

PUBLICATIONS UND TALKS

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Books

a. Monographs

- 2016 *Understanding Historical Linguistics*. London: Routledge. (Understanding Language Series), with Kate Burridge
- 2012 *An Introduction to Synchronic English Linguistics*. Frankfurt/M., New York: Peter Lang (Textbooks in English Language and Linguistics, TELL, 5)
- 2005d *Der Ausdruck von Futurität im gegenwärtigen Englisch: Form, Funktion, Entwicklung* [unpublished post doctoral thesis]. English Translation in prep.
- 2005c *Modern Scots*. 2nd edition, completely revised and updated. München, Newcastle: Lincom Europa (Languages of the World, Materials 242) (1st ed. 2001).
- 2005b *Social Networks and Historical Sociolinguistics: Studies in Morphosyntactic Variation in the Paston Letters (1421-1503)*. Berlin, New York: Mouton de Gruyter. (Topics in English Linguistics, TiEL 51)
- 2005a *Grammatik Englisch: Kurz und bündig*. Stuttgart: Pons. (with Darcy B. Berry). [Reprinted in *Sprachbuch Englisch*, Stuttgart: Pons, 2005]

b. Edited Volumes

- 2017 *The History of English* (Ed. with Laurel Brinton). Mouton Reader (5 Vols). Berlin, New York: de Gruyter Mouton. (selected and updated reprint of Bergs & Brinton 2012)
- 2017 *Cognitive Approaches to the History of English* (Special Issue 21.2 of *English Language and Linguistics*), ed. with Thomas Hoffmann
- 2017 *Towards a Multimodal Construction Grammar* (Special Collection of *Linguistics Vanguard*), ed. with Elisabeth Zima
- 2012 *English Historical Linguistics* (Ed. with Laurel Brinton). Handbücher Sprache und Kommunikation (HSK). 34.1 und 34.2 (2 Vols). Berlin, New York: Mouton de Gruyter.
- 2009 *Contexts and Constructions*. (Ed. with Gabriele Diewald). Amsterdam: John Benjamins (Constructional Approaches to Language, CAL 9).
- 2008 *Constructions and Language Change*. (Ed. with Gabriele Diewald). Berlin, New York: Mouton de Gruyter (Trends in Linguistics, TiLSM 194).
- 2007 *The Language of the Peterborough Chronicle*. (Ed. with Janne Skaffari). Frankfurt/M., New York: Peter Lang (Studies in English Medieval Language and Literature 20).
- 2003 *Holismus und Individualismus in den Wissenschaften*. (Ed. with Soelwe I. Curdts). Frankfurt/M., New York: Peter Lang.

c. Journals & Book series

Constructions (ed. with Thomas Hoffmann and Hans Boas)

Linguistics Vanguard (de Gruyter Mouton, ed. with Abby Cohn and Jeff Good)

Cognition and Poetics (Oxford University Press, ed. with Margaret Freeman, Peter Schneck, Achim Stephan)

d. Papers

2018 "Learn the rules like a pro, so you can break them like an artist (Picasso). Linguistic aberrancy from a constructional perspective". *Anglia* 66.3: 277-293.

2017c "Diachronic Approaches". In: Barbara Dancygier (ed.), *Cambridge Handbook of Cognitive Linguistics*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 347-360.

2017b "Special Issue on Cognitive Approaches to the History of English: Introduction". *English Language and Linguistics* 21.2: 193-202 (Special Issue *Cognitive Approaches to the History of English*), ed. by Thomas Hoffmann and Alexander Bergs

2017a "The myth of the complete sentence: a response to Traugott". *English Language and Linguistics* 21.2: 311-316 (Special Issue *Cognitive Approaches to the History of English*), ed. by Thomas Hoffmann and Alexander Bergs

2016b "Response to Traugott". *Constructions and Frames* 8.1: 125-129. Special Issue on *Modal Meaning in Construction Grammar*, ed. by Bert Cappelle & Ilse Depraetere.

2016a "Under Pressure: Norms, Rules, and Coercion in Linguistic Analyses and Literary Readings". In: Michael Burke / Emily Troscianko (eds), *Cognitive Literary Science. Dialogues between Literature and Cognition*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 279-302.

2015b "Are you a construction in disguise? Soziale und physische Kontexteigenschaften von Fußballgesangskonstruktionen". In: Alexander Lasch & Alexander Ziem (eds.), *Konstruktionsgrammatik IV: Konstruktionen und Konventionen als kognitive Routinen*. Tübingen: Stauffenberg, 115-132. (with Thomas Hoffmann)

2015a "The linguistic fingerprints of authors and scribes: a medieval whodunnit". In: Richard Watts, Daniel Schreier & Anita Auer (eds.). *Letter Writing and Language Change*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 156-181.

2014b "*Ælc þara þe þas min word gehierþ and þa wyrþ ...*: Psycholinguistic perspectives on early English" In: Michael Adams, Laurel Brinton and Robert D. Fulk (eds.), *Studies in the History of the English Language VI: Evidence and Method in Histories of English*. Berlin, New York: de Gruyter, 225-252. (with Meike Pentrel)

2014a "Investigating love letters across time: Some thoughts on metaphors, stylistic inertia, and meme theory". In: Eva L. Wyss (ed.). *Communication of Love. Mediatized Intimacy from Love Letters to SMS*. Bielefeld: transcript, 165-180.

- 2013b "Kognitive Poetik". In: Achim Stephan & Sven Walter (eds.). *Handbuch Kommunikationswissenschaft*. Stuttgart: Metzler. 518-522. (with Peter Schneck).
- 2013a "Writing, reading, language change - a sociohistorical perspective on scribes, readers, and networks in medieval Britain". In: Esther-Miriam Wagner, Ben Outhwait, Bettina Beinhoff (eds.). *Scribes as Agents of Language Change*. Berlin/New York: Mouton de Gruyter. 241-260.
- 2012e "The Uniformitarian Principle and the Risk of Anachronism". In: Juan Manuel Hernández-Campoy & Juan Camilo Conde-Sivestre (eds.) *Handbook of Historical Sociolinguistics*. Oxford: Blackwell. 80-98.
- 2012d "I was just reading this article – On the expression of Recentness and the English Past Progressive". In: Aarts, Bas, Joanne Close, Geoffrey Leech and Sean Wallis (eds.). *The English Verb Phrase: Corpus Methodology and Current Change*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. (with Meike Pfaff und Thomas Hoffmann). 217-238.
- 2012c "The History of English Historical Linguistics: Overview" In: Alexander Bergs & Laurel Brinton (eds.) *Handbook of the Historical Linguistics of English*. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter. (with Laurel Brinton). 1289-1295.
- 2012b "Construction Grammar". In: Alexander Bergs & Laurel Brinton (eds.) *Handbook of the Historical Linguistics of English*. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter. 1631-1646.
- 2012a "Middle English Sociolinguistics". In: Alexander Bergs & Laurel Brinton (eds.) *Handbook of the Historical Linguistics of English*. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter. 534-551.
- 2011b/submitted "Set them free?! Investigating spelling and scribal variation in language and history." In: Jennifer Crowell & Eitan Grossmann (eds.). *Beyond free variation*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2011a "Historical Linguistics" (Sektionsartikel). In: Bernd Kortmann (ed.). *Wörterbücher zur Sprach- und Kommunikationswissenschaft (WSK). Band 2: Theorie und Methode*. Berlin, New York: Mouton de Gruyter. (& 12 weitere Lemmata)
- 2010b "Expressions of futurity in contemporary English: a constructional perspective". *English Language and Linguistics* 14(2):217-38.
- 2010a „Mood and Modality in English“. In: Rolf Thieroff & Björn Rothstein (eds.). *Mood Systems in the Languages of Europe*. Amsterdam/Philadelphia: John Benjamins. 103-117. (with Lena Heine)
- 2009d "Contexts and Constructions". In: Alexander Bergs & Gabriele Diewald (eds.). *Contexts and Constructions*. Amsterdam/Philadelphia: John Benjamins. (with Gabriele Diewald). 1-14.
- 2009c "Do the simplest thing that can possibly work: Der Wiki-Way beim Erstellen von E-Learning Materialien". In: Hans-Jürgen Appelrath & Leonore Schulze (Hgg.). *Auf dem Weg zu exzellentem E-Learning. Vernetzung und Kooperation der Hochschullehre in Niedersachsen*. Münster: Waxmann. 23-31. (with Anne Reiners & Tim Schmidt)
- 2009b "The linguistics of text messaging". In: Charley Rowe & Eva L. Wyss (eds.) *New media and linguistic change*. Creskill, NJ: Hampton Press. 55-74.
- 2009a "Übergeneralisierung". In: Christa Dürscheid, Stefan Schierholz (eds.). *Wörterbücher zur Sprach- und*

Kommunikationswissenschaft (WSK). Band 1.2: Grammatik. Berlin, New York: Mouton de Gruyter.
(with Lena Heine)

- 2008d "When concepts clash". In: Jürgen Schläger, Gesa Stedman (eds.). *The Literary Mind. REAL -Yearbook of Research in English and American Literature Vol. 2.4.* 61-67.
- 2008c "Can we take Construction Grammar beyond sneezing napkins off tables?". In: Klaus Stierstorfer (ed.), *Proceedings of the Anglistentag, Münster 2007.* Trier: WVT. 269-276.
- 2008b "Constructions and language change". In: Alexander Bergs & Gabriele Diewald (eds.). *Constructions and Language Change.* Berlin/New York: Mouton de Gruyter. (with Gabriele Diewald). 1-22.
- 2008a "Shall and shan't in contemporary English". In: Graeme Trousdale, Nikolas Gisbourne (eds.). *Constructional Explanations in English Grammar.* Berlin, New York: Mouton de Gruyter. 113-144.
- 2007b "Spoilt for choice? <th> in early Middle English". In: Bergs, Alexander & Janne Skaffari (eds.). *The Language of the Peterborough Chronicle* Frankfurt/M., New York: Peter Lang (Studies in English Medieval Language and Literature). 45-56.
- 2007a "Invitation to the Peterborough Chronicle and its Language". In: Bergs, Alexander & Janne Skaffari (eds.). *The Language of the Peterborough Chronicle.* Frankfurt/M., New York: Peter Lang (Studies in English Medieval Language and Literature). 5-12.
- 2006d "Language Change and the Role of the Individual in Historical Social Network Analysis". *Logos and Language. Journal of General Linguistics and Language Theory.* VI.2. 30-54.
- 2006c "Spreading the word: Patterns of diffusion in historical dialectology". In: Markku Filppula, Juhani Klemola, Marjatta Palander, Esa Penttilä (eds). *Topics in dialectal variation.* Joensuu: Joensuu University Press. 5-30.
- 2006b "Analyzing online communication from a social network point of view: questions, problems, perspectives". *language@internet* SV1-3/2006. urn:nbn:de:0009-7-3712
- 2006a „Neue Formen der netzgestützten kooperativen Informationsversorgung: zwei Beispiele für *digital peer publishing*". Ausgewählte Beiträge zum 94. Deutschen Bibliothekartag, Düsseldorf (with Anette Rosenbach und Dieter Stein). Frankfurt/M.: Klostermann. 257-267.
- 2005b "'Ther been Thinges thre, the whiche thynges troublen al this erthe': The discourse-pragmatics of 'demonstrative *which*'". In: Janne Skaffari, Matti Peikola, Ruth Carroll, Risto Hiltunen, Brita Wårvik (eds.). *Opening Windows on Texts and Discourses of the Past.* Amsterdam, Philadelphia: Benjamins. 259-277.
- 2005a „Im Westen viel Neues: Randnotizen von der Gründung zweier ejournals in den Geisteswissenschaften". *ProLibris* 01/05: 28-30.
- 2004d „Sprache und soziale Netzwerke". In: *Handbücher zur Sprach- und Kommunikationswissenschaft / Handbooks of Linguistics and Communication Science: Soziolinguistik/ Sociolinguistics*, 1. Band, 2. Auflage. Berlin, New York: Mouton de Gruyter. 438-443. (with Michael Schenk)
- 2004c "What if one man's lexicon were another man's syntax? A new approach to the history of relative *who*". *Folia Linguistica Historica* 24: 93-109.

- 2004b "Letters: A new approach to text typology". *Journal of Historical Pragmatics* 5.2: 209-229.
- 2004a "Address pronouns in late Middle English". In: Alicia Rodríguez-Álvarez & Francisco Almeida Alonso (eds.). *Voices on the past. Studies in Old and Middle English language and literature*. Chicago, La Coruña: IPG/netbiblio. 127-138.
- 2003b „Holismus und Individualismus in der Linguistik: Ein Überblick“. In: Alexander Bergs & Soelwe I. Curdts (eds.). *Holismus und Individualismus in den Wissenschaften. Ein Überblick*. New York, Frankfurt/M.: Peter Lang. 143-161.
- 2003a "Literacy and the new media: *Vita brevis, Lingua brevis*". In: Jean Aitchison & Diana Lewis (eds.). *New Media Language*. London: Routledge. 75-84. (with Angela Kessler).
- 2001a "The Role of Markedness in the Actuation and Actualisation of Linguistic Change". In: Henning Andersen (ed.). *Actualization: Patterns of Linguistic Change*. Amsterdam, Philadelphia: Benjamins. 79-94. (with Dieter Stein).
- 2000b "Social Networks in pre-1500 Britain: Problems, Prospects, Examples". *European Journal of English Studies*. Special Issue on "Social Network Analysis and the History of English", eds. Ingrid Tieken-Boon van Ostade, Terttu Nevalainen, Luisella Caon. 4.3: 239-252.
- 2000a "Social Networks and Language Change in Middle English: The Challenge of Diachrony". In: Christopher Beedham (ed.). *Langue and Parole in Synchronic and Diachronic Perspective*. Oxford: Pergamon. 349-362.
- 1999 "Middle English Testaments and Wills". In: Rainer Holtei (ed.). *Instructional Texts in Middle English*. Unpublished MS and CD-Rom, University of Düsseldorf.

Book reviews

- 2017 Cinzia Russi (ed.), *Current Trends in Historical Sociolinguistics*. (Warsaw, Berlin: de Gruyter Open, 2016). *Journal of Historical Sociolinguistics*. 3.2: 285-289.
- 2016 Jóhanna Barthdal, Elena Smirnova, Lotte Sommerer, Spike Gildea (eds.), *Diachronic Construction Grammar*. (Amsterdam/Philadelphia: John Benjamins, 2015). *Beiträge zur Geschichte der deutschen Sprache und Literatur* 138.3: 433-441.
- 2015 Reuven Tsur. *Playing by Ear and Tip of the Tounge. Precategorical Information in Poetry*. (Amsterdam: John Benjamins, 2013). *Journal of Literary Theory* 13.11.2015 urn.nbn.de:0222-003204
- 2012b Arja Nurmi, Minna Nevala & Minna Palander-Collin (eds.). *The Language of Daily Life in England 1400-1800*. (Amsterdam: John Benjamins, 2010). *The European Messenger* 22.1: 73-75.
- 2012a Holger Schmitt. *Sprache und Identität in Schottland. Eine qualitative Makrostudie zur Bedeutung des Tiefland-Schottischen (Scots)*. (Heidelberg: Winter, 2009). *Anglia* 130.2: 280-283.
- 2009 Merja Kytö, Mats Rydén, Erik Smitterberg (eds.). *Nineteenth-Century English: Stability and Change*. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006), *Journal of Historical Pragmatics* 10.1: 170-177.

- 2007 Mirjam Fried & Hans C. Boas (eds.). *Grammatical Constructions: Back to the Roots*. (Amsterdam, Philadelphia: Benjamins, 2005). *Folia Linguistica* 41.1/2: 180-186.
- 2007 Ilse Wischer & Gabriele Diewald (eds.). *New Reflections on Grammaticalization*. (Amsterdam, Philadelphia: Benjamins, 2002). *Beiträge zur Geschichte der deutschen Sprache und Literatur (PBB)*. 129.1: 116-122.
- 2004 Brian D. Joseph & Richard D. Janda (eds.). *The Handbook of Historical Linguistics* (Oxford: Blackwell, 2003). *Journal of Indo-European Studies* 32.3/4: 367-376.
- 2004 Kurzrezension von Günter Rohdenburg & Britta Mondorf. *Determinants of Grammatical Variation in English*. (Berlin, New York: Mouton de Gruyter, 2003). *Language* 80.4: 493.
- 2004 Terttu Nevalainen & Helena Raumolin-Brunberg. *Historical Sociolinguistics*. (London: Longman, 2003). *Journal of Sociolinguistics* 8.1: 131-134.
- 2003 Kurzrezension von Theresa Fanego et al. (eds.). *Sounds, Words, Texts and Change*. (Amsterdam, Philadelphia: Benjamins, 2002). *Language* 80.1: 172-173.
- 2003 Kurzrezension von Theresa Fanego et al. (eds.). *English Historical Syntax and Morphology*. (Amsterdam, Philadelphia: Benjamins, 2002). *Language* 80.1: 172-173.
- 2003 Kurzrezension von Susan M. Fitzmaurice. *The Familiar Letter in Early Modern England. A Pragmatic Approach*. (Amsterdam, Philadelphia: Benjamins, 2002). *Language* 80.1: 174.
- 2003 Kurzrezension von J. Derrick McClure. *Doric. The Dialect of Northeast Scotland*. (Amsterdam, Philadelphia: Benjamins, 2002). *Language* 80.1: 182.
- 2002 Kurzrezension von Dieter Kastovsky & Arthur Mettinger (eds.) *The History of English in a Social Context. A Contribution to Historical Sociolinguistics*. (Berlin, New York: Mouton de Gruyter, 2000). *Zeitschrift für Sprachwissenschaft* 21.2: 286-7.
- 2002 Kurzrezension von Colin Brown & Peter Hagoort (eds.). *The neurocognition of language*. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1999). *Zeitschrift für Sprachwissenschaft* 21.2: 285-6.
- 2002 "These networks are the kitchen of public opinion". Michael Schenk. *Soziale Netzwerke und Massenmedien*. (Tübingen: Niemeyer, 1996). *International Journal of the Sociology of Language*. Special Issue on "Language Change and Social Networks", eds. Kees de Bot & Saskia Stoessel. 156: 161-168.
- 2002 "The world is not enough". Robert Hendrickson. *World English: From Aloha to Zed* (New York: Wiley, 2001). *International Journal of the Sociology of Language* 158: 219-223.
- 2001 Kersti Börjars & Kate Burridge *Introducing English Grammar* (London: Arnold, 2000). *Linguistlist* 12.1563 (<http://linguistlist.org/issues/12/12-1563.html>)
- 2001 Thomas Berg *Linguistic Structure and Change* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000). *Linguistlist* 12.2061 (<http://linguistlist.org/issues/12/12-2061.html>)

TALKS

[Invited Talks are in Boldface]

2017i “Historical sociolinguistics: limits and chances”. Universität Zürich.

2017h “Constructions and language change”. Universität Augsburg.

**2017g “Language, Thought, Reality (reloaded). Construction Grammar and Situated Cognition”.
Colloquium of the Research Training Group Situated Cognition Bochum/Osnabrück.**

2017f “And then what? Fragments and interactional syntactic theory”. *7th Biannual Conference on the Linguistics of Contemporary English*. 7 BiCLCE, Vigo.

2017e “Learn the rules like a pro, so you can break them like an artist (Picasso). Linguistic aberrancy from a constructional perspective”. Workshop on Creativity and Construction Grammar, Eichstätt.

2017d “Trifles make the sum of life: a construction grammar perspective on speaker innovation”. Workshop on ***Atomizing Linguistic Change & the Nuclear Step: From Individual Realization to Emergence***, ICHL 23, Austin TX

2017c “In situ perspectives on retraction – Austinites on Troublemaker Shtreet”. Poster at *Workshop on Sound Change 4*, Edinburgh, with Wiebke Ahlers

2017b “Construction Grammar and Language Contact”. ISTAL Workshop “Language Contact in English and Beyond”

2017a “Construction Grammar and Situated Cognition” *Cognitive Science Colloquium Osnabrück*

2016 “Big data, bad data, and the linguistic individual”. CUSO Workshop *Big data and bad data: challenges of quantitative and qualitative research methods in linguistics*, Lausanne.

2015f “Sibilants and ethnic diversity: A sociophonetic study of palatalized /s/ in STR clusters among Hispanic, White, and African-American speakers of Texas English”. NWAWE 44, Toronto. (with Lars Hinrichs, Axel Bohmann, Erica Brozovsky, Brian Hodge, Kirsten Meemann, Patrick Schultz, Wiebke Ahlers)

2015e “A small leak will sink a great ship”. Micro-perspectives on linguistic change. Leiden University Center for Linguistics, Leiden

2015d “A Construction Grammar approach to irony”. *13th International Conference on Cognitive Linguistics*, Newcastle (with Claudia Lehmann)

2015c “*It’s all Greek to me* – tracking changes in micro-constructions”. *22nd International Conference on Historical Linguistics*, Naples.

2015b What historical psycholinguistics can reveal about literary readings. Workshop on ‘The uses of literary sources and methods in historical linguistic analysis’. *Studies in the History of English 6*, Vancouver.

2015a “Oh, come on! Problems and perspectives for multimodal construction grammar”. Workshop on Mind, Meaning, and Multimodality, University of Navarra, Pamplona.

2014c "Under pressure: Under pressure: norms, rules, and coercion in linguistic analyses and literary readings". *Cognition and Culture*, Vienna

2014b "Coercion in Linguistics and the Arts - new insights from neuroscience". Workshop on Transdisciplinary Studies, Neurohumanities Network, Catania.

2014a "Under pressure: Under pressure: norms, rules, and coercion in linguistic analyses and literary readings". Myrifiel Institute for Cognition and the Arts, Heath, MA.

2013b "Constructing the Constructicon: When Semasiology Meets Onomasiology". 5th International Conference on the Linguistics of Contemporary English, Austin, TX.

2013a "A cognitive approach to football chant constructions". *Oral Poetics and Cognitive Science*, FRIAS Freiburg (with Thomas Hoffmann).

2012e "Grammar's coming home – integrating socio-pragmatics into grammar". Sociolinguistics Seminar, Cambridge.

2012d "Are you a construction in disguise? - Soziale und physische Kontexteigenschaften von Fussballgesangskonstruktionen. Konstruktionen – Wissen – Diskurs". Internationales Kolloquium der Graduiertenplattform des Forschungsnetzwerks »Sprache und Wissen«, des Internationalen Wissenschaftsforums und des Germanistischen Seminars der Universität Heidelberg. (with Thomas Hoffmann)

2012c "Don't you swallow that goldfish! The structure and the development of the prohibitive in English". UC Santa Barbara, CA.

2012b "Aelc thara the thas min word gehierth... psycholinguistic perspectives on earlier Englishes". *Studies in the History of the English Language*, SHEL-7, Bloomington, IN.

2012a "Don't you swallow that goldfish! The structure and the development of the prohibitive in English". Universität Frankfurt.

2011c "On how to integrate context into grammar". ISLE 2, Boston, MA.

2011b "Writing ,reading, language change - a sociohistorical perspective on scribes, readers, and networks in medieval Britain". *Scribes as agents of language change*, Cambridge

2011a "Context in Construction Grammar". Jahrestagung der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft, AG 2 (P. Schumann & J. Maibauer), Göttingen.

2009c "Investigating written language variation in Early English". *Beyond Free Variation*, Oxford.

2009b "Literature, Language, and the Cognitive Enterprise". *Round Table on Methods in English and American Studies in Literature, Culture, and Linguistics*, Bad Bederkesa.

2009a "I was just reading this article – is the Present Perfect of recent past on its way out?". *Symposium on Current change in the English verb phrase*, London (with Meike Pfaff).

2008c "All Change" Construction Grammar and Language Change". (Plenarvortrag) *Cognitive and social foundations of grammaticalization. ALEAR Workshop*, Bran (Romania).

2008b “When concepts clash...”. (Plenarvortrag) *The Literary Mind*. Berlin (Großbritannienzentrum).

2008a “The language of two brothers revisited: philology meets social network analysis” (Plenarvortrag) SEDERI, Almagro/La Mancha.

2007 “Can we take construction grammar beyond sneezing napkins off tables?”. Anglistentag Münster.

2006f “The future in English: new perspectives from Construction Grammar?”. Explorations at the Lexis-Grammar Interface (ELeGI), Hannover.

2006e “Constructing Grammar? Construction Grammar!” Universität Bonn.

2006d “Weill, ye ken nou! Modern Scots zwischen Sprache und Dialekt“. Antrittsvorlesung, Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf.

2006c “Construction Grammar meets Language Variation and Change: Sym- or antibiosis?”. 3rd Workshop of the Construction Grammar Network Germany, Düsseldorf.

2006b “Constructing the future“. Direction in English Language Studies, DELS, Manchester.

2006a “Gr8 News 4 skools: Medialer Wandel, Sprachwandel und die ‘Complaint Tradition’. Habilitationsvortrag, Universität Düsseldorf

2005f “Variatio delectat? 20 years of historical sociolinguistics: a survey“. XVII International Conference on Historical Linguistics, Madison, WI.

2005e “‘I shan’t say I shall but I won’t?’ *Shall* and *shan’t* in present-day English: a case of functional condensation?”. First International Conference on the Linguistics of Contemporary English, Edinburgh.

2005d “Grammaticalizing constructions, constructing grammaticalization“. New Reflections on Grammaticalization 3, Santiago de Compostela.

2005c “The future in context: a constructional approach“. 9th International Pragmatics Association Conference, Riva del Garda.

2005b “Analyzing professional online communication from a social network point of view“. 14th World Congress of Applied Linguistics, Madison, WI.

2005a „Neue Formen der netzgestützten kooperativen Informationsversorgung: zwei Beispiele für digital peer publishing“. 94. Deutscher Bibliothekartag, Düsseldorf.

2004c “Constructing the future“. Linguistisches Kolloquium, Düsseldorf.

2004b „Vom ‚Kaffee zum Mitnehmen‘ zum ‚Coffee to go‘: Das (Un-)Glück der Anglizismen im Deutschen“. Tag der Forschung, Universität Düsseldorf.

2004a “The light verb construction in present-day English“. International Conference on Construction Grammar 3, Marseille.

2003h „Zwischen Sprache und Dialekt: Modern Scots“. Tag der Forschung, Universität Düsseldorf

2003g “The linguistics of text messaging“. 16th International Conference on Historical Linguistics, Kopenhagen

2003f "Look who's talking: the discourse pragmatics of *see, hear, look*". 8th International Pragmatics Association Conference, Toronto.

2003e "'Till which encounter it is my business too': Formal and functional factors in the (d)evolution of 'which'". Arizona State University, Tempe.

2003d "'Ther been Thinges thre, the whiche thynges troublen al this erthe': Notes on the rise and demise of 'a peculiar construction'". University of Texas, San Antonio.

2003c "Verdict: Not proven. The new media versus the complaint tradition". University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

2003b "Historical Sociolinguistics: quid non est?!". University of Texas, San Antonio.

2003a „Der englische Liebesbrief gestern und heute: Fragen, Perspektiven". First international interdisciplinary Symposium on the Discourse of Love. Intimacy – Media – Communication, Frankfurt.

2002e "Address pronouns in Late Middle English". XIV Congreso Sociedad Española de Lengua y Literatura Inglesa Medieval, Gran Canaria.

2002d "Spreading the word: Patterns of diffusion in historical dialectology". 11th International Conference on Methods in Dialectology (Methods XI), Joensuu.

2002c "Letters: A new approach to text typology and (sub-)genres". Organization in Discourse II. Turku. (Workshop on letter writing practices)

2002b "*Which* as discourse marker". Organization in Discourse II. The Historical Perspective, Turku.

2002a "Grammaticalizing relative *who*?" New Reflections on Grammaticalization 2, Amsterdam.

2001e "The end of romance or love by other means? Liebesbriefe vom 19. Jahrhundert bis heute". Tag der Forschung, Universität Düsseldorf. (with Angela Kessler).

2001d "Whose language is it anyway? The role of the individual in linguistic theory past and present". 33rd Societas Linguistica Europaea meeting, Leuven.

2001c "IU2LUVUBIAON – the decline and fall of the love letter". International Conference on Language, the Media and International Communication, Oxford. (with Angela Kessler)

2001b „Holismus und Individualismus in der Linguistik". Kolloquium der Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes zu ‚Holismus und Individualismus in den Wissenschaften‘, Düsseldorf & Straelen.

2001a „Was springt um beim Akzentumsprung?". Linguistisches Kolloquium, Düsseldorf.

2000b "Which *which* is *which*? The Düsseldorf *which* Hunt". Linguistisches Kolloquium, Düsseldorf.

2000a „Wie kommt das Neue in die Sprache? Evolutionäres und Revolutionäres vom Sprachwandel". Kolloquium der Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes zu ‚Das Neue‘, München.

1999d "The role of markedness in the actuation and actualisation of linguistic change: the case of relativizers in Middle English". 14th International Conference on Historical Linguistics, Vancouver. (Workshop on *Patterns of Actualization*). (with Dieter Stein)

1999c „Globalokalisierung: Übersetzungstheorie im 21. Jahrhundert". Linguistisches Kolloquium, Mainz.

1999b "Probing the individual: The role of data and linguistic theory". Workshop on "Theory and Empiricism", Ascona.

1999a „Zur Geschichte der Sprachwandeltheorien“, Universität Bonn.

1998c "Social Networks in Middle English". 31st Societas Linguistica Europaea meeting, St. Andrews.

1998b "Social networks in pre-1500 Britain: problems, prospects, examples". 10th International Conference on English Historical Linguistics, Manchester. (Workshop on Social Network Analysis and the History of English)

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