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In memoriam Carla Luijks

Afrikaans linguistics suffered a major loss with the death of our colleague Carla Luijks, from cancer, on December 30, 2001, at the cruelly young age of 43 (two weeks shy of her 44th birthday).

Carla was born in Steenberg, The Netherlands, on January 12, 1958. She wrote her *doctoraalscriptie* on the development of the Afrikaans tense system (1988) at the University of Amsterdam under the direction of Hans den Besten. After emigrating to South Africa in 1992, she earned her Ph.D. at the University of Cape Town with a dissertation on the Cape Dutch letters of Jan Jonker Afrikaner (1820–1889), which she prepared under the supervision of Hester Waher. In addition to her research on the language of this nineteenth-century Oorlam leader (1998, 2000, and in several conference papers), Carla worked on Afrikaans reduplication (Den Besten, Luijks, and Roberge forthcoming) and the Anglo-Boer war diarist Susanne Nel (Bottomley and Luijks 1998). She had just started preliminary field work for a project on the Afrikaans of the Karretjie-Mense, a nomadic group of chiefly Khoekhoe origin, when she learned of her illness.

Carla is survived by her husband, Kim McCarogher, and their son Keiran. Her obituary appears in the newsletter *The Carrier Pidgin* (vol. 29, nos. 1–3, 2001, p. 7).

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