

# Aron Zahran

CV

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

October 2023 – Current

**PhD candidate: OriKunda Project, Llacan (CNRS), INALCO, Gent University**

June 2022 – September 2023

**Research assistant: University of Gothenburg**

Administrative work, data analysis, and linguistic annotation on the research project “How do words get in order? The role of speaker-hearer interaction in languages of southern Africa”

August/September 2021 & October 2022

**Consultant: The Maritime Museum & Aquarium, Gothenburg**

Assisting in the development of the exhibition “Sea of Stories”. Brought in to ensure an inclusive, diverse, and sustainable exhibition with a focus on diversity in perspectives and representation. Also performing audio recordings of written, historical testimonies for the exhibition “Sea of Stories”.

September 2019 – January 2020

**Swedish Teacher: Folkuniversitetet, Gothenburg**

February 2019 – May 2019

**Language Instructor: Berlitz Gothenburg**

June 2017 – December 2018

**English tutor: Anglo-American Centre, Cagliari, Italy**

January 2015 – June 2015

**Translator and office assistant: NGO Ecocéanos, Santiago, Chile**

## EDUCATION

August 2021 – September 2023

**Master of Arts - African Languages**

*University of Gothenburg, Sweden*

January 2019 – June 2021

**Bachelor of Arts - Linguistics**

*University of Gothenburg, Sweden*

## PUBLICATIONS

Bloom Ström, Eva-Marie, Onelisa Slater, Aron Zahran, Aleksandrs Berdicevskis, and Anne Schumacher. ‘Preparing a Corpus of Spoken Xhosa’. In *Proceedings of the 2023 CLASP Conference on Learning with Small Data (LSD)*, 62–67. Gothenburg, Sweden: Association for Computational Linguistics, 2023. <https://aclanthology.org/2023.clasp-1.7>.

Zahran, Aron, and Eva-Marie Bloom Ström. 'Against Expectations – the Rise of Adverbs in Swahili Phasal Polarity'. *Studies in African Linguistics* 51, no. 2 (2022): 294–322.  
<https://doi.org/10.32473/sal.51.2.129687>.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & SEMINARS

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May 8th, 2024

**Launch event – corpus of spoken isiXhosa. University of Gothenburg, Sweden**  
*Presentation of the newly developed corpus of spoken isiXhosa, as part of the research project “How do words get in order? The role of speaker-hearer interaction in languages of southern Africa”*

May 7th, 2024

**Swahili Workshop. University of Gothenburg, Sweden**  
*On the aspectual and modal functions of the focus auxiliary -end in Ndengeleko.*

September 4th, 2023

**Keynote speaker at Rhodes University Annual Postgraduate Student Conference. Makhanda, South Africa**  
*“Nothing is in vain”: Semantic expansion and cyclical change in Tanzanian Bantu*

August 28th, 2023

**Opening talk at 52<sup>nd</sup> Colloquium of African Languages and Linguistics (CALL). Leiden University, The Netherlands**  
*The multiple functions of the disjoint morpheme in Ndengeleko focus, progressiveness and epistemicity (Presented with Eva-Marie Bloom Ström).*

August 28th, 2023

**52<sup>nd</sup> Colloquium of African Languages and Linguistics (CALL). Leiden University, The Netherlands**  
*“Nothing is in vain”: Non-standard negation in Kutu, Kwere, and Zalamo.*

August 15th, 2023

**3rd Language Association of Eastern Africa Conference (LAEA). Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda.**  
*The Reflexive-Reciprocal prefix in East Bantu*

June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Swedish Linguistics meetings 2023 (SLING), University of Lund, Sweden**  
*“Nothing is in vain”: Non-standard negation in three Tanzanian Bantu languages*

May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

**Linguistics Research Seminars – University of Gothenburg, Sweden**  
*Three for the price of one! Predication focus, progressiveness and evidentiality in a single Ndengeleko morpheme. (Presented with Eva-Marie Bloom Ström)*

December 1st, 2022

**10th Southern African Microlinguistics Workshop (SAMWOP), Potchefstroom, South Africa**  
*Conjoint/Disjoint in Ndengeleko*

August 29th, 2022

**51<sup>st</sup> Colloquium of African Languages and Linguistics (CALL): Contact in East Africa Workshop. Leiden University, The Netherlands**

*Reflexive and Reciprocal polysemy in East Bantu*

June 7th, 2022

**9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Bantu Languages (BANTU9), Blantyre, Malawi**  
'Phasal Polarity in Swahili' (Presented with Eva-Marie Bloom Ström)

### LANGUAGE SKILLS

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- **Swedish** – Native speaker
- **English** – Excellent command, full professional proficiency.
- **Swahili** – Good command: Second language at home
- **Italian** – Good command: Resident in Italy for 3 years.
- **Spanish** – Good command: Resident in Spain & Chile for 1,5 years
- **French** – Basic command: Resident in France since September 2023

### AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

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- French Institute of South Africa (IFAS) – IFAS Research Grant 2024
- INALCO mobility grant 2023
- Minor Field Studies for linguistic fieldwork in Tanzania 2023
- Adlerbert Scholarship 2020 & 2021
- The Donation Board Scholarship, 2020
- Student of the year 2014 at JENSEN Upper Secondary School Gothenburg for best academic performance.
- Royal and Hvitfeldtska Foundation's Education Scholarship 2014 for outstanding academic performance.

### REFERENCES

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Available upon request