

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Present Eastern Michigan University
M.A. Student
Linguistics

2005 Eastern Michigan University
B.A. Linguistics, Writing
Honors Thesis: First Language Acquisition of Theta-role Assignment for
Transitive Participial Adjectives

Academic Positions

2004-pres

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School of Best Practices Team Leader Oversee and participate in the development of page content about digital language documentation, publicize resources in publications and conference presentation.

Multi-Tree Team Member Research proposed genetic trees for Australian languages.

2004-2005

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Fall 2005 Refine and re-execute a Truth Value Judgment Task experiment to test the status of theta-role assignment constraints for passive transitive

participial adjectives; synthesize findings in Senior Thesis; disseminate findings through publication and conference presentations. With Dr. T. Daniel Seely.

- Spring 2005 Conduct original fieldwork on Wichí, indigenous language of the Chaco region of Argentina and Paraguay; elicit data, collect narratives, transcribe and translate narratives, copy tapes, digitize data, create resources for community use. With Dr. Verónica Grondona.
- Winter 2005 Devise an alignment algorithm for text processing software that translates Unicode characters into phonological feature bundles. With Dr. Edward Garrett.
- Fall 2004 Design and conduct a Truth Value Judgment Task experiment to test the status of theta-role assignment constraints for passive transitive participial adjectives. With Dr. T. Daniel Seely.
- Winter 2004 Enter and analyze legacy lexical data on endangered languages (Chorote, Nivacle) of the Southern Chaco region of Argentina. With Dr. Verónica Grondona.

Publications

- To appear Boynton, Jessica, Steven Moran, Helen Aristar-Dry and Anthony Aristar. "Using the E-MELD School of Best Practices to Create Lasting Digital Documentation." Proceedings from the 2005 LSA Institute: Language Documentation: Theory, Practice, and Values. John Benjamins.
- To appear Boynton, Jessica, Steven Moran, Anthony Aristar and Helen Aristar-Dry. "E-MELD and the School of Best Practices: An Ongoing Community Effort." Proceedings from 2006 Sustainable Data from Digital Fieldwork. Sydney University Press.
- 2004-2006 E-MELD School of Best Practices website. Contributor. Online: <http://emeld.org/school/>

- 2005 Boynton, Jessica. "First Language Acquisition of Theta-role Assignment for Transitive Participial Adjectives." Honors Thesis. Eastern Michigan University.

Presentations

- 2007 Annotation and Alignment Software. To be presented as part of the OLAC Tutorial at the Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting. Anaheim, California. January 4-7.
- 2006 E-MELD and the School of Best Practices: An Ongoing Community Effort. To be presented at Sustainable Data from Digital Fieldwork. Sydney, Australia. December 4-6.
- 2006 The Endangered Language Fieldwork Apprenticeship. Presented at the Conference on Endangered Languages and Cultures of Native America. Salt Lake City, Utah. March 31 - April 2. With Megan Zdrojkowski.
- 2006 First Language Acquisition of Theta-role Assignment for Transitive Participial Adjectives. Presented at the Eastern Michigan University Graduate Research Fair. Ypsilanti, Michigan. March 27.
- 2006 Challenges in Endangered Language Fieldwork: A Student Perspective. Presented at the Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting. Albuquerque, New Mexico. January 6-8. With Megan Zdrojkowski.
- 2005 Theta-role Assignment for Transitive Participial Adjectives. Presented at the Eastern Michigan University Undergraduate Symposium. Ypsilanti, Michigan. April 1.

Service

- 2006 Food coordinator. E-MELD Workshop 2006: Tools and Standards, the State of the Art. East Lansing, Michigan. June 20-22.
- 2005 Working group liaison. E-MELD Workshop 2005: Linguistic Ontologies and Data Categories for Language Resources. Cambridge, Massachusetts. July 1-3.
- 2004 Bilingual marketing assistant. Develop and design a multilingual brochure promoting the Masters in Linguistics program to an international demographic. March - June.

Honors and Awards

- 2006 Graduate Assistantship, Eastern Michigan University
- 2006 Fulbright Scholarship to Australia
- 2005 Graduation with Department Honors and Magna cum Laude, Eastern Michigan University
- 2002 - 2005 Recognition of Excellence Scholarship, Eastern Michigan University
- 2002-2005 Michigan Competitive Scholarship
- 2002-2005 Deans List
- 2005 Undergraduate Honors Assistantship: Psycholinguistics
- 2005 Undergraduate Honors Assistantship: Fieldwork
- 2005 Undergraduate Honors Assistantship: Computational Linguistics
- 2004 Undergraduate Honors Assistantship: Psycholinguistics
- 2004 Francis R. Warren Scholarship
- 2004 Undergraduate Honors Assistantship: Data Digitization
- 2003 Spanish Language Award
- 2003 German Language Award
- 2003 Japanese Language Award
- 2002 Michigan Merit Scholarship

Computer Skills

Platforms

- Macintosh
- Windows

Applications

- Photoshop
- Pagemaker
- Microsoft Office

- LaTeX

Languages and protocols

- ColdFusion
- SQL
- HTML
- XHTML
- CSS
- Basic Unix commands

Languages

Spoken

- English
- Spanish

Coursework

- French
- German
- Japanese

Fieldwork

- Wichí