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Education: Ph.D. Harvard University, Department of Linguistics, June 2006
Dissertation: "Referential-Access Dependency in Penobscot"
B.A. Cornell University (summa cum laude), May 1999

Publications:

- (2009) How to swear in Maliseet-Passamaquoddy and Penobscot. (with P. LeSourd). *Anthropological Linguistics*. (accepted for publication)
- 2003 *Harvard Working Papers in Linguistics IX: Papers from the Harvard University/Dudley House Graduate Light Verb Workshop*. (ed. with G. Aygen and C. Bower). Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Department of Linguistics.
- 2002 Some unresolved issues in the Penobscot materials of Frank T. Siebert, Jr. In David H. Pentland, ed. *Papers of the 30th Algonquian Conference*. Winnipeg: University of Manitoba. 288-297.
- 2001 A preliminary survey of animacy categories in Penobscot. In John D. Nichols, ed. *Papers of the 32nd Algonquian Conference*. Winnipeg: University of Manitoba. 395-426.
- 2000 Yaxaas iyo Dawaco (Crocodile and Fox). (with M. Ahmed). *Portland Magazine*, April 2000.

Submitted:

- (2009) Medials in the Northeast. *Papers of the 40th Algonquian Conference*. (under review)

In Progress:

- (2009) *kiwáhk^wesk^we* 'forest giantess': a Penobscot palimpsest. In David J. Costa, ed. *Editing Algic Texts*. Albany, NY: SUNY Press.
- (2009) Adney's Maliseet linguistics. In Theodore Behne and James Wheaton, eds. *Tappan Adney: So Much More Than Canoes*.

Research Grants and Awards:

- 2006-8 "Documentation of Under-Represented Genres of Passamaquoddy-Maliseet Linguistic Practice". Hans Rausing Endangered Languages Project, Endangered Languages Documentation Program, Individual Postdoctoral Fellowship (ELDP-IPF0103; £ 65,352/\$114,893)
- 2005-6 Harvard University Dissertation Completion Fellowship. Competitive merit award covering tuition, required fees, and living stipend for the final year of dissertation work.
- 2000-1 Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship in Humanistic Studies. Competitive merit award covering tuition, required fees, and living stipend for the first academic year of doctoral study.

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- 2000 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS). Used for Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute, UW-Madison, Madison, WI, Second-Year Hmong, June-Aug. 2000.

Selected Conference Papers/Talks Given:

- 2009 Incorporated verbal classifiers in a predictive typology of noun incorporation. 14th Workshop on Structure and Constituency of the Languages of the Americas, Purdue Univ., 3-5 Apr. 2009.
- 2009 Simple long-term digital integration of Penobscot/E. Abenaki materials. 5th Conference on the Endangered Languages and Cultures of Native America, University of Utah, 27-29 Mar. 2009. *Also: 40th Algonquian Conference, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, 23-26 Oct. 2008.*
- 2009 Semantic packaging and the Manner/Mean constraint on Algonquian verbal stem structure. 2009 Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, 8-11 Jan. 2009. *Also: Harvard Theory Group, Harvard University, 10 March 2008; 81st Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting, Hilton Anaheim Hotel, 4-7 Jan. 2007, Anaheim, CA.; 38th Algonquian Conference, UBC, Vancouver, B.C., 26-29 Oct. 2006).*
- 2008 Medials in the Northeast. 40th Algonquian Conference, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, 23-26 Oct. 2008.
- 2008 Applicative and antipassive: Algonquian transitive "stem-agreement" as differential object marking. Ling-Lunch, MIT Dept. of Linguistics and Philosophy, Cambridge, MA, 10 March 2008.
- 2007 The Eastern Algonquian Subordinative as event-argument dependency. 39th Algonquian Conference, York University, Toronto, Ontario, 18-21 Oct. 2007.
- 2006 Algonquian grammar without all the grammar. Revitalizing Algonquian Languages Conference, Mashantucket Pequot Museum & Research Center, Mashantucket, CT, 22-24 Feb. 2006.
- 2006 Pronominal features and referential dependency. Harvard Theory Group, Harvard University, 13 Feb. 2006.
- 2006 Transitivity and event structure in Algonquian. 80th Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, NM, 5-8 Jan. 2006. *Also: 37th Algonquian Conference, Carleton University MCC/CMC, Ottawa, Canada, 21-23 Oct. 2005.*
- 2005 Finiteness revisited: Mood marking a [+ Independent] feature at C. (with G. Aygen). 79th Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, 6-8 Jan. 2005.
- 2004 De-exoticizing obviation. 36th Algonquian Conference, UW-Madison, Madison, WI, 28-31 Oct. 2004.
- 2004 Head parameterization at the multiclausal level. 2nd Workshop in Altaic Formal Linguistics, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey, 11-13 Oct. 2004.
- 2004 Obliqueness and argument prominence in Penobscot. 2004 Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, 8-11 Jan. 2004.
- 2003 Absentativity in Penobscot. 35th Algonquian Conference. University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, 23-26 Oct. 2003.
- 2002 Variation in Penobscot. 34th Algonquian Conference. Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, 24-27 Oct. 2002.
- 2001 Penobscot TA theme signs as abstract finals. 33rd Algonquian Conference. UC-Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, 25-28 Oct. 2001.

Selected Invited Talks:

- 2008 Deriving pronominal feature structures through asymmetrical dependencies: obviation, inverse, and antihierarchy effects in Algonquian languages. Universität Leipzig, Institut für

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- Linguistik, 5 Dec. 2008.
2008 Referential-access dependency in Penobscot. UMass-Amherst Dept. of Linguistics, 1 Oct. 2008.
2008 Indigenous languages of Maine: endangerment and documentation. College of the Atlantic Dept. of Educational and Human Studies, Bar Harbor, Maine, U.S.A., 12 May 2008.

Language Documentation Experience and Production:

Individual field elicitation:

- USA: Penobscot, Passamaquoddy-Maliseet, Somali, Quechua, Hmong
- Canada: Hupačasatḥ Nuuchahnulth
- Indonesia: Sundanese
- Taiwan: Saisiat, Atayal, Kanakanavu

Field methods courses taught: Passamaquoddy-Maliseet
Field methods courses taken: Bimanese, Zazaki Kurdish, Amdo Tibetan, Burmese

Grant consultant: Administration for Native Americans (USA) FY 2003 grant “Penobscot Language Revitalization Project” (\$124,066)

Grant project worker: NSF Award #9707081 “Preservation and Cataloging of Siebert Linguistic Materials” (\$78,012); and preceding 3 NSF grants

- (in progress) Passamaquoddy conversational texts. Draft XML (via ELAN) database of annotated transcriptions of 143+ hours of digitally-recorded Passamaquoddy conversations.
- (in progress) Recommendations for the Sipayik Passamaquoddy Language Program. Advisory report on curricula and pedagogical techniques, based on in-classroom field observation of elementary, middle, and high school Passamaquoddy language teaching.
- 2009 Obispeño pronunciation. XML/HTML-based multimedia guide to specific aspects of Obispeño Chumash phonology that are difficult for English-based heritage learners.
- 2009 Student guide to YouTube-posted Passamaquoddy-language video-clips. XML/HTML-based, high-school-level pedagogical presentation of selected Passamaquoddy-language materials posted at www.youtube.com/user/watchingplace.
- 2008 Collected Penobscot texts. Draft XML database (with XSL stylesheets) of annotated IGTs of seven Penobscot sound recordings, a full rephonemization of Speck 1918’s *Penobscot Transformer Tales*, and several smaller texts.
- 2007 Learning Passamaquoddy. XML/HTML-based set of multimedia lessons covering basic Passamaquoddy phonology, essential daily-use expressions, and introductory-level morphosyntactic patterns.
- 2006 Formosan historical lexicographic notes. Draft backslash-coded databases from May-June 2006 field research project on three endangered Formosan languages, supported by Academia Sinica and Cornell University, and led by Dr. John U. Wolff (Cornell).
- 2004 Daily Penobscot. Audio CD and manual covering basic Penobscot phonology, essential daily-use expressions, and introductory-level morphosyntactic patterns.
- 2003 Penobscot and Passamaquoddy-Maliseet language tools: reference-study guide. Condensed reference and study guide to core areas of orthography, phonology, and (morpho-)syntax.

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- 2003 Susie Dana master cards. Database transcribing and annotating 1000+ previously untranscribed recordings of Penobscot phrases made in the 1970s.
- 2002 Penobscot materials inventory. Comprehensive bibliographic database of materials in and on Penobscot and related languages.
- 2002 Learning Penobscot. 7-chapter introductory textbook.

Teaching and Curriculum Development:

- Penobscot, Passamaquoddy-Maliseet community language classes

Written Passamaquoddy for native speakers (2009)
Effective language-learning: tricks and tools (Passamaquoddy language class) (2006-2008)
Intensive Passamaquoddy-Maliseet, co-taught w/ M. Soctomah, E. Mitchell. (Summer 2003)
Intermediate Penobscot, co-taught with C. Dana. (Summer 2002)
Introductory Penobscot, co-taught with C. Dana. (Summer 2001)

- University of Southern Maine, adjunct assistant professor (2008-2009)

LIN315: Field Methods (Passamaquoddy-Maliseet) (Summer 2007-2009)

- University of California-Berkeley Dept. of Linguistics, Breath of Life workshop tutor

Obispeño Chumash grammar and philology. (8-15 June 2008)

- Harvard University Undergraduate Linguistics Tutorials (Ling 97r/98r)
= half-semester courses wholly designed and taught as a graduate student

The Syntax-(Discourse) Semantics Interface (Spring 2005)
Theory and Practice of Typology (Fall 2004)
Structure of Penobscot and the Northeast Algonquian Languages (Fall 2004)
Phonology of White and Green Hmong (Spring 2004)
Phonologies of the Languages of the Northeast Area of This Continent (Fall 2003, 2002)
Methodology of Fieldwork (Fall 2002)
Structure of Penobscot (Fall 2001)

- Teaching Assistant/Teaching Fellow

LSA 132: The Syntax of Edges, LSA 2005 Summer Institute. Dr. Enoch Aboh. (Summer 2005)
LSA 103: Chinese Historical Syntax, LSA 2005 S'r Institute. Dr. Tsu-Lin Mei, Dr. A. Peyraube. (Summer 2005)
Ling 115: Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology, Harvard University. Dr. Andrew Nevins. (Spring 2005)
Ling 88: Language and Cognition, Harvard University. Dr. Cedric Boeckx. (Fall 2004)
SA34: Knowledge of Language, Harvard Univ. Dr. Jay Jasanoff, Dr. Javier Martín-González. (Fall 2003)
Ling 112b: Introduction to Syntactic Theory, Harvard University. Dr. Julie Legate. (Spring 2003)
Ling 80: Dialects of English, Harvard University. Dr. Bert Vaux. (Spring 2003)
Ling 110: Introduction to Linguistics, Harvard University. Dr. Jie Zhang. (Fall 2002)

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Professional and Community Service:

- 2009 Dissertation committee member for David Kaufman, University of Kansas.
- 2002 Joint organizer (with Claire Bowern) of the Harvard University/Dudley House Graduate Light Verb Workshop, 11 November 2002.
- 2002 Organizer of the Harvard University GSAS Workshop on Comparative Syntax and Linguistic Theory (2001-2002).

Memberships:

Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas
Linguistic Society of America

Languages:

Advanced fluency (spoken/written) in Mandarin Chinese (HSK 8) and Indonesian.
Comfortable conversational fluency in Passamaquoddy-Maliseet, White Hmong, Irish, and Sundanese.
Translation and speaking competence in Penobscot (Eastern Abenaki).
Substantial working experience in: Western and Bécancour Abenaki, Somali, Classical Mongolian, Old Irish, Gipuzkoan Basque, Thai, Bulgarian, and French.