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Education

University of California, Los Angeles   *Los Angeles, CA*

PhD Linguistics   *Expected: 2023*

- PhD Dissertation: The syntax and semantics of interrogatives in Sm'algyax
- Committee: Yael Sharvit, Harold Torrence (co-chairs), Ethan Poole, Lisa Matthewson (UBC)
- Advanced to candidacy: December 2021

McGill University   *Montreal, QC*

MA Linguistics   *2016*

- MA Thesis: Extraction restrictions in Gitksan
- Committee: Jessica Coon, Lisa Travis

University of British Columbia   *Vancouver, BC*

BA Linguistics   *2013*

- Capstone projects: Syntax and semantics of Gitksan clefts; Sluicing in Wolof

Publications

Published

Brown, Colin, Clarisa Forbes, Michael Schwan. 2020. Clause-type, transitivity, and the transitive vowel in Tsimshianic. In Papers for the 55th International Conference of Salish and Neighbouring Languages. UBCWPL.

Brown, Colin. 2017. Syntactic ergativity in Gitksan. Proceedings from the 21st annual Workshop on the Constituency of Languages of the Americas. UBCWPL.

In Review

Brown, Colin, Harold Torrence. Predicate focus in Dschang. Proceedings from the 10th World Congress of African Linguistics

Submitted

Brown, Colin. Questions and their relatives in Sm'algyax.

In Prep

Brown, Colin. Variable interrogative flip in evidential questions in Sm'algyax. The Pragmatics of Evidentiality. Language Science Press.

Brown, Colin. Irrealis-marked interrogatives as negative rhetorical questions. Subjectivity and Intersubjectivity in Language. Open Linguistics.

Manuscripts

Brown, Colin. Illocutionary mood marking in Sm'algyax. Qualifying Paper. UCLA.

Brown, Colin. Extraction restrictions in Gitksan. Master's Thesis. McGill University.

Presentations

* presenting author

Invited Talks

Spring 2022. *Variable interrogative flip in Sm'algyax evidential questions*. Invited talk: UC Berkeley Syntax and Semantics Circle. Berkeley, CA.

Contributed Presentations

Brown, Colin. 2022. Irrealis-marked interrogatives as negative rhetorical questions. Subjectivity and Intersubjectivity in Language and Culture. Workshop "Non-canonical interrogatives across languages: prosody, semantics, pragmatics", Tartu, Estonia. May 12-13.

Brown, Colin. 2022. Rhetorical questions two ways. California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics, University of California, Los Angeles. May 6.

Brown, Colin. 2022. Information-seeking and non-information-seeking questions with conjectural evidentials. UBC Gitksan Lab: UBC Linguistics, Vancouver, BC. April 11.

Brown, Colin*, Zhuo Chen, Matthew Czuba*, Blake Lehman, Harold Torrence*. 2022. The Inventory of Polar Question Types in Dschang. The Annual Conference on African Linguistics 53. University of California, San Diego. April 7-9.

Brown, Colin. 2021. Variable interrogative flip in evidential questions in Sm'algyax. Workshop on The Pragmatics of Evidentiality. Venice, Italy. June 19-21.

Brown, Colin, Harold Torrence. 2021. Analyzing predicate focus doubling in Dschang. 10th World Congress of African Linguistics. University of Leiden. June 7-12.

Brown, Colin, Harold Torrence. 2021. The syntax of predicate focus doubling in Dschang. Annual Conference of African Linguistics 51-52. University of Florida. April 8-10.

Brown, Colin, Harold Torrence. 2021. Predicate Focus Doubling in Dschang: Implications for Clausal Syntax. Linguistics Society of America 2021. Held virtually. January 7-10.

Brown, Colin. 2020. Interrogative mood marking in Sm'algyax. Linguistics Society of America 2020. New Orleans, LA. January 2-5.

Brown, Colin. 2019. Interrogatives at the interface: Sentential mood marking in Sm'algyax. California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics 2019. University of Southern California. November 9-10.

Brown, Colin, Clarissa Forbes*. 2018. Three (hidden) obliques in Gitksan. The Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas 2018. Salt Lake City, UT. January 4-7.

Brown, Colin. 2016. Revisiting ergativity in Gitksan. The Workshop on Structure and Constituency in Languages of the Americas 2016. UQÁM Montréal, QC. April 1-3.

Brown, Colin. 2016. A structural account of split ergativity in Gitksan. Putting Fieldwork on Indigenous Languages to New Uses. Campinas, Brazil. March 21-April 2nd. (poster presentation)

Brown, Colin. 2016. Absolutive in Tsimshianic. The Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas 2016. Washington, DC. January 7-10.

Henry Davis*, **Colin Brown**. 2014. Focus and Negative Ellipsis in Gitksan. International Conference on Salish and Neighbouring Languages 48. Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. August 2-3.

Brown, Colin. 2014. Towards a unified semantics of clefts and determiners in Tlingit. Semantics of Under-represented Languages of the Americas 8 UBC Vancouver, BC. May 16-18. (poster presentation)

Brown, Colin. 2014. Clefts without Presuppositions? Some evidence from Gitksan. Semantics of Under-represented Languages of the Americas 8 UBC Vancouver, BC. May 16-18.

Academic Work Experience

As instructor of record

2022	**LING120B: Syntax I**, UCLA Linguistics; Summer
2021	**LING120C: Semantics I**, UCLA Linguistics; Summer
2020	**LING160: Field Methods (Cotaught with Blake Lehman)**, UCLA Linguistics; Summer
2018	**FNST320-3: The Structure of a First Nations Language (Nisg̲a'a; Tsimshianic)**, Wilp Wilxo'oskwhl Nisg̲a'a Institute/UNBC; Summer
2018	**FNST220-3: Introduction to Linguistics**, Wilp Wilxo'oskwhl Nisg̲a'a Institute/UNBC; Summer
2018	**EDEE 223: Language Arts**, Listuguj/McGill B.Ed Program; Summer
2016	**FNST220-3: Introduction to Linguistics**, Wilp Wilxo'oskwhl Nisg̲a'a Institute/UNBC; Winter

As teaching assistant

2022	**LING120C: Semantics I (Instructor: Yael Sharvit)**, UCLA Linguistics, Winter
2021	**LING120B: Syntax I (Instructor: Nicoletta Loccioni)**, UCLA Linguistics, Winter
2020	**LING127C: Linguistic Typology and Universals (Instructor: Hilda Koopman)**, UCLA Linguistics, Winter
2020	**LING127C: Linguistic Typology and Universals (Instructor: Anoop Mahajan)**, UCLA Linguistics, Fall
2019	**LING20: Introduction to Linguistic Theory (Instructor: Guiseppina Silvestri)**, UCLA Linguistics, Fall
2019	**LING20: Introduction to Linguistic Theory (Instructor: Thomas Motter)**, UCLA Linguistics, Summer
2016	**LING200: Introduction to Linguistics (Instructor: Hadas Kotek)**, McGill Linguistics, Spring
2016	**LING200: Introduction to Linguistics (Instructor: Meagan Fowlie)**, McGill Linguistics, Fall

Other

2021	**Workshop Co-organizer: Sm'algyax Grammar Workshop (with Margaret Anderson and Mique'l Dangeli)**, Juneau, Alaska. June 7-18
2018	**Workshop Organizer: Grammar, writing, and academic success. Listuguj/McGill B.Ed Program**, Listuguj, QC. March 20-23.
2016-2017	**Research Assistant for McGill Ergativity Lab**, McGill Linguistics
2013	**Research Assistant for Gitksan Research Lab**, UBC Linguistics

Awards, Fellowships, & Grants

2022-2023	**Dissertation Year Fellowship**, UCLA	*$ 37,000*
2022-2023	**Harry and Yvonne Lenart Graduate Travel Fellowship**, UCLA	*$ 8,000*
2019	**Canadian Studies Award**, UCLA	*$ 1,000*
2018-2022	**Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Doctoral Fellowship**,	*$ 80,000 CAD*
2018-2021	**Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarships-Doctoral**, Declined for SSHRC above	*$ 105,000 CAD*
2018-2022	**Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship**, UCLA	*$ 34,000*
2018-2019	**Graduate Dean Scholar's Award**, UCLA	*$ 14,500*
2015	**Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarships-Master's**,	*$ 17,500 CAD*
2014	**Grad Excellence Award in Linguistics**, Mcgill University	*$ 7,00 CAD*
2010	**Leon Fus Memorial Prize**, UBC	*$ 700 CAD*

Outreach & Professional Development

Service and Outreach

| 2022 | **Fieldwork Job Search Committee UCLA Linguistics Department**, Committee Member |
| 2020-2021 | **UCLA Graduate Linguistics Council**, President |

Peer Review

Canadian Journal of Linguistics/Revue canadienne de linguistique
Language Science Press

Languages

English — Native
French — Intermediate
Spanish — Intermediate
Polish — Intermediate
Sm'algyax — Research
Gitksan — Research
Mam — Research
Bamileke Dschang — Research