

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- 2012** **Ph.D. Linguistics, University of Toronto**
Dissertation title:
Viewpoint Aspect in Inuktitut: The Syntax and Semantics of Antipassives
Supervisor: Dr. Alana Johns
Thesis committee: Dr. Diane Massam
 Dr. Elizabeth Cowper
External Review: Dr. David Basilico, University of Alabama, Birmingham
- 1998/1999** **Transfer year in the Linguistics Master's Programme, University of Ottawa**
- 1995** **Magistra Artium General Linguistics and German (Linguistics and Literature), Universität Stuttgart, Germany**
M.A. Thesis title:
Nomen-Verb Distinktion als Universalie: Eine Untersuchung anhand von Cayuga und Inuktitut
Noun-Verb Distinction as a Universal: An Examination of Cayuga and Inuktitut
Supervisor: Dr. Elke Nowak
- 1991** **Zwischenprüfung (exams to enter graduate studies), Universität Stuttgart, Germany**
Qualifying paper: *The Literary Scandal*
Written exams in German Linguistics and Historical Linguistics; oral exams in General Linguistics

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- 2015 - present Assistant Professor, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon
2013 - 2015 Lecturer, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon
2007 - 2013 Sessional Instructor, Seneca College of Applied Arts and Technology, Toronto
2003 - 2012 Sessional Instructor, University of Toronto

RESEARCH INTERESTS

MORPHOLOGY, SYNTAX, SEMANTICS:

morphology-syntax interface, TAM, argument structure, morphosyntactic features, allomorphy, syntax-semantics interface, case and agreement, viewpoint aspect, noun incorporation, ergativity

FIRST LANGUAGE ACQUISITION:

acquisition of inflectional morphology

LANGUAGES: Inuktitut, Inuktun, Non-Standard German

PUBLICATIONS (REFEREED)**2016**

- *Aspect contrasts in Inuktitut*. Topics in Inuit Semantics. *Amerindia* 38, 201-232

2010

- *On the Conditions for Antipassives*. Language and Linguistics Compass, Volume 4, Issue 7, pages 556–575, July 2010

2009

- (with Michael Barrie): *Noun Incorporation and the progressive in German*. *Lingua*. 119.2, 374-388

2006

- *Antipassive morphology and case assignment in Inuktitut*. Alana Johns, Diane Massam, & Juvenal Ndayiragije (eds.): *Ergativity: Emerging Issues*, Kluwer: Dordrecht, 247-270

2001

- *Little v in Inuktitut: Antipassive revisited*. *Linguistica Atlantica* 23, 155-190

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS**2016**

- *Am-Progressives in Swabian: Some evidence for pseudo-noun incorporation*. Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Linguistics Association, Calgary

2008

- *Events in Inuktitut: voice alternations and viewpoint aspect*. Proceedings of the 41st Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistics Society, University of Chicago, 473-487

2005

- (with Midori Hayashi): *Is Inuktitut Tenseless?* Proceedings of the 2005 Annual Meeting of the Canadian Linguistics Association
- *Third Person Arguments in Inuktitut*. Proceedings of the Workshop on the Structure and Constituency of the Languages of the Americas 10, UBCWPL 17, eds. Armoskaite, Solveiga and James J. Thompson. 215-225
- *Error Patterns in the Acquisition of German Plural Morphology: Evidence for the relevance of grammatical gender as a cue*. Toronto Working Papers in Linguistics, vol. 23.2, 147-172

2004

- *How to derive a verb: Syntactic objects in Inuktitut*. Proceedings of the Workshop on the Structure and Constituency of the Languages of the Americas 2004, UBCWPL vol. 15, University of British Columbia, 93-106

2002

- *Verb Classes in Inuktitut and the Transitivity Hierarchy: 'Aspects' of Antipassive*. Proceedings of the Workshop on the Structure and Constituency of the Languages of the Americas 2001, UBCWPL Vol. 7, University of British Columbia

- *The Passive in Basque*. Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Niagara Linguistic Society 2000, University of Toronto. Toronto Working Papers in Linguistics 19, 87-106
- Editor. *Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Niagara Linguistic Society 2000*, University of Toronto. Toronto Working Papers in Linguistics 19

2001

- *Antipassive and Distributed Morphology*. Proceedings of the 2000 Annual meeting of the Canadian Linguistics Association, Cahiers Linguistique d'Ottawa University of Ottawa, 339-346

2000

- *Plural in German: A test case for late insertion*. Proceedings of the 2000 Western Conference on Linguistics, California State University, Fresno, vol. 12, 467-478

BOOK CHAPTER (NOT REFEREED)

2015

- (with Veronika Makarova): Chapter 5: Syntax. In Makarova, Veronika. 2015. *Linguistic Universe: An Introduction to Linguistics*, Kendall: Vancouver, BC.

PRESENTATIONS (NOT IN PROCEEDINGS)

2016

- *Am-Progressives in Swabian: The status of am*. Prairie Workshop in Languages and Linguistics. First Nations University, Regina
- *Am-Progressives in Swabian: Some evidence against a PP analysis*. Berkeley Germanic Linguistics Roundtable. UC Berkeley

2015

- *Verbs and Meaning in Inuktitut*. Humanities and Fine Arts Week, University of Saskatchewan

2014

- (with Saila Michael). *Reflexives in South Baffin Inuktitut*. 19th Inuit Studies conference, Université Laval, Quebec City
- (with Peter Wood). *Language Teaching Technology and the Aboriginal Languages*. First Nations Language Keepers Conference: Utilizing Technology for Language Preservation. Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre

2012

- *Why Telicity cannot be imperfective: Telicity judgments reconsidered*. TOM 5, University of Ottawa, Poster
- *Default Viewpoint Aspect without Tense: The case of Inuktitut*, Semantics of Understudied Languages of the Americas 7, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, Poster
- *Viewpoint Aspect and Lexical Aspect: The role of punctuality*, Annual Meeting of the Canadian Linguistics Association, Waterloo

2006

- (with Midori Hayashi) *The Syntax of Tense: Evidence from Inuktitut*. Chronos 7, Antwerp, Belgium
- (with Midori Hayashi) *The Semantics of Tense in Inuktitut*. TAMTAM, Nijmegen, Netherlands
- *Ergative Case in Inuktitut*, Graduiertenkolleg Institut für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, Technische Universität Berlin (INVITED)

2004

- *Events in Progress: Inuktitut, Basque, and German*. BWTL 8, York University, Toronto

1995

- *The Universality of the Noun-Verb-Distinction*. The 2nd Marburger students' symposium in Canadian Studies, Marburg (INVITED)

EXPERIENCE**MANUSCRIPT REVIEWS**

- 2016** for *Glossa*
for *Linguistic Typology* twice
- 2015** for *Lingua*
- 2011** for *Linguistics*

RESEARCH POSITIONS

Research Assistant, Inuktitut Group, With Prof. Alana Johns
 Research Assistant, A comparative grammar of Inuktitut dialects. With Prof. Alana Johns
 Research Assistant, Netsilik Dictionary Project, Joint Venture with Dr. Jean Briggs, Memorial University of Newfoundland and Prof. Alana Johns, University of Toronto
 Research Assistant, Inuktitut database project. With Prof. Alana Johns, University of Toronto
 Member, Syntax-Semantics Group, Department of Linguistics, University of Toronto

TEACHINGUniversity of Saskatchewan

Languages and Cultures of Canada	(2016)
Introduction to Syntax	(2013, 2016)
Lexicology	(2015)
The World's Major Languages	(2015)
The Structure of Language	(2014, 2015)
Introduction to Grammar (English)	(2014, 2014, 2015)
Child Language Development	(2014, 2015)
Introduction to Research Methods in Linguistics	(2014)
Phonetics	(2013, 2014, 2015)
Historical Linguistics	(2013)

Sessional Instructor, Seneca College for Applied Arts and Technology

(2007-2013)

Culture and Society: Social Foundations in ESL
 Introduction to Linguistics

<u>Sessional Instructor, University of Toronto</u>	(2003-2012)
Morphological Patterns in Languages	(2012, 2008, 2005)
English Grammar	(2007, 2005)
Introduction to Language	(2004, 2004, 2003)
<u>Teaching Assistant, University of Toronto:</u>	
Morphological Patterns	(2005, 2001)
English Grammar	(2012, 2011)
Introduction to Linguistics	(2012, 2004, 2000, 1999)
Introduction to Language	(2011, 2008, 2004, 2000)
<u>Tutoring with Accessibility Services, University of Toronto</u>	(2010-2013)
<u>Courses:</u> Introduction to Linguistics, Syntactic Patterns, Syntactic Theory, Language Acquisition	
<u>Teaching Assistant, Universität Stuttgart, Germany</u>	
Introduction to Linguistics	(1995)
<u>Language Instructor and Course Development,</u> <u>IMS Institut Stuttgart, Germany:</u>	(1995-1998)
Teaching DaF (German as a Foreign Language)	
Developed the “IMS Konzept” for company-internal language courses	
http://www.ims-institut.de/index.html	

SERVICE

UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN, DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

2013-present	Member of the program committee for Linguistics Member of the Linguistics section
2015-2016	Drafting a Certificate program in Linguistic approaches to Canadian Languages and Cultures Organised Linguistics Movie Night on campus Organised trip to PWOLL where some of our students presented Member of Building Bridges (Joint Initiative of ISSAC and the Aboriginal Student Centre)
2014-2015	Member of the Curriculum Renewal Committee, College of Arts and Science, University of Saskatchewan Successfully submitted a course proposal for a course on World Englishes Member of the organisational committee for Humanities Week, University of Saskatchewan
2013-2014	Member of the Drafting Committee for a proposal of an MA program in Applied Linguistics, University of Saskatchewan Successfully submitted a course proposal for a course on Child Language Development, University of Saskatchewan (November 2013)

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS

- 2002-2005** Member of the curriculum committee, Department of Linguistics
- 2004** Member of the organisational committee for the Chancellor Jackman Programme for the Arts series at the University of Toronto: Language and the Arts
- 2002-2004** Coordinator of the departmental library, Department of Linguistics
- 2000-2002** Committee Chair, Toronto Working Papers in Linguistics, Department of Linguistics
- 2000** Organisation of the Annual Meeting of the Niagara Linguistic Society
- 1999-2000** Computer committee member, Department of Linguistics

AWARDS

- 2014 and 2015** Nominated for the Teaching Excellence Award by the University of Saskatchewan Students Union (USSU)

GRANTS

- 2016** **Experiential Learning Fund** for the final poster exhibit of the course LING252: Languages and Cultures of Canada
- 2015** Grant awarded by the **Interdisciplinary Centre for Culture and Creativity (ICCC)** for Humanities and Fine Arts (HUMFA) week, University of Saskatchewan to host the keynote speaker. Teresa Hardy: *Transgender communication Feminization: A total Communication Approach*
- 2014** Grant awarded by the **Interdisciplinary Centre for Culture and Creativity (ICCC)** for Humanities and Fine Arts (HUMFA) week, University of Saskatchewan to host *The Canadian Language Museum* and its Chair Dr. Elaine Gold
- 2003** Travel grant for field research in Kugaaruk, Nunavut awarded by **School of Graduate Studies**, University of Toronto
SSHRC Institutional Grant for field research in Kugaaruk, Nunavut
Northern Scientific Training Programme Research Grant for field research in Kugaaruk, Nunavut
- 2002** **Joint Initiative for German and European Studies (JES), Munk Centre for International Studies, University of Toronto** research grant for First Language Acquisition research project in Germany.
- 2000** SHHRC research grant as part of the SHHRC grant "A Cross-Linguistic Study of Verbal Systems" awarded to Diane Massam, Dept. of Linguistics University of Toronto

SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2000-2001** Ontario Graduate Scholarship
- 1999** Full Tuition Scholarship, Ottawa University
 International Scholarship, Ottawa University

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Canadian Linguistic Association / Association canadienne de linguistique
(CLA/ACL)

Linguistic Society of America (LSA)

Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA)

Association of Linguistic Typology (ALT)

Canadian Language Museum

Association of Canadian Studies in German Speaking Countries (ACS)

Foundation for Endangered Languages (FEL)