

Curriculum Vitae

Richard Zimmermann

Personal Data

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Date and place of birth: 17th September 1984, Suhl, Germany

Family status: single

Academic Education

Feb 2011 – present University of Geneva, Switzerland
Degree sought: PhD in English Linguistics
PhD thesis: “*Stochastic Grammar Competition - Syntactic Changes in Early English*” (Supervisor: Eric Haeberli, Professeur associé)
• Pre-doctoral degree *Certificat de Spécialisation en linguistique*

Oct 2009 – Oct 2010 University of York, United Kingdom
Degree: MA in General Linguistics
Master Dissertation:
“*Topics and Pronouns in the Clausal Left Periphery in Old English*”
(Supervisors: Susan Pintzuk, PhD, Anthony Warner, PhD)
• Core taught courses included: Advanced Syntactic Theory, Formal Semantics, Articulatory and Impressionistic Phonetics

Sep 2006 – July 2007 Queen’s University, Kingston, Canada
Academic exchange year,
Award by the Ontario –Baden-Württemberg Exchange Programme
• Courses included Canadian English, Old Norse, Historical Linguistics

Oct 2004 – Aug 2009 Ruprecht-Karls-University, Heidelberg, Germany
Degree: Magister Artium (M.A.) final mark: 1.3 (First, A-)
Major Subject: English Linguistics Minors: Philosophy, Psychology
Magister thesis: “*Non-finite Constructions in Old English*”
(Supervisors: Privat Dozent Dr. Michael Isermann, Prof. Dr. John Insley)
• Focus lay on linguistics throughout the studies: psycholinguistics, philosophy of language, numerous linguistics courses

School Education

2003 Professor-Carl-Fiedler Gymnasium, Suhl
Abitur (grade: 1.4)

Publications

Zimmermann, Richard (2013) ‘Rule independence and rule conditioning: Grammar competition in Old English relative clauses’ *Proceedings of ConSOLE XX Leipzig 2012*. pp. 315-332.
<http://media.leidenuniv.nl/legacy/console20-proceedings-zimmermann.pdf>

Zimmermann, Richard (2012) ‘Self as a non-postposing element in Old English.’ *Generative Grammar in Geneva (GG@G)* 8. pp. 39-58.
http://www.unige.ch/lettres/linge/syntaxe/journal/Volume8/3_Zimmermann_2012.pdf

Academic Interests

- Germanic Syntax, Syntax of Old English and early Germanic languages
- Language change, diachronic syntax,
- Variationist sociolinguistics, variation as the “motor” of linguistic change

Language Training (Selection)

2011-present	French
2006-present	Old English, various courses and projects
2006-2008	Ancient Greek, qualification: Graecum (mark: 2.0, B) (= <i>University certificate in ancient Greek</i>)
2006-2007	Old Norse, comprehensive introductory course
1999-2003	Classical Latin, school subject, qualification: Latinum (1.3, A-) (= <i>A-level in Latin</i>)

Employments

Teaching Experience

Feb 2011 – present	Doctoral assistant at the University of Geneva Teaching experience includes <i>Introduction to Old English</i> , <i>Introduction to Sociolinguistics</i> , <i>Introduction to Middle English</i> , tutorials
Apr 2008 – Aug 2009	Student Teacher (“Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter”) for “Introduction to English Linguistics” English Department, Heidelberg University • Gained experience devising exercises and teaching small groups
Oct 2007 – Aug 2009	Student Teacher (“Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter”) for “Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology” English Department, Heidelberg University • Gained experience teaching larger groups of students
Oct 2004 – Aug 2007	Private tuition in Heidelberg, German and English
<i>Other Experience (Selection)</i>	
Oct 2009 – Feb 2011	Linguistic Specialist for German, English Webcertain (a multilingual SEO company) York, UK
Oct 2007 – Aug 2009	Grading assistant (“Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter”) English Department, Heidelberg University • Responsible for (partially) designing and marking final exams of various introductory linguistics courses
Oct 2003 – July 2004	Waiter at a hotel restaurant, Basingstoke, England, gap year

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