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Research Interests

Language acquisition; syntax; semantics; language processing; eye-tracking

Academic Positions

- [2018] **Utrecht University**
Assistant Professor of English Linguistics, Department of
Language, Literature, and Communication
- [2017] **Macquarie University**
Postdoctoral fellow, Department of Cognitive Science
- 2016 - present **MIT**
Postdoctoral Associate, Department of Linguistics & Philosophy
- 2014 – 2016: **Macquarie University**
Postdoctoral fellow, Department of Cognitive Science
- 2013 – 2014: **Utrecht University**
Postdoctoral fellow, Department of Language, Literature, and
Communication
Project: *The syntax of idioms*
(PIs: Norbert Corver, Jeroen van Craenenbroeck)
- 2012 – 2014: **Utrecht University**
Lecturer in Linguistics, Department of Language, Literature, and
Communication

Education

Utrecht University

2013 Ph.D. in Linguistics, April 2013 (cum laude)

Dissertation: *Seemingly similar: Subjects and displacement in grammar, processing, and acquisition*

Promotor: Eric Reuland (promotor), Pim Mak (co-promotor), Sergio Baauw (co-promotor)

2007 M.A. in Linguistics (cum laude)

Thesis: *The acquisition of raising verbs*

2005 B.A. in Linguistics (cum laude)

Thesis: *Binding in Telugu and Hmar*

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

Macquarie University Strategic Infrastructure Scheme Grant

- Future proofing Macquarie's Speech Perception Laboratory, 2016. PI: Benders, T. co-investigators: Demuth, K., Cox, F., Sharma, M., Tsukuda, K., Proctor, M., Szakay, A., Yuen, I., Xu, N., Schmidt, E., Koring, L., Ma, W., & Kung, C. – \$136,000

Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO)

- Top Talent Graduate Research Fellowship, 2007 – 2012: "Development and Impairment to Phases" #021.001.087 – € 180,000

Scuola Normale Superiore and University of Pisa

- Award for Best Talk by a Young Researcher:
http://linguistica.sns.it/Workshop_verb/ Pisa, Italy, 2011

Utrecht University

- Travel Grant, 2012 – €1,500
- Utrecht University Grant for taking part in the Committee of Educational Policy, 2003-2005

Publications

Journal Articles

- Accepted **Koring, Loes**, Pim Mak, Iris Mulders, and Eric Reuland. Processing intransitive verbs: How do children differ from adults? Accepted for *Language Learning and Development*.
- Accepted **Koring, Loes** and Eric Reuland. What structural priming can and cannot reveal. Accepted for *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*.
- In Press Crain, Stephen, **Loes Koring**, and Rosalind Thornton. Language Acquisition from a Biolinguistic Perspective. *Neuroscience & Biobehavioral Reviews*.
- 2015 **Koring, Loes**, and De Mulder, Hannah. Understanding different sources of information: the acquisition of evidentiality. *Journal of Child Language* 42 (5), 947 – 968.
- 2012 **Koring, Loes**. Don't shoot the messenger: How subjectivity affects distributional properties. *Lingua* 122 (8), 874 – 890.
- 2012 **Koring, Loes**, Pim Mak, and Eric Reuland. The time course of argument reactivation revealed: Using the visual world paradigm. *Cognition* 123 (3), 361-379.

Submitted Manuscripts

- Submitted Giblin, Iain, **Loes Koring**, Stephen Crain. The ties that bind: The need for syntax in binding theory. Submitted to *Language*.

Proceedings Papers

- 2014 **Koring, Loes**, Pim Mak, and Eric Reuland. Children's Representation of Unaccusatives. In: W. Orman and M.J. Valleau (eds.). *Proceedings of 38th Boston University Conference on Language Development 38 (BUCLD)*: 240 – 252.
- 2009 **Koring, Loes** and Ken Wexler. Children's Late Acquisition of Dutch Raising-Verbs. In: Y. Otsu (Ed.). *The Proceedings of the Tenth Tokyo*

Conference of Psycholinguistics. Hituzi Syobo Publishing, Tokyo: 143-166.

Book Chapters

- 2015 Reuland, Eric, **Loes Koring** and Pim Mak. Issues in interpretation: From structure to process. In Е. И. Риехакайнен & Н. А. Слепокурова (Eds.), К 150-ЛЕТИЮ КАФЕДРЫ ОБЩЕГО ЯЗЫКОЗНАНИЯ САНКТ-ПЕТЕРБУРГСКОГО ГОСУДАРСТВЕННОГО УНИВЕРСИТЕТА - Сборник статей (pp. 224-237). St Petersburg: Филологический факультет СПбГУ.
- 2009 **Koring, Loes**. *Binding in Down's Syndrome*. In: Coopmans P., Everaert M., Marelj M. (eds.) *Promoting Systems Interface*. Utrecht: Utrecht Institute of Linguistics OTS.

In Progress

- In prep. **Koring, Loes**, Nina Sangers, and Ken Wexler. New evidence for the adjectival nature of children's early passives. In preparation for submission to *Linguistic Inquiry*.
- In prep. **Koring, Loes** and Hans van de Koot. The visual trace of unaccusativity in online processing. *Linguistic Inquiry*
- In prep. **Koring, Loes**. Producing figurative meanings: the case of idioms. In preparation for a volume entitled "Figurative Expressions: Production Processes and Theory" as part of the book series *Figurative Thought and Language*.

Unpublished manuscripts

- 2006 **Koring, Loes**. *Floating Quantifiers*. Ms., UiL-OTS.

Talks

Invited Talks

- 2017 *The effect of structural position on argument-verb integration*. Presented at the Experimental Syntax and Heritage Languages Research Unit, Humboldt University, Berlin.
- 2017 *Looking for structure in strings*. Presented at the Acquisition Lab Meeting, University of Connecticut, Storrs.
- 2016 *Processing reflexes of underlying structure*. Presented at the Language and Cognition Seminar, Harvard, Cambridge.
- 2016 *Workshop on the Visual World Paradigm*. Presented at the Phonetics Meeting, Department of Linguistics, Macquarie University.
- 2014 *A visual signature of computation*. Presented at Ling-Lunch, MIT, Boston, USA.
- 2014 *The semantics and acquisition of non-embedding reportatives*. Presented at the Syntax-Semantics Reading Group (LFRG), MIT, Boston, USA.
- 2014 *Evidentials and their embeddability*. Presented at the workshop on ‘What Happened to Principles and Parameters?’, Arezzo, Italy.
- 2013 *Argument reactivation within eye-shot: Measuring on-line processing of intransitive verbs with the eye-tracker*. Presented at the Seminar Series, UCL, London, UK.
- 2012 *The On-line Processing of Unaccusative and Unergative Verbs: Evidence from the Visual World Paradigm*. Presented at UCLA Psycholinguistics seminar (‘Psychobabble’), Los Angeles, CA.
- 2012 *Acquiring verbs with an evidential semantics*. Presented at the acquisition of semantics seminar. UCLA, CA.
- 2012 *How to measure on-line sentence processing in children: dos and don’ts*. Presented at the Language Acquisition Group meeting (LAG) Radboud University Nijmegen, The Netherlands.
- 2011 *The language-cognition interface: Insights from raising-verbs*. Presented at Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, Acquisition Lab, The Netherlands.

2011 *How subjectivity affects the distributional properties of raising-verbs*. Talk presented at the Optimal Communication Colloquium (OCC) Radboud University Nijmegen, The Netherlands.

Conference Presentations

2017 *A good enough representation is not good enough*. Paper presented at the Experimental Psycholinguistics Conference (EPC), Menorca, Spain.

2017 *Roots inform (children about) syntactic projection*. Poster presented at the Roots V workshop, London, UK (with Rosalind Thornton).

2016 *How many ways are there to process a sentence?*. Paper presented at the workshop 'Developmental perspectives on language processing, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia.

2015 *Who is the agent when it is left implicit?* Paper presented at the 12th Generative Approaches to Language Acquisition (GALA 12), Nantes, France (with Nina Sangers and Ken Wexler).

2015 *Interfering causes in acquisition*. Paper presented at the 12th Generative Approaches to Language Acquisition (GALA 12), Nantes, France (with Pim Mak, Iris Mulders, and Eric Reuland).

2015 *Children's different way of forming a passive*. Paper presented at the 48th meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea (SLE), Leiden, The Netherlands (with Nina Sangers and Ken Wexler).

2015 *Definiteness as a trigger of idiomaticity*. Paper presented at the 13th International Cognitive Linguistics Conference (ICLC), Newcastle, UK.

2014 *Verb type determines when the subject is reactivated: Evidence from eye movements*. Paper presented at the ARC Centre of Excellence in Cognition and its Disorders Annual Workshop, Macquarie University, Sydney.

2013 *What pirate stories reveal about children's representation of unaccusatives*. Paper presented at BUCLD 38, Boston, MA (with Eric Reuland and Pim Mak).

2013 *Children's on-line processing of unaccusative verbs*. Paper presented at the Child Language Seminar, Manchester, UK (with Eric Reuland and Pim Mak).

- 2013 *How children process intransitive verbs*. Poster presented at the 11th International Symposium for Psycholinguistics, Tenerife, Spain (with Eric Reuland and Pim Mak).
- 2013 *Processing evidential raising verbs*. Paper presented at Linguistics in the Netherlands, Utrecht, The Netherlands.
- 2012 *Evidentials as PPIs*. Paper presented at The Nature of Evidentiality, Leiden, The Netherlands.
- 2011 *Studying Raising from a Broader Perspective: the language-cognition interface*, Poster presented at Generative Approaches to Language Acquisition (GALA) 2011, Thessaloniki, Greece (with Hannah De Mulder).
- 2011 *The relation between linguistic and conceptual development: acquiring evidentiality*. Poster presented at BUCLD Conference, Boston, USA (with Hannah De Mulder).
- 2010 *Verb type determines when the subject is reactivated: Evidence from eye movements*. Poster presented at CUNY Conference on human sentence processing, New York, USA (with Pim Mak).
- 2010 *The Acquisition of Evidential Markers in Dutch*. Paper presented at Language Culture and Mind (LCM) IV, Turku, Finland (with Hannah De Mulder).
- 2010 *Subject reactivation depends on the syntactic position of the argument: evidence from eye movements*. Paper presented at the Workshop on Verbs, Pisa, Italy. (with Pim Mak)
- 2010 *Where language meets thought: developing a way to express source of information*. Paper presented at the workshop On Linguistic Interfaces II, Belfast, UK (with Hannah De Mulder).
- 2009 *Acquiring the Syntax and Semantic of Dutch Raising-Verbs*. Paper presented at the Tokyo Conference for Psycholinguistics (TCP) X, Tokyo, Japan.
- 2009 *Acquiring the Syntax and Semantics of Dutch Raising-Verbs*. Paper presented at the workshop Mind-Context Divide Workshop, Iowa City, USA.

- 2009 *Verb type determines when people move their eyes*. Poster presented at GALA (Generative Approaches to Language Acquisition), Lisbon, Portugal (with Pim Mak).
- 2008 *When do children acquire Dutch raising-verbs?* Poster presented at GALANA (generative approaches to language acquisition north America), University of Connecticut, USA.
- 2008 *Raising-Verbs in Dutch: Structure and Acquisition*. Paper presented at TiN-dag, Utrecht, The Netherlands.

Teaching

Courses

As Instructor

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| Spring 2017 | More Advanced Syntax (24.955) (with Sabine Iatridou), MIT. |
| Spring 2017 | Language Acquisition (24.904), MIT. |
| Fall 2016 | Language Acquisition (24.949), MIT. |
| September 2015 | Seminar on Universal Grammar (with Stephen Crain and Rosalind Thornton), Macquarie University. |
| February 2015 | Seminar on Eye-Tracking (with Martin Hackl and Leo Rosenstein), 1-week hands-on mini course for graduate students, MIT. |
| Spring 2015 | Lectures on the Foundations of Syntax (with Michael Iverson), Series of lectures for graduate students, Macquarie University. |
| Fall 2013 | De Toren van Babel, Introduction to linguistics (BA), Utrecht University (with Joost Zwarts and Jacomine Nortier). |
| Fall 2013 | Taal, mens en maatschappij, Introduction to linguistics (BA), Utrecht University. |

- Spring 2013 Perspectieven op de Taalwetenschap, Perspectives on linguistics (advanced BA course in linguistics) (with Martin Everaert), Utrecht University.
- Spring 2013 Inleiding ATW, Introduction to Linguistics (BA) (with Marijana Marelj and Sander van der Harst), Utrecht University.
- Fall 2012 Perspectieven op de Taalwetenschap, Perspectives on linguistics (advanced BA course in linguistics) (with Martin Everaert), Utrecht University.
- Fall 2012 Inleiding ATW, Introduction to Linguistics (BA) (with Marijana Marelj and Sander van der Harst), Utrecht University.
- Fall 2012 Basiscursus Taalkundig Onderzoek, BA course on experimental methods in linguistic research (with Shalom Zuckerman), Utrecht University.

As TA:

- Fall 2008 Foundations of Linguistics, primary instructors: Iris Mulders, Eric Reuland and Eddy Ruys, Utrecht University.
- Fall 2007 Inleiding ATW, primary instructor Frank Wijnen, Utrecht University.
- Spring 2007 Inleiding Taalontwikkeling, Introduction to language acquisition, primary instructor Jacqueline van Kampen, Utrecht University.
- 2005-7 Inleiding ATW, primary instructors Frank Wijnen, Hans Van de Velde and Hugo Quené, Utrecht University. (3x)

Supervision

- 2014 Nina Sangers, BA-thesis-supervisor: de eerste taalverwerving van het Nederlandse passief (*Acquisition of the Dutch passive*).
- 2013 Babet Jacobs, BA-thesis-supervisor: Het lidwoord en het adjectief bij tweede taalleerders. (*The article and the adjective in second language learners*)

- 2011 Ilse Meerkerk, internship co-supervisor (with Pim Mak). *Eye-tracking experiment on Spanish Verbs*.
- 2011 Rianne Oostwoud Wijdenes, MA-thesis co-supervisor (with Pim Mak). *Processing Passive Verbs*.
- 2010 Annemarie Lucassen, internship co-supervisor (with Pim Mak). *Processing Intransitive Verbs in Spanish*,

Academic Service

Occasional reviewer for:

Linguistic Inquiry, Journal of Experimental Psychology, Lingua, Language Learning and Development, BUCLD, FASAL, NELS.

Other Service:

- 2015 CLaS-CCD Eye tracking workshop: Language, vision, perception and their interface, Organizing Committee.
- 2010 – 2012 AiO (assistant in training) Representative, Utrecht University, Human Sciences.
- 2008 – 2010 UiL-OTS Psycholinguistics Newsletter Correspondent.
- 2008 EMLAR V (Experimental Methods of Language Acquisition Research), Organizing Committee.
- 2007 – 2008 UiL-OTS Kermit-Lectures co-organizer (lectures on formal syntax), Utrecht University.

Languages

Fluent: Dutch (native), English

Basic: Spanish, German, French, Python, R