

# FENNA BERGSMA

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Born: August 26, 1991  
Boarnsterhim, The Netherlands  
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## Education

- 10/2017-03/2021 PhD LINGUISTICS, Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt  
Research Training Group on Nominal Modification  
Preliminary dissertation title: *Case competition in headless relatives*
- 09/2019, 02/2019-04/2019 research stay at Masarykova univerzita, Brno
- 03/2018-05/2018 research stay at University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia
- 08/2018 EGG summer school 2018, University of Banja Luka
- 08/2017 EGG summer school 2017, Univerzita Palackého v Olomouci
- 09/2013-08/2015 Research Master LINGUISTICS, Universiteit van Amsterdam  
Thesis: *To serve double duty under syncretism - How Nanosyntax and grafting account for the free relative construction*
- 09/2010-08/2013 Bachelor LINGUISTICS, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen - *cum laude*  
Thesis: *Does Knowledge about Phonological Correspondences Contribute to the Intelligibility of a Related Language? A Study with Speakers of Dutch Learning Frisian.*
- 09/2010-08/2013 Honours College program (25% extra credits)

## Publications

- under review Bergsma, Fenna. The R-pronoun and postposition *waar-mee* in Dutch In: E. Anagnostopoulou and C. Sevdali. *On the place of case in grammar*.
- 2019 Bergsma, Fenna. Mismatches in free relatives - grafting nanosyntactic trees. *Glossa: A Journal of General Linguistics* 4(1), 119. DOI: <http://doi.org/10.5334/gjgl.821>
- 2019 Bergsma, Fenna. [The Role of Prepositions in Case Mismatches in Free Relatives](#). In: A. Creemers and C. Richter. *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics* 25.1. 41-50.
- 2014 Bergsma, Fenna, Femke Swarte and Charlotte Gooskens. Does Instruction about Phonological Correspondences Contribute to the Intelligibility of a Related Language? A Study with Speakers of Dutch Learning Frisian. *Dutch Journal of Applied Linguistics*, 3(1), 45-61. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1075/dujal.3.1.03ber>

## Talks

### INVITED TALKS

- 2018 “*Waarmee* and *met wat* in Dutch free relatives”, *Oberseminar English Linguistics (Syntax-Semantics)*, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, October 30.
- 2018 “Grafting nanosyntactic trees: an analysis of case mismatches in free relatives”, *Kolloquium Topics in syntax and its interfaces*, Universität Leipzig, June 26.

### CONFERENCE TALKS (PEER-REVIEWED)

- 2019 “Gender: a Matter of Size – On Individuation, Mass, and Diminutives in Dutch”, *SinFonIJA 12*, Masarykova univerzita, September 12 - 14. With Jan Don
- 2019 “Verum focus in Frisian”, poster at *GLOW 42*, Universitetet i Oslo, May 7-11.
- 2019 “PPs and DPs in non-matching free relatives”, *Exploring Nanosyntax, LSA annual meeting*, New York, January 3-6.
- 2018 “PPs and DPs in free relatives: *waarmee* and *met wat* in Dutch”, *On the place of case in grammar (PlaCiG)*, Rethymnon, October 18-20.
- 2018 “Case mismatches in free relative constructions”, *CGG 28*, Universitat Rovira i Virgili, May 30-June 1.
- 2018 “Mismatches in free relatives”, *GLOW 41*, Research Institute for Linguistics of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, April 10-14.
- 2018 “The power of syncretisms: how syncretisms can serve double duty”, *Penn Linguistics Conference 42*, University of Pennsylvania, March 23-25.
- 2018 “Syncretism = shared syntax + shared spellout” *ConSOLE XXVI*, University College London, February 14-16.

- 2016 “To serve double duty under syncretism” *ConSOLE XXIV*, University of York and York St John University, January 6-8. With Jan Don
- 2015 “To serve double duty under syncretism” *Morphologydays 2015*, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, December 17-18. With Jan Don
- 2013 “Does Knowledge About Linguistic Differences Contribute to Receptive Multilingualism? - A Pilot Study with Speakers of Dutch Learning Frisian” *ExAPP 2013: Experimental Approaches to Perception and Production of Language Variation*, Københavns Universitet, March 20.

#### OTHER TALKS (NON PEER-REVIEWED)

- 2019 “Towards deriving a typology of case mismatches in free relatives”, *Colloquium Graduiertenkolleg Nominal Modification*, October 22.
- 2018 “Mismatches in free relatives - grafting nanosyntactic trees”, *Nanosyntax Weblab*, online, November 30.
- 2018 “On the distribution of *waarmee* and *met wat* in Dutch free relatives”, *Colloquium Graduiertenkolleg Nominal Modification*, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt, October 16.
- 2018 “Mismatches in free relatives”, *GK Nominal Modification 2018 Summer Retreat*, Fulda, May 25-26.
- 2017 “Syncretism = shared syntax + shared spellout” *Colloquium Graduiertenkolleg Nominal Modification*, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt, December 5.
- 2015 “(De) Mij(n(e(s))) - Complex Possessives in Dutch” *Taalkunde in Nederlanddag 2015*, Universiteit Utrecht, February 7. Presented by Yvonne van Baal and Fenna Bergsma  
With Yvonne van Baal and Jan Don
- 2013 “How does reality influence performance on false belief tasks?” *34th TABU Dag 2013*, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, June 14. Presented by Jidde Jacobi and Maike Tromp. With Jidde Jacobi, Maike Tromp, Maret Hans and Bart Hollebrandse
- 2013 “Does Knowledge About Linguistic Differences Contribute to Receptive Multilingualism? - A Pilot Study with Speakers of Dutch Learning Frisian” *Anéla/Viot Juniorendag 2013*, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, March 3.
- 2012 “Interventiemethoden voor receptieve meertaligheid - Een case study met Nederlanders die Fries leren verstaan.” *Dei fan de Fryske Taalkunde 2012*, Fryske Akademy, December 14.

#### Teaching experience

- 04/2019-07/2019 *DP Morphology*, MA Seminar, Summer term.  
Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt
- 02/2012-04/2012 Teaching assistant SPSS Statistics practical  
Rijksuniversiteit Groningen

## Organization

- 2019 Co-organizer, Workshop on formal and experimental approaches to adjectival modification, January 31- February 1, Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt
- 2019 Co-organizer, 45th conference Generative Grammar in the South, July 19-21, Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt

## Relevant non-academic work experience

- 09/2015-09/2016, 03/2017-10/2017 Project manager at Stichting Praktijkleren, Amersfoort
- 09/2006-09/2015 Developer of teaching materials at Stichting Praktijkleren, Amersfoort

## Languages

- native: West Frisian, Dutch
- fluent: English
- good command: German