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Postdoctoral Research Associate

Department of Linguistics, Faculty of Arts and Humanities, Ghent University

EDUCATION

University of Manchester Oct 2015 – Sept 2018

PhD in Linguistics

Awarded: Aii (pass with minor corrections)

Thesis title: Expletives and Clause Structure: Syntactic Change in Icelandic

Supervisors: Prof. Kersti Börjars; Dr. Tine Breban

Key words: Generative syntax; Icelandic; language change; corpora; Lexical Functional Grammar

Courses attended: Introduction to LFG; Minimalist Syntax; Quantitative Methods

University of Aberdeen Sept 2014 – Aug 2015

MLitt Scandinavian Studies

Class awarded: Distinction

Thesis title: Creating Coherence: A Study of Old Norse Connectives

Select modules: Advanced Old Norse Language & Literature; Runic; Medieval Latin; Paleography

Magdalene College, University of Cambridge Oct 2010 – June 2014

BA (Hons) in Modern & Medieval Languages

Class awarded: I

Dissertation 1 title: The Fate of the Instrumental Case in the History of German

Dissertation 2 title: Low German in Scandinavia: A Study of Language Contact in Hanseatic Bergen

Select modules: Germanic philology (including Old Norse, Old High German, Gothic, Old English); Old Norse Language & Literature; Structures & Varieties of German; History of the German Language

EMPLOYMENT

Ghent University March 2019 – present

Postdoctoral Research Associate on the Corpus of Historical Low German project

<https://research.flw.ugent.be/en/projects/chlg>

University of Manchester Sept 2018 – Jan 2019

Lecturer in Linguistics

University of Manchester Sept 2016 – Jan 2018

Graduate Teaching Assistant in Linguistics

AWARDS & GRANTS

Postdoctoral funding for a research stay at the University of Konstanz	March 2018 – present
Doctoral Training Award, Arts & Humanities Research Council UK	2015 – 2018
President’s Doctoral Scholar Award, University of Manchester	2015 – 2018
AHRC Northwest Consortium Overseas Conference Grant	July 2017
AHRC Northwest Consortium Student Development Grant	July 2016
International Summer School full scholarship, University of Oslo	July 2014
Scandinavian Studies Fund Grant, ASNC, University of Cambridge	July 2014
D.H. Green Prize, University of Cambridge	June 2014
Peskett Prize for Modern & Medieval Languages, University of Cambridge	June 2014

PUBLICATIONS

Accepted. Walkden, George & Hannah Booth. Reassessing the historical evidence for embedded V2. In Theresa Biberauer, Sam Wolfe & Rebecca Woods (Eds.), *Rethinking Verb Second*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

2018. Booth, Hannah *Expletives and Clause Structure: Syntactic Change in Icelandic*. Doctoral dissertation, University of Manchester. [https://www.research.manchester.ac.uk/portal/en/theses/expletives-and-clause-structure-syntactic-change-in-icelandic\(7907d61b-4404-4964-bf8d-ce304c0fab8d\).html](https://www.research.manchester.ac.uk/portal/en/theses/expletives-and-clause-structure-syntactic-change-in-icelandic(7907d61b-4404-4964-bf8d-ce304c0fab8d).html)

2017. Booth, Hannah, Christin Schätzle, Kersti Börjars & Miriam Butt. Dative Subjects and the Rise of Positional Licensing in Icelandic. In Butt, Miriam, & King, Tracy Holloway (Eds.), *Proceedings of the LFG’17 Conference, University of Konstanz* (pp. 104–124). Stanford, CA: CSLI Publications. <http://web.stanford.edu/group/cslipublications/cslipublications/LFG/LFG-2017/lfg2017-bsbb.pdf>.

CONFERENCES & TALKS

2018

- Booth, Hannah. ‘Expletives and clause structure in the history of Icelandic’. Paper presented at the *Workshop on Word Order in Scandinavian Languages*, University of Konstanz, December 2018.
- Booth, Hannah. ‘Subjectless’ constructions and expletives: syntactic change in Icelandic’. Paper presented at the *25th South of England Lexical Functional Grammar Meeting*, SOAS, University of London, May 2018.
- Booth, Hannah. ‘Structural ambiguity and the history of impersonal constructions in Icelandic’. Paper presented at *Grammatikk i Norden 2 (GRAMINO)*, University of Oslo, May 2018.
- Booth, Hannah. ‘Corpus linguistics and medieval studies: old problems, new methods’. Invited talk at the Centre for Scandinavian Studies, University of Aberdeen, May 2018.
- Booth, Hannah. ‘Structural ambiguity, expletives and impersonal constructions in the history of Icelandic’. Paper presented at the *Manchester Forum in Linguistics*, University of Manchester, April 2018.

2017

- Booth, Hannah & Christin Schätzle. ‘Word order change, case and expletives in the history of Icelandic’. Paper presented at the *19th Diachronic Generative Syntax Conference (DiGS 19)*, Stellenbosch University and the University of the Western Cape, September 2017.
- Booth, Hannah. ‘Just how oral are the sagas? New insights from corpus linguistics’. Paper presented at the *Nordic Research Network 2017 (NRN 2017)*, University of Aberdeen, August 2017.
- Booth, Hannah & Christin Schätzle. ‘Subjects, case and word order change in Icelandic: a corpus study’. Paper presented at the *23rd International Conference on Historical Linguistics*, University of Texas at San Antonio, July 2017.
- Booth, Hannah. ‘Expletives in Icelandic: a diachronic study’. Paper presented at the *23rd International Conference on Historical Linguistics*, University of Texas at San Antonio, July 2017.
- Booth, Hannah, Kersti Börjars, Miriam Butt & Christin Schätzle. ‘Dative subjects and the rise of positional licensing in Icelandic’. Paper presented at the *22nd International Lexical Functional Grammar Conference*, Universität Konstanz, July 2017.
- Booth, Hannah. ‘Tracking language change through historical corpora: the rise of expletive subjects in Icelandic’. iPoster presented at the *Postgraduate Summer Research Showcase*, University of Manchester, June 2017.
- Booth, Hannah. ‘Expletives in Icelandic: a diachronic study’. Paper presented at the *Manchester Forum in Linguistics*, University of Manchester, April 2017.
- Booth, Hannah. ‘The development of overt expletives in Icelandic’. Paper presented at the *22nd South of England Lexical Functional Grammar Meeting*, SOAS, University of London, February 2017.

2016

- Bech, Kristin, Hannah Booth, Kersti Börjars, Tine Breban, Svetlana Petrova, George Walkden & Sheila Watts. ‘Modifiers in early Germanic: a comparative corpus study’. Paper presented at *Grammar & Corpora 2016*, Institut für Deutsche Sprache, Mannheim, November 2016.
- Booth, Hannah, Kersti Börjars & John Payne. ‘Non-recursive modification in Old Icelandic’. Paper presented at *Nätverket för nordisk syntaxhistoria 8*, Uppsala Universitet, October 2016.
- Börjars, Kersti & Hannah Booth. ‘Modifier order in Old Norse’. Paper presented at a workshop as part of the project *Structure and Variation in the Early Germanic Noun Phrase*, University of Manchester, April 2016.
- Booth, Hannah. ‘Connectives and the spoken/written dimension: connective profiling Old Norse texts’. Paper presented at *Diachronic Corpora, Genre and Language Change*, University of Nottingham, April 2016.

ACADEMIC COLLABORATIONS

Visiting Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Konstanz March 2019 – present

Collaboration on project D02 of SFB-TRR 161 ‘Evaluation Metrics for Visual Analytics in Linguistics’
<http://www.sfbtrr161.de/research/projectd02/>

Constraints on Syntactic Variation: Noun Phrases in Early Germanic Sept 2017 – present

Participant in the project, funded by the Norwegian Research Council (grant no. 261847).

<https://www.hf.uio.no/ilos/english/research/projects/noun-phrases-in-early-germanic/index.html>.

Corpus of Historical Low German Jan – April 2004

Research support worker on the project.

<http://www.chlg.ac.uk>.

TEACHING

I am an Associate Fellow of The Higher Education Academy UK (awarded February 2018).

<https://www.heacademy.ac.uk/system/files/downloads/ukpsf2011english.pdf>

LELA30961/60961 Historical Syntax, University of Manchester *Autumn 2018*

Lecturer & Coordinator

A third-year course (30 students) on grammatical change, with theoretical and practical components.

Enhanced version for MA students, for which I developed a mini-course on syntactic change in Icelandic.

LELA20091 Old & Middle English, University of Manchester *Autumn 2018*

Lecturer & Coordinator

A second-year course (60 students) introducing Old and Middle English language and exploring points of linguistic interest.

LELA10301 English Word & Sentence Structure, University of Manchester *Autumn 2017*

Graduate Teaching Assistant

A first-year course introducing core concepts in morphosyntax as applied to the study of English.

10 seminars for 4 groups of approx. 25 students; marking of coursework.

LELA20091 Introduction to Old English, University of Manchester *Autumn 2016*

Graduate Teaching Assistant

A second-year course introducing the Old English language and exploring points of linguistic interest.

6 seminars for 1 group of approx. 25 students; marking of coursework and exams.

LELA10301 English Grammar & Morphology, University of Manchester *Autumn 2016*

Graduate Teaching Assistant

A first-year course introducing core concepts in morphosyntax as applied to the study of English.

10 seminars for 3 groups of approx. 20 students; marking of coursework.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Linguistic Association of Great Britain (LAGB)
The Philological Society
Viking Society for Northern Research
Forum for Germanic Language Studies (FGLS)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND OUTREACH

Public engagement talks at the Manchester Museum November 2018

I gave talks to the general public about my research on language change as part of the Being Human Festival of the Humanities. <https://beinghumanfestival.org>

Reviewing 2017 – present

I have acted as reviewer for a chapter in an Oxford University Press edited volume, and have reviewed conference abstracts for the *Manchester Forum in Linguistics*.

Manchester Forum in Linguistics 2016 – present

Co-organiser of the annual conference for Early Career Researchers in linguistics.
<https://mfilconf.co.uk>

Department of Linguistics & English Language, University of Manchester 2016 – 2017

Representative for Graduate Teaching Assistants.

University of Cambridge Language Centre 2013 – 2014

Language Ambassador: ran events in conjunction with local schools to promote language learning amongst secondary school pupils as part of the nationwide Routes into Languages scheme.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING COURSES

University of Iceland & the Árni Magnússon Institute July 2016

Summer School in Modern Icelandic
Intensive language course in Advanced Icelandic
Class awarded: I with distinction (9.5)

University of Oslo June – July 2015

International Summer School
Intensive language course in Advanced Norwegian
Grade awarded: A

Berlin Humboldt University Oct 2012 – July 2013

2 semesters as an Erasmus exchange student
Taught modules: Modern Icelandic language; Modern Norwegian language; Historical linguistics; Middle High German language