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Academic Appointments

- 2015-present Assistant Professor
Program in Linguistics and Cognitive Science, Department of Anthropology
University at Albany, State University of New York
- 2014-2015 Post-doctoral Research Fellow
Department of Linguistics
McGill University

Education

- 2009-2014 PhD in Linguistics, Harvard University
DISSERTATION: *Prosodic noun incorporation and verb-initial syntax*
COMMITTEE: Maria Polinsky (Harvard), Kevin Ryan (Harvard), Ryan Bennett (Yale), Norvin Richards (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)
- 2007-2009 MA in Linguistics, University of Iowa
- 2000-2004 BA in English Literature and French, Franklin and Marshall College

OTHER ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- 2003 Certificat Pratique de Langue Française, Université Marc Bloch, Strasbourg, France
- 2003 Zentrale Oberstufenprüfung, Goethe Institut, Schwäbisch Hall, Germany

Fellowships & awards

- Spring 2019 President's Award for Exemplary Public Engagement, University at Albany—Awarded to the Triqui Project for outstanding community-engaged research and public service
- Spring 2019 Drescher Award, University at Albany, SUNY—Dr. Nuala McGann Drescher Diversity and Inclusion Leave Program to prepare for permanent or continuing appointments
- 2015-2017 Declined: Mellon Fellowship of Scholars in the Humanities, Stanford University

2013-2014 Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University
 2012,2013 Bok Center Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University
 2003 Peter and Irene Seadle Award, Franklin and Marshall College
 2000-2004 Presidential Scholarship, Franklin and Marshall College

Grants

EXTERNAL GRANTS

Submitted Principle Investigator (on behalf of PhD Candidate Jamillah Rodriguez), *Doctoral Dissertation Research: The syntax and phonology of grammatical tone*, Co-PI: Lee Bickmore, University at Albany, SUNY—\$19,076 USD
 Submitted Co-Investigator, GRAMMY Museum Grant Program, *Exploring the Links Between Tone Language Use, Pitch Discrimination, and Musical Emotion Perception*, PI: R. Friedman, University at Albany, SUNY—\$19,320 USD
 2019 Principle Investigator, Documenting Endangered Languages, NSF, *Symposium to advance multidisciplinary perspectives on minority languages in diaspora* to be held as the 2019 LSA Summer Institute Weekend Symposium on Linguistic Research with Diaspora Communities #BCS-1913122—\$14,206 USD
 2017 Collaborator, National Geographic Society, *Documenting word order variation in Mayan languages: A collection of Ch'ol narratives*, PI: J. Coon, McGill University, #HJ-138R-17—\$29,998 USD
 2017 Collaborator, SSHRC Insight Grant, *Agreement and anti-agreement across languages*, PI: J. Coon, McGill University, #435-2017-0545—\$244,629 CAD
 2015 Collaborator, SSHRC Insight Grant, *Heavy predicates and split arguments in Niuean*, PI: D. Massam, University of Toronto, #435-2015-1987—\$98,843 CAD

INTERNAL GRANTS

2017 Individual Development Awards Program Grant, United University Professions, University at Albany: \$1000
 2016 Tenure Trek, Institute for Teaching and Learning, University at Albany: \$500
 2016 Individual Development Awards Program Grant, United University Professions, University at Albany: \$500
 2013 Mind, Brain, Behavior Graduate Student Award, Harvard University: \$2500
 2013 Graduate Student Council Summer Research Award, Harvard University: \$1000

Publications

JOURNAL ARTICLES

UNDER REVISION Tollan, Rebecca & Lauren Clemens. Syntactic ergativity as a processing-based constraint against crossing dependencies. Under Review at *Linguistic Inquiry*.

- ACCEPTED Clemens, Lauren & Lee Bickmore. The role of attachment height in explaining prosodic phrasing in Rutooro. Under revision for *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*.
- 2019 Clemens, Lauren. Prosodic noun incorporation: The relationship between prosody and argument structure in Niuean, *Syntax* 22(4): 337–377.
- 2018 Clemens, Lauren & Jessica Coon. Deriving verb-initial word order in Mayan, *Language* 94(2): 237–280.
- 2017 Becker, Michael, Lauren Clemens, & Andrew Nevins, A richer model is not always more accurate: The case of French and Portuguese Plurals, *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 35: 299–345.
- 2015 Clemens, Lauren, Jessica Coon, Pedro Mateo Pedro, Adam Morgan, Maria Polinsky, Gabrielle Tandet, & Matt Wagers, Ergativity and the complexity of extraction: A view from Mayan, *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 33: 417–467.
- CHAPTERS IN PEER-REVIEWED EDITED VOLUMES
- TO APPEAR Massam, Diane & Lauren Clemens, Contributions of Polynesian to theoretical linguistics. In Lauren Clemens and Diane Massam (eds.) *Polynesian syntax and its interfaces*, Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.
- TO APPEAR Clemens, Lauren & Rebecca Tollan, Syntactic ergativity as absolutive movement in Polynesian. In Lauren Clemens and Diane Massam (eds.) *Polynesian syntax and its interfaces*, Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.
- TO APPEAR Clemens, Lauren, The use of prosody as a diagnostic for syntactic structure: The case of verb-initial order. In Vera Lee-Schoenfeld and Dennis Ott (eds.) *VP-fronting*, Oxford University Press, *Studies in Comparative Syntax*, Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.
- 2019 Clemens, Lauren, Major Families of North America: Mayan, In Daniel Siddiqi (ed.) *Routledge Handbook of North American Languages*, 365–396. Abingdon, UK: Routledge.
- 2017 Clemens, Lauren & Maria Polinsky, VSO and VOS Word Order, Primarily in Austronesian and Mayan Languages, In Martin Everaert and Henk van Riemsdijk (eds.) *The Wiley Blackwell Companion to Syntax, 2nd edition*, Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell, 4747–4796.
- 2013 Polinsky, Maria, Lauren Clemens, Adam Morgan, Ming Xiang & Dustin Heestand, Resumption in English, In Jon Sprouse and Norbert Hornstein (eds.) *Experimental Syntax and Island Effects*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 341–359 .
- 2013 Clemens, Lauren, V2 in a V1 language: Kaqchikel SVO, In M. Kenstowicz (ed.) *MIT Working Papers in Linguistics Volume on Kaqchikel*, Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.

CHAPTERS IN EDITORIALY-REVIEWED VOLUMES

- 2018 Clemens, Lauren, Niuean *nākai* as a negative verb: Implications for the derivation of V1 order, In Laura Kalin, Ileana Paul, Jozina Vander Klok (eds.) *Festschrift in Honor of Lisa Travis*, Montreal: McGill Working Papers in Linguistics, 78-90.
- 2018 Clemens, Lauren & Jessica Coon, Prosodic constituency of verb-initial clauses in Ch'ol, In Megan Keough, Natalie Weber, Andrei Angheliescu, Sihwei Chen, Erin Guntly, Khia Johnson, Daniel Reisinger, and Oksana Tkachman (eds.) *Proceedings of the Workshop on Structure and Constituency in the Languages of the Americas* [WSCLA] 20 (UBCWPL 43), 88-100.
- 2016 Clemens, Lauren, ARGUMENT- φ : A Prosodic Account of Pseudo Noun Incorporation. In Brandon Prickett & Christopher Hammerly (eds.) *Proceedings of the 46th Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society: 217-226*.
- 2015 Lesure, Cora & Lauren Clemens, Prosodic Boundary marking in Ch'ol, *Proceedings of the Conference on Indigenous Languages of Latin America VII*. Available at <https://www.ailla.utexas.org/node/99>.
- 2014 Clemens, Lauren. The prosody of Niuean pseudo noun incorporation: A recursion-based analysis. In Jyoti Iyer & Leland Kusmer (eds.) *Proceedings of the 44th Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society: 69-82*.

VOLUMES EDITED

- Under Revision Clemens, Lauren & Diane Massam (eds.) In Prep *Polynesian syntax and its interfaces* Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press
- 2017 Clemens, Lauren & Emily Elfner (eds.) *Glossa: Special Collection on Prosody and Constituent Structure* 2(1).
- 2012 Henderson, Robert, Pedro Mateo Pedro, & Lauren Clemens (eds.) *Proceedings of the 2nd Meeting of Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi II)*, MIT Working Papers in Linguistics, Cambridge, MA: MIT Press
- 2011 Clemens, Lauren, Gregory Scontras, & Maria Polinsky (eds.) *Proceedings of the 18th Annual Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Society (AFLA 18)*, AFLA Proceedings Project, University of Western Ontario
- 2010 Clemens, Lauren & C.M. Louis Liu (eds.) *Proceedings of the 22nd North American Conference on Chinese Linguistics and the 18th Annual Meeting of the International Association of Chinese Linguistics*, <https://naccl.osu.edu/>

Presentations

KEYNOTE AND PLENARY TALKS

- [2020] Invited speaker, Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA 27), National University of Singapore (8/20-22)
- 2019 Invited speaker, Annual Meeting on Phonology, Stony Brook University, State University of New York, Preventing prosodic indeterminacy: A syntax-prosody mismatch in Rutooro's relative clauses, Stony Brook, New York (10/12)
- 2019 Invited speaker, CNY Humanities Corridor Workshop: Celebrating Indigenous and Refugee Language Communities in New York State, Cornell University, A Changing Field: Linguistic Work With Diaspora Communities, Ithaca, New York (9/22)
- 2019 Invited speaker, Workshop on the interface between module of grammars, International Christian University, Linearization at the syntax-prosody interface: Accounting for verb-initial order in Mayan languages, Tokyo, Japan (5/17)
- 2019 Invited speaker, Princeton Symposium on Syntactic Theory (PSST), Preventing prosodic indeterminacy: A syntax-prosody mismatch in Rutooro's relative clauses, Princeton, New Jersey (4/6)
- 2018 Invited speaker, Nominals at the Interfaces, Sogang University, Prosodic Noun Incorporation and the Use of Prosody as a Diagnostic for Syntactic Structure, Seoul, Korea (11/4)
- 2018 Keynote speaker, Cornell Undergraduate Linguistics Colloquium, Cornell University, Prosodic parallels in Rutooro's nominal and clausal domains, Ithaca, New York (4/28)
- 2018 Plenary talk, Berkeley Linguistics Society, University of California, Berkeley, Verb-initial word order in Mayan languages: Causes and consequences, Berkeley, California (2/9)
- 2017 Plenary talk with Jessica Coon (invitee), Conference on Indigenous Languages of Latin America VIII, University of Texas, Austin, Verb initial word order in Mayan: Causes and consequences, Austin, Texas (9/27)
- 2016 Plenary talk, Head Movement Workshop, Stanford University, On the prosodic diagnostics of head movement, Stanford, California (9/17)
- 2014 Plenary talk, Exploring the interfaces workshop: Prosodic evidence for the structure and constituency of verb-initial languages, McGill University, Prosodic Noun Incorporation, Montreal, Canada (5/8)

DEPARTMENTAL COLLOQUIA

- 2019 Departmental colloquium, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Preventing prosodic indeterminacy: A syntax-prosody mismatch in Rutooro's relative clauses (4/22)
- 2019 Departmental colloquium, University of California, San Diego, Linearization at the syntax-prosody interface: Accounting for verb-initial order in Mayan languages (1/28)
- 2017 Departmental colloquium, University of Maryland, The Prosody of Rutooro Adnominals (12/8)
- 2015 Departmental colloquium, Queens College, City University of New York, The possibilities and limitations of using prosodic phrasing as a diagnostic for syntactic structure: A look at Niuean and Ch'ol (3/19)

OTHER INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 Joint meeting of Syntactic Theory at Rutgers and Rutgers Phonology and Phonetics Research Group, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Resisting prosodic ambiguity: the case of reduced relative clauses in Rutooro, with Lee Bickmore (11/16)
- 2016 University of Toronto Syntax Project, Prosodic parallelism in the nominal and clausal domains: evidence from Rutooro, with Lee Bickmore (6/23)
- 2015 University of Toronto Syntax Project, The possibilities and limitations of using prosodic phrasing as a diagnostic for syntactic structure: A look at Niuean and Ch'ol (4/10)
- 2015 Stony Brook University, State University of New York, The possibilities and limitations of using prosodic phrasing as a diagnostic for syntactic structure (2/20)
- 2014 Wednesday talk series "Mercredi moins niais," Université du Québec à Montréal, Têtes et compléments à l'interface prosodie/syntaxe, (10/15)
- 2012 Indiana University, English does not have resumptive pronouns: A cross-sentential account of resumption in English, with Maria Polinsky and Gregory Scontras, (11/28)
- 2012 Celebrating 30 years to 'On the Syntax and Semantics of Resumptive Pronouns' by Edit Doron, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel, Listening to resumption in English, with Samuel Pokross, Maria Polinsky, & Gregory Scontras (7/3)

REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 Jamilläh Rodriguez & Lauren Clemens. Tone overlay in Copala Triqui: Nominal compounds and other syntactic domains [Poster]. Annual Meeting on Phonology (AMP 2019), Stony Brook University, State University of New York (2/28-3/3)

- 2019 Lauren Clemens & Jamilläh Rodríguez. Descenso tonal y la formación de compuestos nominales en el triqui bajo. Conference on Indigenous Languages of Latin America (CILLA IX), University of Texas at Austin (10/10)
- 2019 Román Vidal López, Monica de Jesús Ramírez, Lauren Clemens, Jamilläh Rodríguez, Michael Stoop & George Aaron Broadwell. Multilingual language documentation in the Copala Triqui diaspora. LSA Summer Institute Symposium on Language Research in Diaspora Communities, University of California, Davis (LRDC) (6/28)
- 2019 Román Vidal López, Monica de Jesús Ramírez, Lauren Clemens, Jamilläh Rodríguez, Michael Stoop & George Aaron Broadwell. Dictionary as entry to literacy and language documentation: A Copala Triqui case study. International Conference on Language Documentation and Conservation (ICLDC 6) University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, Hawai'i (2/28-3/3)
- 2019 Lauren Clemens & Rebecca Tollan. Syntactic ergativity as absolutive movement in Polynesian. The 93rd Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, New York, New York (1/6)
- 2017 George Aaron Broadwell, Lauren Clemens, & Michael Stoop. Cambios en el sistema de flexión del triqui de Copala. Coloquio sobre Lenguas Otomangues y Vecinas (COLOV VIII), Biblioteca de Investigación Juan de Córdova, Oaxaca, Mexico (4/22)
- 2017 George Aaron Broadwell, Lauren Clemens, & Michael Stoop. Inflectional change in Copala Triqui. International Conference on Historical Linguistics, The University of Texas at San Antonio (8/4)
- 2017 George Aaron Broadwell & Lauren Clemens. Inflectional change in Copala Triqui. Symposium on American Indian Languages, Rochester Institute of Technology, New York (4/7)
- 2017 Mónica de Jesús Ramírez, Samantha Lefavour, Zena Zimmerglass, & Lauren Clemens. Focus in Copala Triqui: A study of semi-spontaneous speech. Symposium on American Indian Languages, Rochester Institute of Technology, New York (4/7)
- 2017 Lauren Clemens, Jessica Coon, Carol-Rose Little, & Morelia Vázquez Martínez. Encoding focus in Ch'ol semi-spontaneous speech. Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA), Austin, Texas (1/7)
- 2017 Lauren Clemens. Prosody, pseudo noun incorporation, and V₁ syntax: VP-fronting or V⁰-raising? 91st meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA), Austin, Texas (1/7)
- 2017 George Aaron Broadwell & Lauren Clemens. Inflectional change in Copala Triqui. Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA), Austin, Texas (1/5)

- 2016 Carol-Rose Little, Morelia Vázquez Martínez, Lauren Clemens & Jessica Coon. Codificación del enfoque en el habla semi-natural en ch'ol. Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi 4), Universidad de Oriente, Saki' (Valladolid) Yucatán, México (11/18)
- 2016 Clemens, Lauren & Jessica Coon. VOS two ways. North East Linguistic Society (NELS 47), University of Massachusetts, Amherst (10/15)
- 2016 Rebecca Tollan & Lauren Clemens. Syntactic ergativity and word order in Polynesian. Linguistics Association of Great Britain, University of York (9/7)
- 2016 Lee Bickmore & Lauren Clemens. The Prosody of Rutooro Adnominals (poster). Workshop on the Effects of Constituency on Sentence Phonology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst (7/30)
- 2016 Lauren Clemens, Mónica DeJesús Ramírez, Zena Zimmerglass, Bernardo Ramírez Ríos, & Walter E. Little. Transnational Oaxaca Collaborations: Language, Culture and Community. Northeast Anthropological Association (NAA 2016), Skidmore College, New York (4/23)
- 2016 Lauren Clemens & Jessica Coon. Deriving Mayan V1: A Fresh Look at Ch'ol. Workshop on Structure and Constituency in Languages of the Americas (WSCLA 21), Université du Québec à Montréal, Canada (4/3)
- 2016 Lee Bickmore & Lauren Clemens. Phonological phrasing in Rutooro. Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL 47), University of California, Berkeley (3/24)
- 2016 Cora Lesure & Lauren Clemens. Prosodic Boundary marking in Ch'ol: acoustic indicators and their applications. Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA), Washington D.C. (1/8)
- 2015 Cora Lesure & Lauren Clemens. Una investigación de los correlatos acústicos de la estructura prosódica del ch'ol. Conference on Indigenous Languages of Latin America (CILLA VII), University of Texas at Austin (10/29)
- 2015 Lauren Clemens. A Prosodic Account of Pseudo Noun Incorporation [poster], North East Linguistic Society (NELS 46), Concordia University University, Montreal, Canada (10/17)
- 2015 Lauren Clemens & Jessica Coon. Deriving Mayan V1: A Fresh Look at Ch'ol. Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA), Portland, Oregon (1/10)
- 2014 Lauren Clemens & Jessica Coon. Un primer acercamiento a la relación entre sintaxis y prosodia en ch'ol. Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi 3), El Colegio de México, Mexico City, Mexico (12/4)

- 2013 Lauren Clemens *Presented in absentia by Sam Alxatib*. Evidence for prosodic recursion from Niuean pseudo noun incorporation. North East Linguistic Society (NELS 44), The University of Connecticut (10/20)
- 2013 Lauren Clemens, Jessica Coon, Pedro Mateo Pedro, Adam Morgan, Maria Polinsky, Gabrielle Tandet, & Matt Wagers. Ergativity and the complexity of extraction: A view from Mayan. West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 31), Arizona State University (2/8)
- 2013 Nina Radkevich & Lauren Clemens. Person hierarchy and structure dependence in Lak agreement. West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 31), Arizona State University (2/8)
- 2013 Lauren Clemens. Maria Polinsky & Gregory Scontras. Resumptive pronouns in English: Speaker oriented coreference tracking. 86th meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA), Boston, MA (1/3)
- 2012 Lauren Clemens. Asimetrías Prosódicas en Sujetos Kaqchikeles. Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi 2), Patzún, Guatemala (8/3)
- 2012 Lauren Clemens, Adam Morgan, Maria Polinsky, & Ming Xiang. Listening to resumptives: An auditory experiment [poster]. CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing (CUNY 25), City University of New York (3/15)
- 2012 Nicoás Arcos López, Lauren Clemens, Jessica Coon, Peter Graff, Pedro Mateo Pedro, Adam Morgan, & Maria Polinsky. Processing ergative languages: Methodology and preliminary results. 86th Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA), Portland, Oregon (1/7)
- 2012 Lauren Clemens. V₂ in a V₁ language. 86th Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA), Portland, Oregon (1/7)
- 2012 Michael Becker, Lauren Clemens, & Andrew Nevins. Discrete grammar beats phonetics and usage-based predictors in alternations. 86th Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA), Portland, Oregon (1/6)
- 2011 Michael Becker, Lauren Clemens, & Andrew Nevins. A richer model is not always more accurate: The case of French and Portuguese plurals. North East Linguistic Society (NELS 42), University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada (11/11)
- 2011 Lauren Clemens & Eri Kurniawan. Sundanese active voice: Transitivity and agentivity. Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA 18), Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts (3/4)
- 2010 Lauren Clemens. Sundanese number agreement. Annual Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA 17), Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, New York (5/7)

2010 Lauren Clemens. Initial syllable faithfulness in the realization of Norwegian tone [poster]. Annual Mid-Continental Workshop on Phonology (McWOP 16), Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois (10/30)

WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

2017 Lee Bickmore & Lauren Clemens. The Prosody of Rutooro Adnominals [poster], David Pesetsky 60, MIT, Cambridge MA (2/11)

2013 Lauren Clemens. The role of prosody in deciphering verb-initial word orders: A look at Māori, Ling Lunch, McGill University (4/17)

2013 Lauren Clemens, Jessica Coon, Pedro Mateo Pedro, Adam Morgan, Maria Polinsky, Gabrielle Tandet, & Matt Wagers. Ergativity and the complexity of extraction: A view from Mayan. Ergativity Lab, McGill University, Montreal, Canada (4/16)

2013 Lauren Clemens. What can prosody tell us about the derivation of verb-initial word order? A look at Māori, Information Structure and Word order: Focusing on Asian Languages, Harvard-Yenching Institute, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts (4/7)

2012 Lauren Clemens. Kaqchikel V2 and the typology of CP. East Coast 5 Syntax Workshop (ECO5), University of Massachusetts, Amherst (4/6)

2012 Lauren Clemens, Sam Pokross, & Maria Polinsky. The role of resumptive pronouns in English. Language and Cognition Workshop, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts (4/3)

2012 Michael Becker, Lauren Clemens & Andrew Nevins, The protection of initial syllables in novel words, Language and Cognition Workshop, Harvard University (2/7)

2011 Lauren Clemens, Pedro Mateo Pedro, Adam Morgan, Maria Polinsky, & Gabrielle Tandet. New approaches to linguistic work in Mesoamerican communities. David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies: Mexico and Central America Program Speaker Series, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts (11/9)

GUEST LECTURES

2019 Lauren Clemens. Austronesian Languages: Prototypical features, typologically exceptional properties, and their role in linguistic theory. Guest Lecture at International Christian University, Japan, Field Methods, Instructor: Seunghun Lee (5/15)

2016 Lauren Clemens & Laura Grestenberger. Alumni Perspectives. Guest Lecture at Harvard University, Practicum in Linguistics (Ling 241r), Instructor: Jay Jasanoff (4/1)

- 2016 Lauren Clemens. Prosody and constituent structure in Ch'ol. The Department of Anthropology and New York State Museum Open House, The Anthropology Graduate Student Organization. University at Albany, State University of New York (1/22)
- 2015 Lauren Clemens. Using prosodic phrasing as a diagnostic for syntactic structure in Ch'ol. Guest Lecture at McGill University, Introduction to Linguistics (Ling 201), Instructor: Jessica Coon (3/10)
- 2014 Lauren Clemens. Sociolinguistics with a focus on the structural properties of African American English and Québécois French. Guest Lecture at Concordia University Montreal, Introduction to Linguistics (Ling 200), Instructor: Laura Grestenberger (11/12)
- 2012 Lauren Clemens. Language variation and social prestige: The case of African American English. Guest Lecture at MIT, Introduction to Linguistics (24.900), Instructor: Omer Preminger (5/9)

Research experience

FIELD WORK WITH DIASPORA COMMUNITIES

- 2015-present Copala Triqui, Albany, New York
 Summer 2019 Copala Triqui, Oaxaca, Mexico
 Winter 2016 Niuean, Auckland, New Zealand

FIELD WORK IN TRADITIONAL COMMUNITIES

- Summer 2015 Ch'ol, Chiapas, Mexico
 Summer 2013 Tahitian, Mo'orea, French Polynesia
 Summer 2012 Kaqchikel, Chimaltenango, Guatemala
 Summer 2011 Q'anjob'al & Kaqchikel, Huehuetenango & Chimaltenango, Guatemala

ADDITIONAL WORK WITH LANGUAGE CONSULTANT(S)

- 2016-2019 Rutooro, Albany, New York
 2014-2015 Chuj, Montreal, Quebec
 2014-2015 Indonesian, Montreal, Quebec
 2010-2012 Kaqchikel, Cambridge, Massachusetts

ACOUSTIC ANALYSIS

- 2011-2012 Nez Perce intonation, Research Assistant to Amy Rose Deal
 2008-2009 Russian VOT, Research Assistant to Catherine Ringen

Teaching

UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY, STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

- ANT 197 Special Topics in Anthropology: Structure of African American English
Fall 2018, Summer 2018, Summer 2017
- ANT 197 Special Topics in Anthropology: Child Language Acquisition
Summer 2019
- LIN 321/521 Introduction to Syntax
Fall 2019, Fall 2018, Fall 2016, Fall 2015
- LIN 421/541 Advanced Syntax
Spring 2020, Spring 2018, Spring 2017, Spring 2016
- LIN 423/523 Linguistic Structures
Spring 2020, Spring 2018, Spring 2017
- LIN 429/529 Field Methods
Fall 2019, Fall 2016
- ALIN 497 Honors Thesis
Spring 2020, enrollment: 1 Fall 2018, enrollment: 1, Spring 2017, enrollment: 1, Fall 2016, enrollment: 1
- ALIN 497 Independent Study
Spring 2020, enrollment: 2, Fall 2019, enrollment: 1, Spring 2018, enrollment: 1, Fall 2017, enrollment: 1, Spring 2017, enrollment: 3, Spring 2016, enrollment: 1, Fall 2015, enrollment: 2
- ALIN 697 Independent Study and Research
Fall 2018, enrollment: 2, Fall 2017, enrollment: 3
- ALIN 791 Directed Reading
Spring 2020, enrollment: 1, Spring 2018, enrollment: 1

MCGILL UNIVERSITY

- Ling 200 Introduction to the Study of Language
Fall 2014

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

- Ling 97r Acoustic Analysis, Instructor
Spring 2012
- Ling 98a Language Rights, Instructor
Fall 2011
- Ling 99a Senior Thesis Writing Tutorial, Teaching Fellow (TA)
Fall 2012
- Ling 102 Sentence Structure, Teaching Fellow (TA)
Spring 2012
- Ling 105 Sounds of Language, Teaching Fellow (TA)
Fall 2011

- Ling 241r Practicum in Linguistics, Teaching Fellow (TA)
Spring 2013
- Ling 117r Languages of the Caucasus, Teaching Fellow (TA)
Fall 2012

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

- 103:011 Language and Society, Teaching Assistant
Fall 2008, Spring 2007
- 103:110 Articulatory and Acoustic Phonetics, Teaching Assistant
Spring 2009
- 103:150 Language and Gender, Teaching Assistant
Spring 2008

Advising

GRADUATE STUDENTS

- Current Jamillah Rodriguez, PhD student, University at Albany, Advisor
- June, 2019 Rebecca Tollan, *The processing of wh questions in Polynesian as a window to ergativity, transitivity, and subjecthood*, Doctoral Thesis, University of Toronto, Committee member
- May, 2019 Lena Borise, *Phrasing is Key: The Syntax and Prosody of Focus in Georgian* Doctoral Thesis, Harvard University, Committee member

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

- 2020 Heath Canfield, *Recommendations to TESOL instructors working with the Copala Triqui population in the Capital District*, Undergraduate Honors Thesis, University at Albany, State University of New York, Supervisor
- 2018 Zihan Gao, *Tone in Nominal Compounds*, Undergraduate Honors Thesis, University at Albany, State University of New York, Supervisor
- 2017 Samantha Lefavour, *Marking Aspect in Copala Triqui*, Undergraduate Honors Thesis, University at Albany, State University of New York, Supervisor
- 2016 Zena Zimmerglass, *Focus Structures in Copala Triqui*, Undergraduate Honors Thesis, University at Albany, State University of New York, Supervisor
- 2015 Cora Lesure, *Prosodic Boundary Marking in Ch'ol: Acoustic Indicators and Their Application*, Undergraduate Honors Thesis, McGill University, Co-supervised with J. Coon
- 2014 Victoria Rahardjo & Cora Lesure, McGill Student Research Assistants for SSHRC Grant *The mental representation of language variation: macro- and micro-parameters*, Co-supervised with L. Travis & J. Coon
- 2013 Sam Pokross, *Testing the theory of comprehension and coreference: An auditory study of English resumption*, AB honors thesis, Harvard University, Co-supervised with M. Polinsky

Service

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- 2012-2014 Committee Member, Committee on Ethnic Diversity in Linguistics (CEDL), Linguistic Society of America (LSA) Standing Committee

CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP ORGANIZATION

- 2019 Co-organizer, Linguistic Research in Diaspora Communities, 2019 Linguistic Institute Weekend Symposium with George Aaron Broadwell
- 2014 Co-organizer, 22th Annual Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Society (AFLA 22) with Mitcho Erleweine, Henrison Hsieh, Jiajia Su, & Lisa Travis
- 2011 Co-organizer, 18th Annual Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Society (AFLA 18) with Gregory Scontras & Maria Polinsky
- 2011 Co-organizer, East Coast Graduate Student Workshop in Syntax (ECO5) with Peter Jenks & Patrick Rich

REVIEWING

JOURNALS

Frontiers in Psychology, Language Sciences, Glossa, Journal of Linguistics, Lingua (before 1/1/16), *Linguistic Inquiry, Linguistics Vanguard, Journal of Morphology, Natural Language and Linguistic Theory, Syntax*

EDITED VOLUMES

Harvard Working Papers in Linguistics, MIT Working Papers in Linguistics, Routledge Handbook of North American Languages

BOOK PROPOSALS

Routledge, English Language and Linguistics

CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP REVIEWING

Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA), Exploring the interfaces workshop (ETI), Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi), Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW), North East Linguistics Society (NELS), Parameters Workshop in honour of Lisa Travis, Speech Prosody, Experimental and Theoretical Advances in Prosody (ETAP), Student Organisation of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE), Workshop on the Sound Systems of Mexico and Central America (SSMCA)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY, STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

- 2019-present Recorder, College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Council
- 2016-present Faculty Advisor, Triquis Sin Fronteras-UA, University at Albany Student Organization
- 2018-2019 Committee Member, Middle States Self-Study Workgroup

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

- 2011 Selection Committee Member, Harvard Graduate Student Council Everett Mendelsohn Excellence in Mentoring
- 2010-2011 Grant Committee Member, Harvard Graduate Student Council Conference Grants and Summer Research Awards
- 2009-2011 Secretary, Harvard Graduate Student Council

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY, STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

- 2019-present Committee Member, Website, Department of Anthropology
- 2017-present Committee Member, Graduate Professionalization Series, Department of Anthropology
- 2015-present Co-director, Albany Triqui Working Group
- 2015-present Board Member, Institute for Mesoamerican Studies
- 2018-2019 Graduate Affairs Committee, Department of Anthropology
- 2018-2019 Program Review Committee, Graduate Affairs Committee and Program in Linguistics and Cognitive Science, Department of Anthropology
- 2017-2018 Chair of the Awards Committee, Department of Anthropology
- 2017-2018 Co-organizer with Julia Jennings & Adam Gordon, Graduate Student Professionalization Colloquium, Department of Anthropology
- 2016-2017 Member of the Awards Committee, Department of Anthropology

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

- 2012-2013 Assistant Head Tutor, Harvard Department of Linguistics (undergraduate advising)
- 2011-2012 Student Representative to the faculty
- 2010-2012 Student Organizer, GSAS Workshop Language Universals and Linguistic Fieldwork
- Spring 2011 Student Representative, Phonology Search Committee
- 2009 Departmental Representative, Harvard Graduate Student Council

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

- 2008-2009 Student Representative to the faculty

Community service

- 2017-present Dual Language Committee, Delaware Community School
- 2016-2018 Board of Directors, Triquis Sin Fronteras

COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC LECTURES

- [2020] Public Lecture on diaspora linguistics, Segundo encuentro de estudios sobre el chuj (y otras lenguas q'ajob'alanas), McGill University (10/7-9)
- 2019 Guest Speaker, African American English: Linguistic Structure and Student Success. Delaware Community School (pre-k – 5) Professional Development (11/5)
- 2016 Guest Speaker, Triqui Language Resources. 'O güüí se cha'anj nij síi chihan' man Distrito Capital, *Day of Triqui Culture in the Capital District* (4/10)
- 2012 A perspective on the interaction between 'natural' and grammatical gender from linguistics, Gendered Language: An International Women's Rights Collective Discussion Event, Harvard University (4/13)

Languages

Native	English
Fluent	Dutch, French, German
Conversant	Spanish, Serbo-Croatian
Structural	Austronesian: Indonesian, Niuean, Sundanese, Tahitian Mayan: Ch'ol, Ch'orti', Chuj, Kaqchikel, Q'anjob'al Otomanguean: Copala Triqui

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