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Research Positions

2019–2021	Marie Skłodowska-Curie fellow, Humanities Lab, Lund University, Sweden
2019–2020	Hosted Researcher, Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social (CIESAS), Mexico City, Mexico
2017–2019	Postdoctoral Researcher, Sign Language Research Lab, University of Haifa, Israel

Education

2017	Ph.D. in Linguistics, The University of Texas at Austin. *Dissertation: Points of Comparison: What Indicating Gestures tell us About the Origins of Signs in San Juan Quiahije Chatino Sign Language. Chair: David Quinto-Pozos.*
2011	M.A. in Applied Linguistics, Boston University.
2006	B.A. in Philosophy and Religion, New College of Florida.

Publications

Submittted	Cooperrider, K. & Mesh, K. Pointing in gesture and sign: One tool, many uses.
2019	Mesh, K. & Hou, L. Negation in San Juan Quiahije Chatino Sign Language: The Integration and Adaptation of Negative Emblems. *GESTURE:* 17:3.
2015	Nonaka, A., Mesh, K. & Sagara, K. Signed Names in Japanese Sign Language: Linguistic and Cultural Analyses. *Sign Language Studies:* 16:1
2012	Mesh, K. What the deaf can do, the hearing can, too: Performance in an ASL boundary perception task. *LSA Annual Meeting Extended Abstracts.*

Curated Documentary Linguistic Datasets

2018	Mesh, K. "Gesture, Speech and Sign in Chatino Communities.' *The Endangered Languages Archive at SOAS, London.* Public access. https://elar.soas.ac.uk/, #0459
2018	Hou, L. & Mesh, K. "Documenting Chatino Sign Language." *The Endangered Languages Archive at SOAS, London.* Public access.https://elar.soas.ac.uk/, #0355

Edited Volumes

2015	Jerro, K. & Mesh, K. *Proceedings of the 13th Texas Linguistics Society Meeting.*
2011	Danis, N., Mesh, K., & Sung, H., eds. *Proceedings of the 35th Annual Boston University Conference on Language Development.* Cascadilla Press, Cambridge.
2010	Franich, K., Mesh Iserman, K., & Keil, L., eds. *Proceedings of the 34th Annual Boston University Conference on Language Development.* Cascadilla Press, Cambridge.

Grants & Fellowships

Grants

2012–2013	The Hans Rausing Endangered Languages Project, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. Co-Principal Investigator.
	Project title: Investigating an undocumented sign language in a Chatino speech/sign community.
	Co-Principal Investigator: Lynn Hou, UT Austin. (£9,997)

Fellowships

2019–2021	Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship, European Research Commission
2016	Continuing Fellowship, The Graduate School of the University of Texas at Austin
2015	Linguistics Department Fellowship, College of Liberal Arts, UT Austin
2015	Carlota S. Smith Memorial Fellowship, Linguistics Department, UT Austin
2014	E.D. Farmer Fellowship, Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies, UT Austin
2013	Carlota S. Smith Memorial Fellowship, Linguistics Department, UT Austin
2011	Recruitment Fellowship, The Graduate School of The University of Texas at Austin

Invited Talks

2019	University of Göttingen LinG Workshop on Sign Languages
2019	Grammar of the Body Symposium, University of Haifa
2019	Bar Ilan University Linguistics Department Colloquium
2019	University of Haifa Hebrew Language Department Colloquium
2018	Tel Aviv University Linguistics Department Colloquium
2018	Dartmouth College Linguistics Department Colloquium
2017	Origins of Language Workshop, Harvard University.

2016   Specialist Meeting on Universals and Variation in Spatial Referencing across Cultures and Languages, University of California, Santa Barbara.

2015   Primer Coloquio Internacional sobre Lenguas de Señas Emergentes en Las Américas, CIESAS, Mexico City, Mexico. [Co-speaker: L. Hou]

2015   Emerging Sign Languages & The Big Picture Workshop, Tufts University. [Co-speaker: L. Hou]

2014   Charles University Deaf Studies Speaker Series, Prague, Czech Republic

Abstract Reviewed Conference Presentations

2019   Mesh, K. âĂŁCoÌĄmo la âĂŸdescripcioÌĄn abiertaâĂŹ impacta la documentacioÌĄn: Un caso de estudio en el âĂĺchatino de San Juan Quiahije.âĂĮ Paper presentation at the CILLA 2019 Meeting. Austin, TX. October 10-12.

2019   Mesh, K., Dachkovsky, S., Stamp, S., & Sandler, W. "Reduction of the Pointing Signal as a Result of Conventionalization: Evidence from Israeli Sign Language." Paper presentation at the 6th annual Conference on Cognition Research of the Israeli Society for Cognitive Psychology. Acre, Israel. February 12–14.

2019   Mesh, K., Dachkovsky, S., Stamp, S., & Sandler, W. "Gaze Delinks from Pointing as a Result of Grammaticalization: Evidence from Israeli Sign Language." Paper presentation at the 93rd LSA Annual Meeting. New York, NY. January 3–7.

2019   Mesh, K. "Open Description Impacts Documentation: A Case Study from San Juan Quiahije Chatino." Paper presentation at the SSILA 2019 Meeting. New York, NY. January 3–7.

2018   Mesh, K. "Points of Comparison: What Pointing Gestures tell Us About the Origins of Signs in San Juan Quiahije Chatino Sign Language." Paper presentation at the 8th conference of the International Society for Gesture Studies. Cape Town, South Africa, July 4–8.

2018   Hou, L., & Mesh, K. "From Emblems to Grammar: Gestural contributions to an emerging sign language in Mexico." Paper presentation at the 8th conference of the International Society for Gesture Studies. Cape Town, South Africa, July 4–8.

2018   Mesh, K., Dachkovsky, S., Stamp, R., & Sandler, W. "Changes in the Compositionality of Indicating Signals in the Course of Grammaticalization." Contribution to the workshop, "What is Compositional About Language," EVOLANG 12. April 16–19. Torun, Poland.

2017   Mesh, K. "*This* Uphill: How Manual Gestures Supplement Fixed Bearing Descriptions in San Juan Quiahije Chatino." Paper presentation at the 91st LSA Annual Meeting. Austin, TX. January 5–8.

Abstract Reviewed Conference Presentations, continued

2016	Mesh, K. "One Emblem in Two Types of Talk: How Speakers and Signers use the 'Go' Gesture in a Chatino Community." Paper presentation at the 7th conference of the International Society for Gesture Studies. Paris, France, July 18–23.
2014	Mesh, K. & Hou, L. "Repair Initiation in Gesture and Sign: A Study of Chatino Sign Language", paper presentation at the 6th conference of the International Society for Gesture Studies. San Diego, CA. July 8–11.
2014	Hou, L. & Mesh, K. "Lexicalization of negative gestures in Chatino Sign", paper presentation at the 6th conference of the International Society for Gesture Studies. San Diego, CA. July 8–11.
2013	Hou, L. & Mesh, K. "Negation strategies of deaf & hearing users of Chatino Sign Language," paper presentation at the 14th Texas Linguistic Society Conference. Austin, TX. November 1–3.
2013	Mesh, K. & Hou, L. "Mutual intelligiblity in unfolding discourse: A study of interaction in Chatino Sign Language," paper presentation at the 6th Conference on Indigenous Languages of Latin America (CILLA VI). Austin, TX. Oct. 24–26.
2013	Hou, L. & Mesh, K. "Negation in Chatino Sign Language," poster presentation at the 13th Theoretical Issues in Sign Language Research conference. London, U.K., July 10–13.
2012	Mesh, K. "Performance in an ASL boundary perception task", presentation at the 34th Annual Conference of the Germany Linguistic Society (DfGS). Frankfurt, Germany. March 6–9
2012	Mesh, K. "What the deaf can do, the hearing can, too: Performance in an ASL boundary perception task", poster presentation at the 86th LSA Annual Meeting. Portland, OR, January 5–8

Teaching Experience

Course Instructor

2020	La coexpresividad y la multimodalidad en la interacción lingüística en Mesoamérica. Co-Instructor. CIESAS Sureste and UC San Diego (UC-Mexus CONACYT). *Description: intensive workshop on multimodal language analysis comprising 3 week-long seminars, scheduled for February, July, and December 2020. Organizers: John Haviland and Telma Can Pixabaj.*
2016	Introduction to the Study of Language. Instructor. The University of Texas at Austin *Description: an introduction to language science, with a special focus on the analysis of multimodal and signed language data. Evaluations: overall rating of instructor= 4.8/5, overall rating of course= 4.5/5*

Teaching Assistant

2014	Introduction to the Study of Language. The University of Texas at Austin
2014	Signed Languages and Signing Communities. The University of Texas at Austin
2013	Production and Perception of Speech Sounds. The University of Texas at Austin

Advising

Ongoing	Rehana Omardeen. (University of Göttingen Linguistics dissertation in progress, committee member)
Ongoing	Safar, Josefina. (Stockholm University Linguistics Department dissertation in progress, opponent for 'mock'/preparatory defense scheduled May 29, 2020)

Other Mentorship

2017–2019	Organizer, Sign Language Research Lab Data Management Group, U. of Haifa.
2012–2013	Lab Manager, Village Sign Language Ethnographic Research Lab, UT Austin.
2010–2011	Lab Manager, Kuntze Lab for Literacy and Language Development, Boston University.

Service

Reviews for Publishers: *Frontiers in Psychology, Glossa, Lingua, Sign Language & Linguistics, Language Dynamics & Change, Hunter Gatherer Research, de Gruyter Mouton*

Reviews for Conferences: Linguistic Society of America, Theoretical Issues in Sign Language Research, Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas, Conference on Indigenous Languages of Latin America, Texas Linguistics Society, Symposium About Language and Society Austin

Grant Reviews: Endangered Languages Documentation Programme, SOAS

Other Service

2016–2017	Advisor, Conference Committee for the Texas Linguistics Society & the Symposium About Language and Society, UT Austin.
2012–2013	Co-Organizer, Texas Linguistic Society Annual Meeting
2011–2013	Student Research member, VL2 Science of Learning Center
2011–2012	Linguistics Department Representative, UT Graduate Student Assembly
2008–2010	Co-Organizer, Boston University Conference on Language Development

Memberships

2010–present	Linguistic Society of America
2010–present	Sign Language Linguistics Society
2014–present	International Society for Gesture Studies
2018–present	Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas
2018–present	Research Data Alliance

Fieldwork

2012–2019	San Juan Quiahije, Oaxaca, Mexico, 14 months.
	Field research 2012-2014 Conducted in collaboration with Lynn Hou

Language Proficiency

English (Native), Spanish, American Sign Language (Conversational), French (Reading), San Juan Quiahije Chatino, San Juan Quiahije Chatino Sign Language (Acquiring via Fieldwork), Kaqchikel (Field methods coursework), Classical Greek, Latin (All but gone)