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Education

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

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

Professional Appointments

Postdoctoral Researcher in the Sign Language Research Lab at the University of Haifa

Publications

Refereed 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

Forthcoming	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 Endangered Languages Archive at SOAS, London.* Access: Public. HANDLE: 2196/00-0000-0000-000F-BF38-2
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

Digital Products, continued

| 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

| 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

| 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

2018	Dartmouth College Linguistics Colloquium
2015	CIESAS, Primer Coloquio Internacional sobre Lengua de Señas Emergentes en Las Américas, Mexico City, Mexico.
2015	Tufts University, Emerging Sign Languages & The Big Picture Workshop
2014	Charles University Deaf Studies Speaker Series, Prague, Czech Republic

Conference Activity

2018	Hou, L., & 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.
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.
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.

Conference Activity, continued

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. 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

Teaching Experience

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

Research Experience

2012–2013	Village Sign Language Ethnographic Research Lab, The University of Texas at Austin. Lab Manager, Research Assistant.
2010–2011	Kuntze Lab for Literacy and Language Development, Boston University. Lab Manager, Research Assistant.
2010–2011	The American Sign Language ID-Gloss Project, The University of Connecticut. Research Assistant.

Service

Ad hoc reviews:	*Glossa, Frontiers in Psychology,* chapter manuscripts for de Gruyter Mouton
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, University of Texas Graduate Student Assembly
2009–2011	Social Chair, Boston University Graduate Student Organization
2008–2010	Co-Organizer, Boston University Conference on Language Development

Memberships

2014–2018	International Society for Gesture Studies
2010–2018	Linguistic Society of America
2010–2018	Sign Language Linguistics Society

Language Proficiency

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