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Education

Ph.D. in Linguistics

UNIVERSITY OF KONSTANZ

2024 - present

- Supervisors: Prof. Dr. George Walkden & Dr. Tina Bögel
- Thesis title: The prosodic realisation of pronouns in West Germanic: Paleographic and experimental evidence

M.A. in General Linguistics with distinction

UNIVERSITY OF KONSTANZ

2021 - 2023

- Thesis title: Old Saxon Vowel Epenthesis: An Analysis of Manuscripts M, C, and V

B.A. in Linguistics with distinction

UNIVERSITY OF KONSTANZ

2018 - 2021

- Thesis title: On Old English diphthongs

Professional Experience

- 04/2026 – present **Doctoral Researcher (Project: CRC 1760, B03)**, University of Konstanz
- 10/2025 **Visiting doctoral researcher (with Prof. Patrick Honeybone)**, University of Edinburgh
- 10/2023 - 03/2026 **Academic Staff (Project: *Meaningful silence and noise*)**, University of Konstanz
- 04/2023 - 09/2023 **Student Assistant (Project: *Meaningful silence and noise*)**, University of Konstanz
- 10/2022 - 03/2023 **Student Assistant (Project: SILPAC, H4)**, University of Konstanz
- 10/2021 – 09/2023 **Mentorling (*Consultant for undergraduate linguistics students*)**, University of Konstanz
- 08/2020 – 09/2020 **Research Internship (Project: *Germanic dispersion beyond trees and waves*)**, University of Konstanz
- 04/2020 – 03/2023 **Student Assistant (Project: *Germanic dispersion beyond trees and waves*)**, University of Konstanz

Publications

Riegger, Chiara. 2026. Old Saxon Vowel Insertion. *Journal of Germanic Linguistics*. doi.org/10.1017/S1470542726100154

Riegger, Chiara, Tina Bögel & George Walkden. 2024. The prosody of the verbal prefix *ge-*: historical and experimental evidence. *Proceedings of the Annual Conference of the International Speech Communication Association (Interspeech)*, 01-05. September, Kos, Greece. 2065-2069.

Hartmann, Frederik & **Chiara Riegger.** 2022. The Burgundian language and its phylogeny: A cladistical investigation. *NOW-ELE 75(1)*. 42-80.

Conference Talks

* not present for talk

Upcoming. **Chiara Riegger.** *The origin of the Old English 2Sg -st: Paleographic evidence from verb-pronoun sequences.* Paper to be presented at the 23rd International Conference on English Historical Linguistics (ICEHL-23), Milan.

November 2025. **Chiara Riegger,** George Walkden & Tina Bögel. *Swabian null subjects at the syntax-phonology interface.* Paper presented at the 37th Comparative Germanic Syntax Workshop, Zürich.

October 2024. **Chiara Riegger,** Tina Bögel & George Walkden. *The prosody of the verbal prefix *ge-*: historical and experimental evidence.* Paper presented at Interspeech 2024, Kos.

April 2024. Tina Bögel, **Chiara Riegger** & George Walkden. *The prosody of the prefix *ge-* in (early) West Germanic.* Paper presented at the Forum for Germanic Language Studies, Cambridge.

- March 2024. **Chiara Riegger**. *Old Saxon Vowel Insertion*. Paper presented at the Konstanz Linguistics Conference, Konstanz.
- December 2023. Tina Bögel, **Chiara Riegger** & George Walkden. *The prosody of the Old English prefix ge-*. Paper presented at the Sixth Edinburgh Symposium on Historical Phonology, Edinburgh.
- *September 2023. Sigríður Björnsdóttir, Lisa Gotthard, **Chiara Riegger** & George Walkden. *The rise of raising in Early Modern English*. Paper presented at the 26th International Conference on Historical Linguistics (ICHL), Heidelberg.

Conference Posters

* not present for talk

- * July 2023. Sigríður Björnsdóttir, Lisa Gotthard, **Chiara Riegger** & George Walkden. *Raising out of control*. Poster presented at the 23rd International Diachronic Generative Syntax Conference, Paris.

Other Talks

- October 2025. **Chiara Riegger**. *The prosody of silent pronouns: Evidence from Swabian*. Talk given at the Phonetics/Phonology Workshop, University of Edinburgh.
- October 2025. **Chiara Riegger**. *The only thing that's left is the manuscript: What editions can't tell us*. Talk given at the Angus McIntosh Centre (AMC) Catchup Session, University of Edinburgh.
- August 2025. **Chiara Riegger**. *The Sound of Silence: Prosodic reflexes of silent pronouns in Swabian*. Talk given at the DRV Summer School, University of Konstanz.
- April 2024. **Chiara Riegger** & George Walkden. *Spuren von linguistischer Struktur in mittelalterlichen Handschriften*. Talk given at the Kolloquium Mittelalter/Frühe Neuzeit, University of Konstanz.

Teaching Experience

LECTURER

- Summer 2025 **Structure & History of English II**
Undergraduate level lecture course (~ 120 students)
- Summer 2024 **Structure & History of English II** (co-taught with Dr. Fernanda Barrientos)
Undergraduate level lecture course (~ 100 students)

TUTOR (TA)

- Summer 2021 **Structure & History of English II**
Winter 2021 **English Morphology**
- Summer 2020 **Structure & History of English II**
Winter 2020 **Einführung in die Linguistik (Introduction to Linguistics)**

GUEST LECTURER

- Winter 2025 **Multilingualism in Medieval Britain** Guest Lecture on Celtic influence on English
M.A. level seminar (~ 20 students)
- Summer 2026 **Structure and History of English II** Guest Lecture on Old English Phonology
Undergraduate level lecture course (~ 120 students)

Further Education

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| August 2025 DRV Summer School | Konstanz |
| July 2025 Old Frisian Summer School | Groningen |
| April 2025 Edinburgh Theoretical Historical Linguistics (Miniature summer school) | Edinburgh |
| 2021 - 2024 German as a Foreign Language Qualification 'Deutsch als Fremdsprache' (DaF)
BAMF-recognized qualification to teach German to adult language learners | Konstanz |

Honors & Awards

- 2025 **Teaching Prize of the Department of Linguistics** University of Konstanz
Teaching Award for the Course 'Structure & History of English II'
- 2025 **LUKS Award (Nominated)** University of Konstanz
University of Konstanz Award for Teaching Excellence
- 2022 **VEUK Award** Alumni association of the University of Konstanz (VEUK e.V)
Award for outstanding performance in B.A. program

Stipends & Grands

- 2025 **DAAD Research stipend for PhD students** (German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD))
Stipend for a 4 week research stay at the University of Edinburgh
- 2025 **ERASMUS+ Short-Term Mobility for PhD students**
Funding for participation in the Old Frisian Summer School in Groningen
- 2021 - 2023 **Deutschlandstipendium** University of Konstanz
Scholarship for high academic performance and social commitment

Mentoring & Advising

THESES

2026. Pascal Tschabrun, M.A. Thesis. *Phonological Phenomena of Old High German personal pronouns*, University of Konstanz. (Advising).

Academic Service

- 12/2025 – present **Elected doctoral representative in the Study Commission of Linguistics**, University of Konstanz
- 11/2024 – present **Elected representative of the Doctoral Researcher Council**, University of Konstanz
- 10/2024 – present **Elected member in the Committee on Research (AFF)**, University of Konstanz
- 10/2022 – 07/2023 **Elected member of the Departmental Council of Linguistics**, University of Konstanz
- 11/2021 – 07/2023 **Elected student representative in the Examination Board of Linguistics**, University of Konstanz
- 10/2021 – 07/2023 **Elected student deputy representative in the Faculty Council of Humanities**, University of Konstanz
- 07/2021 – 07/2023 **Deputy speaker of the Literature and Linguistics Student Council**, University of Konstanz
- 10/2019 – 07/2023 **Elected student deputy representative of the Student Council Electoral Committee**, University of Konstanz
- 10/2019 – 07/2023 **Elected student representative in the Study Commission of Linguistics**, University of Konstanz
- 04/2019 – 07/2023 **Member of the Literature and Linguistics Student Council**, University of Konstanz

Conference Organization

- 2025 **Konstanz Linguistics Conference** Co-organizer
- 2024 **Konstanz Linguistics Conference** Co-organizer

Memberships of Academic and Professional Bodies

- International Society of Historical Linguistics (ISHL)
- International Speech Communication Association (ISCA)

Languages

German (Native)

English (Near-native)

French (Rudimentary)

Spanish (Rudimentary)