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## EDUCATION

2019 Ph.D. in Linguistics, University of Oregon, Eugene, USA

Advisor, Prof. Doris L. Payne, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *Nominalization and predication in Țt-Ma'in*

2007 M.A. in Linguistics, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, USA

Advisor, Prof. Keith Snider, D. Litt.

Thesis: *The noun class system of Țt-Ma'in, a West Kainji language of Northwestern Nigeria*

2001 B.Sc. in Biblical Studies, Cairn University, Langhorne, Pennsylvania, USA

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2022 – present      Visiting Assistant Professor of Linguistics (Non-Tenure Track), Department of English Studies, Western Oregon University, Monmouth, Oregon, USA
- 2019 – present      Linguistics Consultant, SIL International |Africa Area
- 2021 (Fall)          Assistant Professor of Linguistics (Non-Tenure Track), Department of English Studies, Western Oregon University, Monmouth, Oregon, USA
- 2019–2021          *Chercheur contractuel* (postdoctoral), *Langage, Langues et Cultures d'Afrique* (LLACAN, UMR 8135), Centre national de la recherche scientifique (CNRS), Villejuif, France. Project: [Discourse reporting in African storytelling](#)

## PUBLICATIONS

### Refereed Journal Articles

- 2019    On the development of two progressive constructions in Țt-Ma'in. *Folia Linguistica Historica* 40(2), 509-554. Berlin: De Gruyter. <https://doi.org/10.1515/flih-2019-0020>.

### Refereed Book Chapter

- 2015    Narrative uses of the Țt-Ma'in (Kainji) Bare Verb form. In Doris L. Payne and Shahar Shirtz (eds.), *Beyond aspect: The expression of discourse functions in African languages* (Typological Studies in Language 109), 219–248. Amsterdam: John Benjamins. <https://doi.org/10.1075/tsl.109.08pat>.

## Chapter in Edited Volume

- 2012 Semantics of Ūt-Ma'in noun classes. In Roger Blench and Stuart McGill (eds.), *Advances in minority language research in Nigeria, volume 1*, 226-258. Köln: Rüdiger Köppe Verlag.

## CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

### Conference Papers

- 2022 *Categorization and constituency across Niger-Congo: A view from Kainji*. Paper presented within the workshop titled Situating Constituency Within Typological Research at the 14<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Association for Linguistic Typology, University of Texas at Austin, 15-17 December.
- 2022 *Negation and quotation* in a special panel on Reported Speech in African Languages. Paper presented at Cross-disciplinary Perspectives on Quoting and Speech Reporting. Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium. 5-7 October.
- 2022 *Categorization revealed at the phrase level*. Paper presented at the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea. University of Bucharest - "Iorgu Iordan – Al. Rosetti" Institute of Linguistics of the Romanian Academy, Bucharest, Romania. 24–27 August.
- 2022 *Reconstructing Proto-NW Kainji*. Paper presented at the 25<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Historical Linguistics. Oxford University, England. 1–5 Aug.
- 2022 *Multilingual SpeechReporting database: tools, methods and techniques*, with Ekaterina Aplonova, Tatiana Nikitina, Timifey Arkhangelskiy, Abbie Hantgan-Sonko, Izabela Jordanoska, Elena Sokur, Lacina Silué. Paper presented at the 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Grammar and Corpora 2022, University of Ghent, Belgium. 30 June.
- 2021 *Reported Speech in Western Subanon [suc]*, with Hugh J. Paterson III and William Hall. Paper presented at the 15<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Austronesian Linguistics. Palacký University, Czech Republic. 30 June.
- 2021 *Clause final negation and double negation in Northwest Kainji*. Paper presented at 51<sup>st</sup> & 52<sup>nd</sup> (combined) Annual Conference on African Linguistics, University of Florida. 8–10 April. Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium
- 2021 *Songs: Language Choice and Verbal Art*. Paper presented at the 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Language Documentation & Conservation, University of Hawai'i. Available online: <https://icldc7.sched.com/event/hgyn/paper-qa-session-25>. 4 March.
- 2021 *Building Multilingual Comparable Corpora*, with Abbie Hantgan and Christian Chanard. Paper presented at the 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Language Documentation & Conservation, University of Hawai'i. Available online: <https://icldc7.sched.com/event/hgye/paper-qa-session-34>. 4 March.

- 2020 *Ut-Ma'in Reported Speech Constructions*. Paper presented at The grammatical variation of reported speech across languages: A data-oriented workshop. University of Helsinki. 12 November.
- 2020 *An unattested person-alignment Ut-Ma'in with possible logophoric function* in panel “Exploring the logophoric continuum”. Paper presented at the 4th Symposium on West African Languages. Università degli Studi di Napoli “L'Orientale”. 23-25 September. Canceled due to COVID-19.
- 2020 *Marked nominative alignment from reanalyzed relative clauses: Towards an explanation of prefixes and suffixes in Northwest Kainji argument marking*. Paper presented at the 53rd Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea. Available online: <https://osf.io/be46p>. Originally to be hosted at the University of Bucharest, Romania. 26 August.
- 2015 *The associative phrase in Ut-Ma'in*. Paper presented at the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on African Linguistics, University of Oregon. 27 March.
- 2015 *Gamification of rapid word collection*, with Amos Teo and Timbwaoga Aime Judicaël Ouermi. Paper presented at the 4th International Conference on Language Documentation & Conservation, University of Hawai‘i. 27 February.
- 2015 *Contribution of women to linguistic vitality in northwestern Nigeria*. Paper presented at the 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Language Documentation & Conservation, University of Hawai‘i. 27 February.
- 2015 *Describing Moore: A language of Burkina Faso*, with Sara Pacchiarotti and Amos Teo. Poster presented at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Research Forum, University of Oregon. 20 February.
- 2014 *Verbal categories in Ut-Ma'in, a Kainji language of Nigeria*. Paper presented at the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on African Linguistics, University of Kansas. 17 April.
- 2013 *Discourse function of marked and unmarked verbs in Ut-Ma'in narrative*. Paper presented in the workshop on “Aspect and Discourse in African Languages” at the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea, Split University, Croatia. 18 September.

#### **Conferences/Panels Organized**

- 2020 Panel co-organizer “Exploring the logophoric continuum” with Abbie Hantgan-Sanko and Rebecca Voll (LLACAN-CNRS). 4th Symposium on West African Languages. Università degli Studi di Napoli “L'Orientale”. Canceled. Originally scheduled for 23–25 September 2020.
- 2015 Student Organizer and abstract reviewer, 46th Annual Conference on African Linguistics, University of Oregon.

## **OTHER PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS**

- 2020        The grammar of reported speech: Introduction to reported speech phenomena and the Discourse Reporting project mini-questionnaire. 75-minute workshop session. The workshop in grammatical description, Canada Institute of Linguistics, Langley, BC, Canada. 4 August.
- 2020        Ubiquitous association in Țt-Ma'in. Summer Colloquia Series, Canada Institute of Linguistics, Langley, British Columbia, Canada. 28 July.
- 2020        Verb forms and what they “mean”: The dangers of relying on elicited material in linguistic description. 75-minute workshop session. The workshop in grammatical description, Canada Institute of Linguistics, Langley, BC, Canada. 14 July.
- 2020        Organizing a grammatical description based on both form and function: A case study of organizing a written description of Țt-Ma'in nonverbal predication. 75-minute workshop session, The workshop in grammatical description, Canada Institute of Linguistics, Langley, BC, Canada. 30 June.
- 2019        Nominalization and predication in Țt-Ma'in. Doctoral dissertation defense, University of Oregon. 7 August.
- 2018        Development of Țt-Ma'in progressive constructions. Colloquia Series, Department of Linguistics, University of Oregon. 11 May.
- 2017        Development of the Țt-Ma'in progressive. Workshop: Language Documentation and Revitalization, University of Oregon. 30 November.
- 2014        Functions of nominalization in Țt-Ma'in. Field Linguistics Working Group University of Oregon. 22 October.
- 2013        Formation of verbs in Țt-Ma'in. Field Linguistics Working Group, University of Oregon. 5 November.
- 2011        Fieldworks Language Explorer as a dictionary development tool. International Workshop on Fieldworks Software, University of Malaysia, Sabah. 17–19 October. (Invited, 15 hours of instruction)
- 2007        The noun class system of Țt-Ma'in, a West Kainji language of Northwestern Nigeria. Thesis defense. University of North Dakota. 31 July.
- 2007        Research on Țt-Ma'in noun classes. Jos Linguistic Circle, Nigeria. 28 March.
- 2006        Nominalization in Țt-Ma'in. Linguistics Seminar, Jos, Nigeria. 18 December.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Department of English Studies, Western Oregon University, Monmouth, USA**

Language: Misconceptions vs. Realities (Fall '22)

Introduction to Linguistics (Fall '22)

Linguistic Analysis of Genre and Style (Fall '21)

### **Department of Linguistics, University of Oregon, Eugene, USA**

Teaching Assistant and Discussion Leader, Morphology and Syntax (Fall '12 & Fall '18)  
Instructor of record, Structure of English Words (Winter '13)  
Teaching Assistant, Structure of English Words (Fall, Winter, Spring '15–'16)  
Teaching Assistant and Discussion Leader, Language and Power (Spring '17)  
Teaching Assistant and Discussion Leader, Intro. to Linguistic Analysis (Spring '13)

### **American English Institute, University of Oregon, Eugene, USA**

Instructor of record, Oral Communication Skills Level 2 (Winter '14)  
Instructor of record, Listening and Note taking Level 4 (Fall '17, Winter '18)  
Instructor of record, Oral Communication Skills Level 6 (Fall, Winter, Spring '14–'15)  
Instructor of record, Introduction to Academic Writing (Fall '13, Spring '14)

### **Canada Institute of Linguistics, Langley, British Columbia**

Writing instructor & coach, Masterclass in grammatical description (9 wks, Summer '20)

### **Department of Linguistics, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, USA**

Instructor of record, Linguistic Field Methods (Summer '09 & '10)  
Teaching Assistant, Linguistic Field Methods (Summer '08)  
Teaching Assistant and Discussion Leader, Syntax and Morphology I (Summer '05)  
Teaching Assistant, Tone Analysis (Summer '13)

### **Department of Linguistics, Payap University, Chiang Mai, Thailand**

Visiting Instructor, Cognitive Semantics (Fall '07)

### **International Course in Applied Linguistics, NBTT, Jos, Nigeria**

Teaching Assistant, Phonetics and Phonology (Summer '06)

### **FELLOWSHIPS, FUNDING, and AWARDS**

2022	Small Grant. Pike Center for Integrative Scholarship. <i>Classification and Reconstruction of the Northwest Kainji languages of Nigeria</i> .
2012-2019	Graduate Teaching Fellowship, Department of Linguistics & American English Institute, University of Oregon.
2016	Fellowship in the Collection of Oral Literature and Traditional Ecological Knowledge. Firebird Foundation for Anthropological Research. <i>Documenting Oral Literature of the Ut-Ma'in Language</i> .
2016	Research Grant, Center for the Study of Women in Society, University of Oregon. <i>Her voice: Documenting the language of women speakers of the Ut-Ma'in language (Nigeria)</i> .
2015	Travel Grant, Department of Linguistics, University of Oregon.
2014	Jacqueline Schachter Outstanding Conference Presentation Award, Department of Linguistics, University of Oregon

2014	Travel Grant, American English Institute, University of Oregon
2013	Travel Grant, Department of Linguistics, University of Oregon
2007	MA Scholarship, Department of Linguistics, University of North Dakota
2001-2005	General Scholarship, Department of Linguistics, University of North Dakota
1999-2001	Merit Scholarship, Cairn University
1999	Leadership Scholarship, Cairn University

## **INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY AND FIELD RESEARCH**

### **France**

9/2019 – 9/2021. Resident in France while a postdoctoral researcher at CNRS-LLACAN.

### **Northern Nigeria – Ȳt-Ma'in (Kainji, Benue-Congo) fieldwork**

12 months on location in Niger State, Nigeria. 4/2005, 11/2005, 2–3/2006, 8/2006, 10/2006, 2/2007, 8–9/2013, 3/2017, 8–9/2017. Data elicitation, collecting oral literature, transcription and translation of texts, grammar analysis. Development of adult reading primer for use by bilingual speakers literate in Hausa. Language data formed the basis for my master's thesis and doctoral dissertation. Most recent visits in 2017 funded by the Firebird Foundation for Anthropological Research and the Center for the Study of Women in Society, University of Oregon. Ongoing collaboration with local speakers and other linguists working on Kainji languages.

### **Northern Nigeria – Pipero (Chadic, Afro-Asiatic) fieldwork**

6 months on location in Gombe State, Nigeria. 1/2005, 9/2005, 1/2006, 5/2006, 9/2006, 1/2007. Orthography checking and testing. Translation adviser to team of native speaker translators. Development of adult reading primer for use by bi/trilingual speakers literate in Hausa and/or English. Supervisor, Katherine Barnwell, Ph.D.

### **Northern Nigeria**

Resident in Jos, Plateau State, Nigeria, from December 2004 through April 2007.

### **Guerrero State, Mexico**

11/2010 – 1/2011 and 3/2011 – 4/2011. Logistics support role for language documentation project funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (USA)  
Project: *Documenting the Me'phaa genus*. Principal Investigator: Steven A. Marlett, Ph.D.

### **Chiang Mai, Thailand**

8/2007 – 11/2007 Visiting Instructor, Payap University, Department of Linguistics  
2/2003 – 3/2003 Volunteer, Language Survey Department, MSEAG, SIL International  
8/2002 – 2/2003 Volunteer, Foster Home Supervisor, Cummins Group Home

## **SERVICE**

2022	Reviewer, Endangered Languages Documentation Program Grant Applications
2021	Reviewer, Afrika und Übersee

2020	Reviewer of symposium articles, Payap Research Symposium, Linguistics Department, Payap University, Chiang Mai, Thailand
2019-2020	Hiring committee for two predoctoral researchers and two postdoctoral researchers, Discourse reporting in African storytelling, LLACAN
2013	Reviewer, Ghana Journal of Linguistics
2012-2014	Co-Chair , Graduate Linguists of Oregon Student Society (GLOSS), University of Oregon
2009-2010	Scholarship committee, Department of Linguistics, University of North Dakota

## **LANGUAGE PROFICIENCIES**

English – native

Hausa (Chadic, Afro-Asiatic) – intermediate (speaking/reading/structural knowledge)

U̱t-Ma'in (Kainji, Benue-Congo) – speaking/structural knowledge | 12 months fieldwork

Mòoré (Gur, Niger-Congo) – structural knowledge | 9 months field methods course

Pipero (Chadic, Afro-Asiatic) – structural knowledge | 6 months fieldwork

German – basic (reading) | 2 years undergraduate coursework

French – beginner

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Association for Contemporary African Linguistics

Association for Linguistic Typology

Societas Linguistica Europaea