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Education

Bachelor's

Linguistics and German Studies (with honors)
College of Social Sciences and College of Humanities, University of Arizona, USA
1998-2002

Year abroad, Giessen, Germany
Scholarship from Oskar-Grunow, Justus-Liebig Universität
2000-2001

PhD

Linguistics
College of Arts and Sciences, University at Buffalo, SUNY, USA
2003-2010
Thesis title: "Seri landscape classification and spatial reference"

Working experience

April 2010 – present, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Instituto de Investigaciones Filológicas, México, D.F.

Full Time Associate Research Professor (tenured and promoted in 2016)

August 2008 – December 2010, University at Buffalo, Department of Linguistics, Buffalo, NY
Research Assistant to Dr. Jürgen Bohnemeyer

August 2007 – May 2008, University at Buffalo, Department of Linguistics, Buffalo, NY
Research Assistant to Dr. Jeff Good

August 2006 – May 2007, University at Buffalo, Department of Linguistics, Buffalo, NY Research Assistant to Dr. Douglas Roland

October – December 2005, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, Richmond, WA
Science and Engineering Education Fellow

November 2002 – July 2003, USDA Farm Service Agency, Tucson, AZ
Lead Digitizer

January – October 2002, Department of Linguistics, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
Student Assistant

July 2001 – October 2002, Arizona State Museum, Tucson, AZ
Student assistant to AZSITE Cultural Resource Inventory Database

Research

Articles

In preparation

O'Meara, Carolyn, Jérémy Pasquereau and Debora Perales Morales. (Accepted). Evaluación preliminar de la vitalidad de la lengua cmiique iitom (seri). *Verbum Et Lingua*.

2021

Artin Arshamian, Tina Sundelin, Ewelina Wnuk, **Carolyn O'Meara**, Niclas Burenhult, Gabriela Garrido Rodriguez, Mats Lekander, Mats J. Olsson, Julie Lasselin, John Axelsson and Asifa Majid. Human sickness detection is not dependent on cultural experience. *Proceedings of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences* 288(1954): <https://doi.org/10.1098/rspb.2021.0922>

2020

O'Meara, Carolyn and Asifa Majid. Anger stinks in Seri: Olfactory metaphor in a lesser-described language. *Cognitive Linguistics* 31(3): 367-391.

O'Meara, Carolyn, Niclas Burenhult, Mikael Rothstein and Peter Sercombe. Representing space and place: hunter-gatherer perspectives. *Hunter Gatherer Research* 4(3): 287-309.

Pharao Hansen, Magnus and **Carolyn O'Meara**. Environmental adaptation in language: Spatial grammar, landscape knowledge and human survival. *Language Dynamics and Change* 10(2): 230-258.

van Putten, Saskia, **Carolyn O'Meara**, Flurina Wartmann, Joanne Yager, Julia Villette, Claudia Mazzuca, Claudia Bieling, Niclas Burenhult, Ross Purves, Asifa Majid. Conceptualisations of landscape differ across European languages. *PLoS ONE* 15(10): e0239858. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0239858>.

2019

O'Meara, Carolyn, Susan Smythe Kung, Asifa Majid. The challenge of olfactory ideophones: Reconsidering ineffability from the Totonac-Tepehua perspective. *International Journal of American Linguistics* 85(2): 173-212.

Morales, Jesús, Xavier Moreno Herrera and **Carolyn O'Meara**. Una historia acerca de Sloomxöla. *Tlalocan* XXIV: 325-361.

2016

O'Meara, Carolyn and Asifa Majid. How changing lifestyles impact Seri smellscapes and smell language. *Anthropological Linguistics* 58(2): 107-131.

Wilder, Benjamin T., **Carolyn O'Meara**, Laurie Monti and Gary Paul Nabhan. The Importance of Indigenous Knowledge in Curbing the Loss of Language and Biodiversity. *BioScience*.
<http://bioscience.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2016/03/21/biosci.biwo26.full>

2015

O'Meara, Carolyn and Lilián Guerrero. A typological comparison of Seri with nearby Southern Uto-Aztecan languages: The use of posture verbs in locative constructions. *Amerindia* 37(2): 285-312.

Wilder, Benjamin T. and **Carolyn O'Meara**. The continuum of desert research. *Journal of the Southwest*, Volume 57, Numbers 2 and 3: 163-186.

Jürgen Bohnemeyer, Katharine T. Donelson, Randi E. Tucker, Elena Benedicto, Alyson Eggleston, Gabriela Pérez Báez, Alejandra Capistrán Garza, Néstor Hernández Green, María de Jesús Selene Hernández Gómez, Samuel Herrera Castro, **Carolyn O'Meara**, Enrique Palancar, Gilles Polian, Rodrigo Romero Méndez. The contact diffusion of linguistic practices: Reference frames in Mesoamerica. *Language Dynamics and Change* 5: 169-201.

Martínez, Isabel and **Carolyn O'Meara**. Baskets of the Comcaac. Weaving memory and the future. *Voices of Mexico: The Splendor of Mexico* 100: 74-79.

2013

Wilder, Benjamin, **Carolyn O'Meara**, Nemer Narchi, Alfonso Medel Narváez, Octavio Aburto-Oropeza. Bridging a Divided Landscape: The Need For a Next Generation of Sonoran Desert Researchers. *Conservation Biology* 27(2): 243-245.

2012

Roland, Douglas, Gail Mauner, **Carolyn O'Meara** and Hongoak Yun. Discourse expectations and relative clause processing. *Journal of Memory and Language* 66(3): 479-508.

O'Meara, Carolyn. Donde fue tirado el pantalón y cómo se llega a esta bahía. *Tlalocan XVIII*: 125-140. México: Instituto de Investigaciones Filológicas, UNAM.

2011

O'Meara, Carolyn. Frames of reference in Seri. *Language Sciences*, 33(6), 1025-1046.

O'Meara, Carolyn and Gabriela Pérez Báez. Spatial frames of reference in Mesoamerican languages. *Language Sciences*, 33(6), 837-852.

O'Meara, Carolyn and Jürgen Bohnemeyer. Mass-count coercion with the Universal Sculptor in Seri. *University of British Columbia Working Papers in Linguistics: Proceedings of the 16th WSCLA*, 121-134.

2010

O'Meara, Carolyn and Jeffrey Good. Ethical issues in legacy language resources. *Language and Communication* 30(3), 162-170.

2008

O'Meara, Carolyn and Jürgen Bohnemeyer. Complex landscape terms in Seri. *Language Sciences* 30(2), 316-339.

Reviews

2016

O'Meara, Carolyn. Review of *Estudios de vitalidad lingüística en El Gran Nayar*, by Saúl Santos García *Estudios en Lingüística Aplicada* año 34, número 64: 257-260.

2015

O'Meara, Carolyn. Review of *Shells on a Desert Shore: Mollusks in the Seri World*, by Cathy Moser Marlett. *Journal of Anthropological Research* 71: 434-435.

2011

O'Meara, Carolyn. Reseña de *Muerte y vitalidad de las lenguas indígenas y las presiones sobre sus hablantes*, coordinado por Roland Terborg y Laura García Landa. *Estudios en Lingüística Aplicada* Año 29, Número 54, pp. 197-206.

Book chapters and conference proceedings

In preparation

O'Meara, Carolyn, Gabriela Pérez Báez, Alyson Eggleston and Jürgen Bohnemeyer. (In press). Space in languages of Mexico. In Søren Wichmann (ed.) *The Languages and Linguistics of Middle and Central America: A Comprehensive Guide. The World of Linguistics*. Mouton de Gruyter.

2021

O'Meara, Carolyn and Martina Henzi. Mapeando los lugares con los comcaac (seris). In Francisco Arellanes Arellanes, Lilián Guerrero (eds.) *Estudios lingüísticos y filológicos en lenguas indígenas mexicanas. Celebración por los 30 años del Seminario de Lenguas Indígenas*. México: Instituto de Investigaciones Filológicas, UNAM. Pp. 525-558.

2019

O'Meara, Carolyn, Laura Speed, Lila San Roque and Asifa Majid. Perception metaphors: A view from diversity. In Laura Speed, **Carolyn O'Meara,** Lila San Roque and Asifa Majid (eds.) *Perception Metaphors*. John Benjamins. Pp. 1-16

Cabredo Hofherr, Patricia, Jérémy Pasquereau and **Carolyn O'Meara.** Event plurality in Seri. In Kimberly Johnson y Alexander Göbel (eds.) *SULA 10: Proceedings of the Tenth Conference on the Semantics of Under-Represented Languages in the Americas*.

O'Meara, Carolyn and Gabriela Pérez Báez. Morphosyntactic strategies in spatial description. In Daniel Siddiqi, Michael Barrie, Jessica Coon, Carrie Gillon, Jason Haugen, Eric Mathieu (eds.) *Routledge Handbook of North American Languages*. Routledge. Pp. 149-166.

2017

O'Meara, Carolyn and Asifa Majid. El léxico olfativo en la lengua seri. In Ana Lidia M. Domínguez Ruiz and Antonio Ziri6n P6rez (eds.) *La dimensi6n sensorial de la cultura: Diez contribuciones al estudio de los sentidos en M6xico*. Universidad Aut6noma Metropolitana. pp. 101-118.

2016

O'Meara, Carolyn and Octavio Alonso González Guadarrama. Accessibility to results and primary data of research on indigenous languages of Mexico. In Gabriela PÁrez BÁez, Chris Rogers and Jorge Emilio RosÁl's Labrada (eds.) *Latin American Contexts for Language Documentation and Revitalization*. Mouton de Gruyter. pp. 59-80.

O'Meara, Carolyn. Physical and linguistic marking of the landscape - Are they connected? In William Lovis and Robert Whallon (eds.) *Marking the Land. Hunter-Gatherer Creation of Meaning in their Environment*. Routledge. pp. 133-151.

Wilder, Benjamin T., **Carolyn O'Meara**, Laurie Monti and Gary Paul Nabhan. Ethnoscience, the "oldest science": A needed complement to academic science and citizen science to stem the losses of biodiversity, indigenous languages, and livelihoods. In Gary Paul Nabhan (ed.) *Ethnobiology for the future: Linking cultural and ecological diversity*. Tucson: AZ: University of Arizona Press.

2015

O'Meara, Carolyn. Partes de objetos en seri: Forma contra función. In Isabel Barreras Aguilar and Gerardo López Cruz (eds.) *Investigaciones (Inter)disciplinarias en Lingüística. Estudios Lingüísticos 6*. Hermosillo: Universidad de Sonora. pp. 51-74.

2014

O'Meara, Carolyn. Verbos de movimiento en seri y la expresión de trayectoria. In Lilián Guerrero (ed.), *Verbos de movimiento en lenguas de América: Léxico, sintaxis y pragmática*. México: Instituto de Investigaciones Filológicas, UNAM. 207-236.

O'Meara, Carolyn. Entre lugares, estrellas y vientos: Descripciones de rutas y narraciones del paisaje en seri. In Mariana Masera (ed.), *Mapas del cielo y de la tierra. Espacio y territorio en la palabra oral*. México: Instituto de Investigaciones Filológicas, UNAM. 251-274.

Jürgen Bohnemeyer, Jesse Lovegren, Katharine T. Donelson, Elena Benedicto, Alyson Eggleston, Alejandra Capistrán Garza, Néstor Hernández Green, María de Jesús Selene Hernández Gómez, **Carolyn O'Meara**, Enrique Palancar, Gabriela Pérez Báez, Gilles Polian, Rodrigo Romero Méndez. The Cultural Transmission of Spatial Cognition: Evidence from a Large-scale Study. In *Proceedings of the 2014 Annual Meeting of Cognitive Science Society*. 212-217.

2012

Turk, Andrew, David M. Mark, **Carolyn O'Meara** and David Stea. Geography: Documenting terms for landscape features. In Nicholas Thieberger (ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of Linguistic Fieldwork*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. 368-391.

Bohnemeyer, Jürgen and **Carolyn O'Meara**. Vectors and frames of reference: Evidence from Seri and Yucatec. In Katarzyna M. Jaszczolt and L. Filipovic (eds.), *Space and time across languages, disciplines and cultures II: Language, Culture and Cognition*. John Benjamins. 217-249.

Jürgen Bohnemeyer, Elena Benedicto, Alejandra Capistrán Garza, Katharine T. Donelson, Alyson Eggleston, Néstor Hernández Green, María de Jesús Selene Hernández Gómez, Jesse S. Lovegren, **Carolyn O'Meara**, Enrique Palancar, Gabriela Pérez Báez, Gilles Polian, Rodrigo Romero Méndez, Randi E. Tucker. Marcos de referencia en lenguas mesoamericanas: un análisis multivariante tipológico. In *Proceedings of the Conference on Indigenous Languages of Latin America V*.

2011

O'Meara, Carolyn. The locative definite article *hac* in Seri. In Ana Lidia Munguía Duarte (ed.), *Fonología, morfología y tipología semántico-sintáctica. Estudios Lingüísticos 1*. Hermosillo: Universidad de Sonora. 195-211.

2008

O'Meara, Carolyn. Basic locative construction in Seri. In Rosa María Ortiz Ciscomani (ed.), *Memorias del IX Encuentro Internacional de Lingüística en el Noroeste*. Hermosillo: Universidad de Sonora. 251-284.

Books

In preparation

O'Meara, Carolyn. (*in press*) Clasificación del paisaje y referencia espacial en *cmiique iitom* (seri). Instituto de Investigaciones Filológicas, UNAM.

Published

2019

Speed, Laura, **Carolyn O'Meara**, Lila San Roque and Asifa Majid (eds.) *Perception Metaphors*. John Benjamins.

2015

O'Meara, Carolyn (compiler). *Comcaac coi ziix quih iti cöipactoj xah, ziix quih ocoaaj xah Hai quih pti immistaj coi iicp hac*. Instituto de Investigaciones Filológicas, UNAM. [Compilation of texts in Seri with an introduction written in Spanish]

Didactic material

Published

2015

O'Meara, Carolyn (compiler). *¿He zó hai ya? [¿Cuál viento soy yo?, a series of wind riddles featuring the winds that blow in the Seri territory]*

Edited issues

In preparation

O'Meara, Carolyn and Karen Dakin. *Tlalocan XXVII*.

2021

O'Meara, Carolyn and Mercedes Montes de Oca. *Tlalocan XXVI*.

2020

O'Meara, Carolyn and Hiroto Uchihara. *Tlalocan XXV*.

O'Meara, Carolyn, Niclas Burenhult, Peter Sercombe and Mikael Rothstein. *Hunter Gatherer Research "Hunter-gatherer representation of space and place"*.

2016

Mercedes Montes de Oca and **O'Meara, Carolyn** (eds.) *Tlalocan XXI*.

2015

O'Meara, Carolyn and Benjamin T. Wilder (eds.) Seeds in the Sand: Emerging approaches to understanding the Sonoran Desert and Gulf of California. *Journal of the Southwest* Volume 57, Numbers 2 and 3.

O'Meara, Carolyn and Ascensión Hernández (eds.) *Tlalocan XX*.

2011

O'Meara, Carolyn and Gabriela Pérez Báez (eds.) Frames of reference in Mesoamerican Languages. *Language Sciences* 33(6).

Conferences

2021

Exploring the functions of place names in some Seri (Cmiique Iitom) texts. Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Indigenous Languages of the Americas. Online, January 8th.

Nominal possessors and verbal plurality in Seri. Pre-conference workshop on "Number categories", *Vielfaltslinguistik IV*. Online, June 3, 2021, (Jérémy Pasquereau, Carolyn O'Meara and Matthew Baerman).

Scalar cross-domain plurality in Seri is recursive plurality. The 5th American International Morphology Meeting. Online, August 26, 2021, (Jérémy Pasquereau, Matthew Baerman and Carolyn O'Meara).

2020

Morphosemantics of plural marking in Seri verbs and nouns: Linguistic and methodological complexities. Invited plenary talk at SULA 11 (Semantics of Under-Represented Languages in the Americas). August 7th. (Based on work with Matthew Baerman, Patricia Cabredo Hofherr and Jeremy Pasquereau).

2019

Number marking and agreement in Seri sentences: Plurality mismatches. Annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America/Society for the Study of Indigenous Languages of the Americas. New York City, NY, January, (co-authored with Stephen A. Marlett).

2018

Event plurality in Seri (Cmiique Iitom, isolate, Sonora, Mexico). *Semantics of Under-Represented Languages in the Americas* 10, Toronto May, (co-authored with Patricia Cabredo-Hofherr and Jeremy Pasquereau).

Marcación de pluralidad de eventos en la morfología verbal del seri. XII Coloquio de Lingüística de la ENAH, April, (co-authored with Patricia Cabredo-Hofherr and Jeremy Pasquereau).

Comcaac mobility, navigation and spatial reference – going seaward or desertward. Twelfth International Conference on Hunting and Gathering Societies (CHAGS XII). Penang, Malaysia, July.

Súbete al barco de la transdisciplinaridad! Coloquio de Doctorandos en el Posgrado en Estudios Mesoamericanos, UNAM, October.

Un corpus (histórico) de textos orales en la lengua seri: Retos y oportunidades. Invited talk at the Centro de Estudios Antropológicos, Facultad de Ciencias Políticas y Sociales, UNAM, October.

Valency alternations and verbal number marking in Seri. XV Encuentro Internacional de Lingüística en el Noroeste de México. Hermosillo, México, November, (co-authored with Matthew Baerman and Jérémy Pasquereau).

2017

When to use which spatial frame of reference: Landmark-based systems in Seri. Invited talk at the Language and Space Colloquium. University of Zürich, Switzerland, May.

Seri odor awareness and changing smellscape. Human olfaction at the intersection of language, culture and biology. Netherlands, June, (co-authored with Asifa Majid).

Smell and taste terms in Huehuetla Tepehua. Human olfaction at the intersection of language, culture and biology. Netherlands, June, (co-authored with Susan Smythe Kung and Asifa Majid).

2016

Vadeando la costa: Encuentros y desencuentros entre la lingüística y la antropología con los Comcaac. VII Coloquio Manrique. Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia, México, August, (co-authored with Rodrigo Rentería Valencia).

Cláusulas encadenadas y repetición de raíces verbales en límites oracionales en la lengua seri. XI Coloquio de Lingüística de la ENAH. Mexico City, April.

Giant places: Approaching landscape history among the Seri. Presented at the workshop: Interdisciplinary approaches to landscape representation: Bridging the gap. Amsterdam, The Netherlands, February.

2015

Exploring formats and review practices of text material stemming from documentation projects. International Conference on Language Documentation and Conservation 4, Honolulu, Hawai'i, February (with Rodrigo Romero Méndez).

Seri smell verbs in the 21st century. 13th International Cognitive Linguistics Conference, Newcastle, England, July.

Odiferous affect roots in Huehuetla Tepehua. 13th International Cognitive Linguistics Conference, Newcastle, England, July (with Susan Smythe Kung).

Verbos olfativos en seri. Congreso Nacional de Lingüística XIII, AMLA. Tuxtla Gutiérrez, Chiapas. October.

2014

Physical and linguistic marking of the landscape - Are they connected? Annual conference of the Society for American Archaeology. Special session: Marking the Land. Hunter-Gatherer Creation of Meaning in their Environment. Austin, Texas, April 23-27.

Un primer acercamiento a conectores discursivos en seri. XIII Encuentro Internacional de Lingüística en el Noroeste de México. Hermosillo, Sonora, noviembre.

Análisis preliminar de los términos de partes del cuerpo en triqui de Chichahuaxtla. XIII Encuentro Internacional de Lingüística en el Noroeste de México. Hermosillo, Sonora, November (with Fidel Hernández Mendoza).

2013

¿Existe una distinción entre sustantivos contables y no contables en seri? XII Congreso Nacional de Lingüística. Universidad Autónoma de Querétaro, México. October 9-12.

The grammatical status of meronyms in Seri. Meronymy across languages: Lexicalization, semantics, morphosyntax. Instituto de Investigaciones Antropológicas, UNAM, Mexico. September 27-28.

Los saludos en el triqui de Chicahuaxtla. Segundo Coloquio de Antropología Lingüística en México: Diversidad y Relatividad Lingüística y Cultural, INAH, México, DF, August 21 (with Fidel Hernández Mendoza).

The olfactory lexicon in Seri: What does it mean for your spirit to smell? 10th Conference on Hunting and Gathering Societies, Liverpool, England, June 26.

El lingüista como expedicionario. The Clipperton Project: Capítulo Uno. Museo Diego Rivera Anahuacalli, México, DF, March 2.

Accessibility to results and primary data of research on indigenous languages of Mexico. Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Indigenous Languages of the Americas, Boston, Massachusetts, January (with Octavio Alonso González Guadarrama).

Bohnenmeyer, Jürgen, Jesse Lovegren, Katharine T. Donelson, Elena Benedicto, Alyson Eggleston, Alejandra Capistrán Garza, Néstor Hernández Green, María de Jesús Selene Hernández Gómez, **Carolyn O'Meara**, Enrique Palancar, Gabriela Pérez Báez, Gilles Polian, Rodrigo Romero Méndez. Reference frames in Mesoamerica: linguistic and nonlinguistic factors. Annual Meeting for the Linguistic Society of America, Boston, MA, January.

2012

Accesibilidad a resultados y datos primarios de investigación de lenguas indígenas. XII Encuentro Internacional de Lingüística del Noroeste, Universidad de Sonora, Hermosillo, Sonora, November 14-16 (with Octavio Alonso González Guadarrama).

Conocimiento ecológico y lenguaje: El caso de los Seris. V Coloquio Leonardo Manrique, INAH, Distrito Federal, Mexico, August (with Nemer Narchi).

La expresión de descripciones locativas en seri y lenguas yutoaztecas sonorenses. Friends of Uto-Aztecan languages, Cholula, Puebla, August (with Lilián Guerrero).

Clasificación del paisaje en topónimos seris. IX Coloquio de Lingüística en la ENAH, Distrito Federal, México, April 27.

Relationships Among Culture, Generic Landscape Terms, and Toponyms. Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, New York, NY, February 24-28 (with David M. Mark, Andrew G. Turk, Niclas Burenhult and David Stea).

2011

Mass-count coercion with the Universal Sculptor in Seri. 16th Workshop on the Structure and Constituency of Languages of the Americas, Amherst, Massachusetts, February 11-13.

Expression of path in Seri motion event descriptions. 4th International Conference of the French Cognitive Linguistics Association (AFLiCo) 'Cognitive linguistics and typology: Language diversity, variation and change', Lyon, France, May 24-27.

El dominio del paisaje en seri. XI Congreso Nacional de Lingüística, Chetumal, Quintana Roo, November 8-11.

Rasgos estructurales en topónimos seris: Un análisis preliminar. Jornadas Filológicas, UNAM, November 18.

2010

Frames of reference in Seri, revisited. Annual Meeting for the Society for the Study of Indigenous Languages of the Americas, Baltimore, Maryland, January 7-10.

Complex nominal expressions in Seri – Examples from the landscape domain. Linguistics Colloquium at the University of Arizona, February 12.

Vectors and frames of reference: Evidence from Seri and Yucatec. STALDAC 2010: Space and Time Across Languages, Disciplines and Culture. April 9 (with Jürgen Bohnemeyer).

Seri people and their language – Sea turtle hunters and desert foragers of Sonora, Mexico and Toponyms and posture-based determiners in Seri. Hunter-gatherers and semantic categories: An interdisciplinary workshop on theory, method and documentation, Neuwied, Germany, June 2-3.

Compartición y distribución de recursos en una comunidad seri: Ventajas ecológicas y económicas. IV Coloquio Leonardo Manrique, Museo Nacional de Antropología, August 18 (with Nemer Narchi).

El dominio del paisaje en seri. Primer Coloquio de Antropología Lingüística en México, Museo Nacional de Antropología, September 8.

Partes de objetos en seri. Jornadas Filológicas, UNAM, November 12.

Partes de objetos en seri: Forma contra función. XI Encuentro Internacional de Lingüística en el Noroeste, Sonora, México, November 19.

2009

The semantics of Seri ground phrases. Annual Meeting for the Society for the Study of Indigenous Languages of the Americas, San Francisco, California, January 8-11.

Documenting the Landscape (Geographic) Domain in Anthropological Linguistic Fieldwork. First International Conference on Language Documentation and Conservation, March 12-14 (with David M. Mark, Andrew Turk and David Stea).

Landscape terms in Seri: What's so complex about them? Invited talk, Linguistics Colloquium at Williams College, April 21.

The grammar of parts, places, and paths in the languages of Mexico. Semantics of Under-represented Languages of the America V, MIT, May 15-17 (with Jürgen Bohnemeyer, Rodrigo Romero Méndez and Gabriela Pérez Báez).

2008

Linguistic frames of reference in Seri. Annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Indigenous Languages of the Americas, Chicago, Illinois, January 3-6.

The Seri landscape domain and beyond. Ponencia al grupo "Categories and concepts across language and cognition" Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics, Nijmegen, Netherlands, March 6.

Discourse and object relative clauses: The effect of topic versus mention. CUNY 2008 Conference on Human Sentence Processing, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, March 13-15 (with Douglas Roland, Hongoak Yun and Gail Mauner).

Seri landscape categories. The Landscape in Language Workshop, Albuquerque, New Mexico, October 27– November 1.

The locative definite article *hac* in Seri. X Encuentro Internacional de Lingüística en el Noroeste, Hermosillo, Sonora, México, November 12-15.

2007

Processing object relative clauses: Discourse or frequency? CUNY Sentence Processing Conference, San Diego, California, March 29-31 (poster with Douglas Roland, Hongoak Yun and Gail Mauner).

Discourse context and English relative clauses. International Conference on Processing Head-final Structures, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, New York, September 21-22 (with Douglas Roland, Hongoak Yun and Gail Mauner).

2006

Complex landscape terms in Seri. University at Buffalo Center for Cognitive Science Colloquium, Buffalo, New York, February 22.

Basic locative construction in Seri. IX Encuentro Internacional de Lingüística en el Noroeste, Hermosillo, México, November 17.

2005

An overview of the Comcáac (Seri) landscape domain. Niagara Linguistic Society Conference, Buffalo, New York, September 30.

2000

Negation as a parameter for prototypical transitivity. Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, Lexington, Kentucky, April 27-29 (with Carlee Arnett).

Organization of academic events

Co-organizer of workshop "Next Generation Sonoran Desert Researchers" (with Benjamin T. Wilder, Alfonso Medel Narváez and Nemer E. Narchi), 18-20 of April 2012, Tucson, Arizona, with support from UC Mexus, Arizona Sonora Desert Museum, Southwest Center at the University of Arizona.

Co-organizer of the workshop "Meronimia a través de las lenguas: lexicalización, semántica y morfosintaxis", 27-28 September, 2013 in the Instituto de Investigaciones Antropológicas, UNAM, with support from Instituto de Investigaciones Filológicas UNAM, the UAM-Iztapalapa and the National Science Foundation.

Co-organizer XII Congreso Nacional de Lingüística, 9-12 of October, 2013 at the Universidad Autónoma de Querétaro.

Co-organizer Syntax of the World's Languages VII, 17-19 of August, 2016 at the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico City.

Co-organizer of the workshop "Perception Metaphor Workshop" (con Asifa Majid, Laura Speed and Lila San Roque), 12-13 of October, 2016 in Nijmegen, Netherlands, with support from NWO The Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research and the Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics.

Co-organizer of the conference "Human olfaction at the intersection of language, culture and biology" (with Asifa Majid, Laura Speed, Ewelina Wnuk, Ilja Croijmans), 22-23 of June, 2017 in Nijmegen, Netherlands, with support from NWO The Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research and the Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics.

Co-organizer of the event "Diálogo para el fortalecimiento de proyectos lingüísticos en pueblos originarios de México", 8 of October, 2019 in the Instituto de Investigaciones Filológicas, UNAM.

Co-organizer of the colloquium "Pluralidad nominal y verbal en las lenguas de las Américas", 9 of October, 2019 in the Instituto de Investigaciones Filológicas, UNAM.

Teaching

2021

Elective course Etnolingüística in the Licenciatura en Antropología, FCPyS UNAM (64 hrs, 2021-2)
Cátedra Extraordinaria Maestros del Exilio Español, Temas actuales en el estudio del lenguaje, FFyL UNAM (with Dr. Cecilia Rojas Nieto and Dr. Carmen Curcó Cobos) (32 hrs, 2021-2)
Marine Studies II: Cultural Geography, Prescott College (Kino Bay field station), October-November 2021.

2020

Elective course Etnolingüística in the Licenciatura en Antropología, FCPyS UNAM (64 hrs, 2020-2)

2019

Elective course Etnolingüística in the Licenciatura en Antropología, FCPyS UNAM (64 hrs, 2019-2)

2018

Materia para la graduación for the Posgrado en Estudios Mesoamericanos (32 hrs, 2018-2)
Elective course for the Posgrado en Lingüística, UNAM: Complejidad Lingüística (64 hrs, 2018-2, with Dr. Hiroto Uchihara)

2017

Elective course in the Posgrado de Estudios Mesoamericanos, UNAM: Lenguaje y Paisaje (64 hrs, 2018-1)

2016

Course for the Institute of Collaborative Language Research (CoLang 2016), University of Alaska, Fairbanks: Documenting the language of landscape (with Dr. Gary Holton)

2015

Seminar in the Graduate program in Mesoamerican Studies, UNAM: Lingüística para Mesoamericanistas I (64 hrs, 2014-2)
Seminar in the Graduate program in Mesoamerican Studies, UNAM: Lenguaje y Paisaje (32 hrs, 2015-2)

2014

Seminar in the Graduate program in Mesoamerican Studies, UNAM: Lingüística para Mesoamericanistas I (64 hrs, 2014-2)
Seminar in the Graduate program in Mesoamerican Studies, UNAM: Lingüística para Mesoamericanistas II (64 hrs, 2015-1)

2013

Seminar in the Graduate program in Mesoamerican Studies, UNAM: Lingüística para Mesoamericanistas I (64 hrs, 2014-1)

2012

Seminar in the Graduate program in Mesoamerican Studies, UNAM: Lingüística para Mesoamericanistas II (64 hrs, 2012-2)

Invited course in the Master's in Linguistics Program at the Universidad de Sonora: Tipología Semántica (20 hrs)

Seminar in the Graduate program in Mesoamerican Studies, UNAM: Lingüística para Mesoamericanistas I (64 hrs, 2013-1)

2011

Seminar in the Graduate program in Mesoamerican Studies, UNAM: Lingüística para Mesoamericanistas I (64 hrs, 2011-2)

Seminar in the Graduate program in Mesoamerican Studies, UNAM: Lingüística para Mesoamericanistas I (64 hrs, 2012-1)

Seminar in the Graduate program in Language Sciences, ENAH: Métodos de Trabajo de Campo para Lingüistas (64 hrs, 2012-1)

2008

Department of Linguistics, University at Buffalo: Languages of the World (36 hrs, 2008-verano)

2006

Department of Linguistics, University at Buffalo: German 102 (80 hrs, 2006-1)

2005

Department of Linguistics, University at Buffalo: German 101 (80 hrs, 2005-1)

Department of Linguistics, University at Buffalo: German 101 (80 hrs, 2005-2)

2004

Department of Linguistics, University at Buffalo: German 101 (80 hrs, 2004-1)

Department of Linguistics, University at Buffalo: German 102 (80 hrs, 2004-2)

2003

Department of Linguistics, University at Buffalo: German 101 (80 hrs, 2003-2)

Student advising and external reader

Students under my supervision

Guillermo Hernández Santana. August 18, 2015. "Un primer paso al estudio del conocimiento que encierra el calendario tradicional de los comcaac (seri) desde una metodología lingüística", Master's in Mesoamerican Studies, UNAM.

Fidel Hernández Mendoza. June 7, 2017. "Tono y fonología segmental en el triqui de Chicahuaxtla", Doctorado en Estudios Mesoamericanos, UNAM (co-advised with Francisco Arellanes Arellanes).

Omar Daniel Martínez Torres. February 1, 2019. "Construcciones perifrásticas con andar + verbo estativo, un estudio de corpus". Maestría en Lingüística Hispánica, UNAM.

Guillermo Hernández Santana. September 14, 2021. "Compartición de recursos entre los comcaac". Doctorado en Antropología, UNAM.

Claudia Mendoza. October 1, 2021. "La codificación de género a través de los recursos lingüísticos en el stand-up mexicano. Un estudio de caso" Maestría en Lingüística Hispánica, UNAM.

Isabel Lizárraga Saldívar ““Esqius mi. Me pegaste”: Ideologías lingüísticas y actitudes que subyacen al uso de préstamos del inglés en hispanohablantes en México”. Maestría en Lingüística Hispánica, UNAM. Began studies in the semester 2018-1.

Student advising as part of doctoral committees

Víctor Germán Mijangos de la Cruz. January 21, 2021. “Análisis de la complejidad de la palabra verbal en otomí de Toluca y español a partir de una perspectiva basada en palabras”. Doctorado en Lingüística, UNAM. (Part of PhD committee)

Lorena Ildelfonsa Pool Balam. “Directivos en maya yucateco y en la lengua de señas maya yucateca. Un enfoque comparativo y conversacional”. PhD in Linguistics, UNAM. Began in 2015-2. (Part of PhD committee)

External reader

Grecia Estefania Castillo Gil, May 12, 2021. Master’s thesis in Estudios Mesoamericanos, Posgrado en Estudios Mesoamericanos, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, “Evidencialidad en o’dam”.

Cristal Martínez Hernández. January 27, 2019. Master’s thesis in Estudios Mesoamericanos, Posgrado en Estudios Mesoamericanos, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, “El Xitá”.

Martina Henzi. May 2017. Master’s thesis. Geography Department, University of Zürich, Switzerland, “Mapping and GIS analysis of place names along the Sonora coast in Mexico”.

Alejandro Curiel Ramírez Prado. May 11, 2016. PhD thesis in Estudios Mesoamericanos, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, “Estructura narrativa y evidencialidad en tojolobal”.

Laura Rodríguez Cano, PhD thesis in Mesoamerican Studies, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, “Los topónimos de la Mixteca Baja. Análisis de sus componentes en las representaciones en piedra, mapas, lienzos y códices”. March 1, 2016.

Alfonso Vite Hernández, Master’s thesis in Mesoamerican Studies, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, “Entre la mesa y los siete cerros. Historia y paisaje ritual de los nahuas de Huautla, Hidalgo”. February 29, 2016.

Konrad Rybka, PhD thesis in Linguistics, University of Amsterdam, “The Linguistic Encoding of Landscape in Lokono”. February 26, 2016.

Fidel Hernández Mendoza, Candidacy Exam for PhD in Mesoamerican Studies, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, “La lengua trique contacto, conflicto y resistencia lingüística”, (co-advising with Francisco Arellanes Arellanes). October 19, 2015.

Alejandro Curiel Ramírez Prado, Candidacy Exam for PhD in Mesoamerican Studies, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, “Estructura narrativa y evidencialidad en tojolobal”. October 14, 2015.

Georgete Aimmé López Corona, Candidacy Exam for PhD in Graduate Program in Linguistics, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, “Las clases de logro y realización en el zapoteco de San Pablo Güilá”. May 4, 2015.

Laura Rodríguez Cano, Candidacy Exam for PhD in Mesoamerican Studies, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, “Los topónimos de la Mixteca Baja. Análisis de sus componentes en las representaciones en piedra, mapas, lienzos y códices”. February 10, 2015.

Margarita Cossich Vielman, Master’s thesis in Mesoamerican Studies, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, “El sistema de escritura jeroglífico náhuatl: Análisis epigráfico de los onomásticos de cinco documentos del siglo XVI de Tepetlaoztoc”. October 2, 2014.

Ernesto Cortés Teherán, Master’s in Hispanic Linguistics, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, “Expresión de los componentes del evento de movimiento en español y francés”. June 11, 2014.

Niurka Isabel Passalacqua Olivera, Candidacy Exam for PhD in Graduate Program in Linguistics, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, "El estado actual del uso del ñhañhú en Guerrero, estado de Hidalgo". January 27, 2014.

Angelina Vásquez Gómez, Bachelor's degree in Linguistics, Escuela Nacional de Antropología e Historia, "Un primer acercamiento al proceso de composición nominal en cuatro lenguas mexicanas". September 13 2012.

Stimulus programs

Sistema Nacional de Investigadores (SNI), Level 1, 2016-present.

Beca del Programa de Primas al Desempeño del Personal Académico de Tiempo Completo (PRIDE), Level "C" 2016- present, level "B", 2011-2015.

Beca del Programa del Apoyo a la Incorporación de Personal Académico de Tiempo Completo (PAIPA), Level "A", 2010.

Beca del Programa de Estímulos de Iniciación a la Investigación (PEII), Level "A", 2010.

Funding and Awards

Member of research project, "Do we humans adapt our grammar to the landscape we live in? A study of environmental adaptation in the Nahuatl language of Mexico", Independent Research Fund Denmark, 2018-2021 (PI: Magnus Pharao Hansen).

Member of research project, 'Seri verbs: multiple complexities?', Arts and Humanities Research Council, UK, University of Surrey. June 2017 - June 2020 (PI: Matthew Baerman, Co-PI: Patricia Cabredo Hofherr, Postdoc: Jérémy Pasquereau).

Director of research project, "Documenting Giant Legends of the Seri", Jacobs Research Fund (\$3,587 USD). May 2016 - May 2017 (in collaboration with David Burckhalter).

Director of research project, "El léxico nominal en seri", Part of the Programa de Apoyo a Proyectos de Investigación e Innovación Tecnológica (PAPIIT), UNAM. January 2013 - January 2015.

Member of research project, National Science Foundation Award: "Spatial language and cognition beyond Mesoamerica." Award No. BCS-1053123; June 1, 2011-November 30, 2014 (PI: Dr. Jürgen Bohnemeyer).

Mellon THATCamp Fellowship, 2011 (\$500 USD).

Scholarship to attend Vespucci Institute, Buffalo IGERT Program in GIS, 2009.

University at Buffalo, College of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Fellowship, 2008 (\$4000 USD).

Travel Award, Society for the Study of Indigenous Languages of the Americas, 2008 (\$300 USD).

Member of research project, National Science Foundation Award: "Spatial language and cognition in Mesoamerica." Award No. BCS-0723694; November 1, 2007 - April 30, 2011 (PI: Dr. Jürgen Bohnemeyer).

Director of research project, National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Award: "Seri (SEI) Landscape Classification and Spatial Reference." Award No. BCS-0553965 (\$11,702 USD); June 2006 - May 2008 (with Dr. Jürgen Bohnemeyer).

Honorary mention, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program, 2005.

Oskar Grunow Exchange Scholarship, Justus-Liebig Universität, Germany, 2000–2001.

Delta Phi Alpha National Honorary German Fraternity inductee, 1999.

Dean's List, University of Arizona 1998–2002.

University of Arizona Honor's Society, 1998–2002.

Presidential Award of Excellence, University of Arizona, 1998–2002.

Provost Scholarship, University of Arizona, 1998–2002.

Congress-Bundestag Exchange Scholarship, Germany, 1997–1998.

Academic Service

2021-present, member of the advisory committee of the Biblioteca Indomexicana, UNAM.

2020-present, representative of the Internal Board of the IIFL, UNAM in the Internal Committee on Gender Equality.

2020-present, Advisory for the Programa de Colaboración con Comunidades Indígenas, Prescott College Kino Bay Center for Cultural and Ecological Studies.

2020-2021, co-convener of the Advisory Circle of the Institute on Collaborative Language Research (CoLang).

2019-present, director of the journal *Tlalocan*.

2019-present, editorial advisor, Journal of the Southwest, University of Arizona.

2019-present, member of the Internal Board of the Instituto de Investigaciones Filológicas, UNAM.

2016-2020, member of the Advisory Circle del Institute on Collaborative Language Research (CoLang).

2013-2019, Executive Committee Member and co-founder of the Research Network Next Generation of Sonoran Desert Researchers (N-Gen).

2011-2016, Member of the academic committee of the Graduate program in Mesoamerican Studies, UNAM.

2011-2015, Member of the board, Asociación Mexicana de Lingüística Aplicada.

Abril 2005, co-organizer of the conference Semantics of Under-represented Languages in the Americas (SULA) 3 en Buffalo, New York, USA.

2004–2005, president of the student group: Graduate Linguistic Association, University at Buffalo, USA.

February 1999–February 2000, selection committee of the Congress/Bundestag scholarship.