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Areas of interest

The interfaces between semantics, syntax, and information structure • Tsimshianic languages •
Language documentation and revitalisation • Fieldwork

Education

2008-10 General Arts/Creative Writing, Capilano University
2010-13 BA in Linguistics, University of British Columbia
2014-16 MA in Linguistics, McGill University

Grants, honors & awards

2010 Leon Fus Memorial Prize: \$700
2014 Grad Excellence Award in Linguistics: \$7,000
2015 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC): \$17,500

Papers and publications

2016 Brown, Colin — “Extraction restrictions in Gitksan” (Master’s thesis, McGill University)
2016 Brown, Colin — “Syntactic ergativity in Gitksan” *proceedings from the 21st annual Workshop on the Constituency of Languages of the Americas (WSCLA 21)*. UQAM Montreal, QC

Talks & poster presentations

2013 Brown, Colin — “Focus in Nata: Denotation vs. discourse-new”, *Canadian Linguistics Association CLA/ACL 2013 UVIC Victoria, BC* (poster presentation)
2013 Strang Burton, Rose-Marie Déchaine & Joash Gambarage, with C. Brown, A. Entwistle, E. Guntly, R. Fuhrman, N. Francis, H. Keupdjio, W.M. Lam, J. Ma, A. Osa Gomez del Campo, E. Sadlier-Brown, I. Schniske, D. Si, S. Walters & Y. Yoshino — “Using Storyboards to Elicit Information Structure Contrasts in Nata”, *Canadian Linguistics Association CLA/ACL 2013 UVIC Victoria, BC* (poster presentation)
2013 Brown, Colin & Keupdjio, Hermann — “Discourse-sensitivity in Nata”, *Northwest Linguistics Conference NWLC 2013 UBC Vancouver, BC* (poster presentation)
2014 Brown, Colin — “The semantics of Gitksan Clefts”, *UBC Research Seminar Series 2014 UBC Vancouver, BC*
2014 Brown, Colin — “Towards a unified semantics of clefts and determiners in Tlingit”, *Semantics of*

2014	<i>Under-represented Languages of the Americas SULA 8 2014 UBC Vancouver, BC</i> (poster presentation) Brown, Colin — “Clefts without Presuppositions? Some evidence from Gitksan”, <i>Semantics of Under-represented Languages of the Americas SULA 8 2014 UBC Vancouver, BC</i>
2014	Davis, Henry & Brown, Colin — “Focus and Negative Ellipsis in Gitksan”, <i>International Conference on Salish and Neighbouring Languages ICSNL 48 Coeur d’Alene, Idaho</i>
2016	Brown, Colin — “Absolutive in Tsimshianic”, <i>The Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas SSILA 2016 Washington, DC</i>
2016	Brown, Colin — “A structural account of split ergativity in Gitksan”, <i>Putting Fieldwork on Indigenous Languages to New Uses PFILNU Campinas, Brazil</i> . (poster presentation)
2016	Brown, Colin — “Revisiting ergativity in Gitksan”, <i>The Workshop on Structure and Constituency in Languages of the Americas WSCLA 2016 UQÁM Montréal, QC</i> .

Academic work experience

2013	Research Assistant for Gitksan Research Lab <i>University of British Columbia</i>
2015	Teaching Assistant for LING200: Introduction to Linguistics <i>McGill University</i> (Instructor: Meaghan Fowlie)
2016	Teaching Assistant for LING200: Introduction to Linguistics <i>McGill University</i> (Instructor: Hadas Kotek)
2016	Research Assistant for McGill Ergativity Lab <i>McGill University</i>

Non-academic work experience

2004-07	Baker: Country Bakery <i>Armstrong, BC, Canada</i>
2007-13	Baker: Breka Bakery <i>Vancouver, BC, Canada</i>
2011-14	English teacher: Able English Studies <i>Vancouver, BC, Canada</i>
2012	Archives Assistant/Technical Writer: Japanese Canadian Citizen’s Association <i>Vancouver, BC, Canada</i>

Volunteer experience

2013-2016	Gitksan Research Lab (University of British Columbia) <i>Vancouver, BC</i>
2014	Portland Hotel Society <i>Vancouver, BC</i>
2014	Feast of Fields <i>Vancouver, BC</i>

Skills

LaTeX, Praat, Microsoft Office, Apple iWork

Languages

English (native)
Polish (intermediate/heritage language)
French (intermediate)
Gitksan (intermediate/research)
Tlingit (research)
Wolof (research)
Nata (research)