

# Marten van Schijndel

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Employment

- 2019-present **Assistant Professor**, *Department of Linguistics, Cornell University*.  
2017-2019 **Postdoctoral Fellow (PI: Tal Linzen)**, *Department of Cognitive Science, Johns Hopkins University*.

### Education

- 2011-2017 **PhD in Linguistics (Advisor: William Schuler)**, *The Ohio State University*.  
Dissertation: *The Influence of Syntactic Frequencies on Human Sentence Processing*  
2005-2009 **BA in Linguistics**, *Western Washington University*.  
Cum Laude

### Publications

#### Journal Articles

- In press Cory Shain, Idan Blank, **Marten van Schijndel**, William Schuler, and Evelina Fedorenko, "fMRI reveals language-specific predictive coding during naturalistic sentence comprehension." In *Neuropsychologia*.  
2016 Rajakrishnan Rajkumar, **Marten van Schijndel**, Michael White, and William Schuler, "Investigating locality effects and surprisal in written English syntactic choice phenomena." In *Cognition*, 155: 204–232. 2016.  
Alessandra Zarcone, **Marten van Schijndel**, Jorrig Vogels, and Vera Demberg, "Salience and attention in surprisal-based accounts of language processing." In *Frontiers in Psychology*, 7 (844). 2013.  
2013 **Marten van Schijndel**, Andy Exley, and William Schuler, "A model of language processing as hierarchic sequential prediction." In *Topics in Cognitive Science*, 5 (3): 522–540. 2013.

#### Peer-Reviewed Proceedings

- 2019 **Marten van Schijndel**, and Tal Linzen, "Quantity doesn't buy quality syntax with neural language models" In *Proceedings of the 2019 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)*.  
(24% accept)

Grusha Prasad, **Marten van Schijndel**, and Tal Linzen, "Using Priming to Uncover the Organization of Syntactic Representations in Neural Language Models" in *Proceedings of the 2019 Conference on Computational Natural Language Learning (CoNLL)*.

(2% oral)

**Marten van Schijndel**, and Tal Linzen, "Can Entropy Explain Successor Surprisal Effects in Reading?" In *Proceedings of the Society for Computation in Linguistics (SciL)*. 2019.

(23% oral)

- 2018 **Marten van Schijndel**, and Tal Linzen, "A Neural Model of Adaptation in Reading." In *Proceedings of the 2018 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)*. 2018.

(10% oral)

**Marten van Schijndel**, and Tal Linzen, "Modeling garden path effects without explicit hierarchical syntax." In *Proceedings of the 40th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society (CogSci)*. 2018.

Cory Shain, **Marten van Schijndel**, and William Schuler, "Deep syntactic annotations for broad-coverage psycholinguistic modeling." In *Proceedings of the Workshop on Linguistic and Neuro-Cognitive Resources (LiNCR)*. 2018.

- 2017 **Marten van Schijndel**, and William Schuler, "Approximations of Predictive Entropy Correlate with Reading Times." In *Proceedings of the 39th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society (CogSci)*. 2017.

(29% oral)

- 2016 **Marten van Schijndel**, and William Schuler, "Addressing surprisal deficiencies in reading time models." In *Proceedings of the Computational Linguistics for Linguistic Complexity Workshop (CL4LC)*. 2016.

(24% oral)

Cory Shain, **Marten van Schijndel**, Richard Futrell, Edward Gibson, and William Schuler, "Memory access during sentence processing causes reading time latency." In *Proceedings of the Computational Linguistics for Linguistic Complexity Workshop (CL4LC)*. 2016.

(24% oral)

- 2015 **Marten van Schijndel** and William Schuler, "Hierarchic syntax improves reading time prediction." In *Proceedings of the 2015 Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics – Human Language Technologies (NAACL)*. 2015.

(13% oral)

**Marten van Schijndel**, Brian Murphy, and William Schuler, "Evidence of syntactic working memory usage in MEG data." In *Proceedings of the 6th Workshop on Cognitive Modeling and Computational Linguistics (CMCL)*. 2015.

Evan Jaffe, Lifeng Jin, David King, and **Marten van Schijndel**, "Azmat: Sentence similarity using associative matrices." In *Proceedings of the International Workshop on Semantic Evaluation (Semeval)*. 2015.

- 2014 **Marten van Schijndel** and Micha Elsner, "Bootstrapping into Filler-Gap: An Acquisition Story." In *Proceedings of the 52nd Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)*. 2014.  
(13% oral)
- Marten van Schijndel**, William Schuler, and Peter Culicover, "Frequency Effects in the Processing of Unbounded Dependencies." In *Proceedings of the 36th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society (CogSci)*. 2014.
- 2013 **Marten van Schijndel** and William Schuler, "An Analysis of Frequency- and Memory-Based Processing Costs." In *Proceedings of 2013 Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics: Human Language Technologies (NAACL)*. 2013.  
(20% oral)
- Marten van Schijndel**, Luan Nguyen, and William Schuler, "An Analysis of Memory-based Processing Costs using Incremental Deep Syntactic Dependency Parsing." In *Proceedings of the 4th Workshop on Cognitive Modeling and Computational Linguistics (CMCL)*. 2013.
- 2012 Luan Nguyen, **Marten van Schijndel**, and William Schuler, "Accurate Unbounded Dependency Recovery using Generalized Categorical Grammars." In *Proceedings of the 24th International Conference on Computational Linguistics (Coling)*. 2012.  
(16% oral) **Best Paper Award**.
- Marten van Schijndel**, Andy Exley, and William Schuler, "Connectionist-Inspired Incremental PCFG Parsing." In *Proceedings of the 3rd Workshop on Cognitive Modeling and Computational Linguistics (CMCL)*. 2012.

## Presentations

- 2019 "Model Selection", March 28, 2019. *Invited Talk*, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland.
- "Adaptive Language Modeling for Psycholinguistics", March 28, 2019. *Invited Talk*, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland.
- "Probing Neural Network Representations", February 8, 2019. *Invited Talk*, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.
- "Garden Pathing Neural Networks", February 7, 2019. *Invited Talk*, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.
- "Can Entropy Explain Successor Surprisal Effects in Reading?", January 4, 2019. *Proceedings of the Society for Computation in Linguistics (SCiL)*, New York, NY.
- 2018 "A Neural Model of Adaptation in Reading", November 4, 2018. *2018 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)*, Brussels, BE.
- "Can Entropy Explain Successor Surprisal Effects in Reading?", September 7, 2018. *Architectures and Mechanisms of Language Processing (AMLaP)*, Berlin, DE.
- "A Neural Network Model of Adaptation in Reading", September 6, 2018. *Architectures and Mechanisms of Language Processing (AMLaP)*, Berlin, DE.

- "A Cognitively Plausible Adaptive Neural Language Model", May 12, 2018. *Mid-Atlantic Student Colloquium on Speech, Language and Learning (MASC-SLL)*, University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC), Baltimore, MD.  
(20% oral)
- 2017 "The Statistics of the Unseen Influence Reading Times", September 8, 2017. *Invited Talk*, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD.
- "The Statistics of the Unseen Influence Reading Times", August 1, 2017. *Invited Talk*, University of Essex, Colchester, UK.
- "Approximations of Predictive Entropy Correlate with Reading Times", July 29, 2017. *39th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society (CogSci 2017)*, London, UK.
- "Approximations of Predictive Entropy Correlate with Reading Times", May 5, 2017. *Midwest Speech and Language Days & Midwest Computational Linguistics Colloquium 2017*, Chicago, IL, USA.
- 2016 "Screening for Alzheimer's with psycholinguistics", March 5, 2016. *CUNY Human Sentence Processing Conference*, Gainesville, FL, USA.
- "Alpha power decreases during center embedding in natural stimuli", March 3, 2016. *CUNY Human Sentence Processing Conference*, Gainesville, FL, USA.
- "Can measures of processing complexity predict progressive aphasia from speech?", March 3, 2016. *CUNY Human Sentence Processing Conference*, Gainesville, FL, USA.
- 2015 "Frequencies that matter in sentence processing", September 7, 2015. *Invited talk*, University of Stuttgart, Stuttgart, DE.
- "Controlling for confounds in online measures of sentence complexity", July 28, 2015. *Invited talk*, University of Saarland, Saarbrücken, DE.
- "Identifying EEG measures of memory and attentional load in language processing", July 2, 2015. *Invited talk*, University of Saarland, Saarbrücken, DE.
- "Evidence of syntactic working memory usage in MEG data", June 4, 2015. *6th Workshop on Cognitive Modeling and Computational Linguistics (CMCL 2015)*, Denver, CO, USA.
- "Hierarchic syntax improves reading time prediction", June 3, 2015. *2015 Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics – Human Language Technologies (NAACL 2015)*, Denver, CO, USA.
- "Hierarchic syntax improves reading time prediction", March 21, 2015. *CUNY Human Sentence Processing Conference*, Los Angeles, CA, USA.
- 2014 "Frequency Effects in the Processing of Unbounded Dependencies", July 24, 2014. *36th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society (CogSci 2014)*, Quebec, QC, Canada.
- "Bootstrapping into Filler-Gap: An Acquisition Story", June 24, 2014. *52nd Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL 2014)*, Baltimore, MD, USA.

- "Effects of integration in eye tracking", March 15, 2014. *CUNY Sentence Processing Conference*, The Ohio State University.
- "Bootstrapping into Filler-Gap: An Acquisition Story", March 13, 2014. *CUNY Sentence Processing Conference*, The Ohio State University.
- 2013 "Bootstrapping into Filler-Gap: An Acquisition Story", November 22, 2013. *The Ohio State University Linguistics Colloquium Fest*, The Ohio State University.
- "An Analysis of Memory-based Processing Costs using Incremental Deep Syntactic Dependency Parsing", August 8, 2013. *The 4th Workshop on Cognitive Modeling and Computational Linguistics*, Sofia, Bulgaria.
- "An Analysis of Frequency- and Memory-Based Processing Costs", June 10, 2013. *NAACL 2013*, Atlanta, GA, USA.
- "An Analysis of Frequency- and Memory-Based Processing Costs", May 2, 2013. *Midwest Speech and Language Days*, Toyota Technological Institute of Chicago.
- 2012 "Prediction- and Recall-Defined Online Complexity Metrics", December 5, 2012. *The Ohio State University Linguistics Colloquium Fest*, The Ohio State University.
- "Connectionist-Inspired Incremental PCFG Parsing", June 7, 2012. *The 3rd Workshop on Cognitive Modeling and Computational Linguistics*, McGill University.

## Awards

- 2014 Saarland University Visiting Fellowship in Language Science (CRC 1102)  
OSU Targeted Investment in Excellence Grant
- 2013 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (DGE-1343012)  
G. Micheal Riley International Travel Award  
OSU Targeted Investment in Excellence Grant
- 2012 Coling 2012 Best Paper Award  
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- 2011 OSU University Fellowship
- 2009 WWU Outstanding Graduate Award

## Service

- 2019 **EMNLP/CoNLL**, *Student/Postdoc Faculty Mentor*.  
**Departmental Tenure-Track Search Committee**, *Member*, Cornell Linguistics.  
**Graduate Admissions Committee**, *Member*, Cornell Linguistics.
- 2018 **8th Workshop on Cognitive Modeling in Computational Linguistics (CMCL)**, *Co-Organizer*.  
**Women in Science and Engineering**, *Mentor*, JHU/Garrison Forest.  
**Provost's Undergraduate Research Award**, *Reviewer*, JHU.
- 2017 **7th Workshop on Cognitive Modeling in Computational Linguistics (CMCL)**, *Co-Organizer*.  
**Funding Your Graduate Education Workshop**, *Panelist*, OSU.

- 2015 **6th Workshop on Cognitive Modeling in Computational Linguistics (CMCL)**, *Co-Organizer*.
- 2014 **North American Computational Linguistics Olympiad**, *Student Organizer*.
- 2013 **NAACL 2013**, *Student Volunteer*.
- 2011–2014 **Laboratory and Computing Committee**, *Member*, OSU.
- 2011–2013 **Speakers Committee**, *Treasurer*, OSU.

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## Reviewing

- Journal Journal of Computational Linguistics; Transactions of the ACL; Language, Cognition and Neuroscience; Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B; Neuropsychologia; Language and Linguistics Compass
- Conference ACL, CMCL (Workshop on Cognitive Modeling in Computational Linguistics), CogSci, COLING, CoNLL, CUNY Sentence Processing Conference, EACL, EMNLP, LREC, NAACL

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## Teaching

- 2019 **Autumn**, LING7710 Computational Seminar.  
**Autumn**, LING1100 Language, Thought, and Reality: The Ethics of Artificial Intelligence.
- 2014 **Spring**, LING3701/PSYCH3371 Language and the Mind.
- 2013 **Autumn**, LING3701/PSYCH3371 Language and the Mind.

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