

Colin Brown

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Education

2023 (expected) PhD Linguistics, University of California, Los Angeles
2016 MA Linguistics, McGill University
2013 BA Linguistics, University of British Columbia

Academic work experience

2018 Lecturer: First Nations Studies 320: Structure of a First Nations Language (Nisga'a)
Wilp Wilxo'oskwhl Nisga'a Institute/UNBC, Gitwinksihlkw, BC
2018 Lecturer: First Nations Studies 220: Introduction to Linguistics
Wilp Wilxo'oskwhl Nisga'a Institute/UNBC, Gitwinksihlkw, BC
2018 Lecturer: Elementary Education 223: Language Arts
Listuguj/McGill B.Ed Program, Listuguj, QC
2016 Lecturer: First Nations Studies 220: Introduction to Linguistics
Wilp Wilxo'oskwhl Nisga'a Institute/UNBC, Gitwinksihlkw, BC
2016-17 Research Assistant for McGill Ergativity Lab
McGill University
2016 Teaching Assistant for LING200: Introduction to Linguistics
McGill University (Instructor: Hadas Kotek)
2015 Teaching Assistant for LING200: Introduction to Linguistics
McGill University (Instructor: Meaghan Fowlie)
2013 Research Assistant for Gitksan Research Lab
University of British Columbia

Non-academic work experience

2017 Mental Health Worker: Portland Hotel Society
Victoria, BC, Canada
2012 Archives Assistant/Technical Writer: Japanese Canadian Citizen's Association
Vancouver, BC, Canada
2007-13 Baker: Breka Bakery
Vancouver, BC, Canada
2004-07 Baker: Country Bakery
Armstrong, BC, Canada

Grants, honors & awards

2018-22 Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship: 34,000USD
2018-19 Graduate Dean Scholar's Award (UCLA): 14,500USD
2018-22 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Doctoral Fellowship: 80,000CAD

2018-21	Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarships-Doctoral (Declined): 105,000CAD
2015	Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarships-Master's: 17,500CAD
2014	Grad Excellence Award in Linguistics: 7,000CAD
2010	Leon Fus Memorial Prize: 700CAD

Papers and publications

2016	Brown, Colin — “Extraction restrictions in Gitksan” (Master’s thesis, McGill University)
2017	Brown, Colin — “Syntactic ergativity in Gitksan” <i>proceedings from the 21st annual Workshop on the Constituency of Languages of the Americas (WSCLA 21)</i> . UQÁM Montreal, QC

Talks & poster presentations

2018	Brown, Colin and Clarissa Forbes. “Three (hidden) obliques in Gitksan.” <i>The Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas</i> . Salt Lake City, UT.
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> .
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 — “Absolutive in Tsimshianic”, <i>The Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas SSILA 2016 Washington, DC</i>
2014	Davis, Henry & Colin Brown — “Focus and Negative Ellipsis in Gitksan”, <i>International Conference on Salish and Neighbouring Languages ICSNL 48 Coeur d’Alene, Idaho</i>
2014	Brown, Colin — “Towards a unified semantics of clefts and determiners in Tlingit”, <i>Semantics of Under-represented Languages of the Americas SULA 8 2014 UBC Vancouver, BC</i> (poster presentation)
2014	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	Brown, Colin — “The semantics of Gitksan Clefts”, <i>UBC Research Seminar Series 2014 UBC Vancouver, BC</i>
2013	Brown, Colin & Hermann Keupdjio — “Discourse-sensitivity in Nata”, <i>Northwest Linguistics Conference NWLC 2013 UBC Vancouver, BC</i> . (poster presentation)
2013	Brown, Colin — “Focus in Nata: Denotation vs. discourse-new”, <i>Canadian Linguistics Association CLA/ACL 2013 UVIC Victoria, BC</i> (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”, <i>Canadian Linguistics Association CLA/ACL 2013 UVIC Victoria, BC</i> (poster presentation)

Languages

English (native)
 Polish (intermediate/heritage language)
 French (intermediate)
 Gitksan (intermediate/research)
 Coast Tsimshian/Sm’algyax (research)