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POSITIONS HELD

- 1985- Associate Professor of Linguistics, Department of English, University of South Carolina
- 1986-87 Visiting Professor, Department of Linguistics, University College, Dublin
- 1979-85 Assistant Professor of Linguistics, Department of English, University of South Carolina
- 1979 Instructor in English as a Second Language, Evans Community Adult School, Los Angeles

EDUCATION

- 1977 Ph.D., UCLA, Indo-European Linguistics
Dissertation: The syntax of the Indo-European infinitive: evidence from Indo-Iranian, Celtic, and Hittite (Director: Patrick K. Ford; Readers: Sandra A. Thompson, Jaan Puhvel, Alan Timberlake)
Minor fields: Old World archeology and prehistory; Indo-European comparative literatures and mythology
- 1969 Celtic Studies Summer School, Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies
- 1968 B.A., UCLA, Indo-European Studies

SCHOLARSHIP

P U B L I C A T I O N S

BOOKS

The syntactic development of the infinitive in Indo-European. Columbus, Ohio: Slavica Press. 220 pages (1980).

Studies in honor of Jaan Puhvel, Part I: Ancient languages and philology, edited with Martin Huld and John Greppin. Washington D.C: Institute for the Study of Man. (Indo-European Studies Monograph, vol. 20) 250 pages. (1997)

Advanced grammar: A manual for students. New Jersey: Prentice-Hall. 480 pages (2003).

ARTICLES (refereed)

‘Subjunctive for indicative’ in Avestan, *Zeitschrift für vergleichende Sprachforschung* 93.25-30 (1979).

Remarks on the history of the Indo-European infinitive, *Folia linguistica historica* 2.3-34 (1981).

The Indo-Iranian predicate infinitive, *Zeitschrift für vergleichende Sprachforschung* 95.110-21 (1981).

Non-final verbs in Hittite, *Zeitschrift für vergleichende Sprachforschung* 97.221-7 (1984).

Purpose and consecutive in Irish, *Ériu* 36.107-23 (1985).

The structure and diachrony of consecutives, *Diachronica* 3.1-14 (1986).

The role of adaptive rules in language change, *Diachronica* 7:181-98 (1990).

BOOK CHAPTERS

The voice of the infinitive in the RigVeda, *Proceeding of the Second International Conference Historical Linguistics*, ed. by W. Christie, 105-25. Amsterdam: North Holland (1976).

Subject raising in Old Irish, *Papers from the Fifth International Conference on Historical Linguistics*, ed. by A. Ahlqvist, 44-53. Amsterdam: Benjamins (1982).

Irish complementation: a case study in two types of syntactic change, *Historical syntax*, ed. by J. Fisiak, 89-106. Berlin: Mouton (1984).

Consecutives and serials in Indo-European, *Linguistics across historical and geographical boundaries*. In honour of Jacek Fisiak, ed. by A. Szwedek and D. Kastovsky, 293-300. Berlin: Mouton (1986).

The diachronic relationship of morphology and syntax, *Papers from the VIIth International Conference on Historical Linguistics*, ed. by A. Giacalone Ramat, O. Carruba and G. Bernini, 211-20. Amsterdam: Benjamins (1987).

Parameter resetting, *Historical linguistics 1991*, ed. by Jaap van Marle, 87-97. Amsterdam and Philadelphia: John Benjamins (1993).

Subordination (with Carlotta Viti), *A companion to historical linguistics*, edited by Silvia Luraghi and Vit Bubenik. London/New York Continuum (to appear, 2010).

INVITED PAPERS

Women in linguistics: recent trends, *The Cornell lectures: women in the linguistics profession*, ed. by Alice Davison and Penelope Eckert, 89-110. Washington, D.C.: The Linguistic Society of America (1990).

Syntactic innovation in Early Irish. *Dán do oide. Essays in memory of Conn R. Ó Cléirigh 1927-1995*, ed. by Anders Ahlqvist and Véra Čapková, p. 123-33. Dublin: Institiúid Teangeolaíochta Éireann (1997).

The evolution of Indo-European infinitives. *Studies in honor of Jaan Puhvel, Part I: Ancient languages and philology*, ed. by Dorothy Disterheft, Martin Huld, and John Greppin, 101-22. Washington D.C: Institute for the Study of Man. (Indo-European Studies Monograph, volume 20) (1997).

Irish evidence for Indo-European royal consecration. *Studies in honor of Jaan Puhvel, Part II: Comparative religion and mythology*, ed. by Edgar Polomé and John Greppin, 105-20. Washington D.C: Institute for the Study of Man. (Indo-European Studies Monograph, vol. 21) (1997).

REVIEWS

Jared S. Klein, *The particle *u* in the Rigveda: a synchronic and diachronic study* (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck und Ruprecht, 1978), *Language* 56.222-3 (1980).

H.S. Ananthanarayana, *A syntactic study of Old Aryan* (Hyderabad: Osmania University, 1979), *Language* 57.491-492 (1981).

M. Deshpande, *Evolution of syntactic theory in Sanskrit grammar* (Ann Arbor, Michigan: Karoma Press, 1980), *Language* 57.492-3 (1981).

W. Lehmann and Y. Malkiel, eds. *Perspectives on historical linguistics* (Amsterdam: Benjamins, 1982), *Romance philology* 41.179-86 (1987).

René Appel and Pieter Muysken, *Language contact and bilingualism* (London: Edward Arnold, 1987), *Journal of pidgin and creole languages* 6.306-10 (1991).

John Hewson and Vit Bubenik. *From case to adposition: the development of configurational syntax in Indo-European languages*. (Amsterdam and New York: John Benjamins, 2006), *Language* (to appear, 2010).

P A P E R S R E A D

1976 The voice of the infinitive in the Rig-Veda, II. International Conference on Historical Linguistics, Tucson

1977 Indeterminacy in Indo-European non-finite complementation, Linguistics Dept, University of California, Berkeley

1978 The development of Indo-European infinitives, Linguistics Dept, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

On the spread of dative infinitives in Indo-European, LSA Annual Meeting, Boston

1979 Syntactic universals of infinitives, Linguistics Program, University of California, Davis
Clause union in Old Irish, LSA Annual Meeting, Los Angeles

1980 Towards a syntactic definition of infinitives, Linguistics Colloquium, University of South Carolina

1981 Irish complementation: a case study in two types of syntactic change, International Conference on Historical Syntax, Poznan, Poland

Remarks on subject raising in Old and Middle Irish, V. International Conference on Historical Linguistics, Galway, Ireland

1984 The Táin Bó Cúailnge: an Indo-European rite of royal consecration, Sixth Annual Celtic Studies Conference, University of California, Los Angeles

On the relationship of linguistics and philology, Indo-European Studies Colloquium, University of California, Los Angeles

- On the diachrony of consecutives, Linguistics Colloquium, University of South Carolina
- The structure of consecutives and serials, LSA Annual Meeting, Baltimore
- 1985 The diachronic relationship of syntax and morphology, VII. International Conference on Historical Linguistics, Pavia
- Diachronic syntax, synchronic morphology, LSA Annual Meeting, Seattle
- 1986-7 Early Irish diachronic syntax, 12 lectures delivered to the Early Irish Seminar, University College Dublin, on research produced under auspices of Fulbright Research/Lecturing Award
- 1987 Sentential subjects and objects in Early Irish, University College, Galway
- Abduction, teleology, and the Transparency Principle, VIII. International Conference on Historical Linguistics, Lille
- Explaining language change, Linguistics Colloquium, University of South Carolina
- 1988 Syntactic innovation and syntactic history, Georgetown University Roundtable on Linguistics, Washington, D.C.
- The morphology and syntax of Early Irish infinitival complements, Symposium on Typology and Universals, Southeastern Conference on Linguistics, Memphis
- More verbal characteristics of the verbal noun, Celtic Studies Association of North America annual meeting, Los Angeles
- Gaining transitivity: a major mechanism of syntactic change, Linguistics Colloquium, University of South Carolina
- Panel: Getting tenure, for annual meeting of the Committee on the Status of Women in Linguistics, LSA Annual Meeting, New Orleans (organizer and moderator of panel)
- 1989 Where we stand today, Conference on the Status of Women in Linguistics, Cornell University
- Changing transitivity, IX. International Conference on Historical Linguistics, Rutgers University
- The transition problem, catastrophic change, and adaptive rules, LSA Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.

- 1990 On the non-disruptive nature of language change, 19th Annual Linguistics Symposium, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
- Word order change in Celtic, Celtic Studies Assn. of North America, UCLA
- Adaptive rules, Linguistics Colloquium, University of South Carolina
- 1991 Parameter resetting, X. International Conference on Historical Linguistics, Amsterdam
- 1994 Is there exaptation in syntax? Linguistics Seminar, University of Manchester
- 1997 Celtic typological change as transitivity shift, XIII. International Conference on Historical Linguistics, Düsseldorf. Presented as part of Workshop on Typological Change: Causes and Consequences, organized by Raymond Hickey and Dorothy Disterheft
- 1998 Why language change looks gradual, linguistics colloquium, University of Florida
- Celtic consonants, Historical linguistics research group, University of South Carolina
- 1999 Linguistic teleology — a dead end, Linguistics Colloquium, University of South Carolina

L A N G U A G E S

Research – Celtic (Old and Middle Irish, Medieval Welsh), Germanic (Gothic, Old Icelandic, Old Saxon), Greek (Homeric, Classical, dialects), Italic (Classical Latin, Oscan, Umbrian, pre-Classical Latin), Indo-Iranian (Vedic Sanskrit, Classical Sanskrit, Avestan, Old Persian), Balto-Slavic (Lithuanian, Old Church Slavic, Serbo-Croatian), Hittite.

German (speaking, reading), French (reading)

G R A N T S A N D F E L L O W S H I P S

- 1969 Irish Government Foreign Students' Scholarship (for study at the Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies)
- 1970 Smithsonian Travel Grant (for participation in archeological excavations in Yugoslavia)
- Mabel Wilson Richards Research Grant (for archeological research in Yugoslavia and Romania)
- 1981 National Science Foundation Travel Grant (for travel to Ireland)
- University of South Carolina Committee on Productive Research and Scholarship Grant
- 1983 University of South Carolina Committee on Productive Research and Scholarship Grant
- 1985 National Science Foundation Travel Grant (for travel to Italy)
- 1986-7 Fulbright Research and Lecturing Award, University College Dublin (for research on the historical syntax of the Old and Middle Irish verbal noun)

TEACHING**COURSES TAUGHT**

Undergraduate:

ENGL 100 Basic Writing†

ENGL 295 Intro to Human Language†

LING 300/PSYC 470/ANTH 373 Introduction to Language Sciences

ENGL 389/LING 301 The English Language

ENGL 399 Historical Linguistics

ENGL 399 Old Irish

ENGL 451 Introduction to Linguistics†

ENGL 450/LING 421 English Grammar

ENGL 452 Vocabulary and Semantics†

SCCC 455 Language Change

SCCC 455 Child Language Acquisition

Syntax II Introduction to Syntax (University College, Dublin)

† no longer on the books

Graduate:

LING 530 Language Change

LING 600 Survey of Linguistics

LING 711 Introduction to Phonology

LING 712 Phonological Theory

LING 720 Introduction to Syntax

LING 725/ENGL 783 Applied English Syntax

LING 730 Historical Linguistics

LING 739 History and Methodology of Linguistics

T H E S I S A N D D I S S E R T A T I O N C O M M I T T E E S

Ricardo Vera (M.A., 1979)	Lenition in Spanish (member)
Lynn Varn (Ph.D., 1981)	Marlowe's mighty line (member)
Annie Dumenil (Ph.D., 1983)	Metathesis in Gascon (member)
Judith Dozier (M.A., 1984)	Pre-stress schwa deletion in Charlestonian (director)
Kinyalolo Kasangati (M.A., 1986)	On the verb-subject word order in some Bantu languages (director)
Stephen Nagle (Ph.D., 1986)	Inferential change and syntactic modality in English (director)
Lindsay Hislop (Ph.D., 1989)	The acquisition of relative clauses in writing (member)
W. Britton Watkins (B.A., 1989)	The impact of AIDS (director)
Katherine W. Mille (Ph.D., 1990)	A historical analysis of Tense-Mood-Aspect in Gullah Creole: a case of stable variation (member)
Amoena Norcross (M.A., 1990)	The syntax of the modal auxiliaries in Old English (director)
Yuri Kite (Ph.D., 1996)	Japanese/English codeswitching as an unmarked choice and its relation to language proficiency (member)
Steven Gross (M.A., 1996)	OCP effects on vowel harmony (director)
Christine Discoe (M.A., 1996)	Metadiscourse features in non-native writing (director)
Richard Norwood (M.A., 1996)	A comparison of the Huron of Sagard & Chaumont and the Wyandotte of Barbeau with references to other sources (member)
Rebecca Hoffmann (B.A., 1997)	Frontier Spirit (member)
Eunyoung Cho Jeong (M.A., 1997)	English stress rules and ESL learners: The efficacy of formal instruction (member)
Karen Stanley (M.A., 1998)	Acquisition of English past time verbal morphology by instructed adult learners of a second language (director)
Joseph Price (M.A., 1998)	Semantic and syntactic motivations of pronominal <i>alteros</i> -affixation in Proto-Romance (member)

- Sara Millus (M.A., 1999) An ethnography of ESL learners: Mexican immigrants in South Carolina (member)
- Jessica Alverson (B.A., 1999) Challenging the dichotomy: gender and language use among a community of African-American children (member)
- Sue Jenkins (Ph.D., 2000) Language contact phenomena in Papua, New Guinea (member)
- Craig Callendar (M.A., 2001) Variability in the Second Germanic Consonant Shift (member)
- (M.A., 2004) Particle vs. preposition use in English: a case study of Spanish L1 and English L2 interaction in acquiring English P-forms (director)
- Emilie Elliott (M.A., 2007) Different attitudes at different latitudes: perceptions of southern speech (member)
- Robert Moonan (PhD, 2007) A cultural script analysis of an English-Thai bilingual speaker's nominative usage of *mommy* in English yes/no question formation (member)
- Michael Messersmith (MA, 2007) Female acceptability judgments of the use of *you guys* as a gender-inclusive second person plural (member)

SERVICE**L I N G U I S T I C S P R O G R A M**

Graduate Linguistics Program Committee 1979-85, 1987-present

Examinations Committee 1979-85, 1987-91

M.A. Exams Committee 1991-92 (chair)

Ph.D. Exams Committee 1993-94 (chair)

Admissions Committee 1979-81, 1983-85, 1992-93, 1993-94 (chair); 1998 (chair) -present

Curriculum Committee 1980-81, 1987-88, 1990-92 (chair); 1996-97 (chair); 1998-2000 (chair); 2006-2008 (chair)

New Appointments Committee 1988-91; 1991-92 (chair); 1997-98; 2002-3; 2004-05; 2005-06 (chair); 2006-2007

Acting Director, Linguistics Program 1988 (summer)

Director, Linguistics Program 1990-91

Colloquium Committee (chair), 1989-90, 1994-96

Faculty Advisory Committee 2003-6 (2005-06 chair)

E N G L I S H D E P A R T M E N T

Freshman English Committee 1980-81

Undergraduate Committee 1981-89, 1996-present

Undergraduate Advisor 1981-90, 1994-present

Tenure and Promotions Committee 1989-90

Faculty Senator 1987-89, 1992-95; 1998-2001; 2003-04; 2005-08

New Appointments Committee 1993-94

Public Relations Committee 1995-96

Faculty Advisory Committee 1994-95

U N I V E R S I T Y

Admissions Committee 1981-84

Student-Faculty Relations Committee 1984-86; chair 1985-86

Curricula and Courses Committee 1987-90

Academic Responsibility Committee 1995-98

Faculty Athletic Advisory Committee 2002-2005

N A T I O N A L

Committee on the Status of Women in Linguistics, Linguistic Society of America: 1987-88; chair, 1988

Language Review Committee, Linguistic Society of America: 1990-92

I N T E R N A T I O N A L

Executive Committee, International Society for Historical Linguistics: 1987-89

Secretary General, International Society for Historical Linguistics: 1989-2001

Listowner & moderator: HISTLING, an international moderated electronic discussion group devoted to all areas of historical linguistics; approximately 600 subscribers