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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant professor (tenure-track) 07/2019-present
Department of Linguistics
University of Rochester

Visiting scholar 07/2023-7/2024
Endangered Languages Documentation Programme
Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences, Berlin, Germany

Assistant professor (non-tenure) 07/2016-06/2019
Department of Linguistics
University of Rochester

Senior lecturer 07/2015-06/2016
Department of Linguistics, University of Rochester

Lecturer 10/2014-06/2015
Department of Linguistics, University of Rochester

EDUCATION

PhD in African Linguistics (*magna cum laude*) 3/2010-12/2015
Department of Asian and African Studies
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany
Dissertation title: *A Grammar of Gyeli*
Dissertation Co-Advisors: Tom Güldemann and Maarten Mous

Visiting Scholar 8/2010-4/2011
Department of Linguistics, University of California, Berkeley
Advisor: Larry Hyman

Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute, UC Berkeley 7/2009-8/2009

M.A. in African Studies, German Linguistics, and French 4/2006-2/2010
Institute for Asian and African Studies, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany
Thesis: *The Ikaan numeral system*
(Published as a monograph; see Publications)

Erasmus Exchange Scholar 9/2004-6/2005
Department of General Linguistics and French, Université de Provence, France

B.A. in General Linguistics and French 10/2002-3/2006
University of Bielefeld, Germany
Thesis: *Provençal: Prestige of an endangered language in Europe*

AWARDS

Leonard Bloomfield Book Award of the Linguistic Society of America 2023
For Grimm 2021. *A grammar of Gyeli*. Awarded at the Linguistic Society of America 97th annual meeting, Denver, CO, Jan. 2023.

Pāṇini Award of the Association for Linguistic Typology 2019
For Grimm 2015 (dissertation version) *A grammar of Gyeli*. (competition across grammars submitted as dissertations). Awarded at the 13th meeting of ALT, Pavia, Italy, Sept. 6, 2019.

Best Talk Award 2008
Students Linguistic Conference (StuTS), Amsterdam, The Netherlands, May 2008

GRANTS

NSF BCS-1535846: Causality Across Languages 8/2015-2/2023
Research grant
Role: Collaborator
PI: Prof. Jürgen Bohnemeyer, SUNY Buffalo

Volkswagen Foundation DoBeS #87014: A Documentation of Ngolo Gyeli 3/2013-8/2014
Dissertation Completion Grant
Role: Co-PI
PI: Tom Güldemann, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
Awarded funding to complete final phase of PhD (78,800 euros).

Volkswagen Foundation DoBeS #84353: Documentation of Bakola/Bagyeli of Cameroon 3/2010-2/2013
Research Grant
Role: Collaborator
PI: Maarten Mous, Leiden University, The Netherlands

Volkswagen Foundation 6/2010
Travel Grant
Grant for participation at the DoBeS/MPI workshop on “Hunter-gatherers and semantic categories”, Neuwied, Germany.

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) 8-9/2008
Travel and Study Grant
Grant for participation in intensive Hausa course at the College of Education, Azare, Nigeria.

Endangered Languages Documentation Programme (ELDP) 1-3/2008
Research Grant
Role: Co-PI
PI: Sophie Salfner, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London
Grant for fieldwork on the numeral system of Ikaan, Nigeria.

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) 7-9/2007
Travel and Study Grant
Grant for participation in intensive Swahili course at the University of Zanzibar, Tanzania.

Fellow of the German Academic Scholarship Foundation 2/2007-12/2009
Germany's most prestigious scholarship foundation, supporting students with outstanding academic and personal promise

Erasmus Exchange Scholar Stipend 9/2004-6/2005
Financial support to spend an academic year at the Université de Provence, Aix-en-Provence, France

SUPERVISED
GRANTS

ELDP Doctoral Grant IGS 0393
“Las Mareñas”: A documentation of Huave women's livelihood
Research grant with fieldwork in Mexico, 6/2023-6/2026 123,521 USD
PI: Constanza Aceves-Rodriguez (Ph.D. student)

ELDP Small Grant SG 0739
Adapting to a changing landscape: A documentation of Tjhauba cultural practices and subsistence strategies
Research grant with fieldwork in Botswana, 6/2023-6/2024 11,977 USD
PI: Rebecca Everson (M.A. student)

ELDP Small Grant SG0580
A documentation of Gweno: subsistence and traditions among the hills of Kilimanjaro
Research grant with fieldwork in Tanzania, 7/2019-7/2020 10,479 USD
PI: Alexandrine Dunlap (M.A. student)

MONOGRAPHS

Grimm, Nadine. (2021). *A Grammar of Gyeli*. Comprehensive Grammar Library 2. Berlin: Language Science Press. (recipient of the Pāṇini Award of the Association for Linguistic Typology 2019 and the Leonard Bloomfield Book Award of the Linguistic Society of America 2023)

Borchardt, Nadine. (2011) *The Numeral System of Ikaan, a Benue-Congo Language of Nigeria*. Asien- und Afrikastudien der Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz. xii + 132.

CURATED
LINGUISTIC
DATASETS

Grimm, Nadine, Emmanuel Ngue Um & Daniel Duke. (2020) A documentation of the Bagyeli/ Bakola forest foragers of Cameroon. Nijmegen: MPI, The Language Archive. Handle: <https://dobes.mpi.nl/projects/bakola/>. Accessed on 2021-02-25.

Grimm, Nadine. (2017) Causality Across Languages (CAL): Gyeli. London: SOAS University of London, Endangered Languages Archive. Handle: <http://hdl.handle.net/2196/00-0000-0000-0010-798E-8>. Accessed on 2021-02-25.

OTHER
PUBLICATIONS

Grimm, Nadine. Accepted. Negation in Gyeli. In Miestamo, Matti & Ljuba Veselinova (Eds.), *Negation in the languages of the world: Typologically and functionally based descriptions*, Berlin: Language Science Press.

Grimm, Nadine. Bare nouns and reference tracking in Gyeli (Bantu). Forthcoming. In Armoskaite, Solveiga & Martina Wiltschko (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of determiners*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Botne, Robert, Malin Petzell, & Nadine Grimm. (2023) Temporal status vs. timescape status in Kami and Gyeli. In Botne, Robert & Axel Fanego (Eds.), *Domains and regions in Bantu tense and aspect*, pp. 77-103, Köln: Rüdiger Köppe.

Grimm, Nadine. (2022) Exponence and the functional load of grammatical tone in Gyeli. *Phonology* 39(3):473-501. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0952675723000131>.

Grimm, Nadine. (2022) Documentary approaches to lexicography. In Ekpenyong, Moses & Imelda Udoh (Eds.), *Current issues in descriptive linguistics and digital humanities: A Festschrift in honour of Professor Eno-Abasi Urua*, pp. 551-567. Singapore: Springer.

Grimm, Nadine. (2020) Descriptive and documentary dimensions of Gyeli numerals. In Van der Wal, Jenneke & Heleen Smits & Sara Petrollino & Victoria Nyst & Maarten Kossmann (Eds.), *Explorations in African languages and linguistics in honour of Maarten Mous*, pp. 371-393. Leiden: Africa Studies Centre Occasional Publications.

Grimm, Nadine. (2019) Konstantin Pozdniakov, The numeral system of Proto-Niger-Congo. A step-by-step reconstruction. Book review in *Linguistique et Langues Africaines* 5: 115-122.

Grimm, Nadine. Implosives in Bantu A80? The case of Gyeli. (2019) In Clem, Emily & Peter Jenks & Hannah Sande (Eds.), *Theory and Description in African Linguistics. Proceedings of the 47th Annual Conference of African Linguistics*. pp. 135-153. Berlin: Language Science Press.

Grimm, Nadine. (2014) Color categories in language contact: “Pygmy” hunter-gatherers and Bantu farmers. In Carpenter, Kayla et al. (Eds.), *Proceedings of the Berkeley Linguistics Society 38*, 31-45, Berkeley Linguistic Society, Berkeley, CA.

Borchardt, Nadine. (2011) A morphosyntactic categorization of Ikaan numerals. In Kramer, Rajja & Holger Tröbs & Raimund Kastenholtz (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 19th Afrikanistentag*, pp. 9-26, Köln: Rüdiger Köppe.

Borchardt, Nadine. (2009) Agreement in Ikaan compound numerals. In: Brenzinger, Matthias & Anne-Maria Fehn (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 6th WOCAL World Congress of African Linguistics*, pp. 375-383, Köln: Rüdiger Köppe.

Borchardt, Nadine. (2009) Das Provenzalische: Prestige einer bedrohten Sprache in Europa. In Ender, Andrea & Marc Matter (Eds.), *Proceedings der 39. Studentischen Tagung Sprachwissenschaft (StuTS) in Bern*.

Gibbon, Dafydd & Nadine Borchardt. (2008) Computational lexicography: A training programme for language documentation in West Africa. In B.M. Mbah & E.E. Mbah (Eds.), *Linguistics in History: Essays in honour of P.A. Nwachukwu*, Nsukka, Nigeria: University of Nigeria Press.

INVITED TALKS

Variation in color expression in languages of Cameroon. Princeton University Linguistics Lectures, Princeton University, March 2023

Sociolinguistic variation in language description and documentation. Cologne Center for Language Sciences Lecture Series, Cologne, Germany, January 2023

Reflections on gender and other social identities in fieldwork. Webinar within the Fieldwork Forum, Department of Linguistics, UC Berkeley, November 2021

The place of language documentation in linguistics. Webinar, Department of Linguistics, Central University of Kerala, October 2021

The tonal system of Gyeli. Linguistics Colloquium, SUNY Buffalo, November 2020

Grammatical tone in Bantu: Insights from Gyeli. African Studies Department Colloquium, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany, December 2019

[Plenary talk] *Tone in the grammar of Gyeli.* 13th Conference of the Association for Linguistic Typology, Pavia, Italy, September 2019

Capturing linguistic diversity: Grammatical tone in Gyeli. Linguistics Colloquium, University of Rochester, January 2019

Bare nouns and reference tracking in Gyeli. African Studies Department Colloquium, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany, November 2016

The role of language documentation in understanding cognitive categories. Cognitive Science Dinner Talk, University of Rochester, November 2016

Definiteness and referentiality in Gyeli (Bantu). Dimensions of ‘D’ Workshop, University of Rochester, September 2016

Women fieldworkers in Africa. Keynote speaker, Round Table on Women and Fieldwork, SUNY Buffalo, March 2016

Language of perception in Northwestern Bantu. Semantics Circle, Department of Linguistics, SUNY Buffalo, April 2014

Metatonic tone in Gyeli. Linguistics Colloquium, University of Rochester, March 2014

Language documentation among the Bagyeli hunter-gatherers of Cameroon. Linguistics Colloquium, University of Rochester, May 2013

Documenting the language of “Pygmy” hunter-gatherers: the case of the Bagyeli in Cameroon. Fieldwork Group, Department of Linguistics, Stanford University, February 2012

Special challenges in documenting Bakola, a “Pygmy” language of Cameroon. Fieldwork Forum, UC Berkeley, January 2011

With Florian Lionnet *Tone in Abo.* Phonology Forum, UC Berkeley, November 2010

CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS

A diachronic study of grammatical tone in northwestern Bantu. 26th International Conference on Historical Linguistics. Heidelberg, Germany, September 2023

With Maya Abtahian, Becky Everson, Constanza Aceves Rodriguez, Jamie Davis and Scott Kirshner. *Towards a typology of sociolinguistic variation.* 14th Conference of the Association for Linguistic Typology. Austin, TX, December 2022

Striking a balance in grammar writing: Combining typology, areal studies, theories of language, and methodologies. Conference on Descriptive Grammars & Typology II. Paris, France, December 2021

With Scott Grimm. *Form and meaning in Havu nominalizations.* World Congress of African Linguistics (WOCAL 10), Leiden, The Netherlands, June 2021

Gyeli bare nouns and referent accessibility. Bantu 8, Essex, England, June 2021

The object-linking H tone in Gyeli. Bantu 8, Essex, England, June 2021

Capturing variation in a language documentation corpus. International Conference on Language Documentation and Conservation 6, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, March 2019

The interaction of negation and tense-aspect-mood in Gyeli. 8th Conference on the Syntax of the World's Languages, Paris, France, September 2018

Bare nouns and reference tracking in Gyeli. World Congress of African Linguistics (WOCAL 9), Rabat, Morocco, August 2018

The importance of gender as a social role in linguistic fieldwork. International Conference on Language Documentation and Conservation 5, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, March 2017

Expression of mood and modality in Gyeli. Bantu 6, Helsinki, Finland, June 2016

Implosives in Bantu A80? The case of Gyeli. (Poster), 47th Annual Conference on African Linguistics, Berkeley, CA, March 2016

Inchoative as a tense category in Gyeli (Bantu). (Poster), 89th Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting, Portland, OR, January 2015

Color systems in comparison: "Pygmy" hunter-gatherers and Bantu farmers. 10th Conference on Hunting and Gathering Societies, Liverpool, UK, June 2013

Tense in Gyeli (Bantu A80). 5th Conference on Bantu languages, Paris, France, June 2013

Connective optionality in Gyeli. 7th World Congress of African Linguistics (WOCAL 7), Buea, Cameroon, August 2012

With Christopher Lorenz. *Cooperation between linguists and professional cameramen in language documentation.* 20th Afrikanistentag, Cologne, Germany, May 2012

Noun + noun constructions in Gyeli. 20th Afrikanistentag, Cologne, Germany, May 2012

Variability in color naming in some Bantu A languages. 43rd Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL), New Orleans, May 2012

Color categories in language contact: "Pygmy" hunter-gatherers and Bantu farmers. 38th Berkeley Linguistic Society, UC Berkeley, February 2012

Color terms in Bagyeli (Bantu A80). Comparing "Pygmy" and farmer languages. 41st Colloquium on African Languages and Linguistics (CALL), Leiden, The Netherlands, August 2011

The Bakola/Bagyeli of Cameroon. DoBeS/MPI workshop “Hunter-gatherers and semantic categories”, Neuwied, Germany, June 2010

Agreement in Ikaan compound numerals. 6th World Congress of African Linguistics (WOCAL 6), Cologne, Germany, August 2009

With Sophie Salfner. *Morphosyntax of Ukaan numerals nouns vs. adjectives.* 26th West African Language Conference (WALC), Winneba, Ghana, August 2008

With Juliane Böttger. *K(l)icks and quirks in Taa (Khoisan, Namibia).* 43rd Students Linguistic Conference (StuTS), Amsterdam, The Netherlands, May 2008

News from fieldwork in Ikaan (Benue-Congo, Nigeria). 43rd Students Linguistic Conference (StuTS), Amsterdam, The Netherlands, May 2008

Fieldwork preparations and the numeral system in Ikaan. 42nd Students Linguistic Conference (StuTS), Kiel, Germany, November 2007

Documentation of local languages in West Africa. 29nd German Linguistic Society (DGfS) Annual Meeting, Siegen, Germany, February 2007

Documentation of local languages in West Africa: Establishment of an M.A. course of studies at West African universities. 40th Students Linguistic Conference (StuTS), Göttingen, Germany, November 2006

With Dafydd Gibbon. *Didactique en documentation de langues: Aspects de la lexicographie numérique.* 25th West African Languages Conference, Ouidah, Benin, August 2006

Provençal: The prestige of an endangered language in Europe. 39th Students Linguistic Conference (StuTS), Bern, Switzerland, May 2006

TEACHING

Courses

Field Methods for Grad Students (LIN589) (Tswana; with Asia Pietraszko) Spring 2023
Graduate field methods seminar, University of Rochester.

Senior Seminar (LIN389) (Swahili, Ukrainian, Wolof, Kihavu, Igbo, Khasi, Kinyarwanda, Tigrinya, Morisyen, Torlakian) Spring 2015-2023
Undergraduate field methods seminar, University of Rochester.

Topics in Linguistic Research (LIN387) Spring 2015
Undergraduate seminar, University of Rochester.

Field methods in language description I & II Spring 2016-2017
(*LIN271/471 and LIN272/472*) (Ndebele, Armenian, Kihavu)
Undergraduate and graduate seminar, University of Rochester.

Preserving diversity in language and culture (LIN270/470) Fall 2015-2022
Undergraduate and graduate seminar, University of Rochester.

Language and Culture (LIN104/ANT105) Fall 2016-2017, 2020-2022
Undergraduate seminar, University of Rochester.

Introduction to African Linguistics Fall 2012
BA Seminar, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany.

The Languages of the Central African Pygmies Fall 2011
MA Seminar, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany.

Language, Culture and Cognition Fall 2011
MA Seminar, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany.

Summer Schools and Workshops

Introduction to Language Documentation, with Gabriela Caballero 6/2023
4-week course at the LSA Summer Institute, University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Audio Recordings 8/2018
Summer School on Documentary Linguistics, Rabat, Morocco.

Workflow in Language Documentation, Tools for Processing Audio Data 7/2017
Summer School on Documentary Linguistics, Winneba, Ghana.

Fieldwork methods 6/2011
Workshop on Documentary Linguistics, Yaounde, Cameroon.

The Bakola documentation project 6/2011
Workshop on Documentary Linguistics, Yaounde, Cameroon.

Linguistic documentation software 8/2008
Summer School on Documentary Linguistics, Winneba, Ghana.

Lecture Series

Linguistic documentation software 8/2006
Invited lecture series, University of Uyo, Nigeria.

Lexicography 8/2006
Invited lecture series, University of Uyo, Nigeria.

Lexicography 5/2006
Invited lecture series, Abidjan, Ivory Coast.

Linguistic documentation software 8/2004
Invited lecture series, University of Uyo, Nigeria.

Lexicography 8/2004
Invited lecture series, University of Uyo, Nigeria.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Student research assistant 7/2009-2/2010
Institute of Asian and African Studies, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany.

Student research assistant 4/2007-6/2009
Max-Planck-Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, Germany.
Project: *A Pan-dialectal Documentation of Taa*

How to handle speech 4-7/2004
Teaching assistant, University of Bielefeld, Germany.

FIELDWORK

Gyeli , Cameroon	5-6/2017
Gyeli , Cameroon	5-7/2014
Gyeli , Cameroon	10-12/2013
Gyeli , Cameroon	3-5/2013
Gyeli , Cameroon	6-9/2012
Gyeli , Cameroon	4-8/2011
Gyeli , Cameroon	4-6/2010
Ikaan , Nigeria	1-3/2008
Ibuaro , Nigeria	8/2006
Provençal , France	11/2004-6/2005

SERVICE

Academic Service:

Co-Editor-in-Chief , *Linguistique et Langues Africaines* (since 2024)
Editorial Board, *Linguistique et Langues Africaines* (2019-2023)
Archive consultant for the Endangered Languages Archive (ELAR) (2018, 2019)

University & Departmental Service:

Director of the Language Documentation and Description Master of Arts Program (since 2017)
Interim Director of Graduate Studies (2021/22)
Department scientific reviewer of human subject research (since 2020)
Departmental colloquium series organization (since 2020)
Graduate and Undergraduate Curriculum Development (since 2015)
Admissions committee for Linguistics Graduate (MA and PhD) Programs (since 2016)

River Campus Libraries Faculty & Staff User Advisory Board (2018/19)
Faculty reviewer for the Sproull and Provost Fellowships (2022)
Faculty reviewer for Discover Grant applications (2022)

Academic Conference Organization:

Workshop organization: “Language ecologies” (with Mandana Seyfeddinipur and Kelsey Neeley), Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences, Berlin, Germany. (2024)
Panel organization: “Hunter-gatherer languages in contact” (with Harald Hammarström), 11th Conference on Hunting and Gathering Societies, Vienna, Austria (2015)

Volunteer at Linguistic Society of America (LSA) Annual Meeting. Pittsburgh, PA. (2011)
Workshop organization: “Genealogical language classification in Africa beyond Greenberg”,
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany (2010)
Co-organizer of Students’ Linguistic Conference (StuTS), University of Bielefeld, Germany
(2007)
Co-organizer of Students’ Workshop: “World-Images—Transfer of knowledge and culture”,
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (2007)
Co-organizer of Africanist workshop: “Africa between tradition and globalisation”, Univer-
sity of Bielefeld, Germany (2006)
Volunteer at German Linguistic Society (DGfS) Annual Meeting, University of Bielefeld,
Germany (2006)

Hiring Committees:

Faculty Search Committee (2018/19)

Student member of the habilitation committee of Dr. Klaus Beyer, Humboldt-Universität
zu Berlin, Germany (2009-2010)

Student member in the appointments committee for the Swahili lecturer, Humboldt-Universität
zu Berlin, Germany (2007)

Student member of the hiring committee for a full linguistic professor, Humboldt-Universität
zu Berlin, Germany (2007)

ADVISING

Advisor in the Linguistics Ph.D. Program

Constanza Aceves Rodriguez, Main advisor (2023-current)

Lateef Adeleke, Main advisor (2023-current)

Jessica Charest, Main advisor (2021-current)

Yizhen Ma, Co-advisor (2023-current)

Suganya Schmura, Co-advisor (2022-current)

Advisor in the Language Documentation and Description Master’s Program

Becky Everson (2022-2024)

Yizhen Ma (2022-2023)

Camille Colby (2020-2022)

Taylor Wayne (2019-2021)

Alexandrine Dunlap (2018-2020)

Queenette Okwara,ji (2017-2019)

Megan Eichas (2017-2019)

Advisor for Undergraduate Honor’s Theses

Kai Schenck (2022-2023)

Jillian Breithaupt (2021-2022)

Ella de Falco (2017-2018)

REVIEWING	<p><i>National Science Foundation (NSF) grant reviewing</i> <i>Endangered Languages Documentation Programme (ELDP) grant reviewing</i> <i>Cambridge University Press</i> <i>Oxford University Press</i> <i>Language Science Press, "Comprehensive Grammar Library" series</i> <i>Studies in African Linguistics</i> <i>Journal of African Languages and Linguistics</i> <i>Journal of African Languages and Literatures</i> <i>Afrika und Übersee</i> <i>Language in Africa</i> <i>Asia-Pacific Language Variation</i> <i>Proceedings of the Annual Conference on African Linguistics</i> <i>Volume on Negation in the languages of the world, Language Science Press</i></p>
CONFERENCE PROGRAMM COMMITTEE	<p><i>Descriptive Grammars and Typology II (2021)</i> <i>7th International Conference on Language Documentation and Conservation (2021)</i> <i>13th Association for Linguistic Typology Conference (2019)</i> <i>7th World Congress of African Linguistics (2009)</i></p>
LANGUAGES	<p>German (native), English (fluent), French (fluent), Kiswahili (advanced), Gyeli (advanced), Latin (intermediate), Swedish (basic), Hausa (basic)</p>

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