

Curriculum Vitae Nathaniel A. Sims

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EDUCATION

- 2021 Ph.D. in Linguistics, University of California, Santa Barbara
The verbal morphology of Yonghe Qiang: an eastern Himalayan language
Committee: Carol Genetti (chair), Eric W. Campbell, Matthew Gordon, Lin
You-Jing (Peking University)
- 2018-19 Visiting Scholar, Southwestern University for Nationalities, Chengdu, China
- 2017 MA in Linguistics, University of California, Santa Barbara
The suprasegmental phonology of Yonghe Qiang in typological perspective
Committee: Matthew Gordon (chair), Carol Genetti, Eric W. Campbell.
- 2014 BA, Indiana University, Bloomington
Major in Linguistics
Major in East Asian Languages and Cultures
Minor in Central Eurasian Studies
Graduated *summa cum laude*

APPOINTMENTS

- 2023- Assistant Professor, **Department of Linguistics, University of Oregon**
- 2021-23 **Le Centre national de la recherche scientifique (CNRS-INALCO-CRLAO)**
Post-Doctoral Researcher
Agence nationale de la recherche, Project n° 20-CE27-0015:
'Spatial Asymmetries across Languages', PI Benjamin Fagard

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Community-based language documentation and description; language revitalization; usage-based approaches to phonology, morphology, and syntax; Sino-Tibetan languages, especially Qiang/Rma; historical linguistics; quantitative methodologies; computational approaches to language description.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2023-26 **Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR)**
External Member
Project n° 20-CE27-0015:
'PhoTon' PI Katia Chirkova

2021-23	Le Centre national de la recherche scientifique (CNRS-INALCO-CRLAO) Post-Doctoral Researcher Agence nationale de la recherche, Project n° 20-CE27-0015: 'Spatial Asymmetries across Languages' PI Benjamin Fagard
2016-25	Smithsonian Institution, Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage Independent Contractor, Language Sustainability Specialist
2016-24	Nankai University, Tianjin China Instructor at the Sino-Tibetan Language Research Methodology Workshops in conjunction with the Smithsonian Institution's Language Vitality Initiative
2018-19	University of California, Santa Barbara Research Assistant to Carol Genetti
2014-18	Teaching Assistant, Department of Linguistics
2014-15	Research Assistant to Sandra Thompson
2013	Nanyang Technological University, Singapore Summer Research Internship supervised by Randy J. LaPolla
2011	Indiana University, Bloomington Research assistant to Charles Lin (Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures)
2010-14	Federal Work Study employee, Office of International Admissions

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

Co-authored work: * = student or post-graduate/doctoral trainee.

In preparation

Tshedbang Sgrolma* & **Nathaniel A. Sims**
A collection of 108 Rgyalrong Proverbs
Linguistics of the Tibeto-Burman Area

A grammar of Rma
Language Science Press

Mary S. Linn, **Nathaniel A. Sims**, Zoe Tribur, The Sino-Tibetan Research Method-
ology Workshop
Language Documentation & Conservation

Submitted

Five years of the Himalayan Languages of Sichuan Online Workshop
Language Documentation & Conservation

Under Review

The orientational prefixes of Rma in diachronic perspective
Journal of Historical Linguistics

Vocalic Stem Alternations in Rma
Cahiers de Linguistique Asie Orientale

Forthcoming

- accepted* Sangsrgyas Tshering, Erin Lowry*, Shannon Kaspar*, Connor Paddock*, Ludwig Adisiswoyo*, **Nathaniel A. Sims**
An interlinear glossed text in Thebo Tibetan: The story of Gser.mo.'tsho & Dngul.mo.'tsho
Linguistics of the Tibeto-Burman Area 49(1) 19 pp.
- accepted* A new look at the rimes of proto-Rma
Transactions of the Philological Society

Published

- 2025b Tonoexodus in Rma
Diachronica 42(2), 198-249.
<https://doi.org/10.1075/dia.22017.sim>
- 2025a Labialized onsets in Rma
語言暨語言學 • *Language & Linguistics* 26(2), 294-322.
<https://doi.org/10.1075/lali.00185.sim>
- 2024b Methodological issues in Rma etymology
Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies 87(2), 357-374.
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0041977X24000211>
- 2024a **Nathaniel A. Sims**, Bai Jianqiong*, Ludwig Adisiswoyo*. Voice onset time in Rma
Linguistics of the Tibeto-Burman Area 47(1), 17-31.
<https://doi.org/10.1075/ltba.23008.sim>
- 2023c Le mouvement associé en rma, une langue sino-tibétaine
Bulletin de la Société de Linguistique de Paris 118(1), 289-305
<https://doi.org/10.2143/BSL.118.1.3292786>
- 2023b Vowel harmony in Rma: a diachronic account
Folia Linguistica Historica 44(1), 245-280.
<https://doi.org/10.1515/flin-2023-2023>
- 2023a A linguistic analysis of Hodgson's 'Tho-chu'
Cahiers de Linguistique Asie Orientale, 52(1), 51-99.
<https://doi.org/10.1163/19606028-bja10030>
- 2022c Tone and vowel uvularity in Rma.
Cahiers de Linguistique Asie Orientale, 51(2), 209-222.

<https://doi.org/10.1163/19606028-bja10026>

- 2022b ‘You and me against the world’: Direct-inverse morphology in Northwestern Rma.
Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies. 85(1): 99-110.
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0041977X22000295>
- 2022a Carol Genetti, Kristine Hildebrandt, **Nathaniel A. Sims**, Alexia Z. Fawcett.
Direction and associated motion in Tibeto-Burman.
Linguistic Typology, 25(2), pp. 345-388.
<https://doi.org/10.1515/lingty-2020-2064>
- 2021b Tonogenesis in Northeastern Trans-Himalayan.
Transactions of the Philological Society, 119(3) 281-288.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/1467-968X.12204>
- 2021a Johann-Mattis List, **Nathaniel A. Sims**, & Robert Forkel. Towards a sustainable handling of inter-linear-glossed text in language documentation.
Transactions on Asian and Low-Resource Language Information Processing. 20(2), 1-15.
<https://doi.org/10.1145/3389010>
- 2020 Reconsidering the diachrony of tone in Rma.
Journal of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society. 13(1): 53-80.
<http://hdl.handle.net/10524/52460>
- 2017 **Nathaniel A. Sims** & Carol Genetti. The grammatical encoding of space in Yonghe Qiang.
Himalayan Linguistics 16(1), 99-140.
<https://doi.org/10.5070/H916130636>
- 2016 Towards a More Comprehensive Understanding of Qiang Dialectology.
語言暨語言學 • *Language & Linguistics*, 17(3), 351-381.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/1606822X15586685>
- 2014 A Phonology and Lexicon of the Yonghe Variety of Qiang.
Linguistics of the Tibeto-Burman Area 37(1): 34-74.
<https://doi.org/10.1075/ltba.37.1.02sim>

Invited book chapters

- to appear* Lai Yunfan & **Nathaniel A. Sims**. Eastern Tibeto-Burman (or Burmo-Qiangic).
In Hildebrandt & Suzuki eds. *The Oxford Guide to Tibeto-Burman Languages*. Oxford University Press.

Datasets

- 2023 **Nathaniel A. Sims**, BAI, J., & Adisiswoyo, L. Dataset for VOT in Rma [Data set].
<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.7833162>
Downloaded 1,554 times.

- 2023 **Nathaniel A. Sims.** Disyllabic forms in Yonghe Rma [Data set].
<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.8006087>
Downloaded 874 times.
- 2023 **Nathaniel A. Sims.** Xiaoxing Rma/Qiang forms from Huang et al. 2019 (1.1) [Data set].
<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.10086812>
Downloaded 10 times.
- 2023 **Nathaniel A. Sims.** Digitization of Musu Rma data in Liu 1985 [Data set].
<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.10086736>
Downloaded 6 times.
- 2022 **Nathaniel A. Sims & Wei Jiuqiao.** Qugu Qiang texts and wordlists for Natural Language Processing. Dataset. 70,000 words.
<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.6305612>
Downloaded 53 times.
- 2022 Dataset for Luobozhai Rma/Qiang [Data set]. Zenodo.
<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.6627887>
Downloaded 11 times.
- 2021 CLDF dataset derived from Sims' "Diachrony of Tone in Proto-Rma" from 2020 (v1.1) [Data set]. Zenodo.
<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.5166593>
Downloaded 33 times.

Other Publications

- 2024 CHAN Eiso 陈永聪; JIANG Kushim 姜兆勤; WEI Jiuqiao 魏久乔, Wei, **Nathaniel A. Sims** 陈德宁. Proposal to encode the Rma script to UCS.
<https://www.unicode.org/L2/L2022/22130-rma-script.pdf>
- 2022 CHAN Eiso 陈永聪; WEI Jiuqiao 魏久乔, Wei, **Nathaniel A. Sims** 陈德宁. Preliminary proposal to encode the Rma script to UCS.
<https://www.unicode.org/L2/L2022/22130-rma-script.pdf>
- 2021 Linn, Mary S. & **Nathaniel A. Sims**
Sino-Tibetan Language Research Methodology Workshop.
<https://folklife.si.edu/sino-tibetan-languages>
- 2021 'In Their Own Words': The Himalayan Languages of Sichuan Workshop.
Smithsonian Folklife Magazine
<https://folklife.si.edu/magazine/own-words-himalayan-languages-sichuan>
- 2020 Le préfixe de l'aspect continu en Rma. *Panchronica*, (ISSN 2494-775X)
<https://panchr.hypotheses.org/3309>
- 2017 A review of 'A Grammar of Prinmi'. *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies* 80(2): 411-412.
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0041977X17000684>

- 2016 Report on the Workshop on Recent Advances in Chinese Historical Phonology. *Linguistics of the Tibeto-Burman Area* 39(1): 177-178.
<https://dx.doi.org/10.1075/ltba.39.1.08sim>
- 2011 Vowel harmony in Qiang: An Optimality Theoretic Account. ROA-1182 Rutgers Optimality Archive:
<http://roa.rutgers.edu/article/view/1269>

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

External

- 2022 Language Legacy Grant. *A digital dictionary of Yonghe Qiang*, with Bai Jian-qiong. Endangered Language Fund, \$1,850
- 2018-20 Individual Graduate Scholarship: *Documentation of Yonghe Qiang Language and Culture*, Grant n° 0333, Endangered Languages Documentation Programme, £29,358
- 2018 Lauren W. R. Appell Fellowship: *Multimedia Documentation of Oral Literature, Life-histories, and Traditional Ecological Knowledge among the Qiang people of the Yonghe Valley in Sichuan, China*, co-PI Peng Ruijie, Firebird Foundation for Anthropological Research, \$20,000
- 2013-18 Beinecke Fellowship for Graduate Study, The Sperry Fund, \$35,000
- 2017 Eastern Himalayan Fellowship: Documenting Ethnobotany in the Yonghe Valley of Western Sichuan, China, co-PI Peng Ruijie, Firebird Foundation for Anthropological Research, \$9,600
- 2016 Tibetan Nomad Material Culture Documentation, Smithsonian Institution Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage, with Rgyalthar. Contract n° T16CC10284, \$9,700
- 2016 Documenting Qiang Shamanic Culture in the Yonghe Valley, Grant n° 476224, National Geographic Society Committee for Research and Exploration, \$4,968
- 2015 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program Honorable Mention
- 2013 Summer Research Internship Programme: *Research on the Qiang language of Sichuan Province, China*, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, S\$3,000
- 2011 Princeton in Beijing Summer Program Scholarship, Princeton University, \$500

Internal

- 2021 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) Minority

	Serving Institutions (MSI) Summer Grant, University of California Santa Barbara Graduate Division, \$7,000
2020	Graduate Division Dissertation Fellowship, University of California Santa Barbara, \$8,000
2018	Linguistics Department Grant for Linguistic Fieldwork, University of California Santa Barbara, \$1,300
2017	Graduate Student Association Conference Travel Grant, University of California Santa Barbara, \$200
2016	Linguistics Department Mini Grant for literacy development workshop in Heishui, Sichuan, China, University of California Santa Barbara, \$600
2015	Linguistics Department Grant for Fieldwork on Yonghe Qiang, University of California Santa Barbara, \$400
2014-15	University of California Santa Barbara Linguistics Department Fellowship
2014	Uehara Prize for excellence in East Asian Studies, Indiana University, \$500
2013-14	Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship for Tibetan, Indiana University Bloomington, \$15,000
2013	Hutton Honors College Thesis Award, Indiana University Bloomington, \$750
2013	Hutton Honors College Undergraduate Travel Award, Indiana University Bloomington, \$750
2013	Hutton Honors College Internship Scholarship, Indiana University Bloomington, \$3,000
2012	Indiana University Bloomington, Founders Scholar
2012	Chinese Language Flagship Program Capstone Year Funding, Indiana University Bloomington, \$9,500
2012	Hutton Honors College Research Grant, Indiana University Bloomington, \$3,000
2012	Hutton Honors College International Experiences Scholarship, Indiana University Bloomington, \$3,000
2011	Hutton Honors College Research Partnership Grant, Indiana University Bloomington, \$1,000
2011	Chinese Language Flagship Program Summer Study Scholarship, Indiana University Bloomington, \$7,000

2010-14	Indiana University Dean's List
2010-14	Indiana University Distinction Scholarship, \$36,000

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of record

Courses taught at the Sino-Tibetan Research Methodology Workshops organized by the Smithsonian Institution Language Vitality Initiative & Nankai University

<https://folklife.si.edu/sino-tibetan-languages>

2024	<i>Language & Culture Documentation & Archiving</i> (with Mary Linn) <i>Introduction to Morphology and Syntax</i> <i>Advanced Tibetan and Qiangic Studies</i> (with Sangsrgyas Mkhar & Sangsrgyas Tshering)
2022	<i>Language & Culture Documentation</i> (with Mary Linn, Kesley Neely) <i>Documentation & Archiving</i> (with Mary Linn, Kelsey Neely) <i>Topics in Phonetics & Phonology</i> (with Zoe Tribur)
2020	<i>Documenting Language and Culture</i> (with Mary Linn) <i>Topics in Tibeto-Burman Historical Morphology</i> <i>Software for Linguistics: FLEx, and ELAN</i>
2017	<i>Ethnobotany</i> (with Katia Chirkova) <i>Approaches to Tonal Analyses of Tibeto-Burman Languages</i>
2016	<i>Field Methods</i> (with Lin You-Jing) <i>Documenting Language & Culture</i> (with Mary Linn) <i>Introduction to ELAN</i> <i>Introduction to Linguistics</i> (with Zoe Tribur)

Instructor of record

University of Oregon

2025 Winter	<i>LING 410/510: Field Methods</i> <i>LING 312: Morphosyntax</i>
2024 Fall	<i>LING 410/510: Field Methods</i> <i>LING 311: Phonetics & Phonology</i>
2024 Spring	<i>LING 435/535: Morphology & Syntax</i> <i>LING 407: Seminar (Trans-Himalayan Languages)</i>
2023 Winter	<i>LING 450/550: Introduction to Phonology</i> <i>LING 312: Morphosyntax</i>

Instructor of record

Masters Course cross-listed at the Paris Sorbonne-Nouvelle University (Paris-III), and National Institute for Oriental Languages and Civilizations (INALCO).

2023 *Outils d'annotation de l'oral* [Class on ELAN taught in French]. Course n° Science du Langage B410A. March 2-3rd. 13 hours of instruction

Teaching assistantships: University of California, Santa Barbara

2020 *Language Socialization* LING 138: Fall (2 sections)
2019 *Introduction to Linguistics*, LING 20: Winter (2 sections)
2018 *Language & Life*, LING 15. Spring (2 sections)
2018 *Introduction to Phonology*, LING 107: Winter (2 sections)
2017 *Historical Linguistics*, LING 115, Spring (2 sections)
2017 *Language in Society*, LING 70, Winter (1 section)
2017 *Languages of the World*, LING 181: Fall (2 sections)
2016 *Introduction to Linguistics*, LING 20: Fall (2 sections)
2014 *Language in Social Interaction*, LING 170. Winter (2 sections)

FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

2024 Mao County, Sichuan, China: 0.5 months
2019 Mao County, Sichuan, China: 3 months
2018 Mao County, Sichuan, China: 8 months
2017 Mao County, Sichuan, China: 3 months
2016 Heishui County, Sichuan, China: 3 months
2015 Mao County, Sichuan, China: 2 months
2014 Mao County, Sichuan, China: 1 month
2013 Mao County, Sichuan, China: 2 months
2013 Heishui County, Sichuan, China: 1 month
2012 Heishui County, Sichuan, China: 1 month
2011 Mao County, Sichuan, China: 2 months
2010 Mao County, Sichuan, China: 2 months
2009 Mao County, Sichuan, China: 2 months

2008	Mao County, Sichuan, China: 1.5 months
2007	Mao County, Sichuan, China: 1 month

DIGITAL ARCHIVAL COLLECTIONS

The Endangered Languages Archive. Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities

Documentation of Yonghe Qiang Language and Culture. Language documentation archival deposit. 56 video recordings (45 hours), 3,449 audio recordings, 213 transcription files, 364 photographs. <https://www.elararchive.org/dk0551/>

Tibetan Nomad Material Culture Documentation Collection, Ralph Rinzler Folklife Archives and Collections, Smithsonian Institution

Material Culture in Heishui, Sichuan. Documentation of foodways, metalworking, medicinal plants, woodworking, handspinning yak-hair yarn, backstrap looms and weaving, hand tools, shamanic practices, storytelling, a horse racing festival, altars and offerings, religious life, gender roles, community life, riddles and jokes, basket making, house building, and cultural and language revitalization: 573 audio-video recordings (86 hours), 86 photographs. <https://sova.si.edu/record/CFCH.TNP>

The Pangloss Collection - French National Center for Scientific Research

I have deposited language materials for 20 different dialects of Qiang/Rma. These include 72 audio recordings with a total duration of 16h04m21s.

'Southern' Qiang/Rma Language Materials

Goukou dialect: 7 audio recordings (06:12:35).

[https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Southern_Qiang_\(Goukou_dialect\)](https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Southern_Qiang_(Goukou_dialect))

Muka dialect: 3 audio recordings (00:14:31).

[https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Southern_Qiang_\(Muka_dialect\)](https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Southern_Qiang_(Muka_dialect))

Taoping dialect: 3 audio recordings (00:08:01).

[https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Southern_Qiang_\(Taoping_dialect\)](https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Southern_Qiang_(Taoping_dialect))

Puxi dialect: 3 audio recordings (00:06:31).

[https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Southern_Qiang_\(Puxi_dialect\)](https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Southern_Qiang_(Puxi_dialect))

Longxi dialect: 2 audio recordings (00:04:07).

[https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Southern_Qiang_\(Longxi_dialect\)](https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Southern_Qiang_(Longxi_dialect))

Sanlong dialect: 1 audio recordings (00:01:06).

[https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Southern_Qiang_\(Sanlong_dialect\)](https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Southern_Qiang_(Sanlong_dialect))

'Northern' Qiang/Rma Language Materials

Luhua dialect: 2 audio recordings (00:05:36).

[https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Northern_Qiang_\(Musu_dialect\)](https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Northern_Qiang_(Musu_dialect))

Musu dialect: 1 audio recording (00:05:49).

[https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Northern_Qiang_\(Musu_dialect\)](https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Northern_Qiang_(Musu_dialect))

Shuangliusuo dialect: 7 audio, 6 audio-video recordings (04:39:47).

[https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Northern_Qiang_\(Shuangliusuo_dialect\)](https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Northern_Qiang_(Shuangliusuo_dialect))

Luoduo dialect: 18 audio recordings (03:49:02).
[https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Northern_Qiang_\(Luoduo_dialect\)](https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Northern_Qiang_(Luoduo_dialect))

Taiping dialect: 2 audio recordings (00:09:41).
[https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Northern_Qiang_\(Taiping_dialect\)](https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Northern_Qiang_(Taiping_dialect))

Songpinggou dialect: 2 audio recordings (00:08:47).
[https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Northern_Qiang_\(Songpinggou_dialect\)](https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Northern_Qiang_(Songpinggou_dialect))

Se'ergu dialect: 3 audio recordings (00:07:06).
[https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Northern_Qiang_\(Seergu_dialect\)](https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Northern_Qiang_(Seergu_dialect))

Mawo dialect: 3 audio recordings (00:06:11).
[https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Northern_Qiang_\(Mawo_dialect\)](https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Northern_Qiang_(Mawo_dialect))

Shabangou dialect: 3 audio recordings (00:05:14).
[https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Northern_Qiang_\(Shabangou_dialect\)](https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Northern_Qiang_(Shabangou_dialect))

Zhimulin dialect: 2 audio recordings (00:05:11).
[https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Northern_Qiang_\(Zhimulin_dialect\)](https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Northern_Qiang_(Zhimulin_dialect))

Qugu dialect: 1 audio recording (00:02:03).
[https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Northern_Qiang_\(Qugu_dialect\)](https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Northern_Qiang_(Qugu_dialect))

Weicheng dialect: 2 audio recordings (00:01:37).
[https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Northern_Qiang_\(Weicheng_dialect\)](https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Northern_Qiang_(Weicheng_dialect))

Waboliangzi dialect: 1 audio recordings (00:01:18).
[https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Northern_Qiang_\(Waboliangzi_dialect\)](https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Northern_Qiang_(Waboliangzi_dialect))

Zhawo dialect: 2 audio recordings (00:01:01).
[https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Northern_Qiang_\(Zhawo_dialect\)](https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Northern_Qiang_(Zhawo_dialect))

Shidiaolou dialect: 1 audio recordings (00:00:32).
[https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Northern_Qiang_\(Shidiaolou_dialect\)](https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Northern_Qiang_(Shidiaolou_dialect))

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

2025	The 28 th Himalayan Languages Symposium, August 2-3, Eugene Oregon.
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WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED

2020-25	Designed and directed the 'Himalayan Languages of Sichuan Online Workshop', co-sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage, Language Vitality Initiative. A total of 245 students trained, \$64,260 funding awarded
2018	Yonghe Qiang language documentation workshop. Funded by the Firebird Foundation for Anthropological Research & the Endangered Languages Documentation Programme. July 5-12 th , Dujiangyan, China
2017	Yonghe Qiang orthography development workshop. Funded by the Firebird Foundation. July 8-13 th , Chengdu, China

DOCUMENTATION PROJECTS SUPERVISED

University of Oregon

- 2024 *Language Documentation and Grammatical Description of Afghan Wakhi* -
Erin SanGregory - Firebird Foundation for Anthropological Research

Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage Himalayan Language of Sichuan Pilot Projects and archival outcomes. All projects by native or heritage speakers. Since 2020, I have supervised several projects that collectively include 165 audio-video files, representing six different languages, with a total duration of 19h02m59s.

- 2025 *Collection of Extended Textual Materials in the Hayi Variety of Choyu (Queyu) in Litang County* - Bkrashis Darrgyas

[https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Rgyalrong_\(Qiaoqi\)](https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Rgyalrong_(Qiaoqi))

- 2025 *Collection of Language Materials Related to Wild Plants in Luobozhai and Baishui Villages, Wenchuan County* - YU Ting & MA Chengfang

[https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Rgyalrong_\(Qiaoqi\)](https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Rgyalrong_(Qiaoqi))

- 2025 *Documentation and Preservation of Traditional Architectural Terminology and Religious Spaces in Qiaoqi Rgyalrong* - PENG Xiaoli

[https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Rgyalrong_\(Qiaoqi\)](https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Rgyalrong_(Qiaoqi))

- 2024 *Recording Riddles and Sayings in the Rgyalrong language of Qiaoqi Township, Baoxing County* - PENG Xiaoli

[https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Rgyalrong_\(Qiaoqi\)](https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Rgyalrong_(Qiaoqi))

- 2024 *Collection of Common Vocabulary and Corpus in Choyul Dialect of Lha.bzhes Township* - Bkra.shis Dar.Rgyas

<https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Queyu>

- 2024 *Wedding speeches and blessings in Qiaoqi Rgyalrong, Baoxing Township* - GUO Xi-anggang

[https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Rgyalrong_\(Qiaoqi\)](https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Rgyalrong_(Qiaoqi))

- 2023 *A record of Qiang marriage processes in Luobozhai Village* - MA Chengfang & YU Ting

12 audio-video recordings (01:42:46)

[https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Southern_Qiang_\(Luobozhai_Dialect\)](https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Southern_Qiang_(Luobozhai_Dialect))

- 2023 *Recording the lexicon of the Choyul language of Lha.bzhes County* - Brka.shis Dar.Rgyas

- 64 audio-video recordings (00:08:45)
<https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Queyu>
- 2023 *A collection of long-form texts in the Minyag language* - Danzhen Lhamo
 11 audio recordings (00:24:14)
<https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Muya/>
- 2023 *A collection of matchmaking speeches in Qiaoqi Township Rgyalrong* - Guo Xianggang & Sun Enman
 17 audio-video recordings (04:10:41)
[https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Rgyalrong_\(Qiaoqi\)](https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Rgyalrong_(Qiaoqi))
- 2021 *Traditional folk songs and ceremonial speeches of the Rgyalrong Tibetans of Baoxing County* - Guo Xianggang, Sun Enman & Guo Liting
 11 audio-video recordings (01:52:30)
[https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Rgyalrong_\(Qiaoqi\)](https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Rgyalrong_(Qiaoqi))
- 2021 *Traditional agricultural tools in Jiasikong Stau* - Mkha'.bya Lcags.thar & Mkha'.bya Bsod.nam Mkha'.'gro
 14 audio recordings (01:22:27)
<https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Stau>
- 2021 *Names of flora and fauna in Queyu* - 'Chimed Lhamo
 2 audio-video recordings (01:01:00)
<https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Queyu>
- 2020 *Documentation of Qiang in Parts of Mao and Wenchuan counties* - Bai Jianqiong, Yu Ting, Bai Longjiang, Ma Chenglao, Cheng Mingzhu, Jing Xia, & Sun Renhao.
Heihu dialect: 27 audio, 8 audio-video recordings (04:04:44)
[https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Southern_Qiang_\(Heihu_Dialect\)](https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Southern_Qiang_(Heihu_Dialect))
Yonghe dialect: 15 audio, 8 audio-video recordings (02:59:23)
[https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Southern_Qiang_\(Yonghe_dialect\)](https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Southern_Qiang_(Yonghe_dialect))
Baixi dialect: 6 audio-video recordings (00:43:24)
[https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Southern_Qiang_\(Baixi_dialect\)](https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Southern_Qiang_(Baixi_dialect))
Luobozhai dialect: 5 audio-video recordings (00:26:55)
[https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Southern_Qiang_\(Luobozhai_Dialect\)](https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Southern_Qiang_(Luobozhai_Dialect))
Baishui dialect: 4 audio-video recordings (00:26:06)
[https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Southern_Qiang_\(Baishui_dialect\)](https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Southern_Qiang_(Baishui_dialect))
- 2020 *Names and interpretations of medicinal and edible wild plants in Nigutu Village, Daoфу County* - Mkha'.bya Lcags.thar:
 3 audio-video recordings (01:38:42)
<https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Stau>

- 2020 *Documenting Folk Stories of Rgyalrong Tibetans in Qiaoqi Township, Baoxing County*
- Guo Xianggang, Sun Enman & Guo Liting:
11 audio-video recordings (02:11:10).
<https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Rgyalrong>
- 2020 *A corpus of naturally occurring speech in Queyu* - 'Chimed Lhamo.
2 audio-video recordings (00:26:00)
<https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/Queyu>

INVITED TALKS

- 2025 "Phonetic Approaches to Under-Documented Languages (Phon-UDL)."
Campus Condorcet, Paris, September 18–19th
- 2025 "The orientational prefixes of Rma in diachronic perspective." Institut d'études
avancées de Paris (INALCO–CRLAO workshop *Tangoute et qianguique
in situ*), Paris, May 23rd
- 2023 "A roadmap to reconstructing proto-Rma." Trinity College Dublin March
5th
- 2022 "Writing an unwritten language in 21st-century China." New York Univer-
sity Abu Dhabi, October 5th
- 2022 Historical perspectives on Rma suprasegmental phonology (in Chinese).
Nankai University, Sino-Tibetan Linguistics Research and Methodology
Workshop, August 26th
- 2022 Tonoexodus in Rma. Talk for the EVOTONE project funded by European
Research Council Starting Grant n° 758605 (James Kirby, Principal Inves-
tigator), August 16th
- 2022 Associated Motion in Rma/Qiang. Guest presentation for the course Lin-
guistic Typology taught by Guillaume Jacques at École pratique des hautes
études, May 16th
- 2021 'Introduction to the Rma language'. 'Languages of China' series at Trinity
College Dublin, April 14th <https://youtu.be/mBRHI8zz86k>
- 2019 Discussant, *Lag zo: Making on the Tibetan Plateau*. The Smithsonian Institu-
tion's Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage, Freer | Sackman Galleries
of Art, Washington, D.C., November 12th <https://folklife.si.edu/Lag-zo>
- 2019 Morphosyntactic and prosodic elements of tail-head constructions in Yonghe
Qiang (in Chinese). Peking University, Beijing, March 15th

PAPERS PRESENTED

- 2025 Many Successes: Sino-Tibetan Linguistic Research Methodology Workshop and its Impact. ICLDC, University of Hawai'i. March 7th.
- 2024 Orientational Prefixes in Rma. Language Documentation and Revitalization, University of Oregon. October 2nd.
- 2024 A corpus of spoken Yonghe Rma. Poster with Ludwidge Adisiswoyo at the American Association for Corpus Linguistics, September 13th
- 2024 New reasons for old Rimes: using typology to inform reconstructing proto-Rma. Language Documentation and Revitalization, University of Oregon. October 6th.
- 2023 Vowel harmony in Rma: a diachronic approach. Language Documentation and Revitalization, University of Oregon. October 6th.
- 2023 *A cross-linguistic study of reversion motion constructions*. With Christine Lamarre, Sun Kemin. Conference: Neglected Aspects of Motion-Event Description. INALCO, June 9th
- 2022 *A corpus study of orientational prefixes in Rma (Qiang)*. Conference: Neglected Aspects of Motion-Event Description. Kyoto University, November 2-3rd
- 2022 *A cross-linguistic study of reversion motion constructions*. With Christine Lamarre, Benjamin Fagard, Anetta Kopecka, Bian Wei. Conference: Neglected Aspects of Motion-Event Description. Kyoto University, November 2-3rd
- 2022 *A corpus study of orientational prefixes in Rma (Qiang)*. Conference: Neglected Aspects of Motion-Event Description. Kyoto University, November 2-3rd
- 2021 *Lexical tone and prosody in Yonghe Qiang*. 54th International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics. Southwest Jiaotong University in Chengdu, China, October 30th
- 2021 *A report on the first Himalayan languages of Sichuan online workshop*. Presented at the 6th Workshop on Sino-Tibetan Languages of Southwest China. Kobe City University of Foreign Studies, September 7th
- 2017 *Argument Structure Functions of Spatial Encoding Sub-Systems in Tibeto-Burman Languages*. (co-presenters Kristine Hildebrandt, Carol Genetti, Alexia Fawcett, Patrick Hall). Presented at the Association for Linguistic Typology Biennial Meeting. Canberra, Australia, December 14th
- 2017 *The suprasegmental phonology of proto-Rma (Qiang) in comparative perspective*. Presented at the 50th International Conference on Sino-Tibetan

Languages and Linguistics (ICSTLL), Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, November 26th

- 2017 *Many Firsts: The First Sino-Tibetan Linguistics Summer Institute* with Xiang Xun, (Nankai University), Yeshe Vodsar Atsok (Nankai University), Mary S. Linn (Smithsonian Institution), You-Jin Lin (Peking University), Zoe Tribur (University of Oregon), Xuan Guan, (University of Oregon). Presented at the 4th International Conference on Language Documentation and Conservation (ICLDC), Honolulu, March 3rd
- 2017 *New interfaces: A sociocultural linguistic study of WeChat as a tool for language maintenance in a Qiang-speaking community*, with Peng Ruijie, presented at the 23rd Annual Language, Interaction, and Social Organization (LISO) Conference at UCSB in May at the University of California Santa Barbara, May 20th
- 2016 *Negotiations of Ethnicity among 'Qiang-speaking-Tibetans': language as a tool for ethnogenesis*. Interdisciplinary Humanities Center Symposium "Interaction and Culture Across Languages: Perspectives from Field Linguistics", at the University of California Santa Barbara, April 8th
- 2016 *High(land) fashion: Headdresses of the Sichuan 'Ethnic Corridor' and their social significance*. Presented at the 4th Himalayan Studies Conference at the University of Texas at Austin, February 25-28th
- 2015 Invited to attend the workshop on Recent Advances in Old Chinese Historical Phonology at the University of London, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) as part of Beyond Boundaries: Religion, Region, Language and the State (European Research Council Synergy Project n^o 609823 ASIA), November 5-6th
- 2015 *Doing fieldwork in the Yonghe Valley of Sichuan, China*. Presented at the 48th New Adventures in Indigenous Languages (NAIL) meeting at the University of California Santa Barbara, October 6th
- 2015 *The languages of Heishui County in Sichuan, China*. Presented at the Workshop on Linguistic Documentation and Sustainability in Tibetan Minority Communities. Organized by the 48th International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics as well as the Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage. Held at the University of California Santa Barbara, August 20th
- 2015 *An exploration of Qiang Ritual Language*. Presented at the 48th International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics held at the University of California Santa Barbara, August 21st
- 2013 *Towards a more comprehensive understanding of Qiang dialectology: New evidence from Yonghe Qiang*. The 3rd workshop on Sino-Tibetan Languages of Sichuan, Centre national de la recherche scientifique (CNRS), Paris, September 2-4th

2013	<i>Towards a more comprehensive understanding of Qiang dialectology.</i> Presented at the 46 th International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics (ICSTLL) at Dartmouth College, August 8 th
2013	<i>Using Levenshtein Distance for comparative dialectology: Evidence against a North-South division in Qiang.</i> Poster session at the Nanyang Technological University (NTU) Summer Research Internship closing ceremony, Singapore, July 23 rd

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Department and College

University of Oregon, Department of Linguistics

2025- 2026	Director of Graduate Studies
2024- 2025	Qualifying Paper Coordinator
S25	QP committee for Stephanie Morales Curiel
W25	QP committee for Emmas Mazzuchi
S24	QP committee for Wesley Jones
W23	QP committee for Erin SanGregory
F23	Merit review committee (with Spike Gildea)

UO Linguistics PhD Dissertation Committee Member

2024	Guan Xuan. <i>Phonology and Morphosyntax of Pubarong Queyu</i>
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University of California Santa Barbara, Department of Linguistics

2019	Job search committee member
2015- 18	Laboratory equipment manager
2016- 17	Graduate Student Representative, Department of Linguistics Faculty Meetings

Journal board membership

2025-	Associate Editor - བོད་ཀྱི་སྐད་ཡིག་ཞིབ་འཇུག་ 《藏語文研究》 <i>Tibetan Language and Linguistics</i>
2024-	Board Member - <i>Journal of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society</i>

2022- Board Member - *Languages and Peoples of the Eastern Himalayan Region*

Peer review

Grant proposals

2025	<i>Endangered Language Fund</i>
2024	<i>Endangered Language Documentation Programme</i>
2024	<i>Endangered Language Documentation Programme</i>
2024	<i>Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (German Research Foundation)</i>
2023	<i>Endangered Language Documentation Programme</i>
2022	<i>Endangered Language Documentation Programme</i>
2021	<i>Endangered Language Documentation Programme</i>

Journal Articles

2025	<i>Studies in Language</i>
2025	<i>Linguistics of the Tibeto-Burman Area</i>
2025	<i>Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies</i>
2025	<i>Transactions of the Philological Society</i>
2025	語言暨語言學 • <i>Language & Linguistics</i>
2024	<i>International Journal of Bilingualism</i>
2024	<i>Folia Linguistica Historica</i>
2024	<i>Archiv orientální</i>
2024	<i>Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies</i>
2024	<i>Himalayan Linguistics</i>
2024	<i>Cahiers de Linguistique Asie Orientale</i> • <i>East Asian Languages and Linguistics</i>
2024	<i>Cahiers de Linguistique Asie Orientale</i> • <i>East Asian Languages and Linguistics</i>
2023	語言暨語言學 • <i>Language & Linguistics</i>
2023	<i>International Journal of Bilingualism</i>
2023	民族語文 • <i>Minority Languages of China</i>

2023	<i>Archiv orientální</i>
2022	語言暨語言學 • <i>Language & Linguistics</i>
2022	<i>Heliyon</i>
2022	<i>Journal of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society</i>
2022	<i>Living Languages</i> • <i>Lenguas Vivas</i> • <i>Línguas Vivas</i>
2021	語言暨語言學 • <i>Language & Linguistics</i>
2020	<i>Journal of Historical Linguistics</i>
2019	<i>Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies</i>

Monographs

2019	<i>Himalayan Linguistics</i>
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Book Chapters

2024	<i>Language & Linguistics</i>
2023	<i>Brill Academic Publishers</i>

Conference Abstracts

2026	<i>Association for Linguistic Typology</i>
2025	<i>International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics</i>
2024	<i>Association for Linguistic Typology</i>
2022	<i>Linguistic Society of America</i>
2022	<i>Association for Linguistic Typology</i>

Professional Memberships

2023-	Societas Linguistica Europaea
2017-	Association for Computational Linguistics
2017-	Association for Linguistic Typology
2015-	Linguistic Society of America
2015-	Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies

OTHER SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

Technological support for endangered languages

2022	Co-ordinated with Wei Jiuqiao and Microsoft to create a predictive keyboard for the Latin orthography of Rma/Qiang: Rrmea Lehhrr. Available in Microsoft SwiftKey v.2.9.2 (Android OS).
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Pedagogical Materials

2021	Mandarin and Tibetan translation for the <i>Video Production Handbook</i> originally created by Kristin Dowell. Washington, D.C.: Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage https://folklife.si.edu/video-production-handbook/smithsonian
2021	Mandarin and Tibetan translation for the Sino-Tibetan Language Research Methodology Workshop Website, Smithsonian Institution Language Vitality Initiative. https://folklife.si.edu/sino-tibetan-languages

Training

2018	Endangered Languages Documentation Programme, SOAS
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Technical skills

Systems	Linux, Windows, Mac OS
Software	Praat, ELAN, FLEx, Toolbox, Shoebox, Arbil, Audacity, Libre Office, Zotero, Rstudio, R Markdown
Programming	R: Data manipulation and visualization: <i>dplyr</i> , <i>tidyr</i> , <i>ggplot2</i> , <i>ggmap</i> Linear and generalized linear mixed-effects models: <i>lm</i> , <i>glm</i> , <i>lme4</i> Decision trees & Random forests: <i>party</i> , <i>randomForest</i> L ^A T _E X, XML, Regex
Recording	Audio-video recording, knowledge of cameras, microphones, mixers, lighting, and relevant software

Language skills

English	Fluent
Romanian	Fluent until age 8, now conversational / passively competent
Chinese	Mandarin: Fluent, speaking, reading, writing, HSK level 6 of 6. Sichuanese: Fluent
Qiang/Rma	Yonghe: Advanced speaking, research knowledge Luoduo: Intermediate speaking, research knowledge
Tibetan	Lhasa: Advanced speaking, intermediate reading, and writing Amdo: Advanced speaking, intermediate reading, and writing Thebo: research knowledge

French	Intermediate speaking, reading, writing
Tangut	Research knowledge
Prinmi	Research knowledge