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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Theoretical

- Semantics and its interfaces, morphology, modality, definiteness, nominal semantics

Methodology

- Fieldwork

Language areas

- Hmong-Mien, Algonquian, Eastern Polynesian, Semitic, North American languages

EDUCATION

Degrees

2023-present **PhD**, Linguistics. Rutgers University. Started: Fall 2023.
2023 **MS**, Theoretical Linguistics. Georgetown University.
2021 **BA**, Linguistics, Global Studies. University of Minnesota–Twin Cities.
Minor, Asian and Middle Eastern Studies.

Other Academic Experience & Certifications

2025 European Summer School in Logic, Language, and Information (ESSLLI) - 2 week participant. July 28-Aug 8. Ruhr Universität-Bochum, Bochum, Germany.
2024 CoLang - 4 week participant. June 2024.
Workshops on Collaborative Language Training at Arizona State University.
Cook Islands Maori NLP practicum at Scottsdale Community College, AZ.
2023 CITI Program - Research Training
Basic Course in Social and Behavioral Responsible Conduct of Research.
Basic Course in Social and Behavioral Research Investigators & Key Personnel.
2022 ITT International TEFL and TESOL Ltd.

CONTRACT POSITIONS

2024–present Independent contractor - Cook Islands Māori linguist, Dartmouth University.

TUTORING & CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT

2021–2023 (Standard) Arabic Language Tutor - ARC, Georgetown University.
2018–2021 Classroom Support (Team Lead) - CLA Language Center, University of Minnesota.

PRESENTATIONS

Peer-reviewed Conference Presentations

Upcoming “Anaphora and R-expression Interaction.” [**Talk**]. Rules and Exceptions in Anaphoric Processing (RED). May 21-22. Braşov, Romania.

- 2025 “The Cheyenne Potential, Irrealis and Conditional Modes.” **[Poster]**. Mid-Atlantic Colloquium of Studies in Meaning (MACSIM 11). John Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, USA.
- “A cover analysis of the plural classifier in Hmong.” **[Talk]**. Sinn und Bedeutung. Goethe University Frankfurt, Frankfurt, Germany.
- “The semantics of Hmong indefinites.” **[Talk]**. International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics. Universität Bern, Bern, Switzerland.
- “The syntax of White Hmong reciprocals and reflexives.” **[Poster]**. Mismatches in Anaphoric Relations. Universität Graz, Graz, Austria.
- 2024 “The Cheyenne Potential, Irrealis and Conditional Modes.” **[Poster]**. Semantics of Under-represented Languages of the Americas. Federal University of Santa Catarina, Florianópolis, Brazil.

Other Presentations

- Upcoming “Anaphora and R-expression interaction: Insights from Hmong.” *RULing 2026*.
- 2025 “The semantics of Hmong (in)definiteness.” *RULing 2025*.
- 2023 “The Igbo [ka] Complementizer” Field Methods poster session, Georgetown University.

PUBLICATIONS

Upcoming

- Quartz Colvin. “White Hmong Reciprocals and Reflexives.” To appear in *RED-2025 Proceedings, Mismatches in Anaphoric Relations*, University Library Graz.
- Quartz Colvin. “A cover analysis of the plural classifier in Hmong.” To appear in *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 30*.
- Quartz Colvin. “The semantics of Hmong (in)definiteness.” [manuscript].

Book proposal

- Murray, S., Colvin, Q. Weber, N. “Cheyenne” chapter in *Phonological domains in Algonquian and other morphologically complex languages*. Weber, Natalie (ed.).

Editor

- 2025 Avelino, G., Balihaxi, M., Colvin, Q., Czarnecki, V., Joo, H., Wang, C., Zobarlar, U., Jardine, A. & McCollum, A., (2025) “Editors' Note”, *Proceedings of the Annual Meetings on Phonology* 1(1). doi: <https://doi.org/10.7275/amphonology.3007>

AWARDS

- 2020 *Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowship*
FLAS was received for intensive Arabic study at the University of Illinois.
- 2019 *Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowship*
FLAS was received for intensive Arabic study at the University of Minnesota.

SERVICE

Service to Rutgers University

- 2025–present Vice President, Linguistics Graduate Students Association (LGSA).

2024 Member, Annual Meeting on Phonology organizing committee (AMP 2024),
Department of Linguistics, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ,
November 1-3, 2024.
2024–present Editor, Department newsletter (SNARL)
2023–present Organizer, Syntactic Theory at Rutgers (ST@R)

External involvement

2023– Member, Algonquian Prosodic Structure working group (Organized by Dr. Natalie
Weber, Yale University)

FIELDWORK

2026 Banjara Boli, New Brunswick, NJ, in a field methods course.
2025 Yemba, New Brunswick, NJ, in a field methods course.
2024 Māori (Cook Islands Māori), Scottsdale, AZ, in an NLP practicum course.
2023 Igbo (Orlu), Washington, DC, in a field methods course.
2022–present Hmong (White Hmong), ongoing independent elicitation.
2020 Darija (Moroccan Colloquial Arabic), Fez, Morocco
Ojibwe (SW Ojibwe), Minneapolis, MN, in a field methods course.

MEMBERSHIPS

2024 Student member, Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas
2023 Student member, Linguistic Society of America.

SKILLS

Languages

- Fluent: English (native language)
- Intermediate: Spanish, Modern Standard Arabic, French, Portuguese
- Beginner: German, ASL, Sanskrit,
Cook Islands Māori (Eastern Polynesian)
Unkechaug (Algonquian)

Programming & Markup languages

- LaTeX, R, Python

Software

- XFST, Praat, ELAN, OT-Help, OT-Soft, FLEEx, DB Browser, Audacity
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