

# Anna Howell

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PhD graduate in linguistics at the University of Tübingen (Germany) with a research focus on the syntax/semantics interface. Experience carrying out linguistic fieldwork, including collection, annotation and analysis of language data as a researcher at the University of Tübingen's "Collaborative Research Center 833", an interdisciplinary research center on language processing.

## Education

2013–2018 **PhD in Linguistics**, *University of Tübingen*.

Thesis: Alternative Semantics Across Languages: Case Studies on Disjunctive Questions and Free Choice Items in Samoan and Yoruba (Advisor: Sigrid Beck)

Jan.–May 2015 **Visiting Scholar**, *University of Massachusetts, Amherst*.

2009–2012 **MA in Linguistics**, *University of Tübingen*, with distinction.

Cumulative Grade: 1,0 (corresponds to American 'A' )

2006–2009 **BA in Linguistics**, *McGill University*, Montreal, first class honours.

Cumulative GPA: 3.84

## Employment

2011–Jan. 2019 **Researcher**, *University of Tübingen*, Collaborative Research Center 833.

Researcher at a German Science Foundation (DFG) funded research center

Project: "Parametric variation in the semantic component of the grammar"

- Collected, annotated and analysed language data from different families, including Yoruba (Niger-Congo) and Samoan (Austronesian) to develop a theoretical model of cross-linguistic variability at the syntax/semantics interface.
- Developed questionnaire studies to test hypotheses about variability in syntactic and semantic structure across a sample of diverse languages.
- Training in quantitative and qualitative research methodologies (linguistic fieldwork, acceptability rating and self-paced reading experiments).

2012–2018 **University Teacher**, *University of Tübingen*, English Department.

Primary instructor of 7 undergraduate courses on theoretical linguistics including:

- Introduction to English Linguistics (undergraduate lecture with approx. 250 students)
- Structure and Meaning (undergraduate syntax/semantics seminar with 15–20 students)
- Structure and Meaning from a Crosslinguistic Perspective (undergraduate seminar)

2010–2011 **Student Research Assistant**, *University of Tübingen*, CRC 833.

- Assisted with collection and annotation of linguistic data from fieldwork
- Maintenance of project webpage and research center newsfeed

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## Scholarships and Awards

- 2009–2012 German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Student Scholarship.  
May 2009 McGill Linguistics Undergraduate Prize for Excellence in Research.  
May 2009 Austrian Government Prize for German Studies.  
2006– 2009 J.W. McConnell Scholarship.

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## Publications

- P. Berezovskaya & A. Howell (to appear), **(No) Variation in the Grammar of Alternatives – Intervention Effects in Russian**, In: Proceedings of Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics 26.
- Howell, Anna. (2016). **A Hamblin Semantics for Alternative Questions in Yoruba**.  
In: Bade, Berezovskaya & Schöller (eds) *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 20*, 359-376.
- Hohaus, Vera & Anna Howell. (2015). **Alternative Semantics of Focus and Questions: Evidence from Samoan**. In: *Proceedings of the 21st Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association*, Asia Pacific Linguistics 25, 69-86.
- Howell, Anna. (2013). **Abstracting over Degrees in Yoruba Comparison Constructions**. In:  
Chemla, Homer & Winterstein (eds) *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 17*, 271-288.

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## Computer Skills

L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Statistical analysis with R, Python (basic proficiency)

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## Languages

English (Native Speaker), French (Fluent), German (Fluent)

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## Service

- 2016–2019 **Occasional Reviewer**, *Glossa: A Journal of General Linguistics*.
- 2014–2016 **Co-founder & Organizer**, *TripleA Workshop Series*.  
Co-founder and -organiser of an annual workshop series for fieldworkers on the formal semantics of African, Asian and Austronesian languages.
- 2014–2015 **Organiser**, *PhD student's colloquium of the Collaborative Research Center 833*.
- 2014 **Co-organiser**, *DoKo Summer School*.  
An interdisciplinary summer school for students of the Collaborative Research center 833
- 2008–2009 **VP of Communications**, *Society for Linguistics Undergraduates at McGill*.

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## References

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