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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Employment

AUG. 2024 – **Assistant Professor of Linguistics**
Department of Languages, Linguistics, and Literature
Nazarbayev University • Astana, Kazakhstan

Other Academic Experience

2022–2023 **Visiting Scholar in Linguistics**
Tajik National Academy of Sciences • Dushanbe, Tajikistan

FALL 2019 **Visiting Scholar in Linguistics**
University of Central Asia • Khorugh, Tajikistan

EDUCATION

2023 **Ph.D., Linguistics**
McGill University • Montreal, QC
➤ Dissertation: *A Grammar of the Shughni Language*
➤ Advisor: Jessica Coon

2013 **B.A., Linguistics & Chinese, *summa cum laude***
University of Kentucky • Lexington, KY

PUBLICATIONS

in prep. **Parker, Clinton** and Shahlo Shomansurova. *A Grammar of the Shughni Language*
UCL Press (Grammars of World and Minority Languages Series).

2021 **Parker, Clinton**. Review of *Routledge Handbook of Second Language Acquisition and Pedagogy of Persian* (ed. Pouneh Shabani-Jadidi). *Iranian Studies*.

2020 **Parker, Clinton**. Vestigial ergativity in Shughni: At the intersection of alignment, clitic doubling, and feature-driven movement. *Glossa: A Journal of General Linguistics*, 5(1), 52.

2019 Coon, Jessica and **Clint Parker**. Case interactions in syntax. In *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Linguistics*. Ed. Mark Aronoff. New York: Oxford University Press.

- 2018 Working Group on the Role of the University in Supporting Indigenous Languages (Member). Bridging communities and universities through language engagement: A vision for university engagement in the maintenance, revitalization, and strengthening of Indigenous languages. Published online at: <http://mcgillindigenousslanguagesymposium.ca>

UNPUBLISHED TRANSLATIONS (RUSSIAN–ENGLISH)

- in prep. **Parker, Clinton.** Translation of: Sokolova, Valentina S. 1953. Очерки по фонетике иранских языков [*Sketches of the phonetic systems of Iranian languages*]. Moscow-Leningrad: Izdatel'stvo Akademii Nauk SSSR.
- 2023 **Parker, Clinton.** Translation of: Edel'man, Joy I. 1974. О конструкциях предложения в иранских языках [*On clausal constructions in Iranian languages*]. In *Voprosy Yazykoznaniya* 23–33.
- 2023 **Parker, Clinton.** Translation of: Edel'man, Joy I. 1980. К субстратальному наследию Центральноазиатского языкового союза [*On the substratal nature of the Central Asian Sprachbund*]. In *Voprosy Yazykoznaniya* 5: 21–32.
- 2022 **Parker, Clinton.** Translation of: Dodykhudoeva, Leila R. 1988. Шугнанский глагол в историческом освещении [*Shughni verb in a historical light*]. Dushanbe: Donish.
- 2022 **Parker, Clinton.** Translation of: Karamshoev, Dodkhudo. 1986. Категория рода в памирских языках (шугнано-рушанская группа): Выпуск 2 [*The category of gender in the Pamir languages (Shughni-Rushani group): Part II*]. Dushanbe: Donish.
- 2022 **Parker, Clinton.** Translation of: Karamshoev, Dodkhudo. 1978. Категория рода в памирских языках (шугнано-рушанская группа): Выпуск 1 [*The category of gender in the Pamir languages (Shughni-Rushani group): Part I*]. Dushanbe: Donish.
- 2021 **Parker, Clinton.** Translation of: Sokolova, Valentina S. 1967. Генетические отношения язгулямского языка у шугнанской языковой группы [*Genetic relations between the Yazghulami language and the Shughni-Rushani group*]. Leningrad: Nauka.

*Copies of these translations can be found on my website (see link at top of CV)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 **Parker, Clinton.** 'Selected topics in Shughni grammar: Information structure, oblique-first constructions, and irregular verbs'. Presented virtually at *Iranistics Seminar, Moscow Higher School of Economics*, May 26, 2023.
- 2023 **Parker, Clinton.** 'Documenting the Shughni Language'. Presented at *Fulbright South and Central Asia Conference*, Kochi, India, February 28, 2023.

- 2022 **Parker, Clinton** (with Shahlo Shomansurova). ‘Exploring grammatical gender in Shughni’. Presented at *International Conference on Modern Trends and Perspectives of Innovative Development in Linguistics*, Dushanbe, Tajikistan, November 24, 2022.
- 2022 **Parker, Clinton**. ‘Grammatical gender and Russian borrowings in the Shughni language’ (in Russian). Presented at *Middlebury Graduate Symposium*, Middlebury College, August 6, 2022.
- 2021 **Parker, Clinton**. ‘The state of the art in Persian language pedagogy.’ Presented at *Middle East Studies Association (MESA), 55th annual meeting*, McGill University, December 2, 2021.
- 2019 **Parker, Clinton**. ‘Agreement, clitic doubling, and vestigial ergativity in Shughni.’ Presented at *The Second North American Conference on Iranian Linguistics (NACIL 2)*, University of Arizona, April 19, 2019.
- 2019 **Parker, Clinton**. (Poster) ‘On the Responsibilities of Universities in Indigenous Language Revitalization: A Canadian Perspective.’ Presented at the *Symposium on American Indian Languages (SAIL)*, University of Arizona, April 13, 2019.
- 2018 **Parker, Clinton**. ‘Vestigial ergativity in Shughni: Typology and analysis.’ Presented at *Conference on Central Asian Languages and Linguistics (ConCALL)*, Indiana University, March 2, 2018.
- 2018 **Parker, Clinton**. ‘A feature-based movement analysis for vestigial ergativity in Shughni.’ Presented at *The 6th Annual Montreal-Ottawa-Toronto-Hamilton Syntax Workshop (MOTH 6)*, McGill University April 28, 2018.
- 2012 **Parker, Clinton**. ‘The Sarikoli language and its (lack of) vestigial ergativity’. Presented at *Undergraduate Research in Linguistics Day*, University of Kentucky, April 25, 2012.

TEACHING

Linguistics courses (instructor of record)

- SPRING 2025 **Advanced Empirical Methods in Linguistics (LING 473)**
Nazarbayev Univeristy
- SPRING 2025 **Sounds of the World’s Languages (LING 278)**
Nazarbayev Univeristy
- FALL 2024 **Survey of Research Methods in Linguistics (LING 273)**
Nazarbayev Univeristy
- FALL 2024 **Sounds of the World’s Languages (LING 278)**
Nazarbayev Univeristy
- SUMMER 2021 **Languages of the World (LING 215)**
McGill Univeristy
- SPRING 2015 **Phonetics & Phonology I (in Spanish)**
National Autonomous University of Nicaragua

Linguistics courses (Teaching Assistant)

- SPRING 2019 **Introduction to Linguistics (LING 201)**
McGill University
Instructors: Jessica Coon & Heather Goad
- FALL 2018 **Introduction to Linguistics (LING 201)**
McGill University
Instructors: Jessica Coon & Francisco Torreira
- SPRING 2018 **Introduction to the Study of Language (LING 200)**
McGill University
Instructor: Nicholas Baier
- FALL 2017 **Introduction to the Study of Language (LING 200)**
McGill University
Instructor: Nicholas Baier

ESL and EFL (Instructor)

- 2020–2022 **English as a Second Language (Volunteer)**
Afghan Women's Centre of Montreal (AWCM)
 > Principal Instructor for two English courses for Afghan refugee women
- SPRING 2015 **English Grammar IV**
National Autonomous University of Nicaragua
- FALL 2014 **English Grammar III**
National Autonomous University of Nicaragua
- FALL 2014 **(ESL) Listening III**
National Autonomous University of Nicaragua
- SPRING 2014 **English Grammar II**
National Autonomous University of Nicaragua
- SPRING 2014 **Introductory English**
National Autonomous University of Nicaragua
- FALL 2012 **Computer Science English**
Xinjiang University, Urumqi, China

Guest Lectures

- FALL 2022 **'Linguistic Diversity in Tajikistan'**. Lecture given to the English Club at Russian-Tajik Slavonic University, Dushanbe, December 12, 2022.
- FALL 2021 **'Linguistic Diversity in Canada and Beyond'**. Lecture given in Introduction to Linguistics (LING 201), McGill University, December 1, 2021.
- SPRING 2019 **'Linguistic Diversity in Canada and Beyond'**. Lecture given in Introduction to Linguistics (LING 201), McGill University, April 3, 2019.

FALL 2018 **‘Linguistic Diversity in Canada and Beyond’**. Lecture given in Introduction to Linguistics (LING 201), McGill University, December 1, 2018.

GRANTS & AWARDS

2022–2023	Fulbright Student Research Grant <i>Local affiliation: Tajikistan National Academy of Sciences</i>	27,650 USD
2020–2021	FRQSC Doctoral Research Grant <i>Fonds de Recherche, Société et culture Québec</i>	20,000 CAD
2019–2020	Title VIII Combined Research & Language Training <i>American Councils for International Education</i>	18,250 USD
2018–2019	Indigenous Cultural Studies Fellowship <i>McGill University</i>	18,500 CAD
2019	GREAT Award for Conference Travel <i>McGill University</i>	500 CAD
2018	Graduate Mobility Award <i>McGill University</i>	2,666 CAD
2018	GREAT Award for Conference Travel <i>McGill University</i>	500 CAD
2018	ConCALL Conference Travel Stipend <i>Indiana University</i>	300 USD
2017	Graduate Mobility Award <i>McGill University</i>	4,000 CAD
2017	Graduate Excellence Award <i>McGill University</i>	2,000 CAD
2016	Graduate Excellence Award <i>McGill University</i>	15,500 CAD
2016	McCall MacBain Fellowship <i>McGill University</i>	5,000 CAD
2012	Undergraduate Research Award <i>University of Kentucky</i>	500 USD

SERVICE

Advising

- 2024– Dariga Arapbayeva, MA Thesis supervisor
- 2024– Amalie Moen Edet, MA Thesis supervisor
- 2024– Dilnaz Tursynbekova, MA Thesis supervisor

Conference & Research Group organization

- 2020-2021 **Montreal Underdocumented Languages & Linguistics (MULL) Lab**
Lead Organizer
- 2018-2019 **McGill Fieldwork Group**
Lead Organizer
- MAY 2018 **McGill Symposium on the Role of the University in Indigenous Language Revitalization**
Organizing Team Member
- APRIL 2018 **Montreal-Toronto-Ottawa-Hamilton Syntax Workshop (MOTH)**
Organizing Team Member

Event organization

- MARCH 2019 **McGill Persian New Year Celebration (in Farsi)**
Master of Ceremony & Organizer
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Master of Ceremony & Organizer
- AUGUST 2017 **American Councils ERLP Final Celebration (in Tajiki)**
Master of Ceremony & Co-organizer
- MARCH 2017 **McGill Persian New Year Celebration (in Farsi)**
Master of Ceremony & Organizer

Ad hoc reviewing

- 2024 Ad hoc reviewer for two articles in *Indo-Iranian Languages*
- 2022 Ad hoc reviewer for a paper in the *Toronto Working Papers in Linguistics (TWPL)*
- 2019 Ad hoc reviewer for six chapters for the *Oxford Handbook of Second Language Acquisition and Pedagogy of Persian*

NON-ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2023–2024 **Linguistic consultant**

Winterlight Labs, LLC • Remote

- Provide syntactic analysis (dependency framework) for utterances in German, Danish, and Polish
- Optimize NLP algorithms by checking human analysis against computer analysis
- Improve NLP software to be used in the diagnosis and monitoring of medical conditions

2023–2024 **Educator & Consultant in Intercultural Communication**

Carrefour de Ressources en Interculturel (CRIC) • Montreal, QC

- Design & deliver trainings in intercultural communication
- Consult with clients (e.g., organizations and enterprises) to tailor trainings to their needs
- Assist immigrants in Montreal by supporting volunteer programs and providing liaison services

2013–2015 **TEFL Teacher & Teacher Trainer**

United States Peace Corps • Juigalpa, Nicaragua

- Trained Nicaraguan English teachers in innovative teaching methodologies
- Taught English courses in university and high-school settings
- Designed and taught community courses in Mandarin Chinese
- Carried out community-based projects promoting environmental protection
- Translated teaching and training documents for local NGO

OTHER SKILLS

Languages

NATIVE	English
NEAR-NATIVE	Spanish (ACTFL “Superior”)
ADVANCED	Shughni, Russian, Persian (Iranian and Tajik varieties), French
INTERMEDIATE	Mandarin Chinese, German
BEGINNER	Uyghur
RESEARCH	Avestan, Old Persian, Burushaski, Miskito; Mazatec, Timucua (dormant language of Florida), Lingala, Japanese, Danish, Polish

Software

ADVANCED	L ^A T _E X
INTERMEDIATE	Praat, Swift, FLE _X , ELAN
BEGINNER	R, Python