

Curriculum Vitae



Dr. Catherine Ferris

Teaching and research fellow at the Vice Rectorate for Research and Development and the Institute for Language and Literary Education

Responsible for academic human resources development

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Professional interests

Cognitive Linguistics
 Second Language Acquisition
 Language Teaching and Learning
 Multilingualism
 Pragmatic Competence

Education and qualifications

since 2023	Certificate of Advanced Studies in research management (2023/2024)
2013 – 2017	Postdoc in English Linguistics, University of Basel
2008 – 2013	Doctor of Philosophy: <i>Sensory Adjectives in the Discourse of Food – A Frame Semantic Approach to Sensory Language</i> , Department of Languages and Literatures, University of Basel
2003 – 2008	Master's degree in the Humanities; Major: English/American Literature and Linguistics; Minors: Pedagogical Psychology, Criminology, University of Zurich
1998 – 2002	Matura Type D: Upper secondary school leaving certificate in Modern Languages and Arts, Stadelhofen Highschool, Zurich

Academic positions

since 2022	Scientific officer for the Vice Rector Research & Development Prof. Dr. Christian Brühwiler of the St.Gallen University of Teacher Education
since 2018	Member of the president's office staff in Personnel Development
since 2017	Teaching and research fellow at the Institute for Language Teacher Education, St.Gallen University of Teacher Education
since 2017	Lecturer in English Linguistics at the St.Gallen University of Teacher Education
since 2016	Lecturer in English Linguistics at the University of Zurich

2016 – 2017	Lecturer in English at the Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts
2013 – 2017	Postdoctoral teaching and research fellow in Cognitive Linguistics, Department of Languages and Literatures, University of Basel
2008 – 2013	Doctoral teaching and research fellow, assistant to Prof. Dr. Heike Behrens in Cognitive Linguistics, Department of Languages and Literatures, University of Basel

Academic training

2014 – 2016	Courses in higher education didactics, University of Basel
2008 – 2011	Research associate in the graduate program <i>Pro*Doc: Language as a Social and Cultural Practice</i> (SNSF)
2010 – 2011	Doctoral candidate in the mentoring program <i>dissplus</i> , University of Basel
2010	Participant in the <i>LOT summer school</i> , Netherlands Graduate School of Linguistics, Radboud University

Administration and academic services

Academic human resources development	Responsible for academic personnel development (since 2017) PhD coordinator (since 2017)
Reviewing work	Progress in Science Education (PriSE) (ongoing) CogniTextes (past) Journal of Pragmatics (past)
Exam supervision	Invigilator at Matura exams in English, Gynasium am Münsterplatz, Basel. BA exam supervision, University of Basel (ongoing)
Membership in university committees	Management of the <i>swissuniversities</i> working group on higher education didactics at universities of teacher education in Switzerland (since 2018) Deputy representative of the doctoral and postdoctoral assistants in the PhD board and doctoral examination committee of the Humanities, University of Basel (2015-2016) Member of the Assistant Association of the University of Basel (avuba) Representative of the doctoral and postdoctoral assistants in the faculty meetings of the Humanities, University of Basel (2014-2016)
Memberships	Swiss Association for Applied Linguistics (VALS-ASLA) International Pragmatics Association (IPrA) Hermann Paul School of Linguistics Basel – Freiburg (HPSL) International Cognitive Linguistics Association (ICLA) Linguistic Society of America (LSA) Swiss Association of University Teachers in English (SAUTE) Swiss Works in English Language and Linguistics (SWELL)

Conference organization	<p>Organization of the Winter School “Theoretische Modellierung und Operationalisierung professioneller Kompetenzen von Lehrpersonen», in collaboration with Paris Lodron University Salzburg und the University of Cologne, St.Gallen University of Teacher Education, February 6-8, 2019.</p> <p>Organization of the international conference <i>The Beautiful Game: The Poetics and Aesthetics of Soccer in Transnational Perspective</i>, University of Basel, June 30 – July 2, 2016.</p> <p>Co-organization of the international conference <i>Constructional Approaches to Language Pedagogy 2</i>, University of Basel, June 10 – 11, 2016.</p> <p>Co-organization of the <i>5th Symposium of Politeness</i> and member of the reviewing committee, University of Basel</p>
Supervision of academic papers	<p>Co-supervision of the doctoral thesis of Olivia Rütli-Joy at the University of Fribourg</p> <p>Co-supervision of the doctoral thesis of Anna Milionis at the University of Peloponnese, Greece</p> <p>Supervision of BA- and MA-theses</p>
Varia	<p>Development of the concept for doctoral students at St.Gallen University of Teacher Education</p> <p>Content management administrator of departmental website, English Seminar, University of Basel (past)</p> <p>Revision of the BA study guide for English Studies, University of Basel (past)</p>
Projects	
ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tools@Schools:immersive, project funded by the Swiss Federal Office of Culture (BAK), project management • Center for Teachers’ Language Competences (‘Fachstelle für sprachliche Kompetenzen von Lehrpersonen), swissuniversities project, project member
completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tools@Schools, project funded by the Swiss Federal Office of Culture (BAK), project management • Literature synthesis on language exchange in elementary school & upper secondary level (‘Literatursynthese Sprachaustausch in der Volksschule & Sekundarstufe II’), project funded by the Research Centre on Multilingualism at the University of Fribourg, project member • Promotion of young researchers and qualification positions in the fields of foreign language education and multilingual didactics (‘Nachwuchsförderungsmodell und Qualifikationsstellen im Bereich Fremdsprachen- & Mehrsprachigkeitsdidaktik’); swissuniversities project, project management • Institute for profession-related language competences for foreign language teachers (‘Fachstelle für Berufsspezifische Sprachkompetenzen von Sprachlehrpersonen’), swissuniversities project, project member

- Towards a Common European Framework for Language Teachers (CEFRLT), European Centre for Modern Languages, project member
- Didactic-based development of learning and testing systems ('Fachdidaktische Entwicklung der Lern - & Testsysteme'), Lehrmittelverlag St.Gallen, project member
- Sensory Language and the Semantics of Taste, Gebert Rűf Foundation, project member

Third party funding

2023-2025	Funding for the project Tools@Schools:immersive by the Swiss Federal Office of Culture (BAK)
2020-2023	Funding for the project Tools@Schools by the Swiss Federal Office of Culture (BAK)
2015	Funding for the conference <i>The Beautiful Game: The Poetics and Aesthetics of Soccer in Transnational Perspective</i> by the Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences (SAGW)
2012 – 2013	Funding for the completion of my PhD project by the University of Basel's Research Fund

Teaching experience

since 2017	St.Gallen University of Teacher Education
since 2017	University of Zürich, courses for students from the Zurich University of Teacher Education
2008-2016	University of Basel, BA and MA courses
Fall Term 2016	Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts

Teaching of further education courses for educators

Spring Term 2024	"Translation Tools in Foreign Language Teaching" at Schulamt Fürstentum Liechtenstein
Spring Term 2023	"Translation Tools in Foreign Language Teaching" at the St.Gallen University of Teacher Education