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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- 2004 onwards. PhD program in Linguistics. Rutgers University.
- 2004 onwards. Graduate certificate program in Cognitive Science. Rutgers University Center for Cognitive Science.
- 2004. B.A. with Honors in Linguistics, with a minor in Psychology. Swarthmore College.

Publications

- To appear. Transparency in Span Theory. In Leah Bateman, Adam Werle, Michael O'Keefe, and Ehren Reilly, eds. *Papers in Optimality Theory III*. University of Massachusetts Occasional Papers 33. Amherst, MA: GLSA. Also Rutgers Optimality Archive #770.
<http://roa.rutgers.edu/view.php3?roa=770>

Unpublished papers

- 2006. The Area Faithfulness approach to non-local assimilation. Ms., Rutgers University.
- 2006. The interaction of tone and syntax in Ibibio. Ms., Rutgers University.
- 2006. Learning non-local assimilation in Optimality Theory. Ms., Rutgers University.
- 2005. Assimilation domains: A surface-faithfulness theory of harmony. Ms., Rutgers University.
- 2005. The syntax of English "game show questions": A link with Romance *wh*-in-situ. Ms., Rutgers University.
- 2005. Online Update and Kimatuumbi noun classes. Ms., Rutgers University.

2005. Serial verb constructions in Akan. Ms., Rutgers University.
2004. What is universal in grammar: A survey of syntactic formalisms. Ms., Rutgers University.
2004. Raising *hell*: An overview of wh-the-hell phrases. Ms., Rutgers University.
2003. *Akan vowel harmony*. BA thesis, Swarthmore College.

Talks and presentations

- April 29, 2006. *The Area Faithfulness approach to non-local assimilation*. HUMDRUM (Hopkins-UMass-Rutgers class meeting) 2006. Johns Hopkins University.
- April 22, 2006. *The Area Faithfulness approach to non-local assimilation*. RULing 1 (Rutgers University Conference in Theoretical Linguistics). Rutgers University.
- February 8, 2006. Invited panel member, Careers in Linguistics. Swarthmore College.
- April 24, 2005. *Vowel harmony in Span Theory*. HUMDRUM (Hopkins-UMass-Rutgers class meeting) 2005. University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Editing

- To appear. **Editor**, with Leah Bateman, Adam Werle, and Ehren Reilly. *Papers in Optimality Theory III*. University of Massachusetts Occasional Papers 33. Amherst, MA: GLSA.
- Spring/summer 2005. Editorial assistant to Paul de Lacy, ed. 2006. *The Cambridge Handbook of Phonology*, Cambridge University Press.

Reviewing

- Summer 2005. Paul de Lacy. 2006. *Markedness: Reduction and Preservation*. Cambridge Studies in Linguistics. Cambridge University Press.
- Spring 2005. Multiple chapters in Paul de Lacy, ed. 2006. *The Cambridge Handbook of Phonology*, Cambridge University Press.

Research experience

- August 2005 – present. Research assistant to Paul de Lacy (Rutgers University), *The linguistics of glossolalia*.
- January – June 2004. Research assistant to K. David Harrison (Swarthmore College), *Statistical approaches to vowel harmony*.

June 2003 – August 2004. Assistant to Sean Crist (Swarthmore College), *The Germanic Lexicon Project*.

Non-linguistics

June – August 2001. Research assistant to Andrea Stout (Swarthmore College), *Characterization of molecular bonding via optical tweezers*.

Departmental service

Rutgers University

Organizing committee member, RULing 1 (Rutgers University Conference in Theoretical Linguistics).

Departmental computer administrator (Fall 2005 – onward).

Colloquium committee member (Fall 2005 – Spring 2006): Organized and managed a series of guest lectures.

Rutgers Optimality Research Group organizer (Fall 2005 – Spring 2006): Organized bi-weekly discussions of current research in Optimality Theory.

Linguistics Graduate Student Association secretary (Fall 2004 – Spring 2005).

Swarthmore College

Linguistics clinic director (Fall 2003 – Spring 2004): Directed workshops in introductory linguistics and provided homework assistance.

Grants and fellowships

September 2004 – Spring 2006. University fellowship. Rutgers University.

Professional memberships

2005 onwards. Member, Linguistic Society of America.

Languages

English (Philadelphia dialect) – native speaker.

Spanish – semi-fluent, college-level study.

French – reading knowledge.

Mandarin Chinese – basic knowledge, some college-level study.

Arabic (Modern Standard) – basic knowledge, some college-level study.

Researched languages, of note

Akan (Twi-Fante) – extensive knowledge of phonology, some work on syntax.
Kimatuumbi – work on semantics-morphology interface.

Fieldwork: Akan (November – December 2003), Ibibio (January – May 2006)

Computer skills

Programming languages

I have worked with Perl, C, C++, Scheme, and Prolog. I have produced academic applications in Perl and C++.

Web development

I am experienced in web development, including HTML, XML, and CGI.

Platforms/administration

I have administered academic systems running Mac OS X, Windows, Linux, and FreeBSD.