

CURRICULUM VITAE

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2024–present Associate Research Scholar & Lecturer, Program in Linguistics & Council of the Humanities, *Princeton University*

2019–2024 Linguistics Consultant, *SIL International* – Africa Area | Nigeria

2022–2024 Visiting Assistant Professor of Linguistics (Non-Tenure Track), Department of English Studies, *Western Oregon University*

2022–2024 Research Associate, Department of Linguistics, *University of Oregon*

2021 Adjunct Faculty, Department of English Studies, *Western Oregon University*

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

EDUCATION

2019 Ph.D. in Linguistics, University of Oregon, Eugene, USA
Dissertation: *Nominalization and predication in Ūt-Ma'in*
Committee: Doris L Payne (chair), Spike Gildea, Don Daniels, and Senyo Ofori-Parku

2007 M.A. in Linguistics, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, USA. Thesis:
The noun class system of ut-Ma'in, a West Kainji language of Northwestern Nigeria

2001 BSc, Cairn University, Langhorne, PA, USA

PUBLICATIONS

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

Paterson, Rebecca. 2015. Narrative uses of the Ūt-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. doi: 10.1075/tsl.109.08pat.

Paterson, Rebecca. 2012. Semantics of *Ūt-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.

FELLOWSHIPS, FUNDING, and AWARDS

- 2024 Faculty Development Award, Western Oregon University [\$3,000 USD]
- 2023 Faculty Development Award, Western Oregon University [\$2,025 USD]
- 2023 Conference Travel Award, Department of Linguistics, University of Oregon [\$1,500]
- 2022 Faculty Development Award, Western Oregon University [\$1,575 USD]
- 2022 Small Grant. Pike Center for Integrative Scholarship. *Classification and Reconstruction of the Northwest Kainji languages of Nigeria* [\$2,825 USD]
- 2012-2019 Graduate Teaching Fellowship, Department of Linguistics & American English Institute, University of Oregon. [\$86,785.70 USD]
- 2016 Fellowship in the Collection of Oral Literature and Traditional Ecological Knowledge. Firebird Foundation for Anthropological Research. *Documenting Oral Literature of the Ūt-Ma'in Language* [\$9,960 USD].
- 2016 Research Grant, Center for the Study of Women in Society, University of Oregon. *Her voice: Documenting the language of women speakers of the Ūt-Ma'in language (Nigeria)* [\$2,996 USD].
- 2015 Travel Grant, Department of Linguistics, University of Oregon [\$600 USD]
- 2014 Jacqueline Schachter Outstanding Conference Presentation Award, Department of Linguistics, University of Oregon [\$1,000 USD]
- 2014 Travel Grant, American English Institute, University of Oregon [\$600 USD]
- 2013 Travel Grant, Department of Linguistics, University of Oregon [\$700 USD]
- 2007 MA Scholarship, Department of Linguistics, University of North Dakota [Full tuition]
- 2001-2005 General Scholarship, Department of Linguistics, University of North Dakota

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Conference Papers

- 2024 *Insubordination from relative clause structures and resultant alignment patterns*. Paper at the Workshop: Pathways to Insubordination, 57th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea, University of Helsinki, Finland. 21–24 August.
- 2023 *Emergence of alternate argument alignment patterns in Northwest Kainji*. Paper presented at the 26th International Conference on Historical Linguistics. Universität Heidelberg, Germany. 4–8 September.
- 2023 *Argument alignment patterns in Northwest Kainji*. Paper presented at the 54th Annual Conference on African Linguistics, University of Connecticut, Storrs, USA. 12–14 June.
- 2023 *On the boundaries of reported speech in Western Subanon*, with Hugh J. Paterson III and William Hall. Paper presented at the 32nd Annual Meeting of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society (SEALS 2023). Chiang Mai University, Chiang Mai, Thailand. 16–18 May.
- 2022 *Categorization and constituency across Niger-Congo: A view from Kainji*. Paper presented within the workshop titled Situating Constituency Within Typological Research at the 14th International Conference of the Association for Linguistic Typology, University of Texas at Austin, USA. 15–17 December.
- 2022 *Reconstructing Proto-NW Kainji*. Paper presented at the 25th International Conference on Historical Linguistics. Oxford University, England. 1–5 August.
- 2022 *Multilingual SpeechReporting database: tools, methods and techniques*, with Ekaterina Aplonova, Tatiana Nikitina, Timifey Arkhangel'skiy, Abbie Hantgan-Sonko, Izabela Jordanoska, Elena Sokur, Lacina Silué. Paper presented at the 9th International Conference on Grammar and Corpora 2022, University of Ghent, Belgium. 30 June.
- 2021 *Reported Speech in Western Subanon [suc]*, with Hugh J. Paterson III and William Hall. Paper presented at the 15th International Conference on Austronesian Linguistics. Palacký University, Czech Republic. 30 June.
- 2021 *Clause final negation and double negation in Northwest Kainji*. Paper presented at 51st & 52nd (combined) Annual Conference on African Linguistics, University of Florida, USA. 8–10 April.
- 2021 *Songs: Language Choice and Verbal Art*. Paper presented at the 7th International Conference on Language Documentation & Conservation, University of Hawai'i, USA. Available online: <https://icldc7.sched.com/event/hgyn/paper-qa-session-25>. 4 March.

- 2021 *Building Multilingual Comparable Corpora*, with Abbie Hantgan and Christian Chanard. Paper presented at the 7th International Conference on Language Documentation & Conservation, University of Hawai‘i, USA. Available online: <https://icldc7.sched.com/event/hgye/paper-qa-session-34>. 4 March.
- 2020 *Ut-Ma'in Reported Speech Constructions*. Paper presented at the Grammatical Variation of Reported Speech Across Languages: A Data-oriented Workshop. University of Helsinki. 12 November.
- 2020 *Marked nominative alignment from reanalyzed relative clauses: Towards an explanation of prefixes and suffixes in Northwest Kainji argument marking*. Paper presented at the 53rd Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea. Available online: <https://osf.io/be46p>. Originally to be hosted at the University of Bucharest. 26 August.
- 2015 *The associative phrase in Ut-Ma'in*. Paper presented at the 46th Annual Conference on African Linguistics, University of Oregon, USA. 27 March.
- 2015 *Gamification of rapid word collection*, with Amos Teo and Timbwaoga Aime Judicaël Ouermi. Paper presented at the 4th International Conference on Language Documentation & Conservation, University of Hawai‘i, USA. 27 February.
- 2015 *Contribution of women to linguistic vitality in northwestern Nigeria*. Paper presented at the 4th International Conference on Language Documentation & Conservation, University of Hawai‘i, USA. 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, USA. 20 February.
- 2014 *Verbal categories in Ut-Ma'in, a Kainji language of Nigeria*. Paper presented at the 45th Annual Conference on African Linguistics, University of Kansas, USA. 17 April.
- 2013 *Discourse function of marked and unmarked verbs in Ut-Ma'in narrative*. Paper presented in the workshop titled Aspect and Discourse in African Languages at the 46th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea, Split University, Croatia. 18 September.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

- 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, BC, 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, USA. 7 August.
- 2018 *Development of Ut-Ma'in progressive constructions*. Invited presentation for the Graduate Linguists of Oregon Student Society (GLOSS) Colloquium Series. Eugene, Oregon, USA. 11 May.
- 2017 *Development of the Ut-Ma'in progressive*. Workshop: Language Documentation and Revitalization, University of Oregon, USA. 30 November.
- 2014 *Functions of nominalization in Ut-Ma'in*. Field Linguistics Working Group University of Oregon, USA. 22 October.
- 2013 *Formation of verbs in Ut-Ma'in*. Field Linguistics Working Group, University of Oregon, USA. 5 November.
- 2011 *Fieldworks Language Explorer as a dictionary development tool*. International Workshop on Fieldworks Software, University of Malaysia, Sabah, Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia. 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, USA. 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

Program in Linguistics, Princeton University, New Jersey, USA
Linguistic Universals and Language Diversity (300 level, Fall '24)
Field Methods in Linguistics (300 level, Spring '25)

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

Introduction to Linguistics (300 level) x12

Language Study for Elementary/Middle Teachers (300 level) x5

Linguistics and Education (200 level) x4

Meaning and Context (300 level, Winter '23)

Linguistic Analysis of Genre and Style (400 level, Fall '21)

Language: Misconceptions vs. Realities [First-year Seminar] (100 level, Fall '22)

Department of Linguistics, University of Oregon, Eugene, USA

Introduction to Linguistic Behavior (300 level, Winter '23, Spring '23, Spring '24)

Introduction to Linguistic Analysis (300 level, Fall '22)

Readings in Morphology (400 level, Winter '23)

Morphology & Syntax (300 level, Fall '22)

Functional Syntax (400/500 level, Winter '23)

PREDOCTORAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Department of Linguistics, University of Oregon, Eugene, USA

Morphology and Syntax (400/500 level, Teaching Assistant and Discussion Leader) Fall '12-'18)

Structure of English Words (100 level, Instructor of record: Winter '13; Teaching Assistant: AY '15-'16)

Language and Power (200 level: Teaching Assistant and Discussion Leader, Spring '17)

Intro. to Linguistic Analysis (300 level: Teaching Assistant and Discussion Leader, Spring '13)

American English Institute, University of Oregon, Eugene, USA

Oral Communication Skills Level 2 (pre-matr, Instructor of Record: Winter '14)

Listening and Note taking Level 4 (pre-matr, Instructor of Record: Fall '17, Winter '18)

Oral Communication Skills Level 6 (pre-matr, Instructor of Record: Fall, Winter, Spring '14-'15)

Introduction to Academic Writing (pre-matr, Instructor of Record: Fall '13, Spring '14)

Canada Institute of Linguistics, Langley, British Columbia

The workshop in grammatical description (500 level: Writing Coach, 9-weeks, Summer '20)

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

Linguistic Field Methods (500 level: Instructor of Record, Summer '09/'10; Teaching Assistant, Summer '08)

Syntax and Morphology I (400/500 level: Teaching Assistant, Summer '05)

Tone Analysis (500 level: Teaching Assistant, Summer '13)

Department of Linguistics, Payap University, Chiang Mai, Thailand

Cognitive Semantics (500 level: Visiting Instructor, Fall '07)

International Course in Applied Linguistics, NBTT, Jos, Nigeria

Phonetics and Phonology (pre-matr: Teaching Assistant, Summer '06)

SERVICE

Reviewer, Endangered Languages Documentation Program Grant Applications (2022-2023)

General Scholarship Committee, Western Oregon University (2023)

Reviewer, *Revue canadienne de linguistique/Canadian Journal of Linguistics* (2023)

Reviewer, *Afrika und Übersee* (2021)

Reviewer of symposium articles, Payap Research Symposium, Linguistics Department, Payap University, Chiang Mai, Thailand (2020)

Hiring committees for two predoctoral researchers and two postdoctoral researchers, Discourse reporting in African storytelling, LLACAN (2019-2020)

Abstract reviewer and student organizer, 46th Annual Conference on African Linguistics, University of Oregon (2015)

Reviewer, *Ghana Journal of Linguistics* (2013)

Co-Chair, Graduate Linguists of Oregon Student Society, University of Oregon (2012-2014)

Scholarship committee, Department of Linguistics, University of North Dakota (2009-2010)

FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

2017 Niger State/Kebbi State, Nigeria: 3 months on Ƴt-Ma'in (March, August-September)

2017 Plateau State, Nigeria: 3 months on Hausa and Ƴt-Ma'in (January-February, July)

2013-14 Field Methods Sequence at University of Oregon: 9 months on Moore (Gur)

2013 Niger State/Kebbi State, Nigeria: 2 months on Ƴt-Ma'in (August-September)

2011 Guerrero State, Mexico: 3 months (January, March-April)

2010 Guerrero State, Mexico: 2 months (November, December)

2007 Niger State/Kebbi State: 1 month (on Ƴt-Ma'in February)

2007 Gombe State, Nigeria: 1 month on Pipero (January)

2006 Niger State/Kebbi State: 2 months on Ƴt-Ma'in (February-March)

2006 Gombe State, Nigeria: 3 months on Pipero (January, May, September)

2005 Niger State/Kebbi State: 2 months on Ƴt-Ma'in (April, November)

2005 Gombe State, Nigeria: 2 months on Pipero (January, September)

INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY AND FIELD RESEARCH

France

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

Northern Nigeria – Ụt-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. Visits in 2017 were funded by the Firebird Foundation for Anthropological Research and the Center for the Study of Women in Society, University of Oregon. Collaboration continues remotely 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 a team of native speaker translators. Development of adult reading primer for use by bi/trilingual speakers literate in Hausa and/or English.

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 (NEH, 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

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCIES

English – native

Hausa (Chadic, Afro-Asiatic) – basic (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

Association for Linguistic Typology

Societas Linguistica Europaea

International Society for Historical Linguistics

OTHER EXPERIENCE

2013–2019 Linguist, SIL International, Oregon, USA/Jos, Nigeria

2012–2019 Graduate Teaching Fellow, University of Oregon

2010–2012 Professional Development Coordinator, SIL Americas Area, Dallas, Texas

2005–2013 Instructor, Summer Institute of Linguistics, University of North Dakota

2009–2010 Community ESL Teacher, Arlington, Texas

2009 Instructor, Center of English Language, Dallas, Texas

2007 Visiting Instructor, Department of Linguistics, Payap University,
Chiang Mai, Thailand

2004–2007 Linguistics Consultant Intern, Nigeria

2004 ESL Tutor/Pronunciation Coach, Virginia Commonwealth University