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POSITIONS HELD

2008-present Assistant Professor, Linguistics, Brigham Young University

EDUCATION

2002-2008 Ph.D. in Linguistics, University of California, Los Angeles
Dissertation title: *Subject Positions in Marshallese*
Committee: Anoop Mahajan (Chair), Pamela Munro, Timothy Stowell,
Alessandro Duranti, Mark Hale

2000-2002 M.A. in Linguistics, Arizona State University
Thesis title: *The Marshallese Complementizer Phrase*
Committee: Elly vanGelderren (Chair), Dawn Bates, Karen L. Adams

1992-1996 B.A in English, Brigham Young University

PUBLICATIONS

(to appear) Remnant movement and the position of the Marshallese question particle.
to appear in Ch. Borgoyari, N. Ch-D. Khuong, S. Sinha (eds), *5th Asian
Glow Proceedings*

2008 Subject Position and the Marshallese Restructuring Configuration, *U Penn
working papers*

2007 *Shaap Kaij?* by Pamela Munro, Virgil Lewis, and Nicole Gfroerer, with
Marcus Smith, Andrew Byrd, Kevin Ryan, Kyle Wanberg, Heather
Willson, and Jennifer Fischer. Academic Publishing, UCLA.

2006 Restructuring and word order in Marshallese. *ms*, UCLA

2005 Marshallese yes/No questions and remnant movement. *UCLA Working
Papers in Linguistics, May 2005*

2004 Remnant movement and the Marshallese question particle. *ms*, UCLA

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2009 "Passives and statives in Marshallese: Evidence for two types of 'by phrases'" presented at the 33rd Penn Linguistics Colloquium, Philadelphia, PA
- 2008 "Marshallese Passives" poster presented at the 82nd meeting of the Linguistics Society of America, Chicago, IL
- 2007 "Word Order and Restructuring in Marshallese" presented at the Western Conference on Linguistics 2007, San Diego, CA
- 2007 "Subject Position and the Marshallese Restructuring Configuration" presented at the 31st Penn Linguistics Colloquium, Philadelphia, PA
- 2007 "Restructuring and Subject Position in Marshallese" presented at the 81st meeting of the Linguistics Society of America, Anaheim, CA
- 2006 "Marshallese Clause Structure and Subject Agreement" presented at the 80th meeting of the Linguistics Society of America, Albuquerque, NM
- 2005 "Remnant Movement and the Marshallese Question Particle" presented at the 5th Asian GLOW, Delhi, India
- 2005 "Marshallese Yes/No Questions and Remnant Movement" presented at AFLA XII, Los Angeles, CA
- 2002 "The Marshallese Complementizer Phrase" presented at the Arizona State University Graduate Linguistics/TESL Symposium, Tempe, AZ
- 2001 "Spatial Relationships in Marshallese" presented at the Arizona State University Graduate Linguistics/TESL Symposium, Tempe, AZ

INVITED TALKS

- 2007 "Restructuring and Subject Position in Marshallese" Arizona State University, March 27, 2007

FIELDWORK

- Summer 2006, 2007 Dissertation research conducted on Marshallese in the Republic of the Marshall Islands
- 2004-2006 Fieldwork on Kiche, Los Angeles, CA
- 2001-present Fieldwork on Marshallese, Los Angeles, CA

1996-1998 Missionary in the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia (non-linguistic related)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE – BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

Linguistics 330 *Introduction to Linguistics*
English Language 325 *The Grammar of English*
Linguistics 430 *Theoretical Syntax*

OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Linguistics 1 *Introduction to the Study of Language*. TA and Instructor, UCLA
Linguistics 1 *Introduction to the Study of Language*. Instructor, UCLA
Linguistics 20 *Introduction to Linguistics*. TA and Instructor, UCLA
Linguistics 110 *Introduction to Historical Linguistics*. TA, UCLA
Linguistics 114 *American Indian Linguistics*. TA, UCLA
Linguistics 120B *Syntax I*. TA, UCLA
Linguistics 127 *Syntactic Typology and Universals*. TA, UCLA
Linguistics 495 *College Teaching of Linguistics*. Instructor, UCLA

ESOL Instructor, Elite English Camp. Seoul, Korea
ESOL Instructor, Rio Salado College. Tempe, AZ
ESOL Instructor & Curriculum Designer, Hi.English.com. Tempe, AZ

LANGUAGE KNOWLEDGE

English (native), Marshallese (fluent), Kosraean (semi-fluent), Kiche (fieldwork), Chickasaw (academic study), Pima (academic study), Spanish (basic), Old English (academic study)

FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

2007-2008 Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA

2007 Quality of Graduate Education Fellowship, UCLA

2007 Language Research Fellowship, UCLA

2006 Lenart Graduate Travel Fellowship, UCLA

2005 Linguistics Department LSA Fellowship, UCLA

2005 Language Research Fellowship, UCLA

2003 Summer Research Mentorship, with Prof. Anoop Mahajan, UCLA

2002-2003, '05-06 Pauley Foundation Fellowship, UCLA

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIPS

2008-present Graduate Student Association Faculty advisor. BYU

2006-2007 Graduate Linguistics Circle, Vice President. UCLA

2005-present Linguistic Society of America, member

2005 AFLA XII organizing committee, member. UCLA

2004-2007 Colloquium committee, member. UCLA