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2001    Pointing left in Ghana: how a taboo on the use of the left hand influences gestural  
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2012    Aspectual contrasts in Tutrugbu (Nyagbo). In Connell, Bruce and Rolle, Nicholas  
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2011    Configuraciones temáticas atípicas y el uso de predicados complejos en perspectiva  
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2012 Online Beginning Akan Textbook. With Emmanuel Amo Ofori and Maia Bass
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2006  Review of Bettina Migge’s Creole formation as language contact. In *Journal of Pidgin and Creole Languages* 21:1


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**PRESENTATIONS**

**INVITED**

2016  “Language, religion and Culture in Africa.” Conference on Integrating African Studies Across the Curriculum, Middle Georgia State University, February 12

2015  “The remnant languages of Ghana and Togo.” Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest, November 10

2015  “Religion in Africa.” African Studies Workshop, Santa Fe, November 20

2015  Relationships are sweet but cutting cloth is painful: the language of clothing in Ghana. Gallery Talk at the Harn Museum, June 14

2007  Locative predication typology and the stative in Akan. Amsterdam Center for Cognitive Linguistics, University of Amsterdam (March 29th)

2004  “Locating entities in Nyagbo”, delivered at the Department of Asian and African Studies, Humboldt University, Berlin (May 2004)

2002  “The Creole-genesis debate”, delivered as part of graduate course on Pidgins and Creole, Leiden University (May 2002)

2001  “Substrate influence as an example of contact. Delivered as part of graduate seminar on language contact, Leiden University (November 2001)


**Conferences, Colloquiums, and Workshops (International)**


2017  The influence of Akan on the linguistic encoding of cutting and breaking events in Dwang New frontiers in Language Studies in Ghana, University of Ghana, Legon,
February 28 (with Dorothy Agyepong)

2017
"Na in Akan: conjunction, tense and focus, or none of these?" Paper presented at the 30th West African Linguistics Congress, University of Education, Winneba, July 31st – August 5

2017
Making sense of two causal constructions in Ewe. Paper presented at the 8th South East African Languages and Literatures Forum (SEALLF), Chapel Hill, North Carolina, September 29 – October 1

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2015
Cutting across the Kwa divide. Workshop in Honor of Lars Hellan. University of Vienna, November 7

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The influence of Akan on the linguistic encoding of Cutting and Breaking events in Dwang. Presented at the 45th Annual Conference of African Linguistics, April 17-19, University of Kansas.

2014:
Language use at home and English competence in multilingual Ghana. Presented at the Conference on Language, Learning and Culture, April 11-12 Virginia International University. With Sika Ahadzie and Felix Ameka

2013
Vowel harmony in Tutrugbu. Paper presented at the Workshop on 10 Years of GTM Research in the Netherlands, May 31, Leiden University

2013
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2012

2011
Processes of semantic-structure transfer. Paper presented at the Workshop on Transatlantic Sprachbund, Catholic University Nijmegen, January 21st.

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The dilemma of a language documenter. Paper presented at the 2011 Ghana Togo Mountain Languages Workshop, Ho. August 7 - 12

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2008 How functional are the verbs in Gbe SVCs? Presented at the Sino-Kwa conference on Functional Projections, October 31st – November 1st, Leiden University.


2007 Probing West African influence on the formation of New World Creoles. With Don Winford. Presented at the Ohio State University (OSU) Language Network Spring Symposium, OSU, April 7.

2007 Locative predication in Nyagbo. Round Table Conference on the Languages of the Volta Basin (West Africa), Leiden University, March 28.


2005 In the quest for the original speakers of Tutrugbu. 48th Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, November 17th-20th Washington DC.

2005 Distinguishing the grammatical stative from the lexical-state verb in Akan. 36th Annual Conference on African Linguistics, Savannah, Georgia, March 31-April 3.


2004 Iconicity and motion verbids. Annual Colloquim of Legon-Trondheim Project.


2003  Iconicity and verbal status in Gbe languages. 33rd Colloquium of African Languages and Linguistics, Leiden University, 25th – 27th August
2003  CUT and BREAK in Gbe and Sranan. The trans-Atlantic Sprachbund Workshop, Netherlands Institute for Advanced Studies, Wassenaar, 23-26 August 2003
2002  Multiple-Path expression in SVCs: a case of iconicity? Serial Day, University of Cologne December 2002
2002  Moving into and out of Sranan. With A. Bruyn. Linguistics in the Netherlands (TIN-Dag), January 2002
2001  Motion expression in Sranan: evidence for relexification? Society for Pidgins and Creoles, University of Coimbra, June 2001
2001  The stative vs the continuative: distinguishing lexical from syntactic categories in Akan. ALI Akan II seminar, May 2001
2000  On why the a-morpheme is not a tense marker. West African Linguistic Congress, University of Ghana, Legon. 15-18 August
2000  On definiteness asymmetry in double object constructions. Third World Congress on African Linguistics. Université de Benin, Lome. 21-26 August
1999  Reciprocal, reflexive and logophoric expressions in Ewe. Workshop on anaphoric expressions. With F. K. Ameka. OTS Institute of Linguistics, Utrecht University, 9-10 October
1998  On the semantics of do, an inherent complement verb. 16th West African Linguistics Congress, University of Cocody, Abidjan. August
1998  Inherent complement verbs and the unaccusativity hypothesis. Workshop on Cross-linguistic Perspective on Argument Structure: Implications for Learnability, MPI, Nijmegen. June
1997  The syntax of inherent complement verbs. 2nd World Congress of African Linguistics. 28 July – 2 August Leipzig
1997  One-place predicates in Ewe and the unaccusativity hypothesis. Fachbeirat, Max-Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics, Nijmegen
1997  The semantics of one-place predicates in Ewe. Workshop on Verb Construction Typology, Linguistics Department, University of Trondheim. September
1996  The syntax and semantics of double object verbs in Ewe. 26th Colloquium on African Languages and Linguistics, University of Leiden. August
1995  Some sub-atomic motion verbs in Ewe. 2nd Nordic Seminar on African Linguistics, Linguistics Department, University of Trondheim, July

Local Presentations
2009  Motion expression in Nyagbo frog-story narrations. UF Department of Linguistics Seminar, September
2007  Africanisms in the Americas: African Students’ Union Forum, University of Florida, April 19,
2005  Africanisms in America. Black Student Leadership Conference, Gainesville, 22nd January
2005  “Ins” and “Outs” in the Trans-Atlantic Sprachbund. AALL Faculty Seminar, January 13
2002  Breaking money across the Trans-Atlantic channel. University of Leiden Center for Linguistics Seminar, May 15
1998  Towards a grammar of inherent complement verbs’. Ghana Day, Department of African Linguistics, Leiden University, May

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