Loes Koring

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Research Interests

Language acquisition; language processing; syntax; semantics; eye-tracking (visual world paradigm)

Academic Positions

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

2013 Utrecht University

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)

Review Committee: Martin Everaert (Utrecht University), Liliane

Haegeman (UGent), Nina Hyams (UCLA), Ken Wexler (MIT), Jeff

Runner (University of Rochester).

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

Research Experience

University of California, Los Angeles

Visiting Researcher, April - May 2012

Advisor: Nina Hyams

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Internship in Wexler's ab/normal Language Lab, Fall 2006

Advisor: Kenneth Wexler

Utrecht University

Research assistant, Spring 2005 Advisor: Ivana Brasileiro Reis Pereira

Research project: Bilingualism and Phonological Acquisition

Publications

Journal Articles

In Press	Crain, Stephen, Loes	Koring, and	Rosalind Thornton	. Language
	Acquisition from a	Biolinguistic	Perspective. Neuro	science &
	Biobehavioral Reviews.			

- **Koring, Loes**, and De Mulder, Hannah. Understanding different sources of information: the acquisition of evidentiality. *Journal of Child Language* 42 (5), 947 968.
- **Koring, Loes**. Don't shoot the messenger: How subjectivity affects distributional properties. *Lingua* 122 (8), 874 890.
- **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

Resubmitted **Koring, Loes** and Hans van de Koot. The visual trace of unaccusativity in online processing. *Linguistic Inquiry*

Under revision **Koring, Loes**, Pim Mak, Iris Mulders, and Eric Reuland Processing intransitive verbs: How do children differ from adults?

Language Learning and Development (minor revisions requested)

Proceedings Papers

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.

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 Chapter

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

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.** Producing figurative meanings: the case of idioms. In preparation for the volume "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

2016 Processing reflexes of underlying structure. Presented at the Language and Cognition Seminar, Harvard, Cambridge.

- 2016 How many ways are there to process a sentence? Presented at the workshop 'Developmental perspectives on language processing, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia.
- 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.
- 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. Presented at the Optimal Communication Colloquium (OCC) Radboud University Nijmegen, The Netherlands.

Conference Presentations

2015 Koring, L., Sangers, N., & Wexler, K. Who is the agent when it is left implicit? Paper presented at the 12th Generative Approaches to Language Acquisition

- (GALA 12), Nantes, France.
- 2015 Koring, L., Mak, P., Mulders, I., & Reuland, E. *Interfering causes in acquisition*. Paper presented at the 12th Generative Approaches to Language Acquisition (GALA 12), Nantes, France.
- 2015 Koring, L., Sangers, N., & Wexler, K. *Children's different way of forming a passive*. Paper presented at the 48th meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea (SLE), Leiden, The Netherlands.
- 2015 Koring, L. *Definiteness as a trigger of idiomaticity*. Paper presented at the 13th International Cognitive Linguistics Conference (ICLC), Newcastle, UK.
- 2014 Koring, L. *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 Koring, L., Mak, P., Reuland, E. What pirate stories reveal about children's representation of uanccusatives. Paper presented at BUCLD 38, Boston, MA.
- 2013 Koring, L., Mak, P., Reuland, E. *Children's on-line processing of unaccusative verbs*. Presented at the Child Language Seminar, Manchester, UK.
- 2013 Koring, L., Mak, P., Reuland, E. *How children process intransitive verbs*.

 Presented at the 11th International Symposium for Psycholinguistics, Tenerife, Spain.
- 2013 Koring, L. *Processing evidential raising verbs*. Presented at Linguistics in the Netherlands, Utrecht, The Netherlands.
- 2012 Koring, L. *Evidentials as PPIs*. Presented at The Nature of Evidentiality, Leiden, The Netherlands.
- 2011 Koring, L., De Mulder, H. *Studying Raising from a Broader Perspective: the language-cognition interface*, Presented at Generative Approaches to Language Acquisition (GALA) 2011, Thessaloniki, Greece.
- 2011 Koring, L., De Mulder, H. *The relation between linguistic and conceptual development: acquiring evidentiality*. Poster presented at BUCLD Conference, Boston, USA.

- 2010 Koring, L., Mak, P. Verb type determines when the subject is reactivated: Evidence from eye movements. Poster presented at CUNY Conference on human sentence processing, New York, USA.
- 2010 Koring, L., De Mulder, H. *The Acquisition of Evidential Markers in Dutch*. Presented at Language Culture and Mind (LCM) IV, Turku, Finland.
- 2010 Koring, L., Mak, P. Subject reactivation depends on the syntactic position of the argument: evidence from eye movements. Presented at the Workshop on Verbs, Pisa, Italy.
- 2010 Koring, L., De Mulder, H. Where language meets thought: developing a way to express source of information. Presented at the workshop On Linguistic Interfaces II, Belfast, UK (with Hannah De Mulder).
- 2009 Koring, L., Wexler, K. *Acquiring the Syntax and Semantic of Dutch Raising-Verbs*. Presented at the Tokyo Conference for Psycholinguistics (TCP) X, Tokyo, Japan.
- 2009 Koring, L. *Acquiring the Syntax and Semantics of Dutch Raising-Verbs*. Presented at the workshop Mind-Context Divide Workshop, Iowa City, USA.
- 2009 Koring, L., Mak, P. *Verb type determines when people move their eyes*. Poster presented at GALA (Generative Approaches to Language Acquisition), Lisbon, Portugal.
- 2008 Koring, L. When do children acquire Dutch raising-verbs? Poster presented at GALANA (generative approaches to language acquisition north America), University of Connecticut, USA.
- 2008 Koring, L. *Raising-Verbs in Dutch: Structure and Acquisition*. Presented at TiNdag, Utrecht, The Netherlands.

Teaching

Courses as Instructor

[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.
Courses 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 (<i>Acquisition of the Dutch passive</i>).
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). <i>Processing Passive Verbs</i> .
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.

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