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## Education

Ph.D. in Linguistics, The University of Texas at Austin, 2017.

*Pointing in Gesture and Sign in the San Juan Quiahije Municipality*. David Quinto-Pozos (Chair); Richard Meier, Anthony Woodbury, Hilaria Cruz, Jürgen Streeck, and Angela Nonaka.

M.A. Applied Linguistics, Boston University, 2011.

Master's Project: *Production & Perception of Prosodic Boundary Markers in American Sign Language*

B.A. Philosophy and Religion, New College of Florida, 2006.

## Publications

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2015 Nonaka, A., Mesh, K. & Sagara, K. Signed Names in Japanese Sign Language: Linguistic and Cultural Analyses. *Sign Language Studies*: 16:1

### Book Chapters

- Accepted for pub. Mesh, K. & Hou, L. From Emblems to Grammar: Negation in San Juan Quiahije Chatino Sign Language. In Le Guen, O., Safar, J., & Coppola, M., (Eds.): *Emerging Sign Languages of the Americas*. Berlin, Boston: De Gruyter Mouton.

### Peer-Reviewed Conference Proceedings

- 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., & Hou, L. "Gesture, Speech and Sign in Chatino Communities." *The Archive of Indigenous Languages of Latin America*. Access: Public. HANDLE: 2196/00-0000-0000-0010-119F-A.
- 2018 Hou, L. & Mesh, K. "Investigating an Undocumented Sign Language in a Chatino Speech/Sign Community." *The Endangered Languages Archive at SOAS, London*. Access: Public. HANDLE: 2196/00-0000-0000-000F-BF38-2.
- 2017 Mesh, K. "Local environment interview data for the dissertation, Points of Comparison...." Texas Data Repository Dataverse, V1. doi:10.18738/T8/PJXZJI
- 2017 Mesh, K. "Metalinguistic interview data for the dissertation, Points of Comparison...." Texas Data Repository Dataverse, V1. doi:10.18738/T8/RJP2JR

*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*

- June 1, 2012– June 1, 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*

- 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

## Presentations

- 2017 Invited participation. Workshop: The Origins of Language: A Collaborative, Cross-linguistic Approach. Sponsored by the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University. Cambridge, MA. June 15–16.
- 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. "Universal Features of Manual Pointing: Candidates and Concerns." Invited position paper. Specialist Meeting on Universals and Variation in Spatial Referencing across Cultures and Languages. Sponsored by the Center for Spatial Studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Santa Barbara, CA. December 7–9.
- 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.
- 2015 Mesh, K. & Hou, L. "La Convencionalización del Señalamiento y Más en Una Ecología de Habla Chatina." Invited talk. Workshop: Primer Coloquio Internacional sobre lengua de señas emergentes en las Américas. Mexico City, Mexico. Sept 10–11.
- 2015 Hou, L. & Mesh, K. "Conventionalization of Pointing & Gestural Motion Descriptors in a Chatino Speech Ecology." Invited talk. Workshop: Emerging Sign Languages & The Big Picture. Sponsored by the Center for Cognitive Studies at Tufts University. Medford, MA. May 8–9.
- 2014 Mesh, K. "Classifying Signed Languages: 'Urban Sign', 'Village Sign', 'Home Sign' and an Instructive Border Case", Guest Lecture at Charles University. Prague, Czech Republic & Austin, TX. October 24.
- 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. October 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

## Employment

2016	Assistant Instructor, The University of Texas at Austin. Course: Introduction to the Study of Language. Created problem sets and other course materials to incorporate multimodal and signed language data into a course historically focused on the study of spoken language.
2014	Teaching Assistant to Dr. David Quinto-Pozos, The University of Texas at Austin. Courses: Introduction to the Study of Language, Signed Languages and Signing Communities.
2013	Teaching Assistant to Dr. Rajka Smiljanic, The University of Texas at Austin. Course: Production and Perception of Speech Sounds.
2012–2013	Village Sign Language Ethnographic Research Lab, The University of Texas at Austin. Lab Manager, Research Assistant. Maintained archives, and annotated video data, for the Ban Khor Sign Language Project and Chatino Sign Project.
2010–2011	Kuntze Lab for Literacy and Language Development, Boston University. Lab Manager, Research Assistant. Trained and managed a staff of 10 research assistants. Identified morphemes in child utterances in American Sign Language.
2010–2011	The American Sign Language ID-Gloss Project, The University of Connecticut. Research Assistant. Collaborated with researchers from Boston University, the University of Connecticut, Gallaudet University, and the University of Texas at Austin to establish glossing conventions for ASL database entries.

## Service

2017	Endangered Languages Documentation Programme: Grant Application Reviewer.
2016–2017	UT Austin Conference Committee: Advisor. Train students organizing the Texas Linguistic Society Annual Meeting and the Symposium About Language and Society, Austin. Edit conference proceedings.
2012–2013	Texas Linguistic Society Annual Meeting: Conference Co-Organizer. Coordinated speaker selection, catering and A/V services for the 3-day conference, hosted on campus at The University of Texas at Austin. Edited conference proceedings
2011–2013	VL2 Science of Learning Center: Student Research Committee Member. Reviewed travel and research funding applications for VL2-affiliated students and labs.
2011–2012	University of Texas Graduate Student Assembly: Department Representative.
2009–2011	Boston University Graduate Student Organization: Social Chair. Organized on- and off-campus events for the 3,000 graduate students represented by the GSO.
2008–2010	Boston University Conference on Language Development. Conference Co-Organizer. Coordinated catering, A/V services, disability services and registration for the 3-day event at Boston University. Edited conference proceedings.

## Memberships

2010–2017	Linguistic Society of America
2014–2017	International Society for Gesture Studies

## Language Proficiency

Native:	English
Conversational:	American Sign Language, Spanish
Intermediate:	French
Beginner:	San Juan Quiahije Chatino, Chatino Sign Language
All but Gone:	Classical Greek, Latin