

# Colin Brown

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## Education

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### University of California, Los Angeles

Los Angeles, CA

#### PHD LINGUISTICS

Expected: 2023

- PhD Dissertation: The form and function 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: Semantics of Gitksan clefts; Sluicing in Wolof

## Publications

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### PUBLISHED

**Brown, Colin**, Clarissa 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.

### UNDER REVISION

**Brown, Colin**. Questions and their relatives in Sm'algyax. Accepted with minor revisions at the International Journal of American Linguistics.

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

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

### SUBMITTED

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

### IN PREP

**Brown, Colin**, Harold Torrence. Predicate doubling in Dschang.

**Brown, Colin**, Zhuo Chen, Matthew Czuba, Blake Lehman, Harold Torrence. Polar questions in Dschang.

**Brown, Colin**, Noah Elkins, Harold Torrence. Headless relative clauses in Todos Santos Mam.

### 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

November 28, 2022. *Interrogative particles in Sm'algyax*. Guest lecture: Advanced Syntax I (Prof. Neda Todorovic) University of Toronto. Toronto, ON.

April 1, 2022. *Variable interrogative flip in Sm'algyax evidential questions*. Invited talk: UC Berkeley Syntax and Semantics Circle. Berkeley, CA.

### CONTRIBUTED PRESENTATIONS

**Brown, Colin.** 2023. Polar questions in Sm'algyax. The Workshop on Structure and Constituency in Languages of the Americas 2023. McGill University. Montréal, QC. April 28–30 2023.

Elkins, Noah, **Brown, Colin.** 2023. Headless relative clauses in Mam. The Workshop on Structure and Constituency in Languages of the Americas 2023. McGill University. Montréal, QC. April 28–30 2023.

**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. UQAM 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 (Nisga'a; Tsimshianic)**, Wilp Wilxo'oskwhl Nisga'a Institute/UNBC; Summer
- 2018 **FNST220-3: Introduction to Linguistics**, Wilp Wilxo'oskwhl Nisga'a Institute/UNBC; Summer
- 2018 **EDEE 223: Language Arts**, Listuguj/McGill B.Ed Program; Summer
- 2016 **FNST220-3: Introduction to Linguistics**, Wilp Wilxo'oskwhl Nisga'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	<b>Dissertation Year Fellowship</b> , UCLA	\$ 37,000
2022-2023	<b>Harry and Yvonne Lenart Graduate Travel Fellowship</b> , UCLA	\$ 8,000
2022	<b>Ladefoged Scholarship</b> , UCLA	\$ 1500
2019	<b>Canadian Studies Award</b> , UCLA	\$ 1,000
2018-2022	<b>Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Doctoral Fellowship</b> ,	\$ 80,000 CAD
2018-2021	<b>Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarships-Doctoral</b> , Declined for SSHRC above	\$ 105,000 CAD
2018-2022	<b>Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship</b> , UCLA	\$ 34,000
2018-2019	<b>Graduate Dean Scholar's Award</b> , UCLA	\$ 14,500
2015	<b>Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarships-Master's</b> ,	\$ 17,500 CAD
2014	<b>Grad Excellence Award in Linguistics</b> , McGill University	\$ 7,000 CAD
2010	<b>Leon Fus Memorial Prize</b> , 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

## Languages

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**English** — Native

**French** — Intermediate

**Spanish** — Intermediate

**Polish** — Intermediate

**Sm'algyax** — Research

**Gitksan** — Research

**Mam** — Research

**Dschang** — Research