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## Stellingen behorende bij het proefschrift

1. Derrida's theory of hauntology is just a starting point for my studies of ghosts. More attention for different traditions of ghost narratives is needed since they demonstrate cultural diversity.
2. Ghosts are intriguing because they are associated with death and afterlife, both of which are irredeemable and inexplicable to the living.
3. What is different between a ghost and a specter is that a ghost can refer to some otherworldly "non-human" creatures but a specter is defined in a more narrow sense as the spirit of a deceased person. Ghosts win!
4. All spaces are spectral since they are all heterogeneously temporal, unstable and uncanny.
5. At first sight, the figures of female ghosts in Morrison's *Beloved*, Kingston's *The Woman Warrior* and Kogawa's *Obasan* hate men. But it turns out that they protect men from harmful revenge by invoking the female protagonists to re-create a new and communal identity. When these female characters re-invent a communal identity, they will establish a more harmonious relation to men rather than avenging on them for their oppression of women.
6. The figure of the medium that falls into trance is a passive medium. They 'unwillingly' negotiate the worlds of life and death, presence and absence, self and other.
7. Due to its irreducible otherness and indeterminacy, the ghost persistently slips through definitions and imbues authoritative discourses with foreign and ambiguous elements.
8. Ghosts are mediums themselves. They play the role of an active agent in narratives for their invisibility, madness and uncanny silence.
9. Going to bed early and getting up early usually kills people.
10. Learning that Leiden University appears as a crime scene in Val McDermid 2003 novel *The Last Temptation* makes students work harder.
11. The truth is only one's prejudice.
12. "Do you know what's really scary? You want to forget something. But you never can. It won't go away and it follows you around like a ghost." But nothing lasts forever. Don't be scared.