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EDUCATION

- 2019 Ph.D. in Linguistics, University of Oregon, Eugene, USA
 Advisor, Prof. Doris L. Payne, Ph.D.
 Dissertation: *Nominalization and predication in Ut-Ma'in*
- 2007 M.A. in Linguistics, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, USA
 Advisor, Prof. Keith Snider, D. Litt.
 Thesis: *The noun class system of ut-Ma'in, a West Kainji language of Northwestern Nigeria*
- 2001 B.Sc. in Biblical Studies, Cairn University, Langhorne, Pennsylvania, USA

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2021 Assistant Professor of Linguistics (Non-Tenure Track), Department of English Studies, Western Oregon University, Monmouth, Oregon, USA
- 2019 – present Linguistics Consultant, SIL International – Africa Area
- 2019–2021 *Chercheur contractuel* (postdoctoral), *Langage, Langues et Cultures d'Afrique* (LLACAN, UMR 8135), Centre national de la recherche scientifique (CNRS), Villejuif, France
 Project: [Discourse reporting in African storytelling](#)
 Principal Investigator: Tatiana Nikitina, Ph.D.

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Article

- 2019 On the development of two progressive constructions in Ut-Ma'in. *Folia Linguistica Historica* 40(2), 509-554. Berlin: De Gruyter. <https://doi.org/10.1515/flih-2019-0020>.

Refereed Book Chapter

- 2015 Narrative uses of the Ut-Ma'in (Kainji) Bare Verb form. In Doris L. Payne and Shahar Shirtz (eds.), *Beyond aspect: The expression of discourse functions in African languages* (Typological Studies in Language 109), 219–248. Amsterdam: John Benjamins. <https://doi.org/10.1075/tsl.109.08pat>.

Chapter in Edited Volume

- 2012 Semantics of Ut-Ma'in noun classes. In Roger Blench and Stuart McGill (eds.), *Advances in minority language research in Nigeria, volume 1*, 226-258. Köln: Rüdiger Köppe.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Conferences/Panels Organized

- 2020 Panel co-organizer “Exploring the logophoric continuum” with Abbie Hantgan-Sanko and Rebecca Voll (LLACAN-CNRS). 4th Symposium on West African Languages. Università degli Studi di Napoli “L'Orientale”. Originally scheduled for 23–25 September 2020; postponed due to Covid-19.
- 2015 Student Organizer and abstract reviewer, 46th Annual Conference on African Linguistics, University of Oregon.

Papers Presented

- 2021 Reported Speech in Western Subanon [suc], with Hugh J. Paterson III and William Hall. Paper presented at: 15th International Conference on Austronesian Linguistics. Palacký University, Czech Republic. 30 June.
- 2021 *Clause final negation and double negation in Northwest Kainji*. 51st & 52nd (combined) Annual Conference on African Linguistics, University of Florida. 8–10 April. Originally accepted for 51st ACAL scheduled for 21–24 May 2020 at Rutgers University; postponed due to Covid-19.
- 2021 *Songs: Language Choice and Verbal Art*. 7th International Conference on Language Documentation & Conservation, University of Hawai‘i. Available online: <https://iclde7.sched.com/event/hgyn/paper-qa-session-25>. 4 March.
- 2021 Building Multilingual Comparable Corpora, with Abbie Hantgan and Christian Chanard. 7th International Conference on Language Documentation & Conservation, University of Hawai‘i. Available online: <https://iclde7.sched.com/event/hgye/paper-qa-session-34>. 4 March.
- 2020 *An unattested person-alignment Ut-Ma'in with possible logophoric function* in panel “Exploring the logophoric continuum”. 4th Symposium on West African Languages. Università degli Studi di Napoli “L'Orientale”. Originally scheduled for 23–25 September 2020; postponed due to Covid-19.
- 2020 *Ut-Ma'in Reported Speech Constructions*. The grammatical variation of reported speech across languages: A data-oriented workshop. University of Helsinki. 12 November. Originally scheduled for 19–21 March 2020; postponed due to Covid-19.
- 2020 *Marked nominative alignment from reanalyzed relative clauses: Towards an explanation of prefixes and suffixes in Northwest Kainji argument marking*. 53rd Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea. Available online: <https://osf.io/be46p>. Originally to be hosted at the University of Bucharest, Romania. 26 August.
- 2015 *The associative phrase in Ut-Ma'in*. 46th Annual Conference on African Linguistics, University of Oregon. 27 March.
- 2015 *Gamification of rapid word collection*, with Amos Teo and Timbwaoga Aime Judicaël Ouermi. 4th International Conference on Language Documentation & Conservation, University of Hawai‘i. 27 February.
- 2015 *Contribution of women to linguistic vitality in northwestern Nigeria*. 4th International Conference on Language Documentation & Conservation, University of Hawai‘i. 27 February.

- 2015 *Describing Moore: A language of Burkina Faso*, with Sara Pacchiarotti and Amos Teo. Poster presented at the 6th Annual Graduate Research Forum, University of Oregon. 20 February.
- 2014 *Verbal categories in Ut-Ma'in, a Kainji language of Nigeria*. 45th Annual Conference on African Linguistics, University of Kansas. 17 April.
- 2013 *Discourse function of marked and unmarked verbs in Ut-Ma'in narrative*. In workshop on “Aspect and Discourse in African Languages” at the 46th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea, Split University, Croatia. 18 September.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

- 2020 The grammar of reported speech: Introduction to reported speech phenomena and the Discourse Reporting project mini-questionnaire. 75-minute workshop session. The workshop in grammatical description, Canada Institute of Linguistics, Langley, BC, Canada. 4 August.
- 2020 Ubiquitous association in Ut-Ma'in. Summer Colloquia Series, Canada Institute of Linguistics, Langley, British Columbia, Canada. 28 July.
- 2020 Verb forms and what they “mean”: The dangers of relying on elicited material in linguistic description. 75-minute workshop session. The workshop in grammatical description, Canada Institute of Linguistics, Langley, BC, Canada. 14 July.
- 2020 Organizing a grammatical description based on both form and function: A case study of organizing a written description of Ut-Ma'in nonverbal predication. 75-minute workshop session, The workshop in grammatical description, Canada Institute of Linguistics, Langley, BC, Canada. 30 June.
- 2019 Nominalization and predication in Ut-Ma'in. Doctoral dissertation defense, University of Oregon. 7 August.
- 2018 Development of Ut-Ma'in progressive constructions. Colloquia Series, Department of Linguistics, University of Oregon. 11 May.
- 2017 Development of the Ut-Ma'in progressive. Workshop: Language Documentation and Revitalization, University of Oregon. 30 November.
- 2014 Functions of nominalization in Ut-Ma'in. Field Linguistics Working Group University of Oregon. 22 October.
- 2013 Formation of verbs in Ut-Ma'in. Field Linguistics Working Group, University of Oregon. 5 November.
- 2011 Fieldworks Language Explorer as a dictionary development tool. International Workshop on Fieldworks Software, University of Malaysia, Sabah. 17–19 October. (Invited, 15 hours of instruction)
- 2007 The noun class system of Ut-Ma'in, a West Kainji language of Northwestern Nigeria. Thesis defense. University of North Dakota. 31 July.
- 2007 Research on Ut-Ma'in noun classes. Jos Linguistic Circle, Nigeria. 28 March.
- 2006 Nominalization in Ut-Ma'in. Linguistics Seminar, Jos, Nigeria. 18 December.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Department of English Studies, Western Oregon University, Monmouth, USA

Instructor of record, Linguistic Analysis of Genre and Style (Fall '21)

Canada Institute of Linguistics, Langley, British Columbia

Writing instructor, Masterclass in grammatical description (9 wks, Summer '20)

Department of Linguistics, University of Oregon, Eugene, USA

Teaching Assistant and Discussion Leader, Morphology and Syntax (Fall '12 & Fall '18)

Instructor of record, Structure of English Words (Winter '13)

Teaching Assistant, Structure of English Words (Fall, Winter, Spring '15-'16)

Teaching Assistant and Discussion Leader, Language and Power (Spring '17)

Teaching Assistant and Discussion Leader, Intro. to Linguistic Analysis (Spring '13)

American English Institute, University of Oregon, Eugene, USA

Instructor of record, Oral Communication Skills Level 2 (Winter '14)

Instructor of record, Listening and Note taking Level 4 (Fall '17, Winter '18)

Instructor of record, Oral Communication Skills Level 6 (Fall, Winter, Spring '14-'15)

Instructor of record, Introduction to Academic Writing (Fall '13, Spring '14)

Department of Linguistics, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, USA

Instructor of record, Linguistic Field Methods (Summer '09 & '10)

Teaching Assistant, Linguistic Field Methods (Summer '08)

Teaching Assistant and Discussion Leader, Syntax and Morphology I (Summer '05)

Teaching Assistant, Tone Analysis (Summer '13)

Department of Linguistics, Payap University, Chiang Mai, Thailand

Visiting Instructor, Cognitive Semantics (Fall '07)

International Course in Applied Linguistics, NBTT, Jos, Nigeria

Teaching Assistant, Phonetics and Phonology (Summer '06)

FELLOWSHIPS AND FUNDING

2012-2019 Graduate Teaching Fellowship, Department of Linguistics & American English Institute, University of Oregon.

2016 Fellowship in the Collection of Oral Literature and Traditional Ecological Knowledge. Firebird Foundation for Anthropological Research. *Documenting Oral Literature of the Ut-Ma'in Language*.

2016 Research Grant, Center for the Study of Women in Society, University of Oregon. *Her voice: Documenting the language of women speakers of the Ut-Ma'in language (Nigeria)*.

AWARDS AND HONORS

2015 Travel Grant, Department of Linguistics, University of Oregon

2014 Jacqueline Schachter Outstanding Conference Presentation Award, Department of Linguistics, University of Oregon

2014 Travel Grant, American English Institute, University of Oregon

2013 Travel Grant, Department of Linguistics, University of Oregon
2007 MA Scholarship, Department of Linguistics, University of North Dakota
2001-2005 General Scholarship, Department of Linguistics, University of North Dakota
1999-2001 Merit Scholarship, Cairn University
1999 Leadership Scholarship, Cairn University

INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY AND FIELD RESEARCH

France

9/2019 – 9/2021. Resident in France while a postdoctoral researcher at CNRS-LLACAN.

Eugene, Oregon, USA

9/2012 – 8/2019. Resident while a Graduate Teaching Fellow at the University of Oregon.

Northern Nigeria – Ut-Ma'in (Kainji, Benue-Congo) fieldwork

12 months on location in Niger State, Nigeria. 4/2005, 11/2005, 2–3/2006, 8/2006, 10/2006, 2/2007, 8–9/2013, 3/2017, 8–9/2017. Data elicitation, collecting oral literature, transcription and translation of texts, grammar analysis. Development of adult reading primer for use by bilingual speakers literate in Hausa. Language data formed the basis for my master's thesis and doctoral dissertation. Most recent visits in 2017 funded by the Firebird Foundation for Anthropological Research and the Center for the Study of Women in Society, University of Oregon. Ongoing collaboration with local speakers and other linguists working on Kainji languages.

Northern Nigeria – Pipero (Chadic, Afro-Asiatic) fieldwork

6 months on location in Gombe State, Nigeria. 1/2005, 9/2005, 1/2006, 5/2006, 9/2006, 1/2007. Orthography checking and testing. Translation adviser to team of native speaker translators. Development of adult reading primer for use by bi/trilingual speakers literate in Hausa and/or English. Supervisor, Katherine Barnwell, Ph.D.

Northern Nigeria

Resident in Jos, Plateau State, Nigeria, from December 2004 through April 2007.

Guerrero State, Mexico

11/2010 – 1/2011 and 3/2011 – 4/2011. Logistics support role for language documentation project funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (USA)

Project: *Documenting the Me'phaa genus*. Principal Investigator: Steven A. Marlett, Ph.D.

Chiang Mai, Thailand

8/2007 – 11/2007 Visiting Instructor, Payap University, Department of Linguistics

2/2003 – 3/2003 Volunteer, Language Survey Department, MSEAG, SIL International

8/2002 – 2/2003 Volunteer, Foster Home Supervisor, Cummins Group Home

SERVICE

2022 Reviewer, Endangered Languages Documentation Program Grant Applications

2021 Reviewer, Afrika und Übersee

- 2020 Reviewer of symposium articles, Payap Research Symposium, Linguistics Department, Payap University, Chiang Mai, Thailand
- 2019-2020 Hiring committee for two predoctoral researchers and two postdoctoral researchers, Discourse reporting in African storytelling, LLACAN
- 2013 Reviewer, Ghana Journal of Linguistics
- 2012-2014 Co-Chair , Graduate Linguists of Oregon Student Society (GLOSS), University of Oregon
- 2009-2010 Scholarship committee, Department of Linguistics, University of North Dakota

OTHER EXPERIENCE

- 11/2019–present Linguistics Consultant, SIL International – Africa Area
- 9/2013–9/2019 Linguist, SIL International, Oregon, USA/Jos, Nigeria
- 9/2012–6/2019 Graduate Teaching Fellow, University of Oregon, Eugene
- 9/2010–8/2012 Professional Development Coordinator, SIL Americas Area, Dallas, TX
- 1/2009–5/2009 Instructor, Center of English Language, Dallas TX USA
- 6/2005–8/2013 Instructor, Summer Institute of Linguistics, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, North Dakota (9wk summer terms, MA program)
- 8/2007–12/2007 Visiting Instructor, Department of Linguistics, Payap University, Chiang Mai, Thailand
- 9/2004–12/2007 Translation and Linguistics Consultant Intern, The Seed Company, Texas, USA/Nigeria/Thailand

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCIES

- English – native
- Hausa (Chadic, Afro-Asiatic) – intermediate (speaking/reading/structural knowledge)
- Ūt-Ma'in (Kainji, Benue-Congo) – speaking/structural knowledge | 12 months fieldwork
- Mòoré (Gur, Niger-Congo) – structural knowledge | 9 months field methods course
- Pipero (Chadic, Afro-Asiatic) – structural knowledge | 6 months fieldwork
- German – basic (reading) | 2 years undergraduate coursework
- French – beginner

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Association for Contemporary African Linguistics
- Societas Linguistica Europaea