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Research Positions

- 2019–2021 Marie Skłodowska-Curie fellow, Humanities Lab, Lund University, Sweden
- 2017–2019 Postdoctoral researcher, Sign Language Research Lab, University of Haifa, Israel

Education

- 2017 Ph.D. in Linguistics, The University of Texas at Austin.
Points of Comparison: What Indicating Gestures tell us About the Origins of Signs in San Juan Quiahije Chatino Sign Language. David Quinto-Pozos (Chair); Richard Meier, Anthony Woodbury, Hilaria Cruz, Jürgen Streeck, and Angela Nonaka
- 2011 M.A. in Applied Linguistics, Boston University.
- 2006 B.A. in Philosophy and Religion, New College of Florida.

Publications

- Under Review Cooperrider, K. & Mesh, K. Pointing in gesture and sign: One tool, many uses.
- In Press Mesh, K. & Hou, L. Negation in San Juan Quiahije Chatino Sign Language: The Integration and Adaptation of Negative Emblems. *GESTURE*.
- 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*.

Digital Products

- 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>
- 2017 Mesh, K. "Local environment interview data for the dissertation, Points of Comparison...." Texas Data Repository Dataverse, V1. doi:10.18738/T8/PJXZJI

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 & Awards

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, The University of Texas at Austin
- 2015 Carlota S. Smith Memorial Fellowship, The Linguistics Department, The University of Texas at Austin
- 2014 E.D. Farmer International Fellowship, Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies, The University of Texas at Austin
- 2013 Carlota S. Smith Memorial Fellowship, The Linguistics Department, The University of Texas at 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

Invited Talks, continued

- 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., 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.

Abstract Reviewed Conference Presentations, continued

- 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.
- 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 intelligibility 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 As Course Instructor

- 2016 Introduction to the Study of Language. Instructor of Record. The University of Texas at Austin

Teaching As Assistant

2014	Introduction to the Study of Language. Teaching Assistant to Dr. David Quinto-Pozos. The University of Texas at Austin
2014	Signed Languages and Signing Communities. Teaching Assistant to Dr. David Quinto-Pozos. The University of Texas at Austin
2013	Production and Perception of Speech Sounds. Teaching Assistant to Dr. Rajka Smiljanic. The University of Texas at Austin

Advising

Ongoing	Dissertation in Progress Committee Member: Rehana Omardeen (University of Göttingen Linguistics)
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Other Mentorship

2017–2019	Group Leader, Sign Language Research Lab Data Management Group, University of Haifa.
2010–2011	Lab Manager, Kuntze Lab for Literacy and Language Development, Boston University.

Service

Ad hoc reviews:	<i>Frontiers in Psychology, Glossa, Lingua, Sign Language & Linguistics, Language Dynamics & Change, Hunter Gatherer Research</i> , chapter manuscripts for de Gruyter Mouton
Abstracts:	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
Grant reviews:	Endangered Languages Documentation Programme, SOAS
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 Committee 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

Language Proficiency

Native:	English
Conversational:	Spanish
	American Sign Language
Reader:	French
Acquiring via fieldwork:	San Juan Quiahije Chatino
	San Juan Quiahije Chatino Sign Language
Acquiring via coursework:	Swedish
All but Gone:	Classical Greek
	Latin