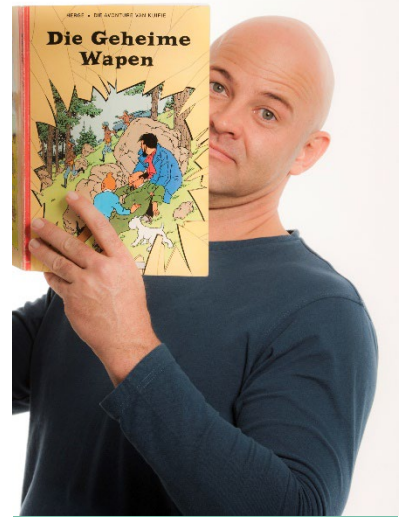


# CURRICULUM VITAE

Gerhard van Huyssteen (52) is a professor of Afrikaans linguistics and computer linguistics at the North-West University. He served on the Language Commission of the South African Academy for Science and the Arts from 2005-2021, and was elected chair from 2013-2021. From 2009-2014 he served on the panel of human language technology experts of the Department of Arts and Culture. He is the recipient of the Elizabeth Eybers Scholarship, the CL Engelbrecht Prize for Linguistic Research for his contribution to the publication of the tenth edition of the "Afrikaanse woordelys en spelreëls", and the recipient of the Stals Prize for inter- and multidisciplinary research. Van Huyssteen is best known for his contribution as a linguist in the development of text technology applications and various electronic resources for Afrikaans, as well as for his language quiz programs on Radio Sonder Grense and kykNET, his columns for Beeld / Netwerk24, and four podcast series on language and linguistic issues.

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## Summary and highlights

- Age : 52
- Highest Qualification : Phd
- Present Position : Research professor
- Employer : North-West University, Potchefstroom, South Africa
- NRF Rating : B2 (“Internationally Recognized Researcher”)
- Fields of Specialisation : Cognitive grammar, construction morphology, Afrikaans grammar, swearing, digital humanities, human language technology applications
  
- Number of Peer-reviewed Publications: Local : 39
- Number of Peer-reviewed Publications: International : 34
- Number of Products/Software Packages : 35
- Postgraduate Students: Completed : 18
- Postgraduate Students: Present : 3
- Number of Conference Presentations: Local : 50+ (see [addendum for a selection of references](#))
- Number of Conference Presentations: International : 50+ (see [addendum for a selection of references](#))
- Years of Teaching Experience : 29
- Career Highlights :
  - Since 1999, accumulated 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th stream income in excess of **R93 million (see p. 11 for details)**
  - Former chair of the Technical Committee on Standardisation (“Taalkommissie”) of PanSALB / Suid-Afrikaanse Akademie vir Wetenskap en Kuns
  - Founding member of Centre for Text Technology (CTexT; North-West University), and Virtual Institute for Afrikaans (VivA)
  - Guest editor for special editions on human language technology in South Africa of *Southern African Linguistics and Applied Language Studies* (2003) and *Literator* (2007)
  - Awarded the Elisabeth Eybers Bursary by the “Suid-Afrikaanse Akademie vir Wetenskap en Kuns” (2003), the CL Engelbrecht Prize for Scientific Language Research (2009), and the Stals Prize for Multi- and Interdisciplinary Research (2015).
  - Received awards for excellence in teaching (1997, 1999, 2001)

## Personal information

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- First name : Gerhard
- Identity number : 701104 5029 08 9
- Date of Birth : 04 November 1970
- Place of Birth : Kroonstad, Free State
- Nationality : South African

## Summary of qualifications

- 2000: Philosophiae Doctor (North-West University)
- 1995: Magister Artium (*cum laude*) (University of Pretoria)
- 1992: Baccalaureus Artium Honores (University of Pretoria)
- 1991: Baccalaureus Artium (University of Pretoria)

## Education

*1997 - 2000*

*Potchefstroom University for Christian Higher Education, POTCHEFSTROOM, South Africa*

- 1997 - 2000: **Philosophiae Doctor**
  - *Die reduplikasiekonstruksie in Afrikaans: aspekte van 'n kognitiewe gebruiksgebaseerde beskrywingsraamwerk vir Afrikaans [The reduplication construction in Afrikaans: aspects of a cognitive usage-based model for Afrikaans]* – under supervision of Proff. DP Wissing (PUCHE, South Africa), A Verhagen (UL, The Netherlands) and A Carstens (UP, South Africa)

*1989 - 1995*

*University of Pretoria, PRETORIA, South Africa*

- 1993 - 1995: **Magister Artium (*cum laude*)**
  - Dissertation: *'n Kognitief-pragmatiese perspektief op seksuele uitdrukkings in Afrikaans [A Cognitive-pragmatic perspective on sexual expressions in Afrikaans]* – under supervision of Prof. A Carstens (UP, South Africa)
- 1992: **Baccalaureus Artium Honores (Afrikaans)**
  - Diachronic linguistics
  - Language politics
  - Lexicography
  - Afrikaans prose
- Afrikaans Drama 1989 - 1991: **Baccalaureus Artium**
  - Afrikaans III
  - English III
  - Drama II
  - History of Culture I
  - Philosophy I

## Professional experience

*1994 - present*

*North-West University, POTCHEFSTROOM, South Africa*

- Research Professor (2010-present)
- Extraordinary Professor (2008-2010)
- Head: Centre for Text Technology (2004-2008)
- Professor (2008)
- Associate Professor (2005-2007)
- Senior Lecturer (2001-2004)
- Lecturer (1996-2000)
- Junior Lecturer (1994-1995)

*2015 – 2018*

*Virtual Institute for Afrikaans (VivA), South Africa*

- Executive director (2015-2018)

*2008 - 2010*

*Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR): Meraka Institute (African Advanced Institute for Information and Communications Technology), PRETORIA, South Africa*

- Research Group Leader: Human Language Technologies Group (2008-2010)

*1992 - 1994*

*University of Pretoria, PRETORIA, South Africa*

- Junior Lecturer
- Head tutor
- Teaching assistant

## Research

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### Research areas

- Computational linguistics: Human language technology (resources and applications), text technologies, e-lexicography, digital humanities, corpus linguistics
- Cognitive linguistics: Cognitive grammar, construction grammar, Afrikaans grammar (specifically morphology), constructicography, swearing and taboo language

### Rating by National Research Foundation

- 2023 – 2028: **B2** (“Internationally Recognized Researcher”)
- 2011 – 2022: **C2** (“Established Researcher”)
- 2006 – 2010: **Y2** (“Promising Young Researcher”)

### Research profiles

- Links to research profiles (Google Scholar, Scopus, Academia, Research Gate, Impactio, Orchid ID, and Web of Science) are available at <https://gerhard.pro/cv-profiles/>.

## Selection of peer-reviewed publications

See [online PDF](#) for a complete list.

### Computational linguistics

#### *International*

- Eiselen, Roald, and Van Huyssteen, Gerhard B. 2021. Using ordinal logistic regression to analyse self-reported usage of, and attitudes towards swearwords. *Proceedings of the International Conference of the Digital Humanities Association of Southern Africa 2021*, South Africa, DHASA.
- Breed, A, Fouché, N, Brink, N, Coetzee, M, Erasmus, C, Kapp, S, Pilon, S, Van Huyssteen, GB, Wierenga, R. 2021. Content developers as stakeholders in the blended learning ecosystem: The Virtual Institute for Afrikaans' Language Education Portal as a case study. Bosch, C, Laubscher, DJ and Kyei-Blankson, L. (eds.) *Re-Envisioning and Restructuring Blended Learning for Underprivileged Communities*. ISBN: 9781799869405. Hershey: IGI Global. pp. 124-144. DOI: 10.4018/978-1-7998-6940-5.ch007.
- Van Huyssteen, GB & Griesel, M. 2015. Translation technology in South Africa. In: Chan, S-W. (ed.). *Routledge Encyclopedia of Translation Technology*. ISBN: 978-0-415-52484-1. New York: Routledge. pp. 327-336.
- Van Huyssteen, GB & Verhoeven, B. 2014. A Taxonomy for Afrikaans and Dutch compounds. In: *Proceedings of the 25th International Conference on Computational Linguistics (COLING 2014): The First Workshop on Computational Approaches to Compound Analysis (ComAComA)*. ISBN: 978-1-873769-43-0. 21-22 August. Dublin, Ireland. pp. 31-40. [Available:] <http://www.aclweb.org/anthology/W/W14/W14-5704.pdf>.
- Sharma Grover, A, Van Huyssteen, GB & Pretorius, MW. 2011a. The South African Human Language Technology Audit. *Language Resources and Evaluation*. DOI: 10.1007/s10579-011-9151-2. ISSN: 1574-020X. 45(3): 271-288.
- Van Huyssteen, GB & Davel, M. 2010. Learning Rules and Categorization Networks for Language Standardization. In: *Proceedings of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL) Workshop on Extracting and Using Constructions in Computational Linguistics*. 6 June. Los Angeles, USA. pp 39-46. [Web: [www.aclweb.org/anthology/W/W10/W10-0806](http://www.aclweb.org/anthology/W/W10/W10-0806)].
- Barnard, E, Davel, M & Van Huyssteen, GB. 2010. Speech Technology for Information Access: a South African Case Study. In: *Proceedings of the AAAI Symposium on Artificial Intelligence for Development*. 23-24 March. Stanford University, USA. [Web: [aiid.org/pdfs/Barnard.pdf](http://aiid.org/pdfs/Barnard.pdf)].

#### *Local*

- Van Huyssteen, GB, Botha, M, en Antonites, A. 2016. Die Virtuele Instituut vir Afrikaans (VivA) en markbehoefte in die Afrikaanse gemeenskap [The Virtual Institute for Afrikaans (Viva) and market needs in the Afrikaans community]. *Tydskrif Vir Geesteswetenskappe*, 56(2-1), 410–437. <http://doi.org/doi.10.17159/2224-7912/2016/v56n2-1a8>
- Heeringa, W, De Wet, F & Van Huyssteen, GB. 2015. Afrikaans and Dutch as closely-related languages: A comparison to West Germanic languages and Dutch dialects. DOI: 10.5842/47-0-649. *Stellenbosch Papers in Linguistics Plus*. 47: 1-18.
- Snyman, DP, Van Huyssteen, GB & Daelemans, W. 2014. Outomatiese genreklassifikasie vir Afrikaans [Automatic genre classification for Afrikaans]. DOI: 10.4102/satnt.v33i1.759. *Suid-Afrikaanse Tydskrif vir Natuurwetenskap en Tegnologie*. 33(1): 12 pp. [Web: <http://www.satnt.ac.za/index.php/satnt/article/view/759>].

## Cognitive linguistics

### *International*

- Van Huyssteen, Gerhard B. 2021. Swearing in South Africa: Multidisciplinary research on language taboos. ***Proceedings of the International Conference of the Digital Humanities Association of Southern Africa 2021***, South Africa (Virtual): DHASA.
- Trollip, EB & Van Huyssteen, GB. 2018. The linking morpheme in Afrikaans: a Cognitive Grammar description. ***SKASE Journal of Theoretical Linguistics*** [online]. 15(3): 37-70. Available on web page [http://www.skase.sk/Volumes/JTL38/pdf\\_doc/03.pdf](http://www.skase.sk/Volumes/JTL38/pdf_doc/03.pdf). ISSN 1336-782X.
- Van Huyssteen, GB. 2018. The 'Hulle' and 'Goed' constructions in Afrikaans. In: Booij, GE (ed.). ***The Construction of Words: Advances in Construction Morphology***. ISBN 978-3-319-74394-3. [[https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-74394-3\\_15](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-74394-3_15)] Dordrecht: Springer. pp. 399-437.
- Van Huyssteen, GB. 2010. (Re)defining Component Structures in Morphological Constructions: A Cognitive Grammar Perspective. In: Michel, S & Onysko, A (eds.). ***Cognitive Approaches to Word-Formation***. ISBN 978-3-11-022359-0. [<http://www.degruyter.com/view/product/42578?rskey=VKIfW8&result=2>] Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter. pp. 97-126.
- Van Huyssteen, GB. 2004. Motivating the composition of Afrikaans reduplications: a cognitive grammar analysis. In: Radden, G & Panther, K-U. (eds.). ***Studies in Linguistic Motivation***. ISBN: 3-11-018245-9. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter. pp. 269-292.

### *Local*

- Van Huyssteen, Gerhard B. 2022. Wat ons van 'fok' weet (en nie weet nie). ***LitNet Akademies (Geesteswetenskappe)*** 19(3):428-452.
- Van Huyssteen, Gerhard B., and Eiselen, Roald. 2021. Oor feekse en helleveë [On shrews and harridans]. ***Tydskrif vir Geesteswetenskappe*** 61:1129-1155.
- Van Huyssteen, GB. 2018b. Norme vir 'huidiglik'. [Norms for 'huidiglik']. <https://doi.org/10.4102/lit.v39i2.1526>. ***Literator***. 39(2):a1526.
- Van Huyssteen, GB. 2018c. 'n Korpusondersoek na 'huidiglik'. [A corpus exploration of 'huidiglik']. <https://doi.org/10.4102/lit.v39i2.1527>. ***Literator***. 39(2):a1527.
- Taalkommissie van die Suid-Afrikaanse Akademie vir Wetenskap en Kuns. (comp.). 2017. ***Afrikaanse woordelys en spelreëls***. [Afrikaans wordlist and spelling rules]. Eleventh edition. ISBN (printed): 978-1-86890-207-1; ISBN (online): 978-1-86890-208-8. Kaapstad: Pharos.
- Van Huyssteen, GB. 2017. Die aard, doel en omvang van die Afrikaanse Woordelys en Spelreëls. Deel 1. [The nature, goal and scope of the Afrikaanse Woordelys en Spelreëls. Part 1]. ***Tydskrif vir Geesteswetenskappe***. 57(2-1):323-345. doi.10.17159/2224-7912/2017/v57n2-1a7.
- Van Huyssteen, GB. 2017. Opname- en elimineringskriteria vir die Afrikaanse Woordelys en Spelreëls: Die geval emeritus. Deel 2. [Inclusion and elimination criteria for the Afrikaans Wordlist and Spelling Rules: The case of emeritus. Part 2]. ***Tydskrif vir Geesteswetenskappe***. 57(2-1):346-368. doi.10.17159/2224-7912/2017/v57n2-1a8.
- Van Huyssteen, GB. 2017. Morfologie. [Morphology]. In: Carstens, WAM & Bosman, N. (reds.). ***Kontemporêre Afrikaanse Taalkunde***. [Contemporary Afrikaans Linguistics]. Second edition. ISBN 978-0-627-03437-4. Pretoria: Van Schaik Uitgewers. pp. 177-214.
- Van Huyssteen, GB. 2016. Die ortografiese realisering van komposita met en afleidings van multiwoordeiname. [The orthographical realisation of compounds with and derivations of multiword proper names]. ***LitNet Akademies (Geesteswetenskappe)***. 13(3). ISSN 1995-5928. Available at: <http://www.litnet.co.za/die-ortografiese-realisering-van-komposita-met-en-afleidings-van-multiwoordeiname/>.

## Selection of products, patents and copyright

See [online PDF](#) for details, as well as a complete list.

- Van Huyssteen, Gerhard B. 2021. Afrikaans stoplist for corpus research 1.0. DOI: 10.25388/nwu.14724204. Potchefstroom: North-West University.
- Van Huyssteen, GB. (ed.). 2020. Taalportaal: Afrikaans phonology, morphology, and syntax. Version 1.0. DOI: 10.25388/nwu.12689267. Taalportaal Consortium. [<http://bit.ly/taalportaal-afr>].
- Van Huyssteen, GB. 2020. "Afrikaans morphology." Taalportaal. Version 1.0. Taalportaal Consortium. [<http://bit.ly/taalportaal-afr-morphology>]
- Van Huyssteen, GB. 2019. Website: vloek.co.za. Available: <https://vloek.co.za>. Pretoria: Viridevert NPC.
- Van Huyssteen, GB, Coetzee, M, Eiselen, ER, Fourie, W, Hocking, J, Lavangee, I, Puttkammer, MJ and Van der Walt, C. 2015. *VivA interfaces 1.0*. Johannesburg: Virtual Institute for Afrikaans (VivA).
- Van Huyssteen, GB, Daelemans, W, Van Zaanen, MM, Verhoeven, B. 2014. *Resources for Compound Processing*. North-West University: Potchefstroom, South Africa; University of Antwerp: Antwerp, Belgium; University of Tilburg: Tilburg, The Netherlands. [Available:] <https://sourceforge.net/projects/aucopro/>.
- Taalkommissie van die Suid-Afrikaanse Akademie vir Wetenskap en Kuns. 2011. *Taalkommissiekorpus 1.1*. Potchefstroom: Centre for Text Technology (CTeX), North-West University.
- Centre for Text Technology (CTeX). 2008. *Afrikaanse SkryfGoed 2008, including Afrikaanse Speltoetser 3.1, Afrikaanse Grammatikatoetser 1.0, Tesourus 1.0 en Woordafbreker*. (Project leader, in collaboration with, amongst others,). Potchefstroom: NWU.

## Selection of other publications

See [online PDF](#) for details, as well as a complete list.

- Van Huyssteen, Gerhard B. 2022. Kan godslastering ooit humoristies wees? [Can blasphemy ever be humorous?]. In Vloekcoza research blog. <https://vloek.co.za/blogs/navorsing/kan-godslastering-humoristies-wees>.
- Virtuele Instituut vir Afrikaans (VivA). 2022. Sintaksisterminologie vir die Algemene Afrikaanse Grammatika [Syntax terminology for the Algemene Afrikaans Grammatika], eds. Adri Breed et al. <https://viva-afrikaans.org>.
- Van Huyssteen, GB. 2020. Sake voortspruitend: 'n Reaksie op Michael le Cordeur se hervormingstrategie vir die Afrikaans-skoolkurrikulum. Research blog. LitNet Akademies en skole. 04 November. <https://www.litnet.co.za/sake-voortspruitend-n-reaksie-op-michael-le-cordeur-se-hervormingstrategie-vir-die-afrikaans-skoolkurrikulum/>.
- Verhoeven, B, Van Huyssteen, GB, Van Zaanen, MM & Daelemans, W. 2014. Annotation Guidelines for Compound Analysis. In: *CLiPS Technical Report Series (CTRS)*. Number 5. ISSN: 2033-3544. Antwerp: University of Antwerp. [Available:] <http://www.clips.ua.ac.be/ctrs/annotation-guidelines-for-compound-analysis>.
- Van Huyssteen, GB. 2008. *Bluff Your Way Through Cognitive Grammar (aka Cognitive Grammar for Dummies)*. Special 6 hour tutorial organised by "Centrum voor Nederlandse Taal en Spraak". University of Antwerp, ANTWERP, Belgium. 12-13 June 2008. Slides available at: <https://gerhard.pro>.

## Selection of popular science communication

See [online PDF](#) for details, as well as a complete list.

- 2020 – present: Co-conceptualiser and co-host of a podcast series, #HoeNou?!, on everyday ordinary things and where they and their names originated
  - Sponsorship by Afrikaans.com (R200,000)
  - Co-conceptualiser and co-host: Su-an Müller-Marais
  - Broadcast on more than 30 regional radio stations in South Africa and Namibia, with a joint listenership of almost 1 million
- 2020 – present: Conceptualiser and co-host of a podcast series, *Wat de vloekwoord?!*, on swear words in Afrikaans
  - Co-host: Elmarie Claassens
  - Available: <https://anchor.fm/vloekcoza>
- 2000 – present: Regular guest in radio and TV programmes on (Afrikaans) language matters
  - Some samples available here: <https://gerhard.pro/public-media/>
- 2016 – 2019: Columnist for Beeld and Netwerk24
  - More than hundred editions on all kinds of language matters published
  - Available as blogs: <https://viva-afrikaans.org/lees-luister/blog>
- 2017: Conceptualiser and co-host of a podcast series on the eleventh edition of the *Afrikaanse woordelys en spelreëls*
  - 24 episodes
  - Co-host: Suléne Pilon
  - Available: <https://iono.fm/c/3183>
- 2015 – 2018: Initiator, conceptualiser and co-presenter of *Op die Spel*, a television game show focussing on Afrikaans spelling
  - Three seasons
  - Co-host: Rian van Heerden
  - Produced by Homebrew Films
  - Some samples available here: <https://gerhard.pro/public-media/>

## Keynote papers, invited talks, and guest lectureships

See [online PDF](#) for an extended list of other conference presentations.

### Computational linguistics

- Van Huyssteen, GB. 2015a. *Nuwe digitale ontwikkelinge in Afrikaans* [New digital developments in Afrikaans]. Invited talk. UP Lenteseminaar vir Afrikaansonderwysers [UP spring seminar for Afrikaans teachers]. University of Pretoria, Pretoria, South Africa. 18 September.
- Van Huyssteen, GB. 2015b. *Afrikaans negentig - Afrikaans digitaal* [Afrikaans ninety - Afrikaans digital]. Keynote address. Gents colloquium over het Afrikaans [Ghent colloquium on Afrikaans]. University of Ghent, Ghent, Belgium. 23 October.
- Van Huyssteen, GB. 2008. *Oor modelle* [On models]. Inaugural lecture. North-West University, POTCHEFSTROOM, South Africa. 19 September 2008.



## Cognitive linguistics

- Van Huyssteen, Gerhard B. 2022. *Suid-Afrikaanse Taalkunde: Vloek in Afrikaans [South African Linguistics: Swearing in Afrikaans]*. Guest lectureship. Leiden: Leiden University.
- Van Huyssteen, Gerhard B. 2022. *Drie duisend f-bomme en granate: Temas in vergelykende vloekkunde [Three thousand f-bombs and grenades: Themes in comparative maledictology]*. In Keynote speaker: Conference of the Suid-Afrikaanse Vereniging vir Neerlandistiek [South African Society for Dutch Studies]. Nijmegen: Radboud University.
- Van Huyssteen, GB. 2020. *Wat de vloekwoord?! [What the swearword?!]*. Jaarlikse Skrywersdag [Annual Writer's Day]. Faculty of Education, North-West University, Potchefstroom, South Africa. 19 February.
- Van Huyssteen, GB. 2019. *Vloek met flair [Swear with flair]*. Virtual Institute for Afrikaans's symposium on swearing. Pretoria, South Africa. 15 November.
- Van Huyssteen, GB. 2017. *Die nuwe Afrikaanse woordelys en spelreëls [The new Afrikaans wordlist and spelling rules]*. Invited talk. UP Lenteseминаar vir Afrikaansonderwysers [UP spring seminar for Afrikaans teachers]. University of Pretoria, Pretoria, South Africa. 15 September.
- Van Huyssteen, GB. 2008. *Afrikaanse Taalkunde in 't Elektroniese Tijdperk [Afrikaans linguistics in the digital era]*. Guest lectureship at University of Antwerp, ANTWERP, Belgium. April-August.

## Supervision of postgraduate students

### Completed

1. 2020-2022: M-M van der Merwe (Magister Artium in Afrikaans *cum laude* (81%)) (co-supervisor; Main supervisor: Ms. S Pilon)  
*Prototipiese Afrikaanse taboewoorde [Prototypical Afrikaans taboo words]*
2. 2017-2022: B Trollip (PhD in Afrikaans Linguistics)  
*Morfologiese evalueringskonstruksies in Afrikaans [Morphological evaluation constructions in Afrikaans]*
3. 2019 – 2021: M Rabie (Magister Artium in General Linguistics *cum laude* (78%)) (co-supervisor; Main supervisor: Ms. N Brink)  
*Kodewisseling in Afrikaans-Nederlandse kinders se spraak [Code-switching in the speech of Afrikaans-Dutch children]*
4. 2015 – 2016: B Trollip (Magister Artium in General Linguistics) (Co-supervisor: Prof F Hinskens, Meertens Institute, AMSTERDAM, The Netherlands)  
*'n Beskrywing van die valensiemorfeem in Afrikaans vanuit 'n kognitiewe gebruiksgebaseerde beskrywingsraamwerk [A description of the valence morpheme in Afrikaans from a cognitive usage-based descriptive framework]*
5. 2006 – 2014: MJ Puttkammer (Philosophiae Doctor) (Co-supervisor: Prof E Barnard, North-West University, VANDERBIJLPARK, South Africa)  
*Efficient development of human language technology resources for resource-scarce languages*
6. 2005 – 2014: AP Butler (Magister Artium in General Linguistics *cum laude* (80%))  
*Die deelwoord in Afrikaans: perspektiewe vanuit 'n kognitiewe gebruiksgebaseerde beskrywingsraamwerk [The participle in Afrikaans: perspectives from a cognitive usage-based descriptive framework]*
  - Awarded Marius Jooste Medal for best MA thesis in Afrikaans & Dutch at the North-West University

7. 2005 – 2013: ER Eiselen (Philosophiae Doctor) (Co-supervisor: Ms L. Taylor-Hickl, SEATTLE, United States of America)  
*Establishing NLP evaluation reliability through linear regression modelling*
8. 2011 – 2012: DP Snyman (Magister Artium in General Linguistics *cum laude* (75%)) (Co-supervisor: Prof. W Daelemans, University of Antwerp, ANTWERP, Belgium)  
*Outomatiese genreklassifikasie vir hulpbronskaars tale [Automatic genre classification for resource-scarce languages]*
9. 2008 – 2012: A Breed (Philosophiae Doctor) (Supervisor: Prof. F Brisard, University of Antwerp, ANTWERP, Belgium)  
*Die grammatikalisering van aspek in Afrikaans: 'n semantiese studie van perifrastiese progressiewe konstruksies [The grammaticalisation of aspect in Afrikaans: a semantic study of periphrastic progressive constructions]*
10. 2009 – 2010: G Schlunz (Magister Scientiae in Engineering *cum laude* (81%)) (Co-supervisor: Prof E Barnard, North-West University, VANDERBIJLPARK, South Africa)  
*The effects of part-of-speech tagging on text-to-speech synthesis for resource-scarce languages*
11. 2005 – 2008: C van Zyl (Magister Artium in General Linguistics *cum laude* (77%))  
*A Script Development Model for the Creation of Computer Games*
12. 2006 – 2007: S Raaff (Magister Artium in General Linguistics *cum laude* (81%)) (Co-supervisor; Supervisor: Prof. B van Rooy, North-West University, POTCHEFSTROOM, South Africa)  
*Automatic Genre Classification of English Students' Argumentative Essays Using Support Vector Machines*
13. 2005 – 2007: HJ Groenewald (Magister in Engineering *cum laude* (86%)) (Co-supervisors: Prof. ASJ Helberg, North-West University, POTCHEFSTROOM, South Africa; Prof. A. van den Bosch, University of Tilburg, TILBURG, The Netherlands)  
*Automatic Afrikaans Lemmatisation*
  - Best dissertation in Faculty of Engineering
14. 2005 – 2006: Y Trushkina (Postdoctoral Fellow)  
*A Fully Aligned Parallel Corpus of Afrikaans, English and Dutch*
15. 2004 – 2006: JH Brits (Magister Artium in General Linguistics *cum laude* (75%)) (Co-supervisor: Dr. R.S. Pretorius, North-West University, POTCHEFSTROOM, South Africa)  
*Outomatiese Setswana Lemma-identifisering [Automatic Setswana Lemmatisation]*
16. 2003 – 2006: MJ Puttkammer (Magister Artium in General Linguistics *cum laude* (80%)) (Co-supervisor: Dr. MM van Zaanen, University of Tilburg, TILBURG, The Netherlands)  
*Outomatiese Afrikaanse Tekseenheididentifisering [Automatic Afrikaans Tokenisation, Sentencisation and Named-Entity Recognition]*
  - Awarded with ABSA Bronze Medal for best MA student in all Humanities faculties of all campuses of the North-West University
17. 2003 – 2005: S Pilon (Magister Artium in General Linguistics *cum laude* (80%)) (Co-supervisor: Dr. MM van Zaanen, University of Tilburg, TILBURG, The Netherlands)  
*Outomatiese Afrikaanse Woordsoortetikettering [Automatic Afrikaans POS tagging]*
  - Awarded with ABSA Bronze Medal for best MA student in five Humanities faculties at the North-West University
  - Awarded Marius Jooste Medal for best MA thesis in Afrikaans & Dutch at the North-West University
18. 1997 – 1999: A Putter (Magister Artium Afrikaans *cum laude* (75%)) (Co-supervisor: Prof. A Carstens, University of Pretoria, PRETORIA, South Africa)  
*Verklaringsmeganismes in kinderwoordeboeke [Explanatory Mechanisms in Children's Dictionaries]*

## Ongoing

- 19.2018 – present: M Leyden (PhD in General Linguistics)
- 20.2020 – present: C Combrink (MA in General Linguistics) (co-supervisor)
- 21.2023 – present: Monique Rabé (PhD in General Linguistics)

## Awards, bursaries, funding and contracts

### Computational linguistics

- 2015: Stals Prize for Multi- and Interdisciplinary Research. Awarded by the “Suid-Afrikaanse Akademie vir Wetenskap en Kuns”.
  - Awarded every three years to a researcher or team for work of outstanding quality (preferably in Afrikaans) that made an eminent contribution to the practice of science through multi- and interdisciplinary research
- 2012-2014: NRF grant: *Utilising HLT resources* (main applicant) (**R670 000**; Grant number: 81794)
- 2013: Grant from European Network on Word Structure (NetWords) (European Science Foundation): *Aspects of Automatic Compound Processing*. (applicant) (**€1 775**; Grant number: 5570)
- 2012-2013: Grant from Dutch Language Union and Department of Arts and Culture (South African Government) for a project on the automatic processing of Afrikaans and Dutch compounds (main applicant) (**R250 000**)
- 2011/2: Grant from Department of Arts and Culture (South African Government) for the development of genre classification demonstrators for all South African languages (main applicant) (**R150 000**) (under auspices of Trifonius)
- 2010-2012: Contract with Department of Arts and Culture (South African Government) for the development of broadband speech resources for all South African languages for the National Centre for Human Language Technology (initiator, co-applicant and project leader) (**R7 000 000**)
- 2010-2012: Contract with Department of Arts and Culture (South African Government) for the development of speech technologies and applications for South African languages (initiator, co-applicant and project leader) (**R19 046 000**)
- 2009: Contract from National Indigenous Knowledge Systems Office (Department of Science and Technology) for investigation into multilingual solution (main applicant) (**R300 804**)
- 2008-2010: NRF grant: *HLT Resources for Closely-Related Languages* (main applicant) (**R694 996**; GUN: FA2007041600015)
- 2008: NRF grant from “Knowledge Interchange & Collaboration” fund for research visit to University of Antwerp, ANTWERP, Belgium (**R40 830**; supplemented with a further **R40 830** from North-West University)
- 2007-2009: Grant from Research Support Commission of the North-West University, for establishment of Resource Facility in the Centre for Text Technology (main applicant) (**R2 337 435**)
- 2006-2008: Contract with Microsoft (Ireland) for the development of spelling checkers for various African languages (amongst others, Igbo, Hausa, Kinyarwanda, Wolof, Yoruba) (initiator and main applicant) (**± R2 450 000**)
- 2006-2009: Contract with Department of Arts and Culture (South African Government) for the development of machine translation tools for South African languages (initiator and project leader) (**R8 800 000**)

- 2006-2008: Contract with Department of Arts and Culture (South African Government) for the development of spellings checkers for South African languages (initiator and project leader) (**R2 300 000**)
- 2006-2008: Contract with Meraka Institute (PRETORIA, South Africa) for development and management of speech data (initiator and main applicant) (**± R1 800 000**)
- 2006-2007: Grant from Department of Science and Technology (South African Government) for the development of an online lexical reference database for Afrikaans (initiator and main applicant) (**R138 000**)
- 2006: CText receives a Multilingualism Award from the Pan South African Language Board for the contribution to multilingualism in South Africa (Head: CText)
- 2005-2006: NRF grant: *Afrikaans Text Technology Modules* (**R373 000**; GUN: FA2004042900059)
- 2005: CText receives the Johan Kruger Award from the South African Translators' Institute for the contribution to multilingualism in South Africa (Head: CText)
- 2005: Grant from Chancellor's Trust Fund of the North-West University, for project: *A Computer Game for Teaching Afrikaans Spelling* (project leader) (**R20 000**)
- 2004-2006: Grant from Research Support Commission of the North-West University, for establishment of Centre for Text Technology (main applicant) (**R1 455 000**)
- 2004-2006: Grant from Bytes Document Solutions (Xerox) and Altron Charitable Trust, for establishment of Centre for Text Technology (delegated responsibility) (**R500 000**)
- 2004: Contract with Microsoft (Ireland) for the development of spelling checkers for Afrikaans, Sesotho sa Leboa, Setswana, isiXhosa and isiZulu (initiator and project leader) (**R1 821 000**)
- 2004: Contract with Microsoft (South Africa) for localisation of Windows and Office in Afrikaans and Setswana (initiator and project leader) (**R1 667 000**)
- 2004: NWU Focus Area project grant: *A Setswana spelling checker, based on morphological analysis* (**R20 000**)
- 2003-2004: NRF grant: *Afrikaans Computational Morphology* (**R136 000**; GUN: 2053435)
- 2002-2003: PUCHE Focus Area project grant: *'n Afrikaanse speltoetser, gebaseer op morfologiese analise* [An Afrikaans Spelling Checker, Based on Morphological Analysis] (**R40 000**)

## Cognitive linguistics

- 2019 – 2021: Research grant from the “Suid-Afrikaanse Akademie vir Wetenskap en Kuns” for a multidisciplinary research project on swearing in Afrikaans and other languages in its eco-system (**R150 000**)
- 2009: CL Engelbrecht Prize for Scientific Language Research. Awarded by the “Suid-Afrikaanse Akademie vir Wetenskap en Kuns” for *Afrikaanse Woordelys and Spelreëls*.
- 2005: NRF grant for attendance of an overseas conference (**R3 177**)
- 2003: Elisabeth Eybers Bursary. Awarded by the “Suid-Afrikaanse Akademie vir Wetenskap en Kuns” (awarded annually to a South African, Dutch or Belgian scholar working in linguistics or literary studies) (**R40 800**)
- 2003: NRF grant for attendance of an overseas conference (**R8 500**)
- 2001: NRF grant for attendance of an overseas conference (**R8 500**)
- 1999: SWO Bursary for Full-time Overseas Studies (**R42 000**)
- 1999: NZAV Bursary for Full-time studies in The Netherlands (**R20 000**)
- 1999: PUCHE Personnel Bursary for Overseas Studies (**R23 000**)

## Research projects

### Computational linguistics

- 2012 – 2014: **Project Leader:** Utilising HLT resources: Automatic Compound Processing. Project funded by NRF, and Dutch Language Union and Department of Arts and Culture (South African Government).
- 2010 – present: **Project Leader:** *Construction Morphology Toolkit*.
- 2011 – 2012: **Project Leader:** *Genre Classification for South African Languages*. Funded by Dutch Language Union, and Department of Arts and Culture (South Africa).
- 2008 – 2010: **Project Leader:** *HLT Resources for Closely-Related Languages*. NRF funded project. Includes research visit to University of Antwerp, ANTWERP, Belgium (April-August 2008)
- 2007 – 2008: **Project Leader:** *Development of spelling checkers and various machine translation tools for South African languages*. Funded by Department of Arts and Culture.
- 2006/7: **Project Leader:** *Development of an Afrikaans WordNet*. Funded by Department of Science and Technology.
- 2005: **Project Leader:** *Intelligent Computer-Assisted Language Learning for Eleven South African Languages (ICALLESAL)*.
- 2005: **Co-worker:** *A Hybrid Grapheme-to-Phoneme Converter for Afrikaans*. NRF funded project (Project Leader: DP Wissing)
- 2005 – 2006: **Project Leader:** *Development of Text Technology Modules for Afrikaans*. NRF funded project.
- 2004 – 2005: **Project Leader:** *Development of Spelling Checkers for Afrikaans, Setswana, Sesotho sa Leboa, isiZulu and isiXhosa for Microsoft® Office 2003*.
- 2003 – 2004: **Project Leader:** *Automatic Morphological Analysis for Afrikaans*. NRF funded project.
- 2001 – 2003: **Project Leader:** *Development of a Second Generation Spelling Checker for Afrikaans for Microsoft® Office 2000/XP/2003*.
- 2001 – 2002: **Co-worker:** *African Speech Technology Project* (in collaboration with University of Stellenbosch, STELLENBOSCH, South Africa)
- 2001 – 2002: **Co-worker:** *A Corpus of Tswana Learners' English*. NRF funded project (Project Leader: B van Rooy)

### Cognitive linguistics

- 2019 – present: *What the Swearword! Multidisciplinary research and scientific communication on cursing*. Partially funded by the “Suid-Afrikaanse Akademie vir Wetenskap en Kuns”. **Awaiting results of other funding applications.**
- 2003 – present: *Cognitive Afrikaans Morphology*. Includes research visits to University of Tilburg, TILBURG, The Netherlands (June-August 2004; funded with Elizabeth Eybers Bursary and NRF grant), and University of Antwerp, ANTWERP, Belgium (April-August 2008; funded with NRF grant and NWU funding).
- 2014 – 2020: *Taalportaal: Afrikaans Grammar*. Multinational project to write a comprehensive, comparative grammar of Afrikaans, together with Dutch and Frisian. Funded by the Virtual Institute for Afrikaans (VivA).
- 1996: *Intonation Patterns in Afrikaans Interrogatives*. Research visit to the University of Stuttgart, STUTTGART, Germany (in collaboration with Prof. DP Wissing, PUCHE, POTCHEFSTROOM, South Africa).
- 1992: *Cognitive Linguistic Aspects of Terms of Abuse, Swearing and Sexual Expressions*.

## Leadership positions

- 2005 – present: Member of the Technical Committee on Standardisation (“Taalkommissie”) of the Pan South African Language Board (PanSALB) and the “Suid-Afrikaanse Akademie vir Wetenskap en Kuns”.
  - 2010-2011: Secretary
  - 2012-2013: Vice-chairman
  - 2013-present: Chairman
- 2020 – present: Advisory board for Taalportaal spin-off project for African languages. Centre for South African Digital Language Resource.
- 2016 – present: Organising committee: Afrikaans Grammar Workshop
  - 2016: Johannesburg, South Africa
  - 2018: Ghent, Belgium
  - 2021: Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2020: User-interface advisory panel of the e-ANS (electronic grammar of Dutch). Institute for the Dutch Language (INT).
- 2017 – 2019: Non-executive director of the Afrikaanse Taal- en Kultuurvereniging (ATKV)
- 2015 – 2018: Executive director of the Virtual Institute for Afrikaans (VivA)
- 2010 – 2012: Fostering Language Resources Network (FLaReNet) international contact for South Africa (Contact person: Joseph Mariani)
- 2009 – 2014: Member of the human language technology expert panel of the Department of Arts and Culture.
- 2009-2010: Member of the National Research Foundation’s Assessment Panel for Literary Studies, Languages and Linguistics.
- 2003-2009: Convenor of the South African ISO mirror subcommittee SABS TC37/SC3: “Applications for Terminology Management”.
- 2008: Member of organising committee/convenor: *Workshop on HLT Collaboration between South Africa, The Netherlands and Belgium*. 21-22 November 2008, CAPE TOWN, South Africa.
- 2001 – 2008: Executive Committee of Research Unit 04 (North-West University)
- 2007: Organiser of *Workshop on Machine Translation in South Africa*. LSSA Conference. North-West University, POTCHEFSTROOM, South Africa. 4-6 July 2007.
- 2005: Conference programme committee of the Special Interest Group on Human Language Technology of the conference of the “African Languages Association of Southern Africa”.
- 2005: Member of the preparation committee of the “International Association of Morphologists” (on invitation as representative from Africa).
- 2003: Co-organiser of *Cognitive Linguistics in South Africa Colloquium*. 2 December. University of South Africa, PRETORIA, South Africa.
- 2001-2004: Member of *African Renaissance Workgroup* of the *National Science and Technology Forum*.
- 1998: Chair of Organising Committee for Linguistics conferences (AFRILEX, ALASA and LSSA Conferences), PUCHE, POTCHEFSTROOM, South Africa.
- 1993: LSSA Conference Organising Committee, University of Pretoria, PRETORIA, South Africa.

## Professional membership and editorial committees

- **Present membership:**
  - Suid-Afrikaanse Vereniging vir Neerlandistiek
- **Past membership:**
  - Suid-Afrikaanse Akademie vir Wetenskap en Kuns
  - Linguistic Society of Southern Africa
    - 1995 - 2006: Executive Committee
  - African Society for Lexicography
    - 1997 - 1999: Executive Committee
  - International Cognitive Linguistics Association
  - Association for Computational Linguistics
  - Association for Computing Machinery
- **Guest editor of:**
  - *Southern African Linguistics and Applied Language Studies*
    - Guest editor for a special edition on “Human Language Technology in South Africa: resources and applications”. 2003: 21(3).
  - *Literator*
    - Guest editor (jointly with Sonja Bosch) for a special edition on “Human Language Technology for South African languages”. 2008.
- **Regular reviewer for:**
  - *Tydskrif vir Geesteswetenskappe*
  - *Literator*
  - *LitNet Akademies*
- **Occasional reviewer for:**
  - *Morphology* (Springer Journals)
  - *Stellenbosch Papers in Linguistics (SPiL)*
  - *Southern African Linguistics and Applied Language Studies*
  - *Lexikos*
  - *South Africa Journal of Education*
  - *Tydskrif vir Natuurwetenskappe*
- Review contributions for various conferences, such as:
  - 2021: *North American Chapter: Association for Computational Linguistics Conference – Special Track: Teaching* (Programme Committee)
  - 2013 - 2015: *Association for Computational Linguistics Conference – Special Track: Language Resource Development* (Programme Committee)
  - 2006-2014: *Pattern Recognition Association of South Africa Conference*
  - 2011: Book about STEVIN programme of the Dutch Language Union
  - 2010: *Annual Conference of the South African Institute of Computer Scientists and Information Technologists* (Programme Committee)
  - 2010: *2<sup>nd</sup> Workshop on African Language Technology: AfLaT 2010* (Programme Committee)
  - 2010: *Conference of the Association for Computational Linguistics – Special Track: Machine Learning*
  - 2007: *Recent Advances in Natural Language Processing Conference*
  - 2007: *Linguistic Society of Southern Africa Conference*

- Review articles and contributions for various other journals and books
- Review book manuscripts for Stellenbosch University Press, and Lexington Books
- Review applications for NRF funding

## External examination

- 2021. M van Zyl (Magister in Linguistics) (North-West University)
  - *Linguistic densification in web-based English: comparing grammatical features of density across registers*
- 2020. R Boshoff (Magister in Linguistics) (North-West University)
  - *Verandering in deeltjies: Die ontwikkeling van die deeltjiewerkwoord in Afrikaans*
- 2018. IN Kotzé (Magister in Linguistics) (North-West University)
  - *’n Eeu van verandering in die gebruik van geselekteerde Afrikaanse voorsetsels en die moontlike rol van preskriptivisme daarin*
- 2016. RC Brink (Magister in Linguistics) (North-West University)
  - *Afrikaanssprekende kinders se eerste vorm-betekenis-passings*
- 2015. J Kirsten (PhD) (North-West University)
  - *Grammatikale verandering in Afrikaans van 1911 tot 2010*
- 2015. CF Rademan (Magister in Engineering) (University of Stellenbosch)
  - *Improving visual speech synthesis using decision tree models*
- 2012. YV Botha (PhD in Linguistics) (North-West University)
  - *Specification in the English nominal group with reference to student writing*
- 2010. M Partridge. (Magister in Linguistics) (North-West University)
  - *Specificity in lexical verbs: a corpus-based lexicological study*
- 2009. A Sharma Grover (Magister in Technology Management) (University of Pretoria)
  - *Technology Audit: The State of Human Language Technology R&D in South Africa*
- 2007. J Muhirwe (Doctorate of Philosophy in Computer Science) (Makerere University, Uganda)
  - *Computational Analysis of Bantu Language Morphology*
- 2006: BE Zawada (Doctor Litterarum et Philosophiae) (University of South Africa)
  - *Linguistic Creativity and Mental Representation with reference to Intercategorical Polysemy*
- 2004: M Altman (Magister Artium) (University of South Africa)
  - *Making Sense of Traditional Chinese Medicine: A Cognitive Semantic Approach*
- 1997: PA Louw (Magister Artium) (University of Stellenbosch)
  - *Kriteria vir ’n standaard vertalende woordeboek [Criteria for a Standard Bilingual Dictionary]*

## Conferences, workshops and courses attended

### Computational linguistics

- 2007: Machine Translation Summit XI. 10-14 September 2007. COPENHAGEN, Denmark.
- 2004: Association for Computational Linguistics Conference. 21-26 July. BARCELONA, Spain.
- 2002: Xerox Finite-State Tools. Training workshop under guidance of Ken Beasley. 21-25 October 2002. UNISA, PRETORIA, South Africa.



- 2001: Corpus Linguistics Conference, University of Lancaster, LANCASTER, Great Brittan.
- 2000: COLING Conference, University of Saarbrücken, SAARBRÜCKEN, Germany.

## Cognitive linguistics

- 2015: Word-formation Theories II. University of Prešov, PREŠOV, Slovakia. 26-28 June.
- 2012: 1st NetWords Summer School. DUBROVNIK, Croatia. 2-6 July 2012.
- 2008: Componet Congress On Compounding. University of Bologna, BOLOGNA, Italy. 6-7 June 2008.
- 2005: Word-Formation Theories Workshop. University of Prešov, PREŠOV, Slovakia. 25-26 June.
- 1999: LOT Winter School: course of Mira Ariel. University of Amsterdam, AMSTERDAM, The Netherlands.
- 1999: Course attended in “Language, culture and cognition”, presented by Arie Verhagen. University of Leiden, LEIDEN, The Netherlands.
- 1995: Summer School of the *Linguistic Society of America*, ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico, USA:
  - Ron Langacker: Introduction to the Theory of Cognitive Grammar
  - George Lakoff: The Metaphor System of English
  - Bernd Heine: Conceptual Sources of Grammar
  - Gilles Fauconnier: Cognitive Mappings in Semantics
- 1995: International Cognitive Linguistics Conference in ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico, USA.

# Teaching

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## Fields of teaching

- Human language technology and human-computer interface design
- Cognitive linguistics and Afrikaans grammar

## Awards

- 2001: Award for Outstanding Teaching, PUCHE, POTCHEFSTROOM, South Africa (**R12 000**)
- 1999: Award for Best Lecturer in the Faculty of Arts, awarded by the Academic Council of the Central Student Council, PUCHE, POTCHEFSTROOM, South Africa.
- 1997: Award for Outstanding Teaching, PUCHE, POTCHEFSTROOM, South Africa (**R3 000**)

## Guest lectureships

- 2022: University of Leiden, LEIDEN, The Netherlands (three months)
- 2018: University of Pretoria, PRETORIA, South Africa (one semester)
- 2008: University of Antwerp, ANTWERP, Belgium (three months)

## Committees and councils

- 2003-2004: Teaching Committee: Faculty of Arts (PUCHE)
- 2001-2004: Programme Manager – Baccalaureus Artium Language Technology (PUCHE)
- 2002: University Committee on e-Learning (PUCHE)
- 2000-2003: Faculty Advisor: Faculty of Arts (PUCHE)
- 2000-2003: Recruitment Committee: School of Languages (PUCHE)
- 1998: Technology Committee: Faculty of Arts (PUCHE)
- 1996-2000: Recruitment Committee: Faculty of Arts (PUCHE)
- 1998: Transformation Committee: Accessibility (PUCHE)
- 1997-1998: Faculty Council: Faculty of Law (PUCHE)
- 1997-1998: Faculty Council: Faculty of Arts (PUCHE)

## Other leadership positions

- 2000: Organiser of NTU Spring School, PUCHE, POTCHEFSTROOM, South Africa.

## External examination and moderation

- 2014 – 2016; 2020 – 2022: Honours for Department of Afrikaans, University of Pretoria, PRETORIA, South Africa
- 2003 – 2007: Third year and Honours papers for Department of Linguistics, University of South Africa, PRETORIA, South Africa
- 2005 – 2006: Third year and Honours papers for Department of Linguistics, Rhodes University, GRAHAMSTOWN, South Africa

## Conferences, workshops, and courses

- 1998: Workshop of “Suider-Afrikaanse Vereniging vir Neerlandistiek”, PUCHE, POTCHEFSTROOM, South Africa
- 1998: Workshop of “Suider-Afrikaanse Vereniging vir Neerlandistiek”, University of Stellenbosch, STELLENBOSCH, South Africa
- 1997: Workshop on Language, Law, and the Curriculum, University of the Witwatersrand, JOHANNESBURG, South Africa
- 1997: Regional workshop of “Suider-Afrikaanse Vereniging vir Neerlandistiek”, Free State University, BLOEMFONTEIN, South Africa
- 1996: Workshop of “Suider-Afrikaanse Vereniging vir Neerlandistiek”, University of the Witwatersrand, JOHANNESBURG, South Africa
- 1996: Boswell Project of “Suider-Afrikaanse Vereniging vir Neerlandistiek”: Introduction to Dutch Language and Culture. University of Ghent, GHENT, Belgium & University of Utrecht, UTRECHT, The Netherlands.

## Other (non-academic)

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### Community service and other activities

- Facilitator at reading groups, schools and other groups
- Actively involved in student life (adjudicator at competitions, etcetera)
- 1998, 2000: Group Leader: ATKV Autumn School for Writers (PUCHE)
- 1998: Adjudicator: ATKV/De Kat Pendoring Awards for Afrikaans Advertisements

### Personal awards

- 1991: Culture Award, University of Pretoria, PRETORIA, South Africa.

### Leadership positions

- 1992: Representative Student Council (University of Pretoria, PRETORIA, South Africa)
- 1992: SPOORNET/KUESTA Committee (organizing of a national choir festival)
- 1993: Head Student: Taibos Men's Hostel (University of Pretoria, PRETORIA, South Africa)
- 1993: Student Senate Executive Board (University of Pretoria, PRETORIA, South Africa)

### Personal courses

- 2007: Training course in "Personal Productivity" by Neil Conradie. North-West University, POTCHEFSTROOM, South Africa. 22-24 October 2007.
- 2007: Training course in "Emotional Intelligence" by Denise Bjorkman. International Quality and Productivity Centre, JOHANNESBURG, South Africa. 6-7 February 2007.

### Languages

- Afrikaans (First Language)
- English (Second Language)
- Dutch (Third Language)
- German (read)

### Computer literacy and skills

- Windows 11
- Microsoft 365 (Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Visio, SharePoint)
- Website design, setup and maintenance (specifically WordPress and Sakai-based sites, also including basics of HTML and XML)
- Sound editing, setup and hosting for podcasting (Hindenburg Journalist Pro, Zencastr, Anchor.fm, RodeCaster Pro)
- Basic knowledge of regular expressions (e.g. Corpus Query Language, Notepad++)
- SPSS 27 (basic knowledge)