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Research Interests	History of English; historical phonology; historical dialectology; digital humanities

Biography

Employment

2011– Research Assistant, *A Corpus of Narrative Etymologies from Primitive Old English to Early Middle English*, Institute for Historical Dialectology.

Publications: Journals

In press. Alcorn, R. Pronoun placement and pronoun case in Old English. *Neuphilologische Mitteilungen*.

In press. Alcorn, R. Distribution of variants of Old English by, for, between. *Transactions of the Philological Society*, doi: 10.1111/1467-

2009. Alcorn, R. Grammatical person and the variable syntax of Old English personal pronouns. *English Language and Linguistics* 13: 433–51.

Publications: corpus; text book; edited book

Forthcoming. Lass, R., R. Alcorn, M. Laing & K. Williamson (comps.). *A Corpus of Narrative Etymologies from Primitive Old English to Early Middle English and A Corpus of Changes*. Edinburgh: © The University of Edinburgh.

2012. Hogg, R.M. *An Introduction to Old English*, 2nd edn, revised by R. Alcorn. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press.

2012. Ackema, P., R. Alcorn, C. Heycock, D. Jaspers, J. Van Craenenbroeck & G. Vanden Wyngaerd (eds.) *Comparative Germanic syntax: The state of the art*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins. [Linguistik Aktuell 191.]

Doctoral thesis

You can download my PhD thesis here:

Pronouns, prepositions and probabilities:

[A multivariate study of Old English word order](#)

Conference presentations

2012. 'A Corpus of Changes: Towards a thematic taxonomy', 17th International Conference on English Historical Linguistics, University of Zürich.

2009. 'The variable syntax of pronominal prepositional objects in Old English: Some statistical modelling problems', 7th Symposium on the History of English Syntax, Radboud University, Nijmegen.

2008. 'The Variable Syntax of Pronominal Prepositional Objects in Old English', 15th International Conference on English Historical Linguistics, University of Munich.

Selected talks

2011. 'Tracking change: A corpus of narrative etymologies', University of Manchester. Also presented to the University of Edinburgh's English Language Research Group in 2012.

2010. 'What's so special about dative?', Postgraduate conference, University of Edinburgh.

2009. 'Multiple regression: Do all roads lead to Rome?' English Language Research Group, University of Edinburgh.

Teaching

2013– *Middle English* (Honours-level: 4 lectures on phonology)

2012– *Linguistics & English Language 1* (pre-Honours: 5 lectures on morphology)

2011– *Research Methods* (Honours-level: 1 lecture on corpus linguistics)

2007–2010 English Language tutor (pre-Honours)

Honours and awards

2010 Edinburgh University Students' Association Teaching Award nominee

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2008 Winner of the Richard M. Hogg Prize (awarded annually by The International Society for the Linguistics of English for the best English language/linguistics research paper by

an early-career scholar)

2007 Carnegie Trust Doctoral Scholarship

2006 AHRC Research Preparation Masters Studentship

2006 Patterson Prize (awarded annually by the University of Edinburgh for the best Honours paper on Old English)

2006 Helen Philip Memorial Scholarship (awarded annually by the University of Edinburgh to its top two Humanities' graduates)

Academic service

2012– Trustee, *Scottish Language Dictionaries*

2011– Organiser, English Language Research Group, University of Edinburgh

2011– Co-organiser, Linguistic Circle, University of Edinburgh

2011 Invited referee, *English Language and Linguistics*

2008 Co-organiser, 23rd Comparative Germanic Syntax Workshop, University of Edinburgh

2007 Co-organiser, Linguistics & English

Language Postgraduate Conference,
University of Edinburgh

Students supervised ▪ [Rebecca Colleran](#)