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Education

2009 PhD Linguistics

- State University of New York at Buffalo
- Discourse and lexical semantic analyses of spatial information in narrative, interdisciplinary with cognitive science

2005 MA Linguistics

- State University of New York at Buffalo
- Arabic sociolinguistics

1999 MA Linguistics

- Syracuse University
- Language and logic

1996 BA English, technical writing

- Cedarville University
- Minors: mathematics, philosophy, Bible

2015 MS Clinical Speech-Language Pathology

- Northern Arizona University
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Field Research

2012-ongoing

- Language documentation for Hobongan (Austronesian)
- Orthographic and linguistic consultation for additional minority languages in the area

2002-2005

- Sociolinguistic attitude study among Arabic speakers in Buffalo, NY

Publications (Selected)

2024

- A brief linguistic description of the Hobongan language. *Journal of Borneo-Kalimantan*, 10.2.15-36.
- Colors, sounds, rivers: Descriptive terms and informational priority in Hobongan. *Journal of Borneo-Kalimantan*, 10.1.31-43.

2022

- Parity lost: Polyphony, silence, and syncretism between traditional Hobongan and modern cultural practices. Colors, sounds, rivers: Descriptive terms and informational priority in Hobongan. Edited by Anja Müller-Wood. In *Language and Dialogue*, 12.1.150-168.

2020

- Narrative structure in cross-linguistic perspective: English, Hobongan, and Daqan. *International Journal of Literary Linguistics*, 9(5): <https://journals.linguistik.de/ijll/article/download/107/64>.
- Inferring prescriptivism: Considerations inspired by Hobongan and minority language documentation. In *Language Prescription: Values, Ideologies, and Identity*, ed. by Don Chapman and Jacob D. Rawlins, 32-45.

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2018

- Conceptualizing measurement and quantification in Hobongan: An overview of the lexicon and uses. In *Anglica Wratislviensia* 56.231-247, ed. by Ewa Kabłowska-Lawniczak.

2017

- Cognitive embodiment and embodied cognition in Hobongan: Variations in grounding and conceptual metaphor. In *Selected Papers of the 6th UK Cognitive Linguistics Conference*, vol. 4, ed. A. Wallington, A. Foltz, and J. Ryan: 1-16.
- Toward a typology of ranking elements of narrative discourse in languages and cultures: A cross-linguistic survey. *International Journal of Literary Linguistics*, 6.1: <https://journals.linguistik.de/ijll/article/download/101/48>.

2016

- Politeness without routines: A case study in Hobongan and implications for typology. In *Łódź Papers in Pragmatics*, 12(1)3-21, 2016.
- Pragmatic patriarchies in translation: When words aren't enough. In *Beyond Words: Crossing Borders in English Studies*, vol. 2: 145-163, ed. by Justyna Leśniewska and Mateusz Urban.
- Using contradictions: When multiple wrongs make right. In *Language Under Discussion*, 3(1): 28-30

2014

- Explanatory power: Writing in myth, religion, and science. In *Papers on Language, Culture, and Literature*, 4.137-157, ed. by Alicja Witalisz: Krosno: PWSZ w Krósnie.

2013

- Orienting the reader: Discourse strategies for conversing about spatial information in George Orwell's *Burmese Days*. In *Language and Dialogue*, 3(1): 71-92, ed. by Anja Müller-Wood.

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- Linguistic analysis of verbal abuse. In Encyclopedia of Domestic Violence and Abuse, 1: 288-292, ed. by Laura Finley. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO.

2009

- There and back again: Discourse and pragmatic strategies for describing spatial locations in narrative fiction. <https://media.proquest.com/media/hms/ORIG/2/jWUxl?s=es%2Byu0PqWz15V5pOkelv8qx8dfc%3D>. (dissertation)

Conferences/Talks (selected)

2024

- 7th Prescriptivism Conference, Transmitting Prescriptivism, 26-28 June; Linguistic fieldwork and the transmission of prescriptivism: A view from among the Hobongan,

2022

- Pragmatics and (Mis)Representation in Human Communication, University of Nigeria Nsukka (online), 10-13 May; What's in a name?: Language designations from within and without language communities

2021

- Colorful concepts from a linguistic point of view, Ruhr University (online), 8-10 September; Colors, rivers, and sounds: Descriptive terms and informational priority in Hobongan

2019

- Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg, invited lecture series, 16 January; Real Hobongan: Reconsidering real and fake in the field

2017

- Cognitive Linguistics in Wrocław, 2-3 December; Toward a new analytical framework: Nexus theory

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- Second Literary Linguistics Conference, Johannes Gutenberg Universität, Mainz, 4-6 October; Narrative structure in cross-linguistic perspective: English, Hobongan, and Daqan
- Prescriptivism 2017, Brigham Young University, Park City, Utah, 21-23 June; Pragmatic prescriptivism in language description and documentation: Considerations inspired by Hobongan
- International Society for Language Studies, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, Hawai'i, 15-17 June; Pragmatic aspects of Hobongan folk sociolinguistics: Peace and language planning

2016

- Cognitive Linguistics in Wrocław, 3-4 December; Quantification and orientation in Hobongan: A lexical description
- 3rd International Conference of the American Pragmatics Association (AMPRA), Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, 4-6 November; Patients' linguistic pragmatic strategies and medical inadequacy: In-person and online discourses (with Agnieszka Sowinska)
- 6th UK Cognitive Linguistics Conference (UKCLC), Bangor University, Bangor, Wales, 19-22 July; Rethinking conceptual boundaries in Hobongan: Metaphor and grounding
- Language and Health Online, University of Basel, Basel, Switzerland, 15-16 April; Chronic fatigue syndrome (myalgic encephalomyelitis) and the construction of personal narrative: Character and agency

2015

- 5th New Zealand Discourse Conference, AUT University, Auckland, New Zealand, 7-9 December; Discourse for character, space, and time: Case studies in English, Hobongan, and Daqan

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- Cognitive Linguistics in Wrocław, University of Wrocław, 3-6 December; Verticality for clarity: A case study in disambiguation
- LASSO XLIV, University of Arizona, Lake Havasu City, Arizona, 10-13 September; Crossing conceptual boundaries in Hobongan: Variations in metaphor and grounding
- 7th Łódź Symposium: New Developments in Linguistic Pragmatics, University of Łódź, Poland; Politeness without routines in Hobongan: A case study and implications for typology
- Inaugural Conference of the International Association of Literary Linguistics, Johannes Gutenberg Universität, Mainz, German, 12-14 April; Toward a typology of ranking elements of narrative discourse in language and cultures: A case study in English and Hobongan
- Across Borders VI, 27-28 April: The West Looks East, Stanisław Pigoń State College, Krosno, Poland; Choosing orthography: Case studies in west-east development of writing systems in three West Kalimantan communities

2014

- 2nd Conference of the American Pragmatics Association, UCLA, Los Angeles, California, 17-19 October; Pragmatic aspects of a folk sociolinguistics: Hobongan language status and geography
- 5th UKCLC, Lancaster University, United Kingdom, 29-31 July; Cognition of geographic space in Hobongan: An overview of the geographical lexicon
- 6th International Conference on Language, Culture, and Mind, Inside Out: Practice and Representation, Marie Curie-Skłodowska University, Lublin, Poland, 23-26 June; Developing oral literature in Hobongan and English: How attention directs language

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- 6th Intercultural Pragmatics and Communication Conference, University of Malta, Valetta, Malta, 30 May-1 June; Hobongan discourse markers: Lexical items as indications of pragmatic priority
- 6th Symposium on Intercultural, Cognitive, and Social Pragmatics (EPICS VI), Universidad de Sevilla, Seville, Spain, 12-14 May; (Il)logical and linguistic aspects of verbal abuse: Pragmatic and cognitive interactions
- April Conference 13: Crossing Borders in English Studies, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland, 24-26 April; Women vs culture: Middle-eastern patriarchy in English translation

2013

- 6th Annual International Conference on Languages and Linguistics, Athens Institute for Education and Research, Athens, Greece, 8-11 July; Causality and its interactions: Culture, semantics, and pragmatics in Hobongan and English
- Cognition and Poetics, Universität Osnabrück, Germany, 25-27 April; Cognitive aspects of genre: Aktionsart in discourse analysis

2012

- Across Borders V: International Conference on Culture, Language, and Literature, Comenius College of Miskolc University, Sárospatak, Hungary, 12-14 October; Explanatory power: Writing in myth, religion, and science
- International Conference on Applied Linguistics and Language Teaching, National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan, 19-21 April; Patterns in discourse analysis for teaching writing
- International Association for Dialogue Analysis, Åbo Akademi, Turku, Finland, 1-3 April; Orienting the reader: Discourse strategies for conversing about spatial information in George Orwell's *Burmese Days*

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2011

- Oita Text Forum, Oita University, Oita, Japan, 4 December; Finding Meaning in Various Types of Texts
- Georgetown University Round Table, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., 10-13 March; Bilingualism and code-switching on Facebook walls

2004

- Graduate Student Symposium on Gender, State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY, March; Finding a language: An analysis of male and female conversational patterns via logic
- Cognitive Science Colloquium, State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY, April; Roads and parks: An investigation into the English spatial inventory

2001

- Niagara Linguistics Society, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada, December; Tense-initial syntax in Irish

Funding

2019 Visiting Scholarship Albert Ludwigs Universität Freiburg €1990

2018 Visiting Scholarship Albert Ludwigs Universität Freiburg €1990

2015 Graduate Scholarship: \$4010

2014

- Graduate Scholarship: \$4010
- Office of the Provost Research Award: \$500
- College of Health and Human Services Travel Award: \$200
- Graduate Student Government Travel Award: \$150

2013 Faculty Research Grant: \$300

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2012

- Individual Development Award Program: \$300
- Faculty Research Grant: \$300

Courses Taught (selected)

Level 5, Reading and writing for ESL students (fall, 2013, Northern Arizona University); 6/8 students tested out of Level 6

GM535: Business communication (2008-2010, Franklin Pierce University MBA)

LIN/ANT 345: Introduction to sociolinguistic issues and methods (summer, 2012-2013, SUNY Oswego)

LING 320/LIN 108: history of the English language from Proto-Indo-European to present (spring, 2013, SUNY Oneonta; spring, 2008, SUNY Buffalo)

LING 201: introduction to sociolinguistics (fall, 2012, SUNY Oneonta)

LIN 100: multiple sections of introduction to linguistics (2011-2013, SUNY Oswego)

IC 310: Ancient and medieval worlds (2010, Franklin Pierce University)

TH 180: Effective speaking (2009-2010, Franklin Pierce University)

IC 106: Advanced freshman composition (2009-2011, Franklin Pierce University)

Accelerated Language Program, English: Rassias Master Teacher 2009-2011 (Dartmouth College, Kimball Union Academy, Valle de Bravo Mexico, Monterey Mexico)

WRT 105/COMP 100/IC 105/CMP 101: freshman composition 2006-2013 (SUNY Oneonta, Franklin Pierce University, Roberts Wesleyan University, Colby-Sawyer College)

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Other Activities

Volunteer

2012-ongoing: Individualized, language-specific linguistic training for minority communities and those who work with minority communities

2015-2018: Prescott, Arizona: private tutoring and speech therapy for children ages 8-12

Summer, 2008: San Juan de Huashalado, Peru: English for rural school children ages 8-13

1997-1999: Syracuse, NY: private ESL tutoring for South Korean graduate student

1996-1997: Cedarville, OH: private ESL tutoring for German businessman

Summer, 1995: Oita, Japan: ESL classes for intermediate and advanced students, ages 8-70s

Summer, 1994: Debrecen, Hungary: ESL classes for advanced students, high school-adult

Editorial (Selected)

2012-2017: Language Under Discussion Journal (<https://journals.helsinki.fi/lud>): founding editor for online, peer-reviewed journal

2011-2013: Quest Proceedings, State University of New York at Oswego: compiled and edited proceedings of the student academic conference

2010-2012: Linguistic Society of America, Washington, D.C.: Reviewed abstracts in discourse analysis, semantics, and other fields for the annual LSA conference

2010-2012: Niagara Linguistics Society, Buffalo, NY: edited abstracts in sociolinguistics, discourse analysis, pragmatics, semantics (formal and lexical), and historical linguistics

2000-2001: Wordsyth, Ithaca, NY: wrote and edited definitions for the McGraw-Hill Children's Dictionary:

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Wordsmyth Collaboratory. Wordsmyth Reference Series. McGraw-Hill Children's Publishing: Columbus, OH: 2003.

Consulting

2015: Treato, Inc.: Medical discourse analysis for company that contracts with hospitals and pharmaceutical companies to provide information about patients' perspectives on conditions and treatments

Research/Graduate Assistantship

2003-2006

- Supervised by Leonard Talmy, State University of New York at Buffalo

Tutoring

2007-2011

- Kimball Union Academy
- Students from China, Mexico, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan
- Subject areas: writing; English grammar, vocabulary, conversational skills; history; economics; statistics; algebra I and II; geometry; pre-calculus; trigonometry; biology; chemistry; anthropology

1994-2008

- Private ESL and academic tutoring for students and adults
- Various source languages including German, South Korean, Spanish, Japanese, Hungarian
- Various locations, including Syracuse, Cedarville, Peru, Japan, Hungary

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Additional Training

ANGEL: creation and deliver of 100% online, university-level content

Blackboard and Moodle Tools: creation of high school-level content

E-college: certified for hybrid courses, 50% online and 50% in-person, university-level content

Languages

Intermediate Speaking

German, Spanish

Basic Speaking (with review)

Indonesian, French, Swahili, Hungarian, Japanese, Mandarin, Polish, Twi, Swedish, Czech

Reading Knowledge

German, Spanish, Latin

Structural Knowledge

Hobongan, Taman, Daqan, Embalo, Mandarin, Indonesian, Hungarian, Japanese, Korean

Memberships

Foundation for Endangered Languages

Borneo Research Council

International Association for Dialogue Analysis

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