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EDUCATION

In Progress Ph.D. in Linguistics, University of Texas at Austin

2016 B.A. in Linguistics, Haverford College
 Thesis: Conjunction in Colonial Valley Zapotec

RESEARCH AREAS

Fieldwork: language documentation and description; Zapotec languages

Historical linguistics and philology: translation and analysis of archival Zapotec documents from the 16th–18th centuries

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Plumb, May Helena. 2017. Resumptive subject pronouns in Colonial Valley Zapotec relatives. Paper presented at the *Conference on Indigenous Languages of Latin America (CILLA) VIII*, Austin, TX. www.academia.edu/34978712/.

Lillehaugen, Brook Danielle, George Aaron Broadwell, Michel R. Oudijk, Laurie Allen, Michael Zarafonetis, and **May Helena Plumb. 2016a.** Humanidades digitales multilingual y multicultural: el caso de Ticha, un explorador digital de texto para el zapoteco colonial. Paper presented at the *Encontro de Humanidades Digitales*, Mexico City, Mexico. www.academia.edu/28287127/.

Lillehaugen, Brook Danielle, George Aaron Broadwell, Michel R. Oudijk, Laurie Allen, Michael Zarafonetis, and **May Helena Plumb. 2016b.** Ticha, un explorador digital de texto para el zapoteco colonial: creando conexiones. Paper presented at the *Coloquio sobre Lenguas Otomangues y Vecinas (COLOV) VII: Juan José Renón Monzón*, Oaxaca City, Mexico.

Plumb, May Helena. 2015. The pragmatics of conjunction in Colonial Valley Zapotec. Paper presented at the *Society for the Study of Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA)* annual meeting, Portland, OR. www.academia.edu/10089152/.

Plumb, May Helena. 2014. La pragmática de las conjunciones en el zapoteco colonial del Valle. Paper presented at the *Coloquio sobre Lenguas Otomangues y Vecinas (COLOV) VI: Mario Molina Cruz*, Oaxaca City, Mexico. www.academia.edu/6847558/.

WORKSHOPS AND PANELS

Lillehaugen, Brook Danielle (organizer/discussant), Janet Chávez Santiago (organizer), Felipe H. Lopez, Moisés García Guzmán, Yaneth Molina, **May Helena Plumb**, Xó-

chitl M. Flores-Marcial, and Arnould Avendano. **2018**. Twitter y las lenguas de Oaxaca. Panel discussion at the *Coloquio sobre Lenguas Otomangués y Vecinas (COLOV) VIII: Antonio Peñafiel*, Oaxaca City, Mexico.

Lillehaugen, Brook Danielle, George Aaron Broadwell, Michel R. Oudijk, Laurie Allen, Michael Zarafonetis, and **May Helena Plumb**. **2016**. Leyendo documentos coloniales en zapoteco del Valle. Workshop at the *Coloquio sobre Lenguas Otomangués y Vecinas (COLOV) VII: Juan José Renón Monzón*, Oaxaca City, Mexico.

DIGITAL PUBLICATIONS

Lillehaugen, Brook Danielle, Claire Benham, Janet Chávez Santiago, Emily Drummond, James Arthur Faville, Avery A. King, Bridget Murray, Tristan Jacobo Pepin, **May Helena Plumb**, Mindy Renee Reutter, James T. Truitt, Christina Nicole Ulowetz, Mike Zarafonetis, and Ian Fisher. **2017**. *Digital edition of Fray Leonardo Levanto's 1766 Cathecismo de la lengua Zaapoteca, beta version*. Ticha Project. <https://ticha.haverford.edu/en/texts/levanto/>.

Lillehaugen, Brook Danielle, George Aaron Broadwell, Michel R. Oudijk, Laurie Allen, **May Helena Plumb**, and Mike Zarafonetis. **2016**. *Ticha: a digital text explorer for Colonial Zapotec, first edition*. <http://ticha.haverford.edu>.

RESOURCES ON ENDANGERED LANGUAGES

DICTIONARIES

Lillehaugen, Brook Danielle, Moisés García Guzmán, **May Helena Plumb**, with María Mercedes Méndez Morales, Tess A. Harty, Sam Katz, Javier A. Pina, Diamond C. J. Ray, and Cornelio Santos. **2018**. *Tlacoahuaya Zapotec Talking Dictionary*. Version 2.0. Living Tongues Institute for Endangered Languages. www.talkingdictionary.org/tlacoahuaya.

Lillehaugen, Brook Danielle, Janet Chávez Santiago, with Kathryn Goldberg, Tess A. Harty, Nick Kalivoda, Sam Katz, Teresa Martínez Chavez, Javier A. Pina, **May Helena Plumb**, Diamond C. J. Ray, Cornelio Santos, and Jamie A. Thomas. **2017**. *Teotitlán del Valle Zapotec Talking Dictionary*. Version 1.2. Living Tongues Institute for Endangered Languages. www.talkingdictionary.org/teotitlan.

Lillehaugen, Brook Danielle, Felipe H. Lopez, Pamela Munro, with Tess A. Harty, Sam Katz, Javier A. Pina, **May Helena Plumb**, Diamond C. J. Ray, and Cornelio Santos. **2016**. *San Lucas Quiavini Zapotec Talking Dictionary*. Version 1.0. Living Tongues Institute for Endangered Languages. www.talkingdictionary.org/sanlucasquiavini.

ETHNOGRAPHIC INTERVIEWS

Antonio Ruiz, Josefina, Brook Danielle Lillehaugen, **May Helena Plumb**, and Helen Margaret Felker. **2015**. *Interview on Tlachula de Matamoros Zapotec*. www.youtube.com/watch?v=0cU2pQr2pLQ.

- Chávez Santiago, Janet, Brook Danielle Lillehaugen, Helen Margaret Felker, **May Helena Plumb**, Edgar Ulises Cruz, and Benjamin Allen. **2015a**. *Interview on Teotitlán del Valle Zapotec, part 1*. www.youtube.com/watch?v=bddESEmsZTc.
- Chávez Santiago, Janet, Brook Danielle Lillehaugen, Helen Margaret Felker, **May Helena Plumb**, Edgar Ulises Cruz, and Benjamin Allen. **2015b**. *Interview on Teotitlán del Valle Zapotec, part 2*. www.youtube.com/watch?v=KEa_v0AgdTk.
- Flores Marcial, Xóchitl M., Brook Danielle Lillehaugen, and **May Helena Plumb**. **2015a**. *Interview on the history of Tlacolula de Matamoros*. www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZL3d06DqBEs.
- Flores Marcial, Xóchitl M., Brook Danielle Lillehaugen, and **May Helena Plumb**. **2015b**. *Interview on Tlacolula de Matamoros Zapotec*. www.youtube.com/watch?v=xn2Ggd9VtxE.
- García Guzmán, Moisés, Brook Danielle Lillehaugen, and **May Helena Plumb**. **2015**. *Interview on San Jerónimo Tlacoahuaya Zapotec, part 1*. www.youtube.com/watch?v=LYs1iVyg7k.
- Lopez, Felipe H., Brook Danielle Lillehaugen, and **May Helena Plumb**. **2015a**. *Interview on San Lucas Quiavini Zapotec, part 1*. www.youtube.com/watch?v=uRnGC_YzHP8.
- Lopez, Felipe H., Brook Danielle Lillehaugen, and **May Helena Plumb**. **2015b**. *Interview on San Lucas Quiavini Zapotec, part 2*. www.youtube.com/watch?v=qAH5SEGR3VQ.
- Méndez Morales, María Mercedes, Brook Danielle Lillehaugen, **May Helena Plumb**, Benjamin Allen, and Helen Margaret Felker. **2015**. *Interview on San Jerónimo Tlacoahuaya Zapotec*. www.youtube.com/watch?v=jBwoS1G6BuA.
- Pérez Martínez, Alan, Brook Danielle Lillehaugen, Helen Margaret Felker, **May Helena Plumb**, and Maria Vera Alvarez. **2015a**. *Interview on San Pablo Macuiltianguis Zapotec, part 1*. www.youtube.com/watch?v=ELL1MsenmT0.
- Pérez Martínez, Alan, Brook Danielle Lillehaugen, Helen Margaret Felker, **May Helena Plumb**, and Maria Vera Alvarez. **2015b**. *Interview on San Pablo Macuiltianguis Zapotec, part 2*. www.youtube.com/watch?v=p2m0mdXmjLo.
- Sánchez Martínez, Hugo, Brook Danielle Lillehaugen, **May Helena Plumb**, and Helen Margaret Felker. **2015**. *Interview on Santiago Apóstol Zapotec*. www.youtube.com/watch?v=ESii5hTlA0w.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

- 2017–2022 Donald D. Harrington Doctoral Fellowship (University of Texas at Austin).
September 1, 2017–May 20, 2022. Appx. \$145,000.

- 2018 Joel Sherzer Research Grant (Center for Indigenous Languages of Latin America). “Beginning Fieldwork on Central Zapotec.” June 2018. \$500.

HAVERFORD COLLEGE

- 2015 Student Research Assistantship Grant (Hurford Center for the Humanities). “Ticha Project.” May 1, 2015–August 31, 2015. \$3,520.
- 2014 International Summer Research Internship Grant (Center for Peace and Global Citizenship). “Connecting the Zapotec People with their Ancestral Documents.” July 2014. \$2,700.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2016 Best Descriptive Linguistics Thesis, Haverford College, May 2016
Conjunction in Colonial Valley Zapotec
- 2016 High Departmental Honors in Linguistics, Haverford College, May 2016

FIELDWORK

- 2018 Documentation of San Jerónimo Tlacoahuaya Zapotec (SJTZ; Otomanguan). Oaxaca, Mexico. June 1, 2018–July 5, 2018. Research Products: expansion of SJTZ Talking Dictionary; elicitation sessions and texts to be archived at AILLA. Research conducted under a Joel Sherzer Research Grant and with support from the Donald D. Harrington Graduate Fellowship.
- 2015, 2016 Documentation and revalorization of Western Tlacolula Valley Zapotec (Otomanguan). Oaxaca, Mexico. June 4, 2015–June 20, 2015; June 1, 2016–June 19, 2016. Language Varieties: Teotitlán del Valle; San Lucas Quiavini; Tlacolula de Matamoros; San Jerónimo Tlacoahuaya. Research Products: Talking Dictionaries for each variety; language arts workshops in local high school; ethnographic interviews published online; ethnobotanical and toponymical field recordings. Research conducted as part of the Linguistics Field School (NSF REU Site Grant #1461056), co-PIs K. David Harrison, Brook Danielle Lillehaugen, Theodore B. Fernald.
- 2014 Investigation of Colonial Zapotec documents. Oaxaca, Mexico. July 8, 2014–August 7, 2014. Research Products: archival metadata and high-quality photos of colonial-era documents written in Zapotec; presentation of these documents as part of the Ticha Project; involvement of Zapotec people in their written history. Research conducted under a Haverford College CPGC Summer Research Grant.

RESEARCH POSITIONS

- 2013–2017 Research Assistant to Brook Danielle Lillehaugen. Ticha Project, Haverford College.

- 2016 Student Coordinator. Linguistics Field School, Oaxaca Site, NSF REU Site Grant #1461056.
- 2015 Student Researcher. Linguistics Field School, Oaxaca Site, NSF REU Site Grant #1461056.

LANGUAGES

English (native), Spanish (proficient)
Fieldwork: Western Tlacolula Valley Zapotec
Philological Study: Colonial Valley Zapotec

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- 2014–Present Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA)
- 2014–Present The Philological Society
- 2009–Present American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)