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Education

- 2007–present University of California, Santa Cruz
Ph.D. in Linguistics (Expected Spring 2012).
Dissertation: *Ways of Pluralizing Events*.
Committee: Donka Farkas (co-chair), Adrian Brasoveanu (co-chair), Judith Aissen.
M.A. in Linguistics, 2009.
- 2003–2007 University of Texas at Austin
B.A. in Linguistics and Latin American Studies with highest honors,
Liberal Arts Honors, Departmental honors in Linguistics.
- 2011 European Summer School in Logic, Language, and Information, *Ljubljana University*.
2007 Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute, *Stanford University*.
2006 Taller de Complementación, *CIESAS y Universidad Autónoma de Querétaro, San Cristóbal de las Casas, Chiapas México*.

Publications

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

- In press Accent in Uspanteko. With R. Bennett. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*. Accepted for publication with minor revisions.
- In press Morphological alternations at the intonational phrase edge: The case of K'ichee'. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*. Accepted for publication in final form.

Peer-reviewed Papers in Edited Volumes

- in prep Typology. In *Oxford Bibliographies Online*. Invited contribution.
- in prep Escisiones en el sistema de concordancia plural en el idioma maya kaqchikel. In Rodrigo Gutiérrez Bravo, Francisco Arellanes Arellanes, Mario E. Chávez Peón (eds.) *Estudios de Teoría de Optimidad*. Invited contribution.
- 2011 Two binding puzzles in Mayan. With J. Coon. In Rodrigo Gutierrez-Bravo, Line Mikkelsen, and Eric Potsdam (eds.), *Representing Language: Essays in Honor of Judith Aissen*.

Papers in Conference Proceedings

- 2012 The pragmatics of quantifier scope: A corpus study. With S. AnderBois and A. Brasoveanu. In Ana Aguilar, Anna Chernilovskaya, and Rick Nouwen (eds.), *Sinn und Bedeutung 16*, MITWPL.
- 2011 Pluractional distributivity and dependence. In Neil Ashton, Anca Chereches, and David Lutz (eds.), *Semantics and Linguistic Theory XXI*, CLC Publications.
- 2011 “If not for” counterfactuals: Negating causality in natural language. In Mary Byram Washburn, Katherine McKinney-Bock, Erika Varis, Ann Sawyer, and Barbara Tomaszewicz (eds.), *28th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, Cascadilla Proceedings Project.
- 2011 Agent focus morphology without a focused agent: Restrictions on objects in Kaqchikel. With J. Ajsivinac. In *Formal Approaches to Mayan Linguistics*, MIT Working Papers in Linguistics.
- 2010 Crossing the appositive/at-issue meaning boundary. With S. AnderBois and A. Brasoveanu. In Satoshi Ito and Ed Cormany (eds.), *Semantics and Linguistic Theory XX*, CLC Publications.
- 2010 “So that we don’t lose words”: Reconstructing a Kaqchikel medical lexicon. With E. Tummons and P. Rohloff. In Coronel-Molina, S.M. and McDowell, J.H. (eds.) *The proceedings of the Symposium on Teaching Indigenous Languages of Latin America*, Indiana University.
- 2009 Varieties of distributivity: *One by one* vs. *each*. With A. Brasoveanu. In Nan Li and David Lutz (eds.), *Semantics and Linguistic Theory XIX*, Ohio State: CLC Publications.
- 2008 Observaciones sobre la sintaxis de la extracción de los adjuntos en kaqchikel (Maya). In Mateo Toledo, B. (ed.), *Memorias del Congreso de Idiomas Indígenas de Latinoamérica III*, University of Texas: AILLA.

Papers under Review

Non-defeasible counterfactuality blocks epistemic inference: Evidence from “if not for” counterfactuals.

Crossing the appositive/at-issue meaning boundary. With S. AnderBois & A. Brasoveanu.

Presentations

Refereed Conference Presentations

- 2011 Partnerships for Domain-Specific Language Revitalization. With E. Tummons and P. Rohloff. *Symposium on Teaching Indigenous Languages of Latin America* (Bloomington).
- 2011 Pluractional distributivity and dependence. *Semantics and Linguistic Theory 21* (New Brunswick).
- 2011 Accent in Uspanteko. With R. Bennett. *CUNY Conference on Phonology of Endangered Languages* (New York).

- 2011 The pragmatics of quantifier scope: A corpus study. With S. AnderBois & A. Brasoveanu
Sinn und Bedeutung 16 (Utrecht)
The Proper Use of Quantification in Ordinary Language ESSLLI Workshop (Ljubljana).
- 2010 Pluractionality-based distributivity and dependent indefinites in Kaqchikel.
Workshop on Pluractionality: Towards a Typology of Verbal Number (Leiden).
- 2010 Crossing the appositive/at-issue meaning boundary. With S. AnderBois & A. Brasoveanu
Semantics and Linguistic Theory 20 (Vancouver).
- 2010 “If not for” counterfactuals: Negating counterfactuality in natural language.
28th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (Los Angeles).
- 2010 Latest insertion in K’ichee’. With M. Tucker
LSA Annual Meeting (Baltimore).
- 2010 “So that we don’t lose words”: Reconstructing a Kaqchikel medical lexicon. With E. Tummons and P. Rohloff.
Symposium on Teaching Indigenous Languages of Latin America (Bloomington).
- 2009 Morphological alternations at the intonational phrase edge in K’ichee’.
40th meeting of the North East Linguistics Society (Cambridge, Mass).
- 2009 Una escisión sujeto-objeto en el sistema de concordancia del kaqchikel
Congreso de Idiomas Indígenas de Latinoamérica IV (Austin).
- 2007 Observaciones sobre la sintaxis de la extracción de los adjuntos en kaqchikel (Maya).
Congreso de Idiomas Indígenas de Latinoamérica III (Austin).

Invited Presentations

- 2012 Title TBA
Semantics of Underrepresented Languages of the Americas 7, Cornell, 5/TBA.
- 2011 A corpus-based approach to quantifier scope disambiguation
MIT S-square, 5/9.
- 2011 Why linguists should partner with medical NGOs
UC Santa Cruz American Indian Resource Center, 5/4.
- 2011 Documenting and describing tone in Uspanteko: Issues and first fruits
UC Berkeley Fieldwork Forum, 4/28.
- 2011 Nab’ey Täq Tzij pa ruwi’ Molaj Q’ajarik pa Qach’ab’äl
(An introduction to semantics through Kaqchikel)
Kaqchikel Cholchi, Academy of Mayan Languages, 2/23 & 3/2.
- 2010 Accent in Uspanteko, a Mayan language. With R. Bennett
International Symposium on Accent and Tone, NINJAL, 12/18.
- 2010 Una escisión sujeto-objeto en el sistema de concordancia del kaqchikel
Quinto Encuentro de Teoría de Optimidad, Colegio de México, 12/10.
- 2010 Pluractional distributivity and dependence
Harvard Language Universals and Fieldwork Speaker Series, 11/1.
- 2010 Pluractional effects on verbal aktionsart
Universiteit Leiden Friday Afternoon Lecture Series, 8/27.

Other Presentations

- 2012 A scalar account of Mayan positional roots
CUSP IV (Los Angeles).
- 2011 The pragmatics of quantifier scope: A corpus study. With S. AnderBois & A. Brasoveanu
CUSP III (Palo Alto).
- 2010 “If not for” counterfactuals: Negating counterfactuality in natural language
Stanford Workshop on Counterfactuals, Causality, and Inertia. (Palo Alto).
- 2009 Pluractionality-based distributivity (in Kaqchikel)
California Semantics and Pragmatics II (Santa Cruz).
- 2009 A non-defeasible causal counterfactual
California Semantics and Pragmatics I (UCLA).

Academic and Development Work in Indigenous Communities

Linguistic Fieldwork

- Kaqchikel Summer 2005, Summer 2006, Winter 2006, Summer 2007, Summer 2009, Summer 2010, Spring 2011.
- Uspanteko Summer 2010, Winter 2010, Spring 2011.
- K'ichee' Summer 2008.

Development

- 2010-present Wuqu' Kawoq advisory board. Planning and overseeing the organization's Mayan language documentation and revitalization initiatives.
- 2007-2010 Co-founder and board member of Wuqu' Kawoq, a community-directed NGO dedicated to delivering linguistically responsible medical care in Guatemala by operating in indigenous languages and supporting indigenous practitioners.

Teaching

- As Instructor of Record Linguistic Typology, Fall 2010.
- As TA Linguistic Typology, Spring 2010; Semantics I, Fall 2008.

Research Experience

- 2009-2011 Graduate Student Researcher (six quarters part time), A. Brasoveanu
Building, tagging, and analyzing a corpus of LSAT Logic puzzles to model scope resolution in multiply quantified sentences.

Grants and Awards

- 2012 Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada conference funding: “Corpus Approaches to Mayan Linguistics”, #646-2011-1601, with Jessica Coon.
- 2009-2012 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, #1000051754, Awarded 2007.
- 2009 National Science Foundation conference funding: “Formal Approaches to Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi) Workshop” #0841282, 2009–2010 (PI David Pesetsky), wrote and submitted grant with Jessica Coon.
- 2007-2009 Cota-Robles Graduate Fellowship, *UCSC*. A competitive university-wide award for students that increase the representation of communities historically underrepresented in academia.
- 2007 Linguistics Society of America Summer Institute Scholarship, *Stanford*.
- 2007 Dean’s Distinguished Graduate, *UT Austin*.
- 2006 University of Texas Junior Fellow.
- 2006 Elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Service to the Profession

- Reviewing *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*
Studia Logica
GLOW
SULA.
- 2012 Co-organizer of FAMLi II (Formal Approaches to Mayan Linguistics) and CAML (Corpus-based Approaches to Mayan Linguistics) with Jessica Coon.
- 2010 Co-founder and co-organizer of FAMLi (Formal Approaches to Mayan Linguistics) with Jessica Coon.
- 2010 Conference committee, Formal Approaches to Japanese Linguistics 5.
- 2009 Conference committee, 16th meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association.
- 2009 Linguistics colloquium committee, *UC Santa Cruz*.
- 2008 Conference committee, UCSC Alumni Reunion and Conference.
- 2006 Linguistics External Review Undergraduate Committee Member, *UT Austin*.

Languages

- English native
Spanish fluent
Kaqchikel fluent
K’ichee’ intermediate
Uspanteko fieldwork