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Curriculum Vitae

Justin Case was born on the 21st of March 1990 in Tampere, Finland; but spent his childhood in northern Ontario, Canada. After one year of music school at York University, Toronto in 2008; he completed a double-major BA degree at the University of Waterloo (Canada) in French Studies and in Spanish and Latin American Studies in 2012, including one year on exchange at the University of Navarre in Pamplona, Spain. After one year of teaching English in Kyiv, Ukraine, Justin undertook his Masters' studies in Europe.

He began his MA studies in Medieval Studies at University College London in 2014. The MA was awarded with merit in November 2015, culminating in a thesis project *Assimilation of voicing in the Alemannic Middle High German corpus of Notker III*. He spent a year working at a language school in San Francisco, USA, before returning to Europe to undertake a second MA program in Linguistics, Language and Society, at the University of Amsterdam in 2016. This second MA was awarded cum laude in June 2017, with a thesis project written in Spanish with the title *¿Alguna vez existió el adjetivo? La relevancia del adjetivo en las Artes misioneras sobre las lenguas tupí-guaraníes en la época colonial temprana (ca. 1500-1650 EC)* [English: *Were there ever any adjectives? The relevance of the adjective in the missionary grammars on Tupi-Guarani languages in the early colonial era (c. 1500-1650 CE)*].

Justin started his doctoral studies at the University of Ottawa in September 2017, and completed a full taught program and two qualifying examinations. In the spring of 2018, he participated in an on-site field course with Prof. dr. A.P. Salanova and Dr. M. Bruil at the Siona community of Sototsiaya. From January 2021 he established a cotutelle agreement with Leiden University, as an external candidate, and the doctoral dissertation project contained in these pages took shape. Since 2018, Justin has visited this Siona community for four additional field stints (2019, 2022, 2023, 2025), and has invited a speaker friend to work with him at the University of Ottawa, Canada in Fall 2024. To date he has taught a half-dozen courses on theoretical and descriptive linguistics topics at the University of Ottawa in English and in French, and co-taught two courses on language diversity at Leiden University.