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Research Areas

Music and language, Patagonian Welsh, language contact, phonetics, VOT, phonation, code-switching, Cherokee, Bergamasco, Ainu, anime, manga in translation

Education

- 2015- Ph.D. student in Linguistics, University of California, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA
- 2013-2015 M.A. in Linguistics, University of California, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA
 Thesis: *Contact effects on voice-onset time (VOT) in Patagonian Welsh*
 Advisor: Matthew Gordon
- 2011-2012 Fellow, Thomas J. Watson Fellowship
 Research project: *Ceol agus Comhrá: Music & Language Revitalization in the Celtic Fringe*
- 2006-2011 B.A. in Linguistics/Asian Languages and Cultures, Macalester College, St. Paul, MN

Publications

- Submitted Sleeper, Morgan. Placename mutation variation in Wales and Patagonia.
- Submitted Sleeper, Morgan. Contact effects on voice-onset time (VOT) in Patagonian Welsh.
- Under review Esposito, Christina, Morgan Sleeper, and Kevin Schäfer. Examining the relationship between Vowel Quality and Voice Quality.

Conference Presentations

- 2017 “The acoustic correlates of hot and bothered: Fatness and *fujoshi* in 'Kiss Him, Not Me'”
 Talk given at 23rd annual *Conference on Language, Interaction and Social Organization (LISO)*. Santa Barbara, CA, May 19-20.

- 2017 “Tone and tune in Tlahuapa Tu'un Sàví songs”
Talk given at 20th annual *Workshop on American Indigenous Languages (WAIL)*.
Santa Barbara, CA, May 12-13.
- 2016 “Contact effects on voice-onset time in Patagonian Welsh”
Poster presented at the *Acoustical Society of America (ASA)* annual meeting.
Honolulu, HI, November 28-December 2.
- 2016 “Code-Switching and Chord Changes: Building Identity through Musicolinguistic Signs in Welsh Rock Music”
Panel presentation for “Playing the changes, saying the changes: The social meaning of musico-linguistic style-shifting” (Jessica Love-Nichols and Morgan Sleeper, organizers), given at the *American Anthropological Association (AAA)* annual meeting. Minneapolis, MN, November 16-20.
- 2016 “Nasal Mutation Variation in Patagonian Welsh”
Poster presented at 45th annual *New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV)*.
Vancouver, BC, Canada, November 3-6.
- 2014 “Consuming Cool Japan: Constructing Foreignness and Reader Identity in Two Translations of Sailor Moon”
Talk given at the *American Anthropological Association (AAA)* annual meeting.
Washington DC, December 2-7.
- 2014 “Thither change: Temporal Uses of the Cherokee Translocative Θ w(i)-”
Talk given at 17th annual *Workshop on American Indigenous Languages (WAIL)*.
Santa Barbara, CA, May 2-3.

Invited Presentations

- 2016 “Code-switching and chord changes: Music, language, & identity in Welsh Rock”
Talk given at Macalester College, St. Paul, MN. November 16.
- 2013 “Music and Language Revival: A Case for Cornish”
Talk given for special conference *Why Cornish? Towards a Cornish Language Research Unit*, Camborne College, Cornwall, UK. December 6.

Teaching Positions

- 2017 “Language, Power, and Learning” (LING/CHST 187)
Head Graduate Student Teaching Assistant. University of California, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA.

- 2017 “Introduction to Syntax” (LING 109)
Graduate Student Teaching Assistant. University of California, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA.
- 2016 “Introduction to Phonetics” (LING 106)
Graduate Student Teaching Assistant. University of California, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA.
- 2016 “Language and Culture/School Kids Investigating Language in Life and Society (SKILLS)” (ANTH 104)
Co-instructor. San Marcos High School and Santa Barbara City College, Santa Barbara, CA.
- 2015 “Language, Power, and Learning” (LING/CHST/EDUC 187)
Graduate Student Teaching Assistant. University of California, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA.
- 2015 “Language in Society” (LING 70)
Graduate Student Teaching Assistant. University of California, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA.
- 2014 “Introduction to Linguistics” (LING 20)
Graduate Student Teaching Assistant. University of California, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA.

Fellowships

- 2013-2018 Chancellor's Fellowship, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2011-2012 Thomas J. Watson Fellowship, The Thomas J. Watson Foundation

Grants

- 2017, 2016, 2015 Linguistics Department Mini-Grant, University of California, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA.
- 2016, 2014 Graduate Student Association Grant for Conference Travel, University of California, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA.
- 2016 Student Transportation Grant, Acoustical Society of America, Honolulu, HI.

Service

- 2015- Webmaster, Linguistics Department, University of California, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA.
- 2015- Communications Liaison, Linguistics Department, University of California, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA.

- 2016 Co-organizer, 19th annual Workshop on American Indigenous Languages. Santa Barbara, CA, May 7-8.
- 2015 Co-organizer, 18th annual Workshop on American Indigenous Languages. Santa Barbara, CA, May 8-9.
- 2010-2011 Events Coordinator, Linguistics Department, Macalester College, St. Paul, MN.

Honors

- 2011 Linguistic Prize for Academic Excellence, Macalester College, St. Paul, MN.

Languages

Native: English

Advanced: Italian, Mandarin Chinese

Intermediate: Welsh, Irish, French, Spanish

Basic: Cherokee

Research knowledge: Bergamasco, Khmer, Māori, Ainu, Tlahuapa Tu'un Sàví