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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Language Acquisition Acquisition of Syntax-Semantic Interface
Acquisition of clause types
Root Infinitives
Bilingual Acquisition
Language education policy and community language projects

Syntax Comparative syntax
Languages of South Asia
Adjunct clauses
Free Relatives and Wh movement
The syntax of the nominal domain

ACADEMIC HISTORY

2011 - Present PhD Program in Linguistics, University of Massachusetts Amherst
Expected completion: Spring 2017

2011 MA in Linguistics, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

2007 BA in Sociology, Western Washington University

2005 AA, Shoreline Community College

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

09/14/2010 Lomnak Majol: "Thinking Marshallese" (with Laura Berbusse).
Foundation for Endangered Languages XIV: Reversing Language Shift
University of Wales Trinity Saint David, Carmarthen, UK

05/18/2013 Optional V2 and the Left Periphery in Tuvaluan
Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association XX
University of Texas Arlington

11/29/2013 Tough Partial Movement
Workshop on the Acquisition of Adjectives across Languages
Utrecht University, Utrecht, Netherlands

11/8/2014 The Syntax and Semantics of Free Relative Clauses in Child English
Poster at the BU Conference on Language Development 39
Boston University

4/11/2015 Subject Orientation as Event Orientation: Causatives and *kar* Adverbials
Poster at Formal Approaches to South Asian Languages 5
Yale University

- 9/11/2015 Free Relatives in Acquisition: A case of over-generalization
Generative Approaches to Language Acquisition 12
University of Nantes
- 11/13/2015 Syntactic cues alone in Adjective learning (with Jeremy Hartman)
BU Conference on Language Development
Boston University

TEACHING

University of Massachusetts

- Fall 2016 Teaching Assistant, Linguistics 190 (Language Acquisition and Human Nature)
- Fall 2015 Instructor, Linguistics 201 (Intro. to Linguistic Theory)
- Spring 2015 Teaching Assistant, Linguistics 411 (Intro. to Language Acquisition)
- Spring 2014 Teaching Assistant, Linguistics 411
- Fall 2013 Instructor, Linguistics 201
- Spring 2013 Teaching Assistant, Linguistics 201
- Fall 2012 Teaching Assistant, Linguistics 101 (People and Their Language)

University of Hawai'i

- Fall 2010 - Instructor, Linguistics 102 (Intro. to the Study of Language)
- Spring 2011

Western Washington University

- Winter 2007 Teaching Assistant, Sociology 215 (Social Statistics)

SERVICE

- Fall 2012 - Colloquium Co-Organizer, UMass Graduate Linguistic Student Association
- Spring 2014
- Fall 2013 - Senator for Linguistics, UMass Graduate Student Senate
- Spring 2014
- Spring 2016 Undergraduate RA coordinator, UMass Language Acquisition Lab
- Fall 2016 - Assistant lab manager, UMass Language Acquisition Lab
- Present
- Fall 2016 Organizer of Language Acquisition Workshop of New England, UMass,
November 2016

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