June 2024.

Crombez, Y. *Flemish migrants in America: language stories from the promised land*. Presentation for the Faculty of Languages and Humanities Research Day (VUB), Brussels, Belgium, 28 May 2024.

Crombez, Y. *Vlaamse migranten in Amerika: taalverhalen van over de Atlantische Oceaan*. Presentation for Workshop Social History of Capitalism (SHOC) & Historical Sociolinguistics (HSL), Brussels, Belgium, 26 February 2024.

Crombez, Y. *Context matters: a comparison of lexical borrowing in 19th – 20th century American-Flemish heritage newspapers and ego-documents*. Presentation for the 6th NARNiHS Annual Meeting at LSA, New York, New York, 4-5 January 2024.

2023:

Crombez, Y. *Heritage languages of the past: Capturing sociolinguistic and pragmatic influences on 19th-20th century English – Belgian Dutch language contact*. Poster presentation for RUEG 2023 – Linguistic Variability in Heritage Language Research, Berlin, Germany, 26-28 September 2023.

Crombez, Y. *From 'drijver' to 'straatcarren' to 'gasoline station': Different loan strategies in 19th and 20th centuries Flemish-American newspapers*. Presentation for the 12th Historical Sociolinguistics Network Conference: Language histories from above and from below, Brussels, Belgium, 31 May – 2 June 2023.

2022:

Crombez, Y. “Eenen schoonen peacock (in ‘t Vlaamsch pauw of paho)”: taalverandering-en variatie in de vroege Vlaams-Amerikaanse migrantengemeenschap. Presentation for Taal & Tongval: Micro- en macrovariatie, verschillende visies in onderzoek naar taalvariatie en taalverandering, Ghent, Belgium, 18 November 2022.

Crombez, Y. “Eenen schoonen peacock (in ‘t Vlaamsch pauw of paho)”: historical sociolinguistic perspectives on language contact in Flemish-American heritage language newspapers. Presentation for the 13th Workshop on Immigrant Languages in America Conference, Madison, Wisconsin, 10-12 November 2022.

Crombez, Y. *Discourse on Language Contact and Conflict in Flemish Immigrant Press: A macro-level approach to historical heritage language environments*. Presentation for the 11th Historical Sociolinguistics Network Conference: Macro and Micro Perspectives in Historical Sociolinguistics, Murcia, Spain, 1-3 June, 2022.

2021:

Crombez, Y. Ghyselen, A-S., Zenner, E., Winter-Froemel, E. *Babysit or kinderopppas? A socio-pragmatic analysis of lexical choice between English loans and heritage alternatives*. Presentation for the Fifth International Conference on Language Contact in Times of Globalization, Klagenfurt, Austria (online), 9-10 November 2021.

Crombez, Y. *French vs. English: exploring different layers of language contact in emigrant writing*. Presentation for the Annual Meeting of Canadian Association for the Advancement of Netherlandic Studies, Edmonton, Alberta (online), 29-30 May 2021.

Crombez, Y. “Wij spraken onze duurzame moedertaal” *Exploring English – Belgian Dutch language contact in an emigrant setting*. Presentation for the North American Research Network in Historical Sociolinguistics Research Incubator (online), 22-24 April 2021.

Crombez, Y., Vandenbussche, W., Vosters, R. *Exploring layers of language contact in emigrant writing*. Presentation for the 10th Historical Sociolinguistics Network Conference: Intra-Writer Variation in Historical Sociolinguistics, Erlangen, Germany (online), 17-19 March 2021.

Crombez, Y. *Exploring multilingualism in an emigrant setting*. Presentation for the Virtual Colloquium in Germanic Linguistics for Postgraduate Research Students and Early Career Researchers, Sheffield, United Kingdom (online), 12-13 January 2021.

2020:

Crombez, Y. *Van het beloofde land: een historisch sociolinguïstisch onderzoek naar migrantenbrieven*. Presentation for Workshop Historische meertaligheid in Nederlandse context, Leiden & Brussels (online), 16 October 2020.

2019:

Crombez, Y, Ghyselen A-S., Zenner, E. *Babysit of kinderoppas? Een onderzoek naar lexicale keuzes en attitudes tegenover Engelse leenwoorden*. Presentation for Sociolinguistics Circle, Utrecht, The Netherlands, 5 April 2019.

GRANTS & AWARDS

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| 2024: | VUB Doctoral School of Human Sciences travel grant: stay abroad/summer school |
| 2023: | FWO travel grant for participation in a conference abroad |
| 2022: | VUB Doctoral School of Human Sciences travel grant |
| 2021: | KFLC registration award |
| 2021: | FWO PhD fellowship for fundamental research |
| 2020: | FWO grant for a long stay abroad |
| 2020: | VUB Doctoral School of Human Sciences travel grant |