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Curriculum Vitae: July 2008

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Education

Fall 2007 to Present

PhD in Linguistics, University of Chicago.

2007

MA in Applied Linguistics, Boston University.

Thesis: Extrametricality and Mora Sharing in Palestinian Arabic.

First Reader: Jonathan Barnes. Second Reader: Catherine O'Connor.

2004

BA in Applied Linguistics, Moody Bible Institute.

Fellowships

2007-2012

University of Chicago Century Fellowship

Professional Areas

My interests lie in doing field work on undocumented languages, specifically in the area of phonology. My goal in doing this is to contribute to our understanding of phonological typology and thereby linguistic theory as a whole. I am also interested in the interaction between language, culture, and cognition, as well as community efforts toward language preservation. I also have a side-interest in Semantics and the interface between Semantics and Philosophy.

Specific topics I have worked on include the following:

1. Digitization of language materials
2. Prosody in under-described languages

3. Phonotactics
4. Vowel Harmony

Research Positions

Current Position

Research Assistant in the University of Chicago Phonology Laboratory (September 2007 to Present)

Previous Positions

Research Assistant, Department of Linguistics, Boston University (September 2005 to June 2007)

Current Projects

1. Extrametricality and Mora Sharing in Palestinian Arabic. With Jonathan Barnes, Boston University.
2. Influences on the Production of Non-native Sequences in Mandarin.
3. Vowel Harmony and Vowel Reduction in the Realization of Washo /o/.

Conference Presentations

1. Extrametricality and Mora Sharing in Palestinian Arabic. Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. Chicago, IL. January 4, 2008.

Invited Talks

Phonetics Beyond the IPA. Moody Bible Institute. April 9, 2008.

Washo Basics. Seminar on Languages of the Americas, taught by Amy Dahlstrom. April 15, 2008.

Teaching Experience

Winter 2008

Teaching Assistant, Phonology, University of Chicago.

Spring 2007

Teaching Assistant, Phonetics, Boston University.

Fieldwork

1. Indonesian and Sumbawanese. Indonesia. June to July 2004.
2. Palestinian Arabic. With consultant Sam Beiruti under the direction of Professor Steve Clark. Fall 2004.
3. Palestinian Arabic. With consultant Giselle Khoury under the direction of Professor Catherine O'Connor. Fall 2005.

Professional Service

1. Chicago Linguistic Society Officer, 2008-2009.
2. Abstract Reviewer, Chicago Linguistic Society, 2008.
3. Student Member of the Local Arrangements Committee for the Annual Linguistic Society of America, Chicago, IL, 2008.
4. Student Coordinator for the Symposium on Phonologization, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, 2008.
5. Registration Chair for the Boston University Conference on Language Development, Boston University, Boston, MA, 2005 and 2006.

Languages Studied

(in order of proficiency)

Spanish, Indonesian, Koine Greek, French, Arabic, Washo, Northern Pomo, Classical Hebrew, German, Aramaic.

Technical Skills

(in order of proficiency)

Praat, Microsoft Office, FileMaker Pro, R, HTML, LaTeX.

Professional Affiliations

1. Student member of the Linguistic Society of America (since 2004)
2. Boston University Phonology Circle (2005 to 2007)