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Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor

Aug 2022 - present

Department of Linguistics and Department of American Culture,
Native American Studies Program
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA

Postdoctoral Fellow

2020 - 2022

LSA Collegiate Fellowship
Department of American Culture, Native American Studies Program
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA

Education

Graduate

Ph.D. in Linguistics from the University of Chicago 2012 - 2020
Chicago, Illinois, USA
Dissertation: *Noun Categorization in Ojibwe: Gender and Classifiers*
Committee: Amy Dahlstrom (Chair), Salikoko Mufwene and Itamar Francez

Undergraduate

B.A. in Linguistics and Spanish from Wayne State University 2007 - 2012
Detroit, Michigan, USA

Research Interests

Ojibwe (Algonquian), morphology, semantics, noun categorization, gender, classifiers, language documentation and revitalization, language typology, word order, information structure, figurative language processing, idioms

Honors and Awards

LSA Collegiate Fellowship in American Culture Department of American Culture, University of Michigan	2020-2022
Provost's Dissertation Completion Fellowship Division of the Humanities, University of Chicago	2019 - 2020
American Philosophical Society Phillips Fund for Native American Research Grant Recipient	2018
International House Graduate Fellowship University of Chicago	2017 - 2019
CoLang Endangered Language Fund Fellowship University of Florida	Summer 2018
GGI PITCH Summer Internship ChicagoGRAD, University of Chicago Language Department at the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians	Summer 2018
Stuart Tave Teaching Fellowship Course: Structure of Ojibwe Humanities Collegiate Division, University of Chicago	2017 - 2018
Rella Cohn/GRAIL Fund Recipient Fieldwork on Classifiers in Ojibwe Department of Linguistics, University of Chicago	Summer 2017
Certificate in University Teaching The Chicago Center for Teaching, University of Chicago	Summer 2020
Ronald E. McNair Scholar Wayne State University	2011 - 2012

Refereed Publications

Whitney, A., Johnson, G., and Meyer, C. (In Press). A Survey of Medials in Ojibwe: Classifiers versus Incorporation. *Papers of the 52nd Algonquian Conference*. Edited by Monica Macaulay and Margaret Noodin. Michigan State University Press. East Lansing, Michigan.

Meyer, C. (In Press). “‘Exceptional’ Animates in Ojibwe: The Link Between Gender and Classifiers.” *Papers of the Fifty-First Algonquian Conference*. Edited by Monica Macaulay and Margaret Noodin. Michigan State University Press. East Lansing, Michigan.

Meyer, C. (2020). “Numeral Classifiers in Ojibwe.” *Papers of the Forty-Ninth Algonquian Conference*. Edited by Monica Macaulay and Margaret Noodin. Michigan State University Press. East Lansing, Michigan.

Meyer, C. (2019). “The Status of Classifying Morphemes in Ojibwe.” *Papers of the Forty-Eighth Algonquian Conference*. Edited by Monica Macaulay and Margaret Noodin. Michigan State University Press. East Lansing, Michigan.

Meyer, C. (2018). “Noun Categorization in Ojibwe: Animacy is Gender and Gender is Separate from the Count/Mass Distinction.” *Papers of the Forty-Seventh Algonquian Conference*, 199-216. Edited by Monica Macaulay and Margaret Noodin. Michigan State University Press. East Lansing, Michigan.

Meyer, C. (2017). “Discontinuous Constituents in Ojibwe: Accounting for Two Preverbal Words.” *Papers of the Forty-Sixth Algonquian Conference*, 183-195. Edited by Monica Macaulay and Margaret Noodin. Michigan State University Press. East Lansing, Michigan.

Presentations

Conference Talks

Twenty-Sixth Annual Anishinaabemowin-Teg Conference March 2020

Mimikwenimaanaanig Leonard miinawaa James

Presentation with Alphonse Pitawanakwat and Margaret Noodin

Algoma University, in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada

*Conference canceled

Fifty-First Annual Algonquian Conference Oct 2019

Motivating ‘Exceptional’ Animates: The Link Between Gender and Classifiers

McGill University, in Montreal, Quebec, Canada

- The Many Facets of Agreement Oct 2019
Gender and Classifiers in Ojibwe
 University of Zurich in Zurich, Switzerland
- The Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas, Jan 2019
 held in conjunction with The Linguistic Society of America
Motivating 'Exceptional' Animates in Ojibwe: The Link Between Gender and Classifiers
 New York City, New York, USA
- Forty-Ninth Annual Algonquian Conference Oct 2017
Numeral and Verbal Classifiers in Ojibwe
 University of Quebec in Montreal, Quebec, Canada
- Forty-Eighth Annual Algonquian Conference Oct 2016
The Status of Classifying Morphemes in Ojibwe
 University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA
- Forty-Seventh Annual Algonquian Conference Oct 2015
Noun Categorization in Ojibwe: Animacy is Gender and Gender is Separate from the Count/Mass Distinction
 University of Manitoba in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
- The Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas, Jan 2015
 held in conjunction with The Linguistic Society of America
Word Order and Information Structure in Ojibwe
 Portland, Oregon, USA
- Forty-Sixth Annual Algonquian Conference Oct 2014
Universal Quantification and Nominal Structure
 Mohegan Sun Casino in Uncasville, Connecticut, USA
- Forty-Fifth Annual Algonquian Conference Oct 2013
Basic Word Order and Information Structure in Ojibwe
 University of Ottawa in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
- Poster Presentations***
- Rodney Clark Memorial Poster Day March 2012
Dissociation between Integrative and Taxonomic Priming
 Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan, USA

Michigan Fall AGEP/KCP Conference <i>The Role of Imagery in the Comprehension and Memory of Idioms</i> Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan, USA	Oct 2011
 <i>Workshop Presentations</i>	
SynSem Workshop <i>The connection between gender and classifiers in Ojibwe</i> University of Michigan	April 2022
Conversations on Social Justice Workshop <i>Land Acknowledgements</i> Panel discussion with Ben Secunda, NAGPRA project manager Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies, University of Michigan	March 2022
Native American Heritage Month Language Preservation Event <i>How and Why We Learn Anishinaabemowin</i> Presentation with Margaret Noodin, Alphonse Pitawanakwat and Kayla Gonyon Native American Student Association, University of Michigan	Nov 2020
Language Variation and Change Workshop <i>Gender and Classifiers in Ojibwe</i> University of Chicago	Jan 2019
Morphology and Syntax Workshop <i>Motivating 'Exceptional' Animates in Ojibwe: The Link Between Gender and Classifiers</i> University of Chicago	Nov 2018
Language Variation and Change Workshop <i>Summary of Fieldwork: Classifiers in Ojibwe</i> University of Chicago	Nov 2017
Language Variation and Change Workshop <i>Preparing for Fieldwork: Classifiers in Ojibwe</i> University of Chicago	June 2017
Morphology and Syntax Workshop <i>Noun Categorization in Ojibwe</i> University of Chicago	Oct 2015

Conference Organizing

Conference Organizer: <i>Native and Non-Native Indigenous Languages in Chicago</i> In honor of the United Nations declaration of 2019 as the 'International Year of Indigenous Languages' University of Chicago in Chicago, Illinois	Oct 2019
Panel Organizer: <i>The Role of Linguistics in Language Revitalization</i> Forty-Eighth Annual Algonquian Conference University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, Wisconsin	Oct 2016
Conference Organizer: <i>50th Annual Chicago Linguistics Society</i> University of Chicago in Chicago, Illinois	April 2014
Conference Volunteer: <i>Forty-Fourth Annual Algonquian Conference</i> University of Chicago in Chicago, Illinois	Oct 2012

Edited Volumes

<i>Proceedings of the 50th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society</i> Co-edited with Ross Burkholder, Carlos Cisneros, Emily R. Coppess, Julian Grove, Emily A. Hanink, Hilary McMahan, Natalia Pavlou, Özge Sarıgül, Adam Roth Singerman, and Anqi Zhang	2016
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Research Experience

Fieldwork on Gender and Classifiers in Ojibwe Conducted with The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan	2017 - 2018
Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program Advisor: Dr. Lara L. Jones Wayne State University	2010 - 2012
Research Assistant to Dr. Lara L. Jones Concepts and Cognition Lab Departments of Psychology and Linguistics Wayne State University	2009 - 2012

Teaching Experience

Instructor

Stereotypes and Native Languages University of Michigan, Department of Linguistics	Fall 2022
Language and (Native) Gender University of Michigan, Department of American Culture	Fall 2022
Unpacking Misconceptions and Stereotypes of Native Languages University of Michigan, Department of American Culture	Winter 2022
Intermediate Ojibwe II Co-taught with Alphonse Pitawanakwat and Kayla Gonyon University of Michigan, Department of American Culture	Winter 2021
Grammatical Gender University of Chicago	Winter 2019 Spring 2017
Language and the Human Humanities Core University of Chicago	Winter 2019 Spring 2018
Linguistic Morphology University of Chicago	Fall 2018
Introduction to Linguistics University of Chicago	Winter 2018
Structure of Ojibwe Original Course Design: Stuart Tave Teaching Fellowship University of Chicago	Fall 2017

Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Linguistics Taught by Carlos Cisneros	Winter 2017
Taught by Gallagher Flinn University of Chicago	Spring 2016

Language and Communication
Taught by Dr. Salikoko Mufwene
University of Chicago

Fall 2016

Fall 2014

Sociolinguistics
Taught by Dr. Laura Casasanto
University of Chicago

Fall 2015

Student Organizer

Linguistic Pedagogy
University of Chicago

Fall 2015

Mentor Experience

Sapir Scholars Program
Classifiers in Ojibwe Text Mining Project
Department of Linguistics, University of Chicago

2019 - 2020

PRISM Preceptor in Linguistics
(Planning Resources and Involvement for Students in the Majors)
Office of Career Advancement, University of Chicago

2017 - 2019

Jeff Metcalf Internship Program
Gender in Ojibwe Dictionary Mining Project
Office of Career Advancement, University of Chicago

Summer 2018

Sapir Scholars Program
Gender in Ojibwe Dictionary Mining Project
Department of Linguistics, University of Chicago

Fall 2017

Organization Memberships

Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas

2018 - 2020

2014 - 2015

Chicago Linguistics Society

Fall 2014

Ronald E. McNair Scholars

2011 - present

Service at the University of Michigan

Executive Committee, Department of Linguistics 2022-2023

Salary Committee, Department of American Culture 2022-2023

Service at the University of Chicago

Mental Health First Aid Training Certification Jan 2019

Office of Health Promotion and Wellness

Student Counseling Services, University of Chicago

Graduate Students United 2017 - 2018

Departmental Organizer in Linguistics

Graduate Student Representative to Faculty

2014 - 2016

Department of Linguistics, University of Chicago

Chicago Linguistic Society Officer

2013 - 2014

Languages

English - Fluent

Ojibwe - Primary Research

Spanish - Conversational

French - Beginner