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ABOUT 自我介绍

I specialize in syntax with an emphasis on endangered language documentation (Gurung, Khoisan). I find ellipsis (*esp.* gapping), ergativity, and serial verb constructions fascinating. My background is a mix of linguistics and design.

LANGUAGE 語言

English *Mandarin*



Native

Since 2009

EDUCATION 教育

New York University (B.A. 2015) — *Linguistics, High Honors*
Minors: Mandarin Chinese, Global Visual Arts

EXPERIENCE 經歷

Postbaccalaureate Research Assistant to Prof. Maria Polinsky at the University of Maryland, College Park August 2018 — Present

Currently copy- and style-editing 23-chapter *Handbook of the Languages of the Caucasus*; creating Praat pitch tracks of VOS/VSO alternations in Tongan; participating in Field Methods (Aklanon; Austronesian); auditing Syntax, Psycholinguistics, Adv. Chinese for Heritage Speakers; attending lectures, lunch talks, colloquia, etc. related to language science; managing Prof. Polinsky's website & IRB as required.

Research Assistant to Prof. Chris Collins, Training Students for Fieldwork on the Khoisan Languages, NSF Grant #1760980 June 2018 — 2020

Attended CoLang 2018. Summers 2019 & 2020, I will oversee technological aspects of fieldwork and lead group elicitations (Cua, Tshila; Central Khoisan) to train undergraduate students in documentary fieldwork in Botswana. Will prepare all data for ELAR deposit and create website for presentation of work.

Research Assistant to Prof. Zvezdana Vrzic, Documentation of the Vlashki/Zheyanski Language, NSF Grant #1160696 October 2015 — February 2016; October 2016 — October 2018

Assisted with Fieldworks Language Explorer data management & entry, text compilation, text editing, dictionary formatting, and ELAR archive deposit of print, audio, video media. Co-author of short technical paper with Prof. Vrzic (*in progress*).

Independent Researcher (Gurung; Sino-Tibetan) January 4 — 24, 2017

Led linguistic fieldwork with 2 colleagues in Sikles, Nepal to document the threatened Sikles dialect of Gurung. Led elicitation sessions. Produced annotated audio & video. Primary author of a grammatical sketch (*in progress*).

Volunteer at Endangered Language Alliance July 2014 — May 2017

Led weekly meetings with a speaker of Sikles Gurung to perform interviews, record oral texts, transcribe, gloss, analyze, translate texts in Fieldworks Language Explorer, and elicit & record syntactic and lexical data.

Assistant to Prof. Zvezdana Vrzic at DERSII 2016 July 10 — 15, 2016

Provided technical & logistical assistance at Prof. Vrzic's 2-week workshop, *Documentation and Revitalization of the Istriot Language* (Istrioto; Romance), in Rovinj, Croatia. Helped teach Fieldworks Language Explorer, WeSay, and Saymore.

Research Assistant to Guggenheim Fellow, Prof. Chris Collins April 2 — May 14, 2016

Lived in Botswana for 6 weeks to assist documenting Sasi & Kua (two moribund Khoisan languages). Tasked with photography & videography, Fieldworks Language Explorer data management, & assistance during elicitation. Coded a dictionary parsing script in PHP to convert MS Word dictionary into Fieldworks database. Designed print & web spelling primer for Sasi.

'Filling in the Gaps' (Honors Thesis, Highest Honors) July 2014 — April 2015

Wrote honors thesis about gapping & presented novel data on 'resumptive gapping.' Met weekly with Prof. Chris Collins & did an extensive literature review. Designed an informal survey to collect native speaker judgments about gapping constructions ($n=139$).

U.S. Dept. of State's Critical Language Scholarship Summer 2013

Lived in Suzhou (蘇州) for 2 months of total immersion in Mandarin on the campus of Suzhou University (蘇大). Attended intensive speaking, reading, writing classes daily for 4 hours with 2-hour tutoring sessions thereafter.

HONORS

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- 2015** Phi Beta Kappa
Robert A. Fowkes Prize for High Achievement in Linguistics at NYU
Magna Cum Laude
NYU Dean's List (all 4 years)
- 2013** Bernard and Dorothy Layton Foundation Scholarship
Liberal Studies Dean's Circle
- 2011** USCPFA Bellinson Scholarship Award for Excellence in Chinese

SKILLS

技能

Organized, innovative, and collaborative—both a team player and a motivated, self-directed, team member. **Specific Skills:** Web/graphic/print design, Adobe CC, HTML5, CSS3, Javascript/JQuery, PHP, MySQL, PHPMyAdmin, 35mm & digital photography, MS Office, FLEx, Praat, WeSay, SayMore.

REFERENCES

推薦人

Upon request.