

# FENNA BERGSMA

## Personal

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## Current position

10/2021- Researcher, Fryske Akademy, Leeuwarden

## Previous position

09/2020-09/2023 Lecturer, Universiteit van Amsterdam

## Education

10/2017-03/2021 PhD LINGUISTICS, Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt - *summa cum laude*  
Research Training Group on Nominal Modification  
Dissertation: *Case competition in headless relatives* (defended on 17/12/2021)

09/2019, 02/2019-04/2019 research stay at Masarykova univerzita, Brno

03/2018-05/2018 research stay at University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia

08/2018 EGG summer school 2018, University of Banja Luka

08/2017 EGG summer school 2017, Univerzita Palackého v Olomouci

09/2013-08/2015 Research Master LINGUISTICS, Universiteit van Amsterdam  
Thesis: *To serve double duty under syncretism - How Nanosyntax and grafting account for the free relative construction*

09/2010-08/2013 Bachelor LINGUISTICS, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen - *cum laude*  
Thesis: *Does Knowledge about Phonological Correspondences Contribute to the Intelligibility of a Related Language? A Study with Speakers of Dutch Learning Frisian.*

## Publications

- to appear Bergsma, Fenna. The R-pronoun and postposition *waar mee* in Dutch. In: E. Anagnostopoulou and C. Sevdali. *On the place of case in grammar*.
- 2023 Bergsma, Fenna, Anne Merkuur, Jan Don and Meg Smith. Inflectional classes without class features. *Acta Linguistica Academica*, 70(3), 355-371. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1556/2062.2023.00630>
- 2022 Bergsma, Fenna and Eric Hoekstra. [Review of: Myrthe Coret-Bergstra, *Infinitival Innovations. A case study on Frisian-Dutch language contact*.] *Us Wurk. Tydskrift foar frisistyk*. 71, 3-4, 176-184.
- 2019 Bergsma, Fenna. Mismatches in free relatives - grafting nanosyntactic trees. *Glossa: A Journal of General Linguistics* 4(1), 119. DOI: <http://doi.org/10.5334/gjgl.821>
- 2019 Bergsma, Fenna. [The Role of Prepositions in Case Mismatches in Free Relatives](#). In: A. Creemers and C. Richter. *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics* 25.1. 41-50.
- 2014 Bergsma, Fenna, Femke Swarte and Charlotte Gooskens. Does Instruction about Phonological Correspondences Contribute to the Intelligibility of a Related Language? A Study with Speakers of Dutch Learning Frisian. *Dutch Journal of Applied Linguistics*, 3(1), 45-61. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1075/dujal.3.1.03ber>

## Talks

### INVITED TALKS

- 2018 “*Waarmee* and *met wat* in Dutch free relatives”, *Oberseminar English Linguistics (Syntax-Semantics)*, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, October 30.
- 2018 “Grafting nanosyntactic trees: an analysis of case mismatches in free relatives”, *Kolloquium Topics in syntax and its interfaces*, Universität Leipzig, June 26.

### CONFERENCE TALKS (PEER-REVIEWED)

- 2022 “Morphological classes without class-features”, *IMM20: 20th International Morphology Meeting*, Budapest, September 1 - 4. With Anne Merkuur, Jan Don and Meg Smith
- 2019 “Gender: a matter of size – on individuation, mass and diminutives in Dutch”, *SinFonIJA 12*, Masarykova univerzita, September 12 - 14. With Jan Don
- 2019 “Verum focus in Frisian”, poster at *GLOW 42*, Universitetet i Oslo, May 7-11.
- 2019 “PPs and DPs in non-matching free relatives”, *Exploring Nanosyntax, LSA annual meeting*, New York, January 3-6.
- 2018 “PPs and DPs in free relatives: *waarmee* and *met wat* in Dutch”, *On the place of case in grammar (PlaCiG)*, Rethymnon, October 18-20.
- 2018 “Case mismatches in free relative constructions”, *CGG 28*, Universitat Rovira i Virgili, May 30-June 1.

- 2018 “Mismatches in free relatives”, *GLOW 41*, Research Institute for Linguistics of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, April 10-14.
- 2018 “The power of syncretisms: how syncretisms can serve double duty”, *Penn Linguistics Conference 42*, University of Pennsylvania, March 23-25.
- 2018 “Syncretism = shared syntax + shared spellout” *ConSOLE XXVI*, University College London, February 14-16.
- 2016 “To serve double duty under syncretism” *ConSOLE XXIV*, University of York and York St John University, January 6-8. With Jan Don
- 2015 “To serve double duty under syncretism” *Morphologydays 2015*, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, December 17-18. With Jan Don
- 2013 “Does Knowledge About Linguistic Differences Contribute to Receptive Multilingualism? - A Pilot Study with Speakers of Dutch Learning Frisian” *ExAPP 2013: Experimental Approaches to Perception and Production of Language Variation*, Københavns Universitet, March 20.

#### OTHER TALKS (NON PEER-REVIEWED)

- 2023 “Breaking in Adjectives in Modern West Frisian” *Dei fan de Fryske Taalkunde*, Leeuwarden, October 6. With Kyle Fingerhut, Martijn Kingma and Marijn van 't Veer
- 2023 “Weak and strong determiners in Frisian” *Dei fan de Fryske Taalkunde*, Leeuwarden, October 6. With Anne Merkuur
- 2023 “Weak and strong determiners in Frisian” *Morfologiedagen*, Münster, October 5. With Anne Merkuur
- 2022 “Frisian verb classes without class-features” *Resilience in Frisian Humanities: 2nd Conference on Frisian Humanities*, Leeuwarden, September 15. With Anne Merkuur, Meg Smith and Jan Don
- 2015 “(De) Mij(n(e(s))) - Complex Possessives in Dutch” *Taalkunde in Nederland-dag 2015*, Universiteit Utrecht, February 7. With Yvonne van Baal and Jan Don
- 2013 “How does reality influence performance on false belief tasks?” *34th TABU Dag 2013*, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, June 14. With Jidde Jacobi, Maike Tromp, Maret Hans and Bart Hollebrandse
- 2013 “Does Knowledge About Linguistic Differences Contribute to Receptive Multilingualism? - A Pilot Study with Speakers of Dutch Learning Frisian” *Anéla/Viot Juniorendag 2013*, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, March 3.
- 2012 “Interventiemethoden voor receptieve meertaligheid - Een case study met Nederlanders die Fries leren verstaan.” *Dei fan de Fryske Taalkunde 2012*, Fryske Akademy, December 14.

## Teaching experience

02/2021-03/2021, 02/2022-03/2022, 02/2023-03/2023	<i>Morphology</i> , seminars in BA course Universiteit van Amsterdam
01/2021, 01/2022, 01/2023	<i>Syntax</i> , seminars in BA course Universiteit van Amsterdam
02/2021-05/2021, 02/2022-05/2022	<i>Linguistics</i> Amsterdam University College
09/2021-10/2021, 09/2020-10/2020	<i>Introduction to linguistics</i> , seminars in BA course Universiteit van Amsterdam
06/2021	<i>First Year Group Project</i> , in BA course Universiteit van Amsterdam
04/2019-07/2019	<i>DP Morphology</i> , MA course Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt
02/2012-04/2012	Teaching assistant, <i>Statistics</i> (SPSS practicals) Rijksuniversiteit Groningen

## Organization

2019	Co-organizer, <i>Workshop on formal and experimental approaches to adjectival modification</i> , January 31- February 1, Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt
2019	Co-organizer, <i>45th conference Generative Grammar in the South</i> , July 19-21, Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt

## Relevant non-academic work experience

03/2017-10/2017, 09/2015-09/2016	Project manager at Stichting Praktijkleren, Amersfoort
09/2006-09/2015	Developer of teaching materials at Stichting Praktijkleren, Amersfoort

## Languages

native:	Frisian, Dutch
fluent:	English, German