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Education

2024 – Present Simon Fraser University

Coast Salish Territories/ Burnaby, British Columbia

M.A., Linguistics (Thesis-based)

2015 – 2020 University of British Columbia

Coast Salish Territories/ Vancouver, British Columbia B.A., Double Specialization in First Nations and Endangered

Languages & Linguistics

Dean's List: 2017W, 2015W

2018 – 2019 Lund University / Lunds universitet

Lund, Skåne, Sweden

Student Exchange Program: Yiddish Studies & Linguistics

Professional Experience

2020 – 2024 First Peoples' Cultural Council

WJOŁEŁP/ Brentwood Bay, British Columbia

Program Navigator

- Delivered program webinars, project planning and administrative training for grantees
- Liaised and built rapport with First Nations and urban community organizations

Acting Program Coordinator

- Oversaw grant funding decisions and fiscal year end budgeting
- Delivered federal reporting data for the Department of Canadian Heritage
- Launched inaugural 2021-2022 LTP grant stream

Senior Language Program Assistant

• Designed digitization resources and program training curricula

- Trained teams for language revitalization projects in data mobilization and management
- Facilitated governmental reporting and distribution of grant funds

2021 - 2022

Haíłzaqv (Heiltsuk) Nation

Wáglísla/ Bella Bella, British Columbia

Curriculum Developer

- Developed children's and adult Haíłzaqvla (Heiltsuk Language) immersion curricula
- Crafted the first Haíłzaqvla language nest curriculum package and assessment tool
- Led teacher workshops on practical pedagogy and linguistic topics

2017 - 2021

Urban Haíłzaqvļa (Heiltsuk Language) Program

Coast Salish Territories/ Vancouver, British Columbia

Language Instructor

- Taught Haíłzaqvla vocabulary and grammar in intensive cohort and community classes
- Mentored TAs in program management & language education strategies
- Grew program's off-reserve capacity

Program Coordinator

- Planned community classes & Elder-centred events
- Organized in-person language lessons & childcare with community instructor and TAs

Publications

Journal Papers

2021

Jennifer Carpenter, Bridget Chase, **Benjamin Chung**, Robyn Humchitt, and Mark Turin. 'Mobilizing and Activating Haíłzaqvla (Heiltsuk Language) and Culture Through a Community-University Partnership' in *KULA: Knowledge Creation, Dissemination, and Preservation Studies 5 (1).* https://doi.org/10.18357/kula.127.

2020

Mark Turin and **Benjamin Chung**. 'Temporal Concepts and Formulations of Time in Tibeto-Burman Languages' in *Journal of Asian Linguistic Anthropology*, *1*(1): 39-76.

Mark Turin and **Benjamin Chung**. 'Colour Terms in Tibeto-Burman Languages' in *Rocznik Orientalistyczny/Yearbook of Oriental Studies*, *LXXI*, *Z*. 2: 198–248.

Presentations & Invited Talks

- Chung, Benjamin. 'Check Before You Tech' in the Decade of Indigenous Languages. Presented at Archives Association of British Columbia (AABC) / Association of Records Managers and Administrators Vancouver Island (ARMA VI) Joint Conference 2024 (Virtual).
- Chung, Benjamin and Jaskwaan Bedard. Transcription with ELAN: Controlled Vocabularies with Haida. Presented at Haida Language Gathering 2024, Haida Heritage Centre at Kay 'Llnagaay, Hlgaagilda/ Skidegate, British Columbia (Hybrid).
- 2023 **Chung, Benjamin** and Dakota Anderberg. Mobilizing Technology: Reclaiming and Maintaining Indigenous Data. Co-presented at the 27th annual First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) Conference, Coast Salish Territories/ Vancouver, British Columbia.
- 2023 **Chung, Benjamin**, James Thompson, Bridget Chase, Clarissa Forbes, and Evangaline Prevost. Language Technology Program Training 2023-2024: Vancouver. Co-facilitated workshops in Coast Salish Territories/ Vancouver, British Columbia.
- **Chung, Benjamin**, James Thompson, Bridget Chase, Evangaline Prevost, and Cara Barter. Language Technology Program Training 2023-2024: Prince George. Co-facilitated workshops in Lheidli-T'enneh/ Prince George, British Columbia.
- 2023 **Chung, Benjamin** and Kim Lawson. Archiving Indigenous Language Materials. Co-presented at huncewstuxw tu xe' xe' sqwel 'Bringing Back the Sacred Language' Language Revitalization Skill Development, Snuneymuxw/ Nanaimo, British Columbia.
- 2023 **Chung, Benjamin**, Evangaline Prevost, and Carleen August. Controlled Vocabularies & Information Management. Co-faciliated in cuumasas/ Port Alberni, British Columbia with Tseshaht Nation.
- 2023 **Chung, Benjamin**, James Thompson, and Magie-Mae Adams. Language Resource Development & Digital Storage Practices. Cofacilitated series in Lax Kxeen/ Prince Rupert, British Columbia with the Ts'mysen Sm'algyax Language Authority & Gitxaala Nation.

2023	Glandt, Lisa and Benjamin Chung . Demystifying Databases! Presented at roundtable discussion at Archives Association of British Columbia (AABC) (Virtual).
2022	Chung, Benjamin and Vera Edmonds. What the Tech? Using FirstVoices and Language Technology in the Classroom. Copresented with Lilwat Nation representative at the 26 th annual First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) Conference, Coast Salish Territories/ Vancouver, British Columbia
2022	Borland, Kyra and Benjamin Chung . Audiocassette & Language Material Digitization. Co-facilitated in Wuikinuxv/ Rivers Inlet, British Columbia with Wuiknuxv Nation.
2022	Borland, Kyra and Benjamin Chung . Audiocassette & Language Material Digitization. Co-facilitated in Nuxalkulmc/ Bella Coola, British Columbia with Nuxalk Nation.
2021	Chung, Benjamin . Haíłzaqvla Revitalization: Language Nest Training. Facilitated at Gvukva'áus Haíłzaqv (House of the Haíłzaqv) in Wáglísla/Bella Bella, British Columbia with Haíłzaqv Nation.
2021	Sear, Victoria, Benjamin Chung , and Meryl Amos DeLorey-Tully. Resources for Reclamation: Creating a Relational Dictionary Knowledgebase. Co-presented at the 7th International Conference on Language Documentation & Conservation (ICLDC), Honolulu: University of Hawaiʻi at Mānoa (Virtual).

Exhibitions

2018 Title: Culture at the Centre

Location: O'Brian Gallery at the Museum of Anthropology at the University of British Columbia

• Co-contributed interactive A/V display featuring Heiltsuk language & culture

Funding and Awards

Graduate Fellowship 7000 CAD

Agency: Simon Fraser University Date Awarded: 09/01/2024

Canada Graduate Scholarship Master's Program Scholarship 27000 CAD

Agency: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)

Date Awarded: 09/01/2024

Work Learn International Undergraduate Research Award 4200 CAD

Agency: University of British Columbia

Date Awarded: 01/05/2019

Trek Excellence Scholarship for Continuing Students 4000 CAD

Agency: University of British Columbia

Date Awarded: 26/09/2018

Hugh M Brock Education Abroad Scholarship 3000 CAD

Agency: University of British Columbia

Date Awarded: 08/09/2018

Work Learn International Undergraduate Research Award 4200 CAD

Agency: University of British Columbia

Date Awarded: 07/05/2018

Work Learn International Undergraduate Research Award 4200 CAD

Agency: University of British Columbia

Date Awarded: 24/04/2017

Faculty of Arts International Student Scholarship 1000 CAD

Agency: University of British Columbia

Date Awarded: 16/12/2016

Trek Excellence Scholarship for Continuing Students 4000 CAD

Agency: University of British Columbia

Date Awarded: 19/08/2016

UBC German Government Book Prize

Agency: University of British Columbia via Consulate General (Federal Republic of

Germany)

Date Awarded: 11/08/2016

Outstanding International Student Award 6000 CAD

Agency: University of British Columbia

Date Awarded: 27/08/2015

Research Experience

2019 – 2021 Research Assistant

Supervised by Dr. Mark Turin (PI), Victoria Sear (PhD Candidate)

Department of Anthropology, University of British Columbia

- Researched print and digital dictionary metadata and accessibility
- Catalogued 100+ Indigenous language dictionaries in project database

2017 – 2020 Research Assistant

Supervised by Dr. Mark Turin

Institute for Critical Indigenous Studies, University of British Columbia

- Coordinated Haíłzaqvla project teams & data sharing
- Digitized and mobilized archival language documents & media
- Researched Indigenous language pedagogies, learning models, and lexicography

2019 – 2020 **Production Assistant**

Supervised by Farah Nosh

Graduate School of Journalism, University of British Columbia

- Analyzed regional endangered language data and trends
- Developed community support and outreach strategies with partners

Service and Outreach

Conference Organizing & Volunteering

2022 - 2023	Planning Committee Member of 2023 Summer Learning
	Series: huncewstuxw tu xe' xe' sqwel 'Bringing Back the
	Sacred Language' - Language Revitalization Skill
	Development, hosted by First Peoples' Cultural Council

2017 **Student Volunteer** at BC Breath of Life Archival Institute for First Nations Languages, hosted at the University of British Columbia (First Nations & Endangered Languages Program)

Community Engagement

2022 – Present	Volunteer Assets Cataloguer at the Vancouver Black Library
2023	Volunteer at Mother's Day Traditional Pow Wow, hosted at Trout Lake Community Centre
2017	Student Volunteer at 3 rd Annual Nehiyo-paskwa-itsimowin Powwow, hosted at the University of British Columbia

Departmental Service

2024

Committee Member in Interdisciplinary Language Program Training Working Group, at First Peoples' Cultural Council

University Teaching Experience

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Fall 2024 LING 833 G110: Socio-cultural and Cognitive Aspects of an

Indigenous Language

Simon Fraser University – Dr. Marianne Ignace

Languages

Language Proficiencies

English: First language speaker

Korean: Heritage Spanish: Conversant

Brazilian Portuguese: Conversant

German: Intermediate Yiddish: Intermediate

Fieldwork/ Experience With

Runasimi / Quechua [que] (Cusco dialect, Quechuan)

hən'qəmin'əm' [hur] (Downriver Halkomelem, Central Coast Salish)

Haíłzaqvla / Heiltsuk [n/a] (Northern Wakashan) Kwak'wala [kwk] (Northern Wakashan)

Tŝilhqot'in / Chilcotin [clc] (Northern Athabaskan)

Additional Skills

Language Documentation: ELAN, Praat, Audacity, Express Scribe

(Digital) Asset Management: Confluence (Atlassian), PARADESIC, lameta, CollectiveAccess, Omeka, Dublin Core Metadata Terms, Rules for Archival Description (RAD)

Pedagogy & Curriculum Design: Articulate360, Camtasia, Moodle

Other: Microsoft Office, Jira (Atlassian), WordPress