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References available upon request

Education

- In progress Ph.D. Linguistics, University of California, Santa Cruz.
2006 M.A. Linguistics, University of California, Santa Cruz.
2004 B.A. *summa cum laude*, Linguistics and East Asian Studies,
University of Arizona.

Research Interests

Morphophonology
Nonconcatenative morphology
Phonological representations
American indigenous languages
Computational Natural
Language Processing (NLP)

Language Interests

Kwak'wala
Dakota
Tohono O'odham
Tübatulabal
Yiddish
Chinese (Mandarin and Classical)

Publications and Manuscripts

- In prep “Ablaut and reduplication in Dakota: Revisiting the phonology-morphology relationship.” In proceedings of WAIL 12, University of California, Santa Barbara.
- In prep “Kwak'wala *m'ut* reduplication without RED.” In proceedings of WSCLA 14, University of British Columbia Working Papers in Linguistics.
- 2009 “An extensible crosslinguistic readability framework.” In proceedings of ACL-IJCNLP 2009, BUCC workshop volume, Association for Computational Linguistics.
- 2008 *Introduction to Morphology*. Unpublished manuscript, University of California, Santa Cruz.
- 2007 “The Phonology of Lexical Underspecification.” Unpublished manuscript, University of California, Santa Cruz.
- 2006 “And in Some Language That's English? Slayer Slang and Artificial Computer Generation.” *Slayage* vol. 20.

Conference Presentations

- 2009 “An extensible crosslinguistic readability framework,” Workshop on Building and Using Comparable Corpora, ACL-IJCNLP 2009, Suntec, Singapore, 6 August.
- 2009 “Ablaut and reduplication in Dakota: Revisiting the phonology-morphology relationship,” WAIL 12, University of California, Santa Barbara, 8 May.
- 2009 “Kwak'wala *m'ut* reduplication without RED,” WSCLA 14, Purdue University, 4 April.
- 2007 “Lexical underspecification and reduplication without RED,” Linguistics At Santa Cruz, 3 March.
- 2006 “Sluicing and Quasisluicing in Mandarin,” S-TREND, University of California, Berkeley, 19 November.
- 2004 “And in Some Language, That's English?” Given at the 1st Annual Slayage Conference on Buffy the Vampire Slayer (SC1), Middle Tennessee State University. 27-30 May.

Teaching Experience

Linguistics:

- Fall 2009 Instructor, LING 105: Morphology
- Summer 2009 Instructor, LING 50: Introduction to Linguistics
- Spring 2008 Teaching Assistant, LING 101: Phonology 1 (Instructor: David Teeple)
- Fall 2007 Instructor, LING 105: Morphology
- Spring 2007 Teaching Assistant, LING 101: Phonology 1 (Instructor: Prof. Lev Blumenfeld)
- Winter 2007 Teaching Assistant, LING 102: Phonology 2 (Instructors: Prof. Jaye Padgett and Prof. Lev Blumenfeld)
- Spring 2006 Teaching Assistant, LING 140: Language Change (Instructor: Florence Woo).
- Winter 2006 Teaching Assistant, LING 181: Structure of Romance Languages (Instructor: Prof. Donka Farkas)
- Fall 2005 Teaching Assistant, LING 101: Phonology 1 (Instructor: Prof. Jaye Padgett)

English as a Second Language:

- Summer 2006 ESL Instructor, Huaxi University, Huaxi, China.
ESL Instructor, Ankang Middle School, Ankang, China.
- Summer 2005 ESL Instructor, Leading English Learning Education Center, Shaoxing, China.
ESL Instructor, Rainbow School, Xianyang, China.
- Summer 2004 ESL Instructor, Rainbow School, Xianyang, China.
ESL Instructor, Jingjiang Foreign Language School, Jingjiang, China.

Professional Experience

- 2006-2008 Computer Czar, Department of Linguistics, University of California, Santa Cruz. Supervisor: Dr. Jim McCloskey.
- 2003-2004 Programmer, Electronic Metastructure for Endangered Language Data (EMELD). Supervisor: Dr. D. Terrence Langendoen.
- 2003 Lead programmer, Wallowa Place Names Database. Supervisor: Phil Cashcash.
- 2002-2003 Copy Editor, *Arizona Daily Wildcat*. Supervisor: Eliza Tebo.

Awards and Honors

- Winter 2009 Teaching Assistant Sabbatical, University of California, Santa Cruz.
- 2008-2009 Graduate Fellowship, Division of Humanities, University of California, Santa Cruz.
- 2004-2005 Graduate Fellowship, Division of Humanities, University of California, Santa Cruz.
- 2000-2004 Dean's List, University of Arizona

Service and Memberships

- 2005-2006 Colloquium Committee, Department of Linguistics, University of California, Santa Cruz.
- Since 2005 Union steward, UAW 2865 (Academic Student Employees), University of California.
- 2004-2005 Representative to the Graduate Student Association from the Department of Linguistics, University of California, Santa Cruz.
- 2003 Elected to Phi Beta Kappa, University of Arizona.
- 2002-2004 Vice President, Undergraduate Linguistics Club, University of Arizona.

Languages

English (native)
Mandarin Chinese (conversational)
Spanish (conversational)
Tohono O'odham (coursework)

Computer Skills

Programming: BASIC, Pascal, Perl, XML
Web Design: HTML, Javascript, CSS, PHP, Drupal, CGI
Typesetting: LaTeX, Microsoft Word, OpenOffice, Adobe Pagemaker
Databases: MySQL, Microsoft Excel
Graphic design: Photoshop, GIMP
Operating Systems: Windows, Mac OS X, Linux (Debian, Red Hat, Gentoo, Fedora, Ubuntu)