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Research Interests

Syntax, Bantu language, Ditransitives, Applicatives, Object Marking, Quantification, Partitives

Education

2001 to 2010 PhD in Linguistics, University of Chicago.
Dissertation: The Zulu Ditransitive Verb Phrase.

2007 MA in Humanities (Linguistics), University of Chicago.
Thesis: Partitive Constructions in Zulu.

1997 BA in Anthropology, Pitzer College, CA.

Languages Studied (from most recent)

- Zulu – Two intensive summers
- Korean – Two academic years + Two intensive summers
- French – Self-study, for reading only
- Shona – One intensive five-week course
- Spanish – Three academic years

Presentations

When is a Null Object Possible? Presented at 40th Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL). Champaign, April 2009.

Object (A)Symmetries in Zulu: Evidence from NPI and Wh-word Licensing. Presented at 82nd Annual LSA (Linguistic Society of America) Meeting. Chicago, January 2008.

Partitive Constructions in Zulu. Presented at 17th European Summer School of Logic, Language, and Information (ESSLI). Edinburgh, September 2005.

Universal Quantification in Lomongo. Presented at 36th Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL). Savannah, April 2005.

"Not only" and Multiple Foci Association. Presented at University of Chicago student linguistics conference. December 2003.

Fellowships

2006 (sum) Fulbright-Hays Group Study Abroad Fellowship in Intensive Intermediate-Advanced Zulu. Pietermaritzburg, South Africa.

2001 to 2005 Trustees Fellowship. University of Chicago.

2005 (sum) FLEP (Foreign Language Enhancement Program) scholarship for Zulu at Indiana University, Bloomington.

2004 (sum) FLAS (Foreign Language and Area Studies) fellowship for Korean at Seoul National University. Seoul, Korea

2002 (sum) FLAS fellowship for Korean at Konkuk University. Seoul, Korea.

Teaching Assistantships

2005 Winter. Semantics 1, University of Chicago.

2004 Fall. Syntax 1, University of Chicago.

2004 Winter. Introduction to Linguistics 2 - Phonetics and Phonology, University of Chicago.

Edited Volume

Adams, Nikki, Adam Cooper, Fey Parrill, and Thomas Wier. Proceedings from the 40th meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society. 2004, Chicago.

Related Work

Webmaster

July 2009 - present

Center for the Study of Languages, The Univ. of Chicago, Chicago, IL

- Determined optimal structural reorganization for web content in conjunction with other staff members and managers.
- Updated the content of website using Adobe Dreamweaver software (self-taught) and taught another staff member the basics of the software.

Research Assistant

Sept 2003 - May 2004

Professor John Goldsmith, Univ. of Chicago

- Parsed English words into consistent morphological patterns, i.e. divided words into their sub-parts, to be used as the standard for an automated morphology-learning program, Linguistica.
- Wrote short Perl programs in order to obtain a rough, refinable (by hand) parse.

Korean Language Consultant

Sept 2003 - Nov 2003

Participate Systems (since acquired by Outstart), Chicago, IL

- Authored rules for the automated morphological parsing (dividing words into their components) of Korean words for program to be used by natural language processing applications.
- Continuously revised and tested the accuracy of these rules in consultation with Asian-language programmer and native speaker.

English Instructor

March. - Sept. 2000

Konkuk University, Daejon, South Korea

- Taught six two-hour classes of "Life English" to incoming freshmen
- Designed entirety of this course including grading criteria, assignments, and weekly lectures.
- Developed intensive summer course on American life and culture for students planning to study abroad in US.

Selected Course Work

- Univ. of Chicago: Survey of Industrial Linguistics, Intro to Programming for Linguists (Perl), Statistical NLP, Fundamentals of Programming 2 (C++), Mathematical Linguistics, Practicum in Field Methods, Type Theory: Syntax and Semantics, Semantic Issues: Focus and Presupposition, Seminar on Semantics (Focus and Topic), Structure of Bantu Languages, Advanced Seminar: Tone Systems of Bantu Languages, The Zulu Language
- Univ. of California, Northridge: Introduction to Computer Science 1 and 2 (Java), Philosophy: Formal Logic