

## Nadine Grimm (née Borchardt)

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### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

<b>Assistant professor (tenure-track)</b> Department of Linguistics University of Rochester	07/2019-present
<b>Assistant professor (non-tenure)</b> Department of Linguistics University of Rochester	07/2016-06/2019
<b>Senior lecturer</b> Department of Linguistics, University of Rochester	07/2015-06/2016
<b>Lecturer</b> Department of Linguistics, University of Rochester	10/2014-06/2015

### EDUCATION

<b>PhD in African Linguistics</b> ( <i>magna cum laude</i> ) Department of Asian and African Studies Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany Dissertation title: <i>A Grammar of Gyeli</i> Dissertation Co-Advisors: Tom Güldemann and Maarten Mous	3/2010-12/2015
<b>Visiting Scholar</b> Department of Linguistics, University of California, Berkeley Advisor: Larry Hyman	8/2010-4/2011
<b>Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute, UC Berkeley</b>	7/2009-8/2009
<b>M.A. in African Studies, German Linguistics, and French</b> Institute for Asian and African Studies, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany Thesis: <i>The Ikaan numeral system</i> (Published as a monograph; see Publications)	4/2006-2/2010
<b>Erasmus Exchange Scholar</b> Department of General Linguistics and French, Université de Provence, France	9/2004-6/2005
<b>B.A. in General Linguistics and French</b> University of Bielefeld, Germany Thesis: <i>Provençal: Prestige of an endangered language in Europe</i>	10/2002-3/2006

- AWARDS
- Pāṇini Award of the Association for Linguistic Typology** 2019  
(competition across grammars submitted as dissertations). Awarded at the 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of ALT, Pavia, Italy, Sept. 6, 2019.
- Best Talk Award** 2008  
Students Linguistic Conference (StuTS), Amsterdam, The Netherlands, May 2008
- GRANTS
- NSF BCS-1535846: Causality Across Languages** 8/2015-current  
*Research grant*  
*Role:* Collaborator  
PI: Prof. Jürgen Bohnemeyer, SUNY Buffalo
- Volkswagen Foundation DoBeS #87014: A Documentation of Ngolo Gyeli** 3/2013-8/2014  
*Disseration Completion Grant*  
*Role:* Co-PI  
PI: Tom Güldemann, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin  
Awarded funding to complete final phase of PhD (78,800 euros).
- Volkswagen Foundation DoBeS #84353: Documentation of Bakola/Bagyeli of Cameroon** 3/2010-2/2013  
*Research Grant*  
*Role:* Collaborator  
PI: Maarten Mous, Leiden University, The Netherlands
- Volkswagen Foundation** 6/2010  
*Travel Grant*  
Grant for participation at the DoBeS/MPI workshop on “Hunter-gatherers and semantic categories”, Neuwied, Germany.
- German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)** 8-9/2008  
*Travel and Study Grant*  
Grant for participation in intensive Hausa course at the College of Education, Azare, Nigeria.
- Endangered Languages Documentation Programme (ELDP)** 1-3/2008  
*Research Grant*  
*Role:* Co-PI  
PI: Sophie Salfner, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London  
Grant for fieldwork on the numeral system of Ikaan, Nigeria.
- German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)** 7-9/2007  
*Travel and Study Grant*  
Grant for participation in intensive Swahili course at the University of Zanzibar, Tanzania.
- Fellow of the German National Academic Foundation** 2/2007-12/2009
- Erasmus Exchange Scholar Stipend** 9/2004-6/2005
- MONOGRAPHS
- Grimm, Nadine. (2021). *A Grammar of Gyeli*. Comprehensive Grammar Library 2. Berlin: Language Science Press. (recipient of the Pāṇini Award of the Association for Linguistic Typology 2019)

Borchardt, Nadine. (2011) *The Numeral System of Ikaan, a Benue-Congo Language of Nigeria*. Asien- und Afrikastudien der Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz. xii + 132.

CURATED  
LINGUISTIC  
DATASETS

Grimm, Nadine, Emmanuel Ngue Um & Daniel Duke. (2020) A documentation of the Bagyeli/ Bakola forest foragers of Cameroon. Nijmegen: MPI, The Language Archive. Handle: <https://dobes.mpi.nl/projects/bakola/>. Accessed on 2021-02-25.

Grimm, Nadine. (2017) Causality Across Languages (CAL): Gyeli. London: SOAS University of London, Endangered Languages Archive. Handle: <http://hdl.handle.net/2196/00-0000-0000-0010-798E-8>. Accessed on 2021-02-25.

OTHER  
PUBLICATIONS

Grimm, Nadine. Documentary approaches to lexicography. Submitted. In Ekpenyong, Moses & Imelda Udoh (Eds.), *Current issues in descriptive linguistics and digital humanities: A Festschrift in honour of Professor Eno-Abasi Urua*, Singapore: Springer.

Botne, Robert & Malin Petzell & Nadine Grimm. Temporal status vs. timescape status in Kami and Gyeli. Submitted. In Botne, Robert & Axel Fanego (Eds.), *Domains and regions in Bantu tense and aspect*.

Grimm, Nadine. Exponence and the functional load of grammatical tone in Gyeli. Under revision. *Phonology* (Thematic issue: Theoretical approaches to grammatical tone).

Grimm, Nadine. Accepted. Negation in Gyeli. In Miestamo, Matti & Ljuba Veselinova (Eds.), *Negation in the languages of the world: Typologically and functionally based descriptions*, Berlin: Language Science Press.

Grimm, Nadine. Bare nouns and reference tracking in Gyeli (Bantu). Revised version submitted in 5/2019. In Armoskaite, Solveiga & Martina Wiltschko (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Determiners*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Grimm, Nadine. (2020) Descriptive and documentary dimensions of Gyeli numerals. In Van der Wal, Jenneke & Heleen Smits & Sara Petrollino & Victoria Nyst & Maarten Kossmann (Eds.), *Explorations in African languages and linguistics in honour of Maarten Mous*, pp. 371-393. Leiden: Africa Studies Centre Occasional Publications.

Grimm, Nadine. (2019) Konstantin Pozdniakov, The numeral system of Proto-Niger-Congo. A step-by-step reconstruction. Book review in *Linguistique et Langues Africaines* 5: 115-122.

Grimm, Nadine. Implosives in Bantu A80? The case of Gyeli. (2019) In Clem, Emily & Peter Jenks & Hannah Sande (Eds.), *Theory and Description in African Linguistics. Proceedings of the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of African Linguistics*. pp. 135-153. Berlin: Language Science Press.

Grimm, Nadine. (2014) Color categories in language contact: “Pygmy” hunter-gatherers and Bantu farmers. In Carpenter, Kayla et al. (Eds.), *Proceedings of the Berkeley Linguistics Society 38*, 31-45, Berkeley Linguistic Society, Berkeley, CA.

Borchardt, Nadine. (2011) A morphosyntactic categorization of Ikaan numerals. In Kramer, Rajja & Holger Tröbs & Raimund Kastenholtz (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 19th Afrikanis-*

*tentag*, pp. 9-26, Köln: Rüdiger Köppe.

Borchardt, Nadine. (2009) Agreement in Ikaan compound numerals. In: Brenzinger, Matthias & Anne-Maria Fehn (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 6th WOCAL World Congress of African Linguistics*, pp. 375-383, Köln: Rüdiger Köppe.

Borchardt, Nadine. (2009) Das Provenzalische: Prestige einer bedrohten Sprache in Europa. In Ender, Andrea & Marc Matter (Eds.), *Proceedings der 39. Studentischen Tagung Sprachwissenschaft (StuTS) in Bern*.

Gibbon, Dafydd & Nadine Borchardt. (2008) Computational lexicography: A training programme for language documentation in West Africa. In B.M. Mbah & E.E. Mbah (Eds.), *Linguistics in History: Essays in honour of P.A. Nwachukwu*, Nsukka, Nigeria: University of Nigeria Press.

#### INVITED TALKS

*Reflections on gender and other social identities in fieldwork*. Webinar within the Fieldwork Forum, Department of Linguistics, UC Berkeley, November 2021

*The place of language documentation in linguistics*. Webinar, Department of Linguistics, Central University of Kerala, October 2021

*The tonal system of Gyeli*. Linguistics Colloquium, SUNY Buffalo, November 2020

*Grammatical tone in Bantu: Insights from Gyeli*. African Studies Department Colloquium, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany, December 2019

*Tone in the grammar of Gyeli*. Plenary talk, 13<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Association of Linguistic Typology, Pavia, Italy, September 2019

*Capturing linguistic diversity: Grammatical tone in Gyeli*. Linguistics Colloquium, University of Rochester, January 2019

*Bare nouns and reference tracking in Gyeli*. African Studies Department Colloquium, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany, November 2016

*The role of language documentation in understanding cognitive categories*. Cognitive Science Dinner Talk, University of Rochester, November 2016

*Definiteness and referentiality in Gyeli (Bantu)*. Dimensions of 'D' Workshop, University of Rochester, September 2016

*Women fieldworkers in Africa*. Keynote speaker, Round Table on Women and Fieldwork, SUNY Buffalo, March 2016

*Language of perception in Northwestern Bantu*. Semantics Circle, Department of Linguistics, SUNY Buffalo, April 2014

*Metatonic tone in Gyeli*. Linguistics Colloquium, University of Rochester, March 2014

*Language documentation among the Bagyeli hunter-gatherers of Cameroon*. Linguistics Colloquium, University of Rochester, May 2013

*Documenting the language of “Pygmy” hunter-gatherers: the case of the Bagyeli in Cameroon.* Fieldwork Group, Department of Linguistics, Stanford University, February 2012

*Special challenges in documenting Bakola, a “Pygmy” language of Cameroon.* Fieldwork Forum, UC Berkeley, January 2011

With Florian Lionnet *Tone in Abo.* Phonology Forum, UC Berkeley, November 2010

CONFERENCE  
PRESENTATIONS

*Striking a balance in grammar writing: Combining typology, areal studies, theories of language, and methodologies.* Conference on Descriptive Grammars & Typology II. Paris, France, December 2021

With Scott Grimm. *Form and meaning in Havu nominalizations.* World Congress of African Linguistics (WOCAL 10), Leiden, The Netherlands, June 2021

*Gyeli bare nouns and referent accessibility.* Bantu 8, Essex, England, June 2021

*The object-linking H tone in Gyeli.* Bantu 8, Essex, England, June 2021

*Capturing variation in a language documentation corpus.* International Conference on Language Documentation and Conservation 6, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, March 2019

*The interaction of negation and tense-aspect-mood in Gyeli.* 8<sup>th</sup> Conference on the Syntax of the World's Languages, Paris, France, September 2018

*Bare nouns and reference tracking in Gyeli.* World Congress of African Linguistics (WOCAL 9), Rabat, Morocco, August 2018

*The importance of gender as a social role in linguistic fieldwork.* International Conference on Language Documentation and Conservation 5, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, March 2017

*Expression of mood and modality in Gyeli.* Bantu 6, Helsinki, Finland, June 2016

*Implosives in Bantu A80? The case of Gyeli.* (Poster), 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on African Linguistics, Berkeley, CA, March 2016

*Inchoative as a tense category in Gyeli (Bantu).* (Poster), 89<sup>th</sup> Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting, Portland, OR, January 2015

*Color systems in comparison: “Pygmy” hunter-gatherers and Bantu farmers.* 10<sup>th</sup> Conference on Hunting and Gathering Societies, Liverpool, UK, June 2013

*Tense in Gyeli (Bantu A80).* 5<sup>th</sup> Conference on Bantu languages, Paris, France, June 2013

*Connective optionality in Gyeli.* 7<sup>th</sup> World Congress of African Linguistics (WOCAL 7), Buea, Cameroon, August 2012

With Christopher Lorenz. *Cooperation between linguists and professional cameramen in language documentation.* 20<sup>th</sup> Afrikanistentag, Cologne, Germany, May 2012

*Noun + noun constructions in Gyeli.* 20<sup>th</sup> Afrikanistentag, Cologne, Germany, May 2012

*Variability in color naming in some Bantu A languages.* 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL), New Orleans, May 2012

*Color categories in language contact: “Pygmy” hunter-gatherers and Bantu farmers.* 38<sup>th</sup> Berkeley Linguistic Society, UC Berkeley, February 2012

*Color terms in Bagyeli (Bantu A80). Comparing “Pygmy” and farmer languages.* 41<sup>st</sup> Colloquium on African Languages and Linguistics (CALL), Leiden, The Netherlands, August 2011

*The Bakola/Bagyeli of Cameroon.* DoBeS/MPI workshop “Hunter-gatherers and semantic categories”, Neuwied, Germany, June 2010

*Agreement in Ikaan compound numerals.* 6<sup>th</sup> World Congress of African Linguistics (WOCAL 6), Cologne, Germany, August 2009

With Sophie Salfner. *Morphosyntax of Ukaan numerals nouns vs. adjectives.* 26<sup>th</sup> West African Language Conference (WALC), Winneba, Ghana, August 2008

With Juliane Böttger. *K(l)icks and quirks in Taa (Khoisan, Namibia).* 43<sup>rd</sup> Students Linguistic Conference (StuTS), Amsterdam, The Netherlands, May 2008

*News from fieldwork in Ikaan (Benue-Congo, Nigeria).* 43<sup>rd</sup> Students Linguistic Conference (StuTS), Amsterdam, The Netherlands, May 2008

*Fieldwork preparations and the numeral system in Ikaan.* 42<sup>nd</sup> Students Linguistic Conference (StuTS), Kiel, Germany, November 2007

*Documentation of local languages in West Africa.* 29<sup>nd</sup> German Linguistic Society (DGfS) Annual Meeting, Siegen, Germany, February 2007

*Documentation of local languages in West Africa: Establishment of an M.A. course of studies at West African universities.* 40<sup>th</sup> Students Linguistic Conference (StuTS), Göttingen, Germany, November 2006

With Dafydd Gibbon. *Didactique en documentation de langues: Aspects de la lexicographie numérique.* 25<sup>th</sup> West African Languages Conference, Ouidah, Benin, August 2006

*Provençal: The prestige of an endangered language in Europe.* 39<sup>th</sup> Students Linguistic Conference (StuTS), Bern, Switzerland, May 2006

## TEACHING

### Courses

*Senior Seminar (LIN389)* (Swahili, Ukrainian, Wolof, Kihavu, Igbo, Khasi, Kinyarwanda, Tigrinya, Morisyen) Spring 2015-2022  
Undergraduate field methods seminar, University of Rochester.

*Topics in Linguistic Research (LIN387)* Spring 2015  
Undergraduate seminar, University of Rochester.

*Field methods in language description I & II* Spring 2016-2017  
(LIN271/471 and LIN272/472) (Ndebele, Armenian, Kihavu)

Undergraduate and graduate seminar, University of Rochester.

*Preserving diversity in language and culture (LIN270/470)* Fall 2015-2021  
Undergraduate and graduate seminar, University of Rochester.

*Language and Culture (LIN104/ANT105)* Fall 2016-2017, 2020-2021  
Undergraduate seminar, University of Rochester.

*Introduction to African Linguistics* Fall 2012  
BA Seminar, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany.

*The Languages of the Central African Pygmies* Fall 2011  
MA Seminar, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany.

*Language, Culture and Cognition* Fall 2011  
MA Seminar, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany.

### **Summer Schools and Workshops**

*Audio Recordings* 8/2018  
Summer School on Documentary Linguistics, Rabat, Morocco.

*Workflow in Language Documentation, Tools for Processing Audio Data* 7/2017  
Summer School on Documentary Linguistics, Winneba, Ghana.

*Fieldwork methods* 6/2011  
Workshop on Documentary Linguistics, Yaounde, Cameroon.

*The Bakola documentation project* 6/2011  
Workshop on Documentary Linguistics, Yaounde, Cameroon.

*Linguistic documentation software* 8/2008  
Summer School on Documentary Linguistics, Winneba, Ghana.

### **Lecture Series**

*Linguistic documentation software* 8/2006  
Invited lecture series, University of Uyo, Nigeria.

*Lexicography* 8/2006  
Invited lecture series, University of Uyo, Nigeria.

*Lexicography* 5/2006  
Invited lecture series, Abidjan, Ivory Coast.

*Linguistic documentation software* 8/2004  
Invited lecture series, University of Uyo, Nigeria.

*Lexicography* 8/2004  
Invited lecture series, University of Uyo, Nigeria.

PROFESSIONAL  
EXPERIENCE

**Student research assistant**

7/2009-2/2010

Institute of Asian and African Studies, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany.

**Student research assistant** 4/2007-6/2009  
Max-Planck-Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, Germany.  
Project: *A Pan-dialectal Documentation of Taa*

**How to handle speech** 4-7/2004  
Teaching assistant, University of Bielefeld, Germany.

FIELDWORK	<b>Gyeli</b> , Cameroon	5-6/2017
	<b>Gyeli</b> , Cameroon	5-7/2014
	<b>Gyeli</b> , Cameroon	10-12/2013
	<b>Gyeli</b> , Cameroon	3-5/2013
	<b>Gyeli</b> , Cameroon	6-9/2012
	<b>Gyeli</b> , Cameroon	4-8/2011
	<b>Gyeli</b> , Cameroon	4-6/2010
	<b>Ikaan</b> , Nigeria	1-3/2008
	<b>Ibuaro</b> , Nigeria	8/2006
	<b>Provençal</b> , France	11/2004-6/2005

SERVICE

**Academic Service:**

Editorial Board, *Linguistique et Langues Africaines* (since 2019)  
Archive consultant for the Endangered Languages Archive (ELAR) (2018, 2019)

**University & Departmental Service:**

Director of the Language Documentation and Description Master of Arts Program (since 2017)  
Interim Director of Graduate Studies (2021/22)  
Department scientific reviewer of human subject research (since 2020)  
Departmental colloquium series organization (since 2020)  
Graduate and Undergraduate Curriculum Development (since 2015)  
Admissions committee for Linguistics Graduate (MA and PhD) Programs (since 2016)  
MA Student Advising (since 2017)

River Campus Libraries Faculty & Staff User Advisory Board (2018/19)  
Faculty reviewer for the Sproull and Provost Fellowships (2022)  
Faculty reviewer for Discover Grant applications (2022)



### **Academic Conference Organization:**

Panel organization: “Hunter-gatherer languages in contact” (with Harald Hammarström), 11<sup>th</sup> Conference on Hunting and Gathering Societies, Vienna, Austria (2015)  
Volunteer at Linguistic Society of America (LSA) Annual Meeting. Pittsburgh, PA. (2011)  
Workshop organization: “Genealogical language classification in Africa beyond Greenberg”, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany (2010)  
Co-organizer of Students’ Linguistic Conference (StuTS), University of Bielefeld, Germany (2007)  
Co-organizer of Students’ Workshop: “World-Images—Transfer of knowledge and culture”, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (2007)  
Co-organizer of Africanist workshop: “Africa between tradition and globalisation”, University of Bielefeld, Germany (2006)  
Volunteer at German Linguistic Society (DGfS) Annual Meeting, University of Bielefeld, Germany (2006)

### **Hiring Committees:**

Faculty Search Committee (2018/19)  
Student member of the habilitation committee of Dr. Klaus Beyer, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany (2009-2010)  
Student member in the appointments committee for the Swahili lecturer, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany (2007)  
Student member of the hiring committee for a full linguistic professor, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany (2007)

### ADVISING

#### **Advisor in the Linguistics PhD Program**

Jessica Charest, Advisor (2021-current)  
Constanza Aceves Rodrigue, Co-advisor (2021-current)  
Veronica Burrage, Co-advisor (2021-current)

#### **Advisor in the Language Documentation and Description Master’s Program**

Queenette Okwaraji, Master’s Advisor (2017-2019)  
Megan Eichas (2017-2019)  
Alexandrine Dunlap (2018-2020)  
Taylor Wayne (2019-2021)  
Camille Colby (2020-2022)

#### **Advisor for Undergraduate Honor’s Theses**

Ella de Falco (2017-2018)  
Jillian Breithaupt (2021-2022)

### REVIEWING

*Endangered Languages Documentation Programme (ELDP) grant reviewing* (2017-present)  
*Cambridge University Press* (2019)  
*Journal of African Languages and Linguistics* (2012, 2013)

*Journal of African Languages and Literatures* (2019, 2021)  
*Oxford University Press* (2018)  
*Studies in African Linguistics* (2015)  
*Afrika und Übersee* (2020)  
*Proceedings of the Annual Conference on African Linguistics* (2021)  
*Volume on Negation in the languages of the world*, Language Science Press (2021)

CONFERENCE      *Descriptive Grammars and Typology II* (2021)  
PROGRAMM        *7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Language Documentation and Conservation* (2021)  
COMMITTEE       *13<sup>th</sup> Association of Linguistic Typology Conference* (2019)  
                      *7<sup>th</sup> World Congress of African Linguistics* (2009)

LANGUAGES       German (native), English (fluent), French (fluent), Kiswahili (advanced), Gyeli (advanced),  
Latin (intermediate), Swedish (basic), Hausa (basic)

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