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Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor 2022 - present

Departments of Linguistics and American Culture,

Native American Studies Program

University of Michigan

Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA

Postdoctoral Fellow 2020 - 2022

LSA Collegiate Fellowship

Department of American Culture, Native American Studies Program

University of Michigan

Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA

Education

Graduate

Ph.D. in Linguistics from the University of Chicago

2012 - 2020

Chicago, Illinois, USA

Dissertation: Noun Categorization in Ojibwe: Gender and Classifiers

Committee: Amy Dahlstrom (Chair), Salikoko Mufwene and Itamar Francez

Undergraduate

B.A. in Linguistics and Spanish from Wayne State University

2007 - 2012

Detroit, Michigan, USA

Research Interests

Ojibwe (Algonquian), morphology, semantics, noun categorization, gender, classifiers, language documentation and revitalization, language typology, word order, information structure, figurative language processing, idioms

Refereed Publications

Meyer, C. and Whitney, A. (Under Review). Semantic Effects of Two VII Finals and a New Diagnostic for Medials as Verbal Classifiers in Ojibwe. *Papers of the Fifty-Fourth Algonquian Conference*. Edited by Monica Macaulay and Margaret Noodin. Michigan State University Press. East Lansing, Michigan.

Whitney, A., Johnson, G., and Meyer, C. (In Press). A Survey of Medials in Ojibwe: Classifiers versus Incorporation. *Papers of the Fifty-Second Algonquian Conference*. Edited by Monica Macaulay and Margaret Noodin. Michigan State University Press. East Lansing, Michigan.

Meyer, C. (2022). "Exceptional' Animates in Ojibwe: The Link Between Gender and Classifiers." *Papers of the Fifty-First Algonquian Conference*. Edited by Monica Macaulay and Margaret Noodin. Michigan State University Press. East Lansing, Michigan.

Meyer, C. (2020). "Numeral Classifiers in Ojibwe." *Papers of the Forty-Ninth Algonquian Conference*. Edited by Monica Macaulay and Margaret Noodin. Michigan State University Press. East Lansing, Michigan.

Meyer, C. (2019). "The Status of Classifying Morphemes in Ojibwe." *Papers of the Forty-Eighth Algonquian Conference*. Edited by Monica Macaulay and Margaret Noodin. Michigan State University Press. East Lansing, Michigan.

Meyer, C. (2018). "Noun Categorization in Ojibwe: Animacy is Gender and Gender is Separate from the Count/Mass Distinction." *Papers of the Forty-Seventh Algonquian Conference*, 199-216. Edited by Monica Macaulay and Margaret Noodin. Michigan State University Press. East Lansing, Michigan.

Meyer, C. (2017). "Discontinuous Constituents in Ojibwe: Accounting for Two Preverbal Words." *Papers of the Forty-Sixth Algonquian Conference*, 183-195. Edited by Monica Macaulay and Margaret Noodin. Michigan State University Press. East Lansing, Michigan.

Honors and Awards

Humanities 5x5 Collab Grant (PI) From revitalization to decolonization: Nishnaabeg language pedagogy and Indigenous epistemologies University of Michigan Winter 2024

LSA Collegiate Fellowship in American Culture Department of American Culture, University of Michigan	2020-2022
Provost's Dissertation Completion Fellowship Division of the Humanities, University of Chicago	2019 - 2020
American Philosophical Society Phillips Fund for Native American Research Grant Recipient	2018
International House Graduate Fellowship University of Chicago	2017 - 2019
CoLang Endangered Language Fund Fellowship University of Florida	Summer 2018
GGI PITCH Summer Internship ChicagoGRAD, University of Chicago Language Department at the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians	Summer 2018
Stuart Tave Teaching Fellowship Course: Structure of Ojibwe Humanities Collegiate Division, University of Chicago	2017 - 2018
Rella Cohn/GRAIL Fund Recipient Fieldwork on Classifiers in Ojibwe Department of Linguistics, University of Chicago	Summer 2017
Ronald E. McNair Scholar Wayne State University	2011 - 2012

Presentations

Invited Talks

Department of Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology *What to Know about Native American Languages* in honor of Native American Heritage Month University of Michigan

Nov 2023

Linguistics Department Graduate Recruitment Colloquium 'Exceptional' Animates in Ojibwe: The Link Between Gender and Classift University of Michigan	March 2023
Conference Talks Fifty-Fifth Annual Algonquian Conference Differing Semantics in Ojibwe Verbs with VII Finals /-aa/ vs. /-ad/ Co-presented with Anna Whitney University of Alberta (virtual)	Oct 2023
Fifty-Fourth Annual Algonquian Conference Semantic Effects of Inanimate Intransitive Verb Finals /-aa/ and /-a on Medials and Verbs Co-presented with Anna Whitney University of Colorado Boulder (virtual)	Oct 2022
Fifty-Second Annual Algonquian Conference A Survey of 'Classificatory Medials' in Ojibwe: Classifiers Versus Incorporation Co-presented with Ann Whitney and Garrett Johnson University of Wisconsin-Madison	Oct 2020
Twenty-Sixth Annual Anishinaabemowin-Teg Conference Mimikwenimaanaanig Leonard miinawaa James Presentation with Alphonse Pitawanakwat and Margaret Noodin Algoma University, in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada *Conference canceled	March 2020
Fifty-First Annual Algonquian Conference Motivating 'Exceptional' Animates: The Link Between Gender and Classifiers McGill University, in Montreal, Quebec, Canada	Oct 2019
The Many Facets of Agreement Gender and Classifiers in Ojibwe University of Zurich in Zurich, Switzerland	Oct 2019

The Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the America held in conjunction with The Linguistic Society of America Motivating 'Exceptional' Animates in Ojibwe: The Link Between Gen and Classifiers New York City New York, USA	ŕ
New York City, New York, USA	
Forty-Ninth Annual Algonquian Conference Numeral and Verbal Classifiers in Ojibwe	Oct 2017
University of Quebec in Montreal, Quebec, Canada	
Forty-Eighth Annual Algonquian Conference The Status of Classifying Morphemes in Ojibwe	Oct 2016
University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA	
Forty-Seventh Annual Algonquian Conference Noun Categorization in Ojibwe: Animacy is Gender and Gender is	Oct 2015
Separate from the Count/Mass Distinction	
University of Manitoba in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada	
The Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the America held in conjunction with The Linguistic Society of America Word Order and Information Structure in Ojibwe Portland, Oregon, USA	cas, Jan 2015
Forty-Sixth Annual Algonquian Conference Universal Quantification and Nominal Structure Mohegan Sun Casino in Uncaseville, Connecticut, USA	Oct 2014
Forty-Fifth Annual Algonquian Conference Basic Word Order and Information Structure in Ojibwe University of Ottawa in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada	Oct 2013

Workshop Presentations

SynSem Workshop April 2022

The connection between gender and classifiers in Ojibwe

Department of Linguistics, University of Michigan

Conversations on Social Justice Workshop Land Acknowledgements Panel discussion with Ben Secunda, NAGPRA project manager Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies, University of Michigan	March 2022
Native American Heritage Month Language Preservation Event How and Why We Learn Anishinaabemowin Presentation with Margaret Noodin, Alphonse Pitawanakwat and Kayla Gonyon Native American Student Association, University of Michigan	Nov 2020
Language Variation and Change Workshop Gender and Classifiers in Ojibwe University of Chicago	Jan 2019
Morphology and Syntax Workshop Motivating 'Exceptional' Animates in Ojibwe: The Link Between Gender and Classifiers University of Chicago	Nov 2018
Language Variation and Change Workshop Summary of Fieldwork: Classifiers in Ojibwe University of Chicago	Nov 2017
Conference Organizing	
Conference Organizer: <i>Native and Non-Native Indigenous Languages in Chicago</i> In honor of the United Nations declaration of 2019 as the 'International Year of Indigenous Languages' University of Chicago in Chicago, Illinois	Oct 2019
Panel Organizer: <i>The Role of Linguistics in Language Revitalization</i> Forty-Eighth Annual Algonquian Conference University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, Wisconsin	Oct 2016
Conference Organizer: 50th Annual Chicago Linguistics Society University of Chicago in Chicago, Illinois	April 2014

Conference Volunteer: Forty-Fourth Annual Algonquian Conference Oct 2012 University of Chicago in Chicago, Illinois

Edited Volumes

Proceedings of the 50th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society

Co-edited with Ross Burkholder, Carlos Cisneros, Emily R. Coppess,

Julian Grove, Emily A. Hanink, Hilary McMahan, Natalia Pavlou,

Özge Sarıgül, Adam Roth Singerman, and Anqi Zhang

Research Experience

Fieldwork on Gender and Classifiers in Ojibwe Conducted with The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan	2017 - 2018
Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program Advisor: Dr. Lara L. Jones Wayne State University	2010 - 2012
Research Assistant to Dr. Lara L. Jones Concepts and Cognition Lab	2009 - 2012
Departments of Psychology and Linguistics Wayne State University	

Teaching Experience

Instructor - courses taught at the University of Michigan

Language and Animal Communication
Stereotypes and Native American Languages
Language and (Native) Gender
Intermediate Ojibwe II, co-taught with Alphonse Pitawanakwat and Kayla Gonyon
Epic Grammar Fails

Instructor - courses taught at the University of Chicago

Grammatical Gender Language and the Human Linguistic Morphology Introduction to Linguistics Structure of Ojibwe

Mentor Experience

Michigan Humanities Emerging Research Scholars Program (MICHHERS), University of Michigan	June 2023
Codas and Consonant Changes in Lio Loanwords from Indonesian	
Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP),	2022-2023
University of Michigan	
State-level Legislation Mandating K-12 Education of Local Native	
Histories, Cultures, and Languages in the United States	
Sapir Scholars Program	2019 - 2020
Department of Linguistics, University of Chicago	
Classifiers in Ojibwe Text Mining Project	
Planning Resources and Involvement for Students in the Majors	2017 - 2019
(PRISM) Preceptor in Linguistics	
Office of Career Advancement, University of Chicago	
Jeff Metcalf Internship Program	Summer 2018
Office of Career Advancement, University of Chicago	
Gender in Ojibwe Dictionary Mining Project	
Sapir Scholars Program	Fall 2017
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Department of Linguistics, University of Chicago	

Organization Memberships

Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas	2018 - 2020 2014 - 2015
Chicago Linguistics Society	Fall 2014
Ronald E. McNair Scholars	2011 - present

Service at the University of Michigan

Salary Committee, Department of American Culture	2022-2024
Graduate Admissions Committee of Linguistics	2023-2024
Executive Committee, Department of Linguistics	2022-2023

Languages

English - Fluent

Ojibwe - Primary Research

Spanish - Conversational

French - Beginner