

## Education

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### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

starting 09/2024      Doctorate degree: Linguistics,  
University of Oregon (U.S.)

### MASTER OF ARTS

since 10/2022      Double master's degree: Anglophone Studies (English Linguistics) and History,  
University of Duisburg-Essen (Germany)

**Master's thesis:** The Sound of <me> in <my> brain: Acoustic Patterns of the First-Person Possessive <my> and the First-Person Object <me> in Tyneside English

since 04/2022

Master's degree: VAMoS: Verarbeitung, Analyse, und Modellierung natuerlicher Sprache: Computerlinguistik – Psycholinguistik – Theoretische Linguistik (Processing, Analyzing and Modelling Natural Language: Computational, Psycho- and Theoretical Linguistics), Ruhr University Bochum (Germany)

**Master's thesis:** Harmony of Thinking: The Cognitive Intersection of Music and Language

since 10/2019

Master's degree: Musicology and Cultural Studies,  
Folkwang University of the Arts, Essen (Germany)

**Master's thesis:** Harmony of Thinking: The Cognitive Intersection of Music and Language

### BACHELOR OF ARTS

10/2018 - 03/2022      Double bachelor's degree: Anglophone Studies and History,  
University Duisburg-Essen (Germany)

**Bachelor's thesis:** Tracking Sociophonetic Variation in one Individual over the Lifespan – FOOT & STRUT, FACE and GOAT

09/2016 - 09/2019

Bilingual bachelor's degree: Musicology (German - French) / musique et musicologie licence franco-allemande,  
Folkwang University of the Arts, Essen (Germany) and University François Rabelais, Tours (France)

**Bachelor's thesis:** Die Leitmotivtechnik in Howard Shores Filmmusik *The Lord of the Rings*: Die musikalische Beziehung Aragorns und Arwens  
(The technique of Leitmotives of Howard Shores film music *The Lord of the Rings* – The musical relation between Aragorn and Arwen)

## Jobs in Academia

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since 08/2020

Student assistant at the Sociolinguistics Lab,  
University of Duisburg-Essen (Germany)  
DFG funded Project: "Tacking Language Variation and Change across the Lifespan" (LaVaLi), led by Prof. Dr. Isabelle Buchstaller  
Tasks: transcription, alignment checking, and auditory coding in ELAN and Praat

05/2022 – 03/2024

Student assistant for Prof. Dr. Eva Belke (Psycholinguistics),  
Ruhr University Bochum (Germany)  
Tasks: transcriptions, alignments, and measurements in ELAN and Praat, composition of nursery rimes

10/2019 - 03/2024

Student assistant for Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Bloesel (History),  
University of Duisburg-Essen (Germany)  
Tasks: scanning, and proofreading

- 04/2019 - 05/2022** Student assistant at the library,  
Folkwang University of the Arts, Essen (Germany)  
Tasks: assisting students with library use and research, labelling books, etc.
- 04/2018 - 09/2019** Student assistant for Prof. Dr. Matthias Brzoska (Musicology),  
Folkwang University of the Arts, Essen (Germany)  
Tasks: organizing literature and sheet music, proofreading, and digitizing handwritten notes

## Teaching

- since 11/2022** Writing in Academia (Wissenschaft unter Dach und Fach: Einfuehrung in das wissenschaftliche Schreiben),  
Student Laboratory at Ruhr University Bochum (Germany), 4 sessions so far
- since 08/2022** The Mental Lexicon (Das Woerterbuch im Kopf),  
Student Laboratory at Ruhr University Bochum (Germany), 8 sessions so far
- 05/2024** Tutorial: ELAN (master's level) – 4h,  
University of Duisburg-Essen (Germany), 1 session
- 08/2023** Linguistics – the secret behind language,  
Junior Akademie Bad Segeberg 2023 (Germany), 10-day summer school for students in ~6<sup>th</sup> grade
- 06/2023** Phonetics & Phonology (undergraduate level),  
Ruhr University Bochum (Germany), 2-week block with 6 sessions
- 10/2022 - 02/2023** Areas and Approaches I: Phonetics and Phonology (undergraduate level),  
University Duisburg-Essen (Germany), 15-week course
- 06/2022** Tutorial: Praat (undergraduate level) – 2h,  
Ruhr University Bochum (Germany), 1 session

## Conference Presentations

- 07/2024** **Ahrens, C.**, Moelders, A.: me and my Accent - Analyzing Acoustic Patterns of the First-Person Possessive and Object 'me': Evidence from Tyneside English. Paper presented at the International Conference on Language Variation in Europe 12. 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> July 2024, Vienna (Austria).
- 07/2024** **Ahrens, C.**, Grama, J.: Evaluating a traditionally “stable” variable in a contact language: A study of (dh)-stopping in Hawai'i Creole. Paper presented at Methods in Dialectology XVIII. 01<sup>st</sup>-05<sup>th</sup> July 2024, Melbourne (Australia).
- 07/2024** **Ahrens, C.**, Moelders, A.: Exploring acoustic realisations of Tyneside English: Homophonous realisation of the First-Person Possessive and Object 'me'?. Paper presented at Methods in Dialectology XVIII. 01<sup>st</sup>-05<sup>th</sup> July 2024, Melbourne (Australia).
- 06/2024** **Ahrens, C.**, Grama, J.: (dh)-stopping in Hawai'i Creole: Testing a stable variable in a creole. Paper presented at Sociolinguistic Symposium 25. 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> June 2024, Perth (Australia).
- 06/2024** Moelders, A., **Ahrens, C.**: An acoustic study of the first-person possessive in the Northeast of England. Paper presented at Sociolinguistic Symposium 25. 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> June 2024, Perth (Australia).
- 10/2023** **Ahrens, C.**: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Investigate Language Choices in a Trilingual Setting (Project Launch). Poster presented at NAWAV 51. 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> October 2023, NYC (U.S.).

- 08/2023** Bauernfeind, L., **Ahrens, C.**, Grama, J.: Change across the lifespan in GOAT: Evidence from a panel study of Tyneside English. Poster presented at *ICPhS 20*. 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> August 2023, Prague (Czech Republic).
- 06/2023** **Ahrens, C.**: Tracing FACE and GOAT across the Lifespan: From Student to Lecturer. Poster presented at *UKLVC 14*. 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> June 2023, Edinburgh (Scotland).
- 12/2022** **Ahrens, C.**: Tracking Sociophonetic Variation in one Individual over the Lifespan – FACE and GOAT. Tweeted at *Linguistweets 3*. 5th December 2022, Twitter.
- 08/2022** Bauernfeind, L., **Ahrens, C.**, Grama, J., Eiswirth, M., and Buchstaller, I.: Socio-demographic trajectory, vowel normalization, and the marriage of auditory and acoustic approaches in assessing lifespan change. Paper presented at *Methods XVII*. 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> August 2022, Mainz (Germany).
- 07/2022** **Ahrens, C.**: Tracking Sociophonetic Variation in one Individual over the Lifespan - FACE and GOAT. Poster presented at *Sociolinguistic Symposium 24*. 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> July 2022, Ghent (Belgium).
- 07/2022** Grama, J., Bauernfeind, L., **Ahrens, C.**, Eiswirth, M., and Buchstaller, I.: FACE and GOAT across the life-span – A three-wave panel analysis of vowel change in Tyneside. Poster presented at *Sociolinguistic Symposium 24*. 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> July 2022, Ghent (Belgium).
- 09/2021** Grama, J., Buchstaller, I., Bauernfeind, L., **Ahrens, C.**: Tracing vowel change across the life-span – A three-wave panel analysis of FACE and GOAT. Paper presented at *UKLVC 13*. 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> September 2021, online / Glasgow (Scotland).

## Publications

- 08/2023** Bauernfeind, L., **Ahrens, C.**, Grama, J. (2023): Change across the lifespan in GOAT: Evidence from a panel study of Tyneside English. In Radek Skarnitzl & Jan Volín (eds.) *Proceedings of the 20th International Congress of Phonetic Science* (pp. 2064-2068). Guarant International.

## Workshops & Summer Schools

- 05. - 07.09.2023** **Forensic Linguistic Short Course**  
Dr. Isabel Picornell and Dr. Annina Heini, Aston University, Birmingham (England) – 30h
- 08.02.2023** **Reproducible analyses with R-Notebooks**  
Dr. Sophia Leimer, University Duisburg-Essen – 2h
- 16. - 29.07.2022** **4th Crete Summer School of Linguistics**  
University of Crete, Rethymno, Crete, (Greece)
- 21. - 25.03.2022** **Bootcamp: R and Statistics for Humanities**  
Prof. Dr. Stephan Th. Gries, University of Santa Barbara & Justus-Liebig-University Giessen – 30 hours
- 09.02.2022** **Preparation for R and Statistics for Humanities**  
Prof. Dr. Stephan Th. Gries, University of Santa Barbara & Justus-Liebig-University Giessen – 3 hours
- 09. - 10.12.2021 & 27. - 28.01.2022** **Regular Expressions in R**  
PD Dr. Christoph Ruehlemann, University Freiburg – 24 hours

### Committee Work

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2019 - 2020

First vice chairwoman at the AStA (General Student Committee),  
Folkwang University of the Arts, Essen (Germany)

2018 - 2019

Second vice chairwoman at the AStA (General Student Committee),  
Folkwang University of the Arts, Essen (Germany)

### Work Experience and Summer Schools Abroad

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07/2022

4th Crete Summer School of Linguistics, University of Crete, Rethymno, Crete, (Greece)  
(Seed Grant – Junge Sprachwissenschaft e.V. – society of young linguists)

07/2021 - 10/2021

9-week-internship at Medici Archive Project in Florence (Italy)  
Research in Archives and Libraries about the Medici family  
(ERASMUS Plus Scholarship)

09/2016 - 06/2017

First year of bachelor's degree in musicology at Université François Rabelais, Tours  
(France)

### Funding, Grants & Awards

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02/2024

6 000\$ Lokey Graduate Science Award: most competitive UO doctoral applicants,  
University of Oregon, Eugene (U.S.)

10/2023

650\$ NWAV Student Travel Grant for travels to NWAV 51 Queens College, New York  
(U.S.)

07/2022

250€ Fee Waiver for online participation at Sociolinguistic Symposium 24, Ghent  
(Belgium)

07/2022

500€ Seed Grant Junge - Sprachwissenschaft e.V. (society of young linguists) for 4th  
Crete Summer School of Linguistics, Rethymno (Greece)

07/2021 - 09/2021

1 040€ ERASMUS Plus Scholarship for 9-week-internship, Florence (Italy)

### Skills

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- **Languages:**
  - German (first language)
  - English (fluent spoken and written – TOEFL: 103)
  - French (advanced – DELF-DALF: B1)
  - Italian (advanced)
  - Latin (beginner)
- **Software and Programming Languages:**
  - Cool Edit
  - Praat
  - ELAN
  - R & RStudio (statistics & visualization)
  - MS-Office
  - Python (basics)
  - HTML, CSS & JavaScript (basics)