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### Research Interests

Potawatomi, language revitalization, discourse markers, language pedagogy, morphology and syntactic theory, law

### Education

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| 2020 | Ph.D. in Linguistics, The University of Chicago<br>Dissertation: <i>Potawatomi Discourse Markers</i><br>Committee: Amy Dahlstrom (chair), Itamar Francez, Lenore Grenoble      |
| 2013 | M.A. in Linguistics, University of Kansas<br>Thesis: <i>Complementizer Agreement in Najdi Arabic</i><br>Committee: Harold Torrence (chair), Jason Kandybowicz, Andrew McKenzie |
| 2011 | B.A. in Linguistics, University of Kansas  |
| 2010 | A.A. in Liberal Arts, Haskell Indian Nations University  |

### Academic Positions

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| 2021- | Assistant Professor, The University of Winnipeg |
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### Publications

#### *Books*

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| 2021 | Thomas Loftis and <b>Robert E. Lewis Jr.</b> <i>Building Potawatomi Verbs</i> . Self published. |
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#### *Papers*

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| to appear | Robert E. Lewis Jr. Potawatomi-English Language Planning and Isaac McCoy's Baptist Mission Schools. <i>Papers of the 52nd Algonquian Conference</i> .  |
| 2022      | Robert E. Lewis Jr. The Scattered Evidential System of Potawatomi. <i>Papers of the 51st Algonquian Conference</i> ed. by Monica Macaulay and Margaret Noodin, 99-120. Michigan State University Press.  |
| 2019      | Robert E. Lewis Jr. Theme signs in Potawatomi as object agreement and the inverse. <i>Papers of the 48th Algonquian Conference</i> , ed. by Monica Macaulay and Margaret Noodin, 123-142. Michigan State University Press.   |
| 2017      | Robert E. Lewis Jr. There's no mii in Potawatomi: The diachronic nature of six discourse markers in the Ojibwe-Potawatomi branch. <i>Proceedings of the 43rd Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistic Society</i> , ed. by Julia Nee, Margaret Cychosz, Dmetri Hayes, Tyler Lau and Emily Ramirez, 483-496. Berkeley Linguistics Society. |

#### *Edited volumes*

- 2016 Ershova, Ksenia, Joshua Falk, Jeffrey Geiger, Zachary Hebert, **Robert E. Lewis Jr.**, Patrick Munoz, Jacob B. Phillips, and Betsy Pillion, eds. *Proceedings of the Fifty-First Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society. CLS.*

### Reviews

- 2020 Robert E. Lewis Jr. Review of Michael D. Sullivan Sr.. *Relativization in Ojibwe*. University of Nebraska Press. 2020. *International Journal of American Linguistics*, 581-583.

### Presentations

- 2022 Collins, Carla, Donald Keeble, and **Robert E. Lewis Jr.** Bodwéwadmimwen Éthë ték, Inc.'s Ggékyamnanêk Wdathmownëwan Project: The Center for the Potawatomi Language's Our Elders' Stories Project. Presentation at Indigenous Storytelling: Short stories and translations of Aesop's Fables in the Indigenous America. South Bend, Indiana, USA.
- Robert E. Lewis Jr. *The Grasshopper (and the Ant): A Potawatomi yadsokan*. Presentation at Indigenous Storytelling: Short stories and translations of Aesop's Fables in the Indigenous America. South Bend, Indiana, USA.
- Robert E. Lewis Jr. *New Evidence on the Cree-Ojibwe Connection: Futurity and Complementizers*. Presentation at The Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas, Washington DC, USA.
- 2021 Robert E. Lewis Jr. *Look! Directive Interjections across the Algonquian Language Family*. 53rd Algonquian Conference.
- Robert E. Lewis Jr. *The Immediate Future Tense in Potawatomi*. 23rd Workshop on American Indigenous Languages. Santa Barbara, California, USA.
- Robert E. Lewis Jr. *Towards a Grammar of Potawatomi Interjections*. Presentation at The Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas, San Francisco, California, USA.
- 2020 Robert E. Lewis Jr. *A History of Potawatomi Language Planning and Policy: Education Funding from 1819 to 1848*. 52nd Algonquian Conference. Madison, Wisconsin, USA.
- Robert E. Lewis Jr. *The Evidential System of Potawatomi*. Presentation at The University of Chicago's Workshop on Language, Variation and Change, Chicago, Illinois, USA.
- Robert E. Lewis Jr. *Narrative Structure of a Potawatomi Text*. Presentation at The Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA.
- 2019 Robert E. Lewis Jr. *The Scattered Evidential System of Potawatomi*. Presentation at The 51st Algonquian Conference, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- Robert E. Lewis Jr. *Transitive Inanimate Commands*. Presentation at the Potawatomi Language Conference, Wasauksing First Nation, Canada.
- 2018 Robert E. Lewis Jr. *Additivity in Potawatomi*. Presentation at The University of Chicago's Workshop on Language, Variation and Change, Chicago, Illinois, USA.

Robert E. Lewis Jr. *Potawatomi mine: conjunction, adverbial, adjectival, and additive focus particle*. Presentation at Workshop in General Linguistics 15, Madison, Wisconsin, USA.

Robert E. Lewis Jr. *Learning how to advocate for community language rights: Citizen Potawatomi Nation*. Presentation at Let's Talk In Our Own Words: Native Language Revival and Preservation in the Indigenous Americas, South Bend, Indiana, USA.

2017 Robert E. Lewis Jr. *The Potawatomi particle na: How and where to use it*. Presentation at The 49th Algonquian Conference, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Robert E. Lewis Jr. *Wi can help to focus and cleft: Towards an understanding of the Potawatomi particle wi*. Presentation at Workshop in General Linguistics 14, Madison, Wisconsin, USA.

Robert E. Lewis Jr. *The Potawatomi particle gé: An additive, coordinator, and possibly a topic marker*. Presentation at Illinois Language and Linguistics Society 9, Urbana, Illinois, USA.

Robert E. Lewis Jr. *There's no mii in Potawatomi: The diachronic nature of six discourse markers in the Ojibwe-Potawatomi branch*. Presentation at The 43rd Berkeley Linguistic Society, Berkeley, California, USA.

2016 Robert E. Lewis Jr. *Theme signs in Potawatomi as object agreement and the inverse*. Presentation at The 48th Algonquian Conference, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA.

Robert E. Lewis Jr. *Information structure conditioned word order in Potawatomi*. Presentation at The Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas, Washington D.C., USA.

2015 Robert E. Lewis Jr. *Determining that Potawatomi word order is pragmatically conditioned*. Presentation at The 47th Algonquian Conference, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

## Guest Lectures

2022 Robert E. Lewis Jr. *Ways that academia can repair community harm: The legacy of Charles F. Hockett's Potawatomi fieldwork*. Guest Lecture for the University of Michigan's Unpacking Misconceptions and Stereotypes of Native Languages, Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA.

2017 Robert E. Lewis Jr. *Indigenous Languages of North America*. Guest Lecture for The University of Chicago's Languages of the World, Chicago, Illinois, USA.

2016 Cherry Meyer and **Robert E. Lewis Jr.** *Ojibwe and Potawatomi*. Guest Lecture for The University of Chicago's Languages of the World, Chicago, Illinois, USA.

## Fellowships and Grants

2021 The University of Winnipeg.  
Marsha Hanen Global Dialogue and Ethics Award. \$4,000.

2021 The University of Winnipeg.  
Indigenous Research Training Award. \$2,000.

2021 The University of Winnipeg.  
COVID-19 Special Discretionary Grant. \$2,985.

- 2021           Endangered Language Fund.  
Native Voices Endowment Grant: *Building Potawatomi Verbs*. \$9,540.
- 2019-20       The University of Chicago, Division of the Humanities.  
*Mellon Humanities Dissertation Completion Fellowship*.
- 2018           Endangered Language Fund.  
Native Voices Endowment Grant: CoLang Fellowship. \$2,559.
- 2017-18       American Philosophical Society.  
Phillips Fund for Native American Research: *Discourse Markers in Potawatomi*.  
\$2,800.
- 2012           United State Department of Education  
Foreign Languages and Areas Studies Fellowship. Arabic, Morocco.

### Teaching Experience

The University of Winnipeg

- 2022 Winter   Language Typology.
- 2022 Winter   Language Revitalization.
- 2021 Fall       Introduction to Linguistics.
- 2021 Winter   Language Revitalization.

The University of Chicago

- 2018 Winter   *Lecturer*, Introduction to Morphology.

University of Kansas

- 2013 Spring   *Lecturer*, Introduction to Linguistics.
- 2012 Fall       *Lecturer*, Introduction to Linguistics.

### Work Experience

- 2018-2019     Linguist, Forest County Potawatomi Community.
- 2017 Summer   Linguistic Curricula Developer, Forest County Potawatomi Community.
- 2016 Summer   Linguistic Curricula Developer, Forest County Potawatomi Community.

### Research Project Mentorship

- 2021 Summer   Algonquian Interjections Project.  
Indigenous Summer Scholars Program, University of Winnipeg.  
Supervised an undergraduate who worked through Algonquian bilingual texts to find interjections in order to create a pedagogical database.
- 2018 Summer   Project Supervisor for a Odyssey Scholar:  
Department of Linguistics, The University of Chicago.  
Supervised an undergraduate who worked through Potawatomi texts to look for a possible same object vs. different object system for the conjunction particles *mine* and *=the*.

### Service

- 2014-2015     Officer/organizer, The 51st Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistics Society.

2013-present     Abstract reviewer, Chicago Linguistic Society.

2012-2013       Colloquium organizer, University of Kansas Linguistics Colloquiums.

### Peer Review

*Proceedings of the Algonquian Conference*

### Professional Societies

Member, Canadian Linguistic Association.

Member, Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas.

Member, Linguistic Society of America.

### Languages

Natural           English (native), Potawatomi, French, Spanish, Modern Standard Arabic.  
(*in decreasing order of proficiency*)

Research         Najdi Arabic.

Programming    L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, python, java.