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## Employment

- July 2023– **Director**, *Brown University*, Linguistics Program.
- July 2023– **Associate Professor**, *Brown University*, Linguistics Program, Affiliate faculty in Anthropology and in Native American and Indigenous Studies.
- July 2020–June 2023 **Associate Professor**, *Brown University*, Department of Cognitive, Linguistic and Psychological Sciences (CLPS).
- 2013–June 2020 **Assistant Professor**, *Brown University*, Department of Cognitive, Linguistic and Psychological Sciences (CLPS).
- 2012–2013 **Visiting Assistant Professor**, *University of Rochester*, Department of Linguistics.
- 2011–2012 **Assistant Professor-in-Residence**, *University of Connecticut*, Department of Linguistics.

## Education

- 2006–2011 **University of California, Santa Cruz.**
  - Ph.D. in Linguistics
    - Dissertation: *Issues and Alternatives*
    - Committee: Donka Farkas (chair), Judith Aissen, Adrian Brasoveanu
  - M.A. in Linguistics, June 2009
- 2001–2005 **Dartmouth College.**
  - B.A. in Linguistics with Honors, Minor in Spanish (*Magna Cum Laude*)
    - Honors Thesis: *Stress in Hindi*
    - Advisor: Ioana Chitoran

## Publications

### Refereed Journal Articles

- submitted **Phonetic evidence for contextual underspecification of nasality in A'ingae**, [co-authored with Ryan Bennett, Shen Aguinda, and Hugo Lucitante – Bennett first author].
- 2025 **The semantics and expression of apprehensional modality**, *Language and Linguistics Compass*, [co-authored with Maksymilian Dąbkowski – AnderBois first author], 19(1), e70002.  
<https://doi.org/10.1111/lnc3.70002>
- 2024 **Reconstruction of nasality and other aspects of A'ingae phonology**, *Cadernos de etnolingüística*, [co-authored with Chelsea Sanker — Sanker first author], 11(1), e110101.  
<http://www.etnolingüística.org/article:vol11n1>

- **Los preverbos en maya yucateco (Preverbs in Yucatec Maya)**, *Cuadernos de lingüística de El Colegio de México*, [co-authored with Grant Armstrong, Edber Dzidz Yam — equal co-authors], 11(00), 1-57.  
<https://doi.org/10.24201/clecm.v11i00.309>
- **Type-shifters in headless relative clauses**, *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*, [co-authored with Carol-Rose Little, Jessica Coon – Little first author], doi.org/10.1007/s11049-023-09595-0.
- 2023 **The forms and functions of switch reference in A'ingae**, *Languages – an MDPI journal*, [co-authored with Daniel Altshuler, Wilson Silva — AnderBois first author], 8(2), pp.137-172.  
<https://doi.org/10.3390/languages8020137>
- **Rationale and precautioning clauses. Insights from A'ingae**, *Journal of Semantics*, [co-authored with Maksymilian Dąbkowski — Dąbkowski first author], 40(2-3), pp.391-425.  
<https://doi.org/10.1093/jos/ffac012>
- 2022 **The discourse particle *wal* in Yucatec Maya: uncertainty and negativity across sentence types**, *International Journal of American Linguistics*, 88(3), 235-269.
- 2020 **A'ingae (Kofán)**, *Journal of the International Phonetic Association – Illustrations of the IPA*, [co-authored with Chiara Repetti-Ludlow, Hugo Lucitante, Haoru Zhang, and Chelsea Sanker — Repetti-Ludlow first author], 50(3). pp. 431-444
- **LingView: a web interface for viewing FLEx and ELAN files**, *Language Documentation and Conservation*, vol. 14: 87-107, [co-authored with Kalinda Pride and Nicholas Tomlin — Pride and Tomlin, joint-first author].
- 2018 **Illocutionary revelations: Yucatec Maya *bakáan* and the typology of miratives**, *Journal of Semantics*, 35(1), pp.171-206.  
<https://doi.org/10.1093/jos/ffx019>
- **U chíikulil k'áatchi': forma, función, y la estandarización de la puntuación [The question mark: form, function, and the standardization of punctuation]**, *Cuadernos de lingüística de El Colegio de México*, 5(1), pp. 388-426.
- 2016 **Semantics and pragmatics of (not-)at-issueness in Yucatec Maya attitude reports**, *Semantics & Pragmatics*, 9(19), pp. 1-50.  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.3765/sp.9.19>
- **Fieldwork Game Play: Masterminding Evidentiality in Desano**, *Language Documentation & Conservation*, pp. 58-76, [co-authored with Wilson Silva — Silva first author].
- 2015 **At-issue proposals and appositive impositions in discourse**, *Journal of Semantics*, 32, pp. 93-138 [co-authored with Adrian Brasoveanu and Robert Henderson — equal co-authorship].
- 2014 **The semantics of sluicing: beyond truth-conditions**, *Language*, 90(4), pp. 887-926.
- 2012 **Focus and un informativity in Yucatec Maya questions**, *Natural Language Semantics*, 20(4), pp. 349-390.

### Invited contributions to peer-reviewed edited volumes

- t.a. **The apprehensional domain in A'ingae (Kofán)**, *Apprehensional constructions in a cross-linguistic perspective*, Marine Vuillermet, Martina Faller, and Eva Schultze-Berndt (eds), Language Sciences Press, [co-authored with Maksymilian Dąbkowski — Dąbkowski first author].

- 2023 **Tagalog pala: a case of unsurprising mirativity**, *Discourse particles in Asian languages: volume II – Southeast Asia*, Hiroki Nomoto and Elin McCready (eds), Routledge, pp. 9-36.
- **Definiteness in A'ingae and its implications for pragmatic competition**, *Formal Approaches to Languages of South America*, Andrés Saab and Cilene Rodrigues (eds), Springer, pp. 347–371, [co-authored w/ Holly Zheng — Zheng first author].
- 2020 **Headless relative clauses in Yucatec Maya**, *Headless Relative Clauses in Mesoamerican Languages*, Ivano Caponigro, Harold Torrence and Roberto Zavala (eds), [co-authored with Miguel Oscar Chan Dzul — equal co-authorship]. pp.444-474
- 2019 **Negation, alternatives, and negative polar questions in American English**, *Questions in Discourse*, “Current Research in the Semantics/Pragmatics Interface” (CRiSPI), Klaus von Heusinger, Edgar Onea, and Malte Zimmermann (eds), pp. 118-171.
- **Ellipsis in inquisitive semantics**, *The Oxford Handbook of Ellipsis*, Jeroen van Craenenbroeck and Tanja Temmerman (eds), Oxford University Press, pp. 233-252.
- 2017 **Focus, Interrogation, and Indefinites**, *The Mayan Languages*, Judith Aissen, Nora England, and Roberto Zavala Maldonado (eds), Routledge Press, pp. 348-361.
- 2015 **Linguistically establishing discourse context: two case studies from Mayan languages**, *Methodologies in Semantic Fieldwork*, Ryan Bochnak and Lisa Matthewson (eds), Oxford University Press, pp. 207-232, [co-authored with Robert Henderson — equal co-authorship].

### Conference proceedings (selected by refereed abstract)

- to appear **Cross-linguistic variation in the lexical semantics of conjunction**, *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 35*, [co-authored with Daniel Altshuler, Shen Aguinda, Guillaume Guitang, and Nathaniel Scott — Altshuler first author].
- **Propositional anaphora and alternatives in the semantics of “in which case”**, *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 35*, [co-authored with Daniel Kang and Koda Li — Kang and Li joint first author].
- 2024 **Yucatec Maya preverbs and the semantic typology of adverbs**, *Proceedings of Semantics of Understudied Languages of the Americas (SULA) 12*, pp. 1-16, [co-authored with Grant Armstrong, Edber Dzidz Yam — equal co-authorship].
- 2022 **Coordination, coherence and A'ingae clause linkage**, *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 32*, [co-authored with Daniel Altshuler — AnderBois first author].
- **The inner workings of contrast: decomposing A'ingae tsa'ma**, *Proceedings of Semantics of Understudied Languages of the Americas (SULA) 11*, pp. 171-186, [co-authored with Sabrina Morvillo — Morvillo first author].
- 2021 **A'ingae =sa'ne APPR and the semantic typology of apprehensional adjuncts**, *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 30*, [co-authored with Maksymilian Dąbkowski — equal co-authorship].
- 2019 **At-issueness in direct quotation: the case of Mayan quotatives**, *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 29*, pp. 371-391.
- **Reportatives and quotatives in Mayan languages**, *Proceedings of Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi) 5*, Antigua, Guatemala. (16 pages)

- **Relativas libres en ch'ol y maya yucateco y la tipología de cláusulas relativas sin núcleo**, *Proceedings of Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi)* 5, English: “Free relatives in Ch'ol and Yucatec Maya and the typology of headless relative clauses”, [co-authored with Miguel Oscar Chan Dzul, Jessica Coon, and Juan Jesús Vázquez Álvarez – equal co-authorship]. (15 pages)
- 2018 **Answering implicit questions: the case of *namely***, *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT)* 28, pp. 388-408, [co-authored with Pauline Jacobson – equal co-authorship].
- 2017 **An illocutionary account of reportative evidentials in imperatives**, *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT)* 27, pp. 459-479.
- 2016 **A QUD-based account of the discourse particle *naman* in Tagalog**, *Proceedings of Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA)* 23, pp. 20-34.
- **Illocutionary mirativity: the case of Yucatec Maya *bakáan***, *Proceedings of Semantics of Understudied Languages of the Americas (SULA)* 9, pp. 1-16.
- 2014 **Unconditionals in Yucatec Maya**, *Proceedings of Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi)* II, MIT Press, pp. 1-20.
- **On the exceptional status of reportative evidentials**, *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT)* 24, pp. 234-254.
- 2012 **Indefiniteness and the typology of implicit arguments**, *Proceedings of WCCFL* 30, pp. 43-53.
- **The pragmatics of quantifier scope: a corpus study**, *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB)* 16, pp. 15-28, [co-authored with Adrian Brasoveanu and Robert Henderson – equal co-authorship].
- 2010 **Sluicing as anaphora to issues**, *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT)* 20, pp. 451-470.
- **Crossing the appositive/at-issue meaning boundary**, *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT)* 20, pp. 328-346, [co-authored with Adrian Brasoveanu and Robert Henderson – equal co-authorship].
- **Non-interrogative questions in Yukatek Maya**, *Semantics of the Understudied Language of the Americas (SULA)* 5, pp. 1-16.
- 2008 **Strong positions and laryngeal features in Yukatek Maya**, *North East Linguistics Society (NELS)* 39, vol. 1, pp. 41-54.

### Digital resources

- 2018- **A'ingae Language Documentation Project**, A searchable online database of annotated audio/video in A'ingae for community members and researchers, [Co-PI: Wilson Silva (University of Arizona)].
- 2020-2025 **Materials of the A'ingae Language Documentation Project, 2020-07**, *California Language Archive, University of California, Berkeley*, [w/ Leidy Marilu Quenamá Umenda, Shen Ignacio Aguinda Ortiz, Martín Crecencio Criollo Mendúa, Hugo Alfonso Lucitante, Jorge Mendúa Quenamá, Thalya Mendúa, Raúl Gilberto Quieta Lucitante, and Wilson de Lima Silva].  
<http://dx.doi.org/doi:10.7297/X2RB73WC>
- 2024 **Khuanifae aya'fangae atesûya'chu**, [What you should know in three languages], Self-published trilingual alphabet book – A'ingae – Spanish – English.

- 2018-2020 **U koorpasil maaya t'aan (UnO Brown) [The UnO-Brown Yucatec Maya Corpus]**, A searchable online database of annotated audio/video in Yucatec Maya for community members and researchers., [Co-PI: Miguel Oscar Chan Dzul (Universidad de Oriente)].

## Popular media

- Aug 6, 2023 **The unspoken language of crosswords**, *The Atlantic*, [w/ Kyle Mahowald (Texas), Nicholas Tomlin (UC Berkeley Computer Science)].  
<https://www.theatlantic.com/science/archive/2023/08/writing-crossword-puzzle-clues-rules-grammar-compositionality/674938/>

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## Invited Talks

### Invited intensive courses

- 2023 **Introducción a la semántica [Introduction to semantics]**, *UNAM/Colegio de México – Oaxaca*, Intensive week-long introduction to formal semantics for graduate students and advanced undergraduates.
- 2023 **Switch reference and coherence at the syntax-semantics interface**, *Oxford University*, 3 lecture mini-course associated with Astor lectureship (see awards).
- 2019 **Pragmática de la definitud [Pragmatics of Definiteness]**, *CIESAS – San Cristobal, Chiapas*, Semester-length intensive graduate-level course on pragmatics and definiteness for faculty, students, and others connected to the PhD program in Linguistics and the Masters program in Indoamerican Linguistics, (36hrs of lecture time over two weeks).

### Invited conference workshops/Keynotes

- 2023 **Switch reference and discourse coordination**, *Socio-cultural adaptation closing conference*, Charles University – Prague.
- 2019 **Direct quotation in the scoreboard(s): the case of Mayan quotatives**, *Speech Acts in Grammar and Discourse: Syntactic and Semantic Modeling*, Leibniz-ZAS – Berlin.
- 2018 **Headless relative clauses in Yucatec Maya**, *Headless relative clauses across Mesoamerican languages*, CIESAS – San Cristobal, Chiapas, [co-authored with Miguel Oscar Chan Dzul — equal co-authorship].
- 2017 **Clausulas relativas libres con semántica de libre elección [Free choice free relatives] (2.5 hour talk at 1-week workshop)**, *Morpho-syntax and semantics of headless relative clauses across Mesoamerican languages*, CIESAS – San Cristobal, Chiapas.
- **Como distinguir entre definidos, indefinidos y libre elección [How to distinguish between definites, indefinites, and free choice] (2 hour tutorial at 1-week workshop)**, *Morpho-syntax and semantics of headless relative clauses across Mesoamerican languages*, CIESAS – San Cristobal, Chiapas.
- 2014 **La expresión *wal* en maya yucateco: un acercamiento composicional [Yucatec Maya *wal*: a compositional approach]**, *Keynote at FAMLi III*, Colegio de México, Mexico City.

- **Evidentiality and modality in discourse: the case of conjecturals**, *Invited talk at DFG Research Network on Questions in Discourse*, Stuttgart.

### Department Colloquia

- 2025 **Discourse coherence and the typology of conjunction**, *University of British Columbia*.
- 2023 **A coherence-based theory of switch reference**, *University of Texas*.
  - **Documenting A'ingae: an isolate language at the Andes-Amazon interface**, *Oxford University*.
  - **Documenting Falsetto in A'ingae, an isolate language of Ecuador**, *Charles University, Prague*.
- 2022 **Towards a coherence-based understanding of switch reference: evidence from A'ingae**, *Linguistics Dept, University of Göttingen*.
- 2022 **Towards a coherence-based understanding of switch reference: evidence from A'ingae**, *Linguistics Department Colloquium, UCSD*.
- 2019 **A unified semantics for apprehensional adjuncts**, *Linguistics Department Colloquium, NYU*, (joint work w/ Maksymilian Dąbkowski).
  - **At-issueness in direct quotation: the case of Mayan quotatives**, *Linguistics Department Colloquium, McGill University*.
- 2018 **At-issueness and the typology of reported speech: the case of Mayan quotatives**, *Invited talk at UConn Logic Group Colloquium*.
- 2017 **Non-deterministic QUD downdating: evidence from Tagalog *naman***, *Linguistics Dept. Colloquium, Georgetown University*.
  - **Yucatec Maya Discourse Particles and the Structure of Speech Acts**, *Invited talk at Institute of Mesoamerican Studies, University at Albany*.
- 2016 **Imperatives as proposals: evidence from discourse particles**, *Dept. of Cognitive Science Colloquium, Johns Hopkins University*.
  - **El significado y el uso en el maya yucateco [Meaning and Use in Yucatec Maya]**, *Invited talk at Universidad de Oriente (UNO), Valladolid, Yucatán*.
- 2014 **La semántica, la pragmática y el maya yucateco [Semantics and Pragmatics and Yucatec Maya]**, *Invited talk at Universidad de Oriente (UNO), Valladolid, Yucatán*.
- 2013 **At-issueness in Yucatec Maya attitude reports**, *Department Colloquium, University at Buffalo*.

### Other invited talks

- 2025 **Investigating the semantics of mirativity**, *Guest lecture in "Meaning in fieldwork and typology", Linguistics 252, taught by Jessica Rett, UCLA*.
- 2024 **Documenting indigenous languages with multilingual digital texts**, *Translation across disciplines, Brown University – Center for Language Studies*.
  - **Discourse particles in Mayan languages**, *Glottothèque: Mayan Languages*, On-line course lecture/Q and A by Linguistics Programs at University of Göttingen and Humboldt University Berlin, doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.10616178.
- 2022 **Documenting Switch Reference in A'ingae**, *University of Wisconsin Linguistic Fieldwork Group*.



- **Documenting Switch Reference in A'ingae**, *Guest lecture in "South American Indigenous Languages", a bilocal class in the University of Toronto's Global Classrooms initiative taught by Suzi Lima (Toronto) and Isabella Coutinho Costa (State University of Roraima – UERR).*
- **Preverbs in Yucatec Maya**, *UCSD Syn/Sem Babble and Linguistic Fieldwork Group joint meeting*, [joint work with Grant Armstrong and Edber Dzidz Yam — equal co-authorship].
- 2021 **Documentando lenguas indígenas: el caso del a'ingae (Documenting indigenous languages: the case of A'ingae)**, *Invited video lecture at Universidad de Oriente (UNO), Valladolid, Yucatán.*  
[joint presentation w/ Shen Aguinda (Nacionalidad Cofán de Ecuador)]
- 2020 **Definitud y cláusulas relativas en lenguas mesoamericanas (Definiteness and relative clauses in Mesoamerican languages)**, *2 hour workshop/presentation in Introducción a la semántica graduate course at CIESAS, Instructor: Carol-Rose Little.*
- 2019 **Investigación lingüística [Research in linguistics]**, *Talk to students in Mayan Linguistics and Culture program at Universidad de Oriente (UNO), Valladolid, Yucatán.*
- 2018 **At-issueness in direct quotation: the case of Mayan quotatives**, *Invited talk at "Topics at the Semantics-Pragmatics Interface" Workshop, UCSC.*
  - **Documentando lenguas indígenas: el caso del A'ingae (Ecuador)**, *Invited video lecture at Universidad de Oriente (UNO), Valladolid, Yucatán.*  
English: "Documenting indigenous languages: the case of A'ingae (Ecuador)"
- 2017 **Non-deterministic QUD downdating: evidence from Tagalog *naman***, *Inquisitiveness Below and Beyond the Sentence Boundary 2(InqBnB2), University of Amsterdam.*
- 2015 **U ch'ikulil k'áatchi': forma, función, y la estandarización de la puntuación [The question mark: form, function, and the standardization of punctuation]**, *Invited talk at II Coloquio UNAM de la Península "El Maya: variación y reflexión lingüística ante la estandarización", UNAM CEPHCIS – Mérida, Yucatán.*
  - **Negation, alternatives, and negative polar questions in English**, *Invited talk at the Workshop on Philosophy and Linguistics, Ohio State University.*
- 2014 **At-issueness and embedding in Yucatec Maya Attitude Reports**, *CLCG Syntax Seminar Series, University of Groningen.*
  - **Negation, inquisitiveness, and negative polar questions**, *Non-Canonical Questions and Interface Issues, Konstanz.*
- 2012 **Semantic and Pragmatic Fieldwork**, *The Multilingual Mind: Language Development and Methodology, Syracuse University.*
  - **Alternative unconditionals in Yucatec Maya**, *Semantics and Philosophy of Language Workshop, University of Chicago.*
  - **At-issueness and embedding in Yucatec Maya attitude reports**, *Syntactic Theory at Rutgers (ST@R)/Rutgers Semantics Research Group, Rutgers.*
  - **Fine-grained alternatives and varieties of polar questions**, *UCSC Polarity Workshop.*

## Conference Presentations

By refereed abstract

- upcoming **Mapping Concepts to Words: A cross-linguistic study on negation acquisition**, *XPRAG XI – Cambridge, UK*, [co-authored with Annika McDermott-Hinman, Rowena Garcia, and Roman Feiman – McDermott-Hinman first author].
- 2025 **Ethnolinguistic vitality of A'ingae in Ecuador**, *Symposium on American Indian Languages (SAIL)*, [co-authored with Mateo Pomilia, Shen Aguinda, Scott AnderBois, Sadie Lucitante, Hugo Lucitante, Jorge Mendúa, Leidy Quenamá, Damaris Criollo & Wilson de Lima Silva – Pomilia first author].
- **“Ingi a'i aya'fangae sema'chu: documentación del idioma a'ingae en la amazonia ecuatoriana”**, *Society for the Study of Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA) 2025 Annual Meeting*, [co-authored with Shen Aguinda, Enma Chica, Martín Criollo, Hugo Lucitante, Jorge Mendua, Eloy Quenama, Leidy Quenama, Raúl Quieta, Wilson Silva — equal co-authorship].
  - **Developing infrastructure for sustainable community-engaged linguistics**, *Linguistic Society of America (LSA) 2025 Annual Meeting*, [co-authored with Shen Aguinda, Enma Chica, Martín Criollo, Hugo Lucitante, Jorge Mendua, Eloy Quenama, Leidy Quenama, Raúl Quieta, Wilson Silva — equal co-authorship].
- 2024 **Mapping Concepts to Words: A Cross-Linguistic Study on Negation Acquisition**, *Crosslinguistic Perspectives on Processing and Learning (X-PPL)*, [co-authored with Annika McDermott-Hinman, Rowena Garcia, Roman Feiman — McDermott-Hinman first author].
- 2023 **Demonstration and quotation: the case of A'ingae khien**, *Congreso de Idiomas Indígenas de Latinoamérica (CILLA) X*, [co-authored with Jooyoung Lee – AnderBois first author].
- **A coherence-based theory of switch reference**, *Linguistics Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (LAGB)*, [w/ Daniel Altshuler (Oxford)].
  - **The iota type-shifter in headless relative clauses: Implications from Mayan**, *North East Linguistics Society (NELS) 53 – Göttingen*, [co-authored with Carol Rose-Little and Jessica Coon — Little first author].
  - **Varieties of quotation in A'ingae**, *Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA) Annual Meeting 2023*, [co-authored with Jooyoung Lee — Lee first author].
- 2022 **Yucatec Maya preverbs and the semantic typology of adverbs**, *Semantics of Understudied Languages of the Americas (SULA) 12 – University of Ottawa*, [co-authored with Grant Armstrong and Edber Dzidz Yam — equal co-authorship].
- **Coordination, coherence and A'ingae clause linkage**, *Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 32 – COLMEX/UNAM*, [co-authored with Daniel Altshuler — AnderBois first author].
- 2021 **Los preverbos en maya yucateco (Preverbs in Yucatec Maya)**, *Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi) 6 – San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas, Mexico*, [co-authored with Grant Armstrong and Edber Dzidz Yam — equal co-authorship].
- 2021 **Definiteness in A'ingae and its cross-linguistic implications**, *WSCLA 25 – Sogang University (online)*, [co-authored with Holly Zheng — Zheng first author].
- 2020 **A'ingae =sa'ne and the semantic typology of apprehensional adjuncts**, *Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 30 – Cornell*, [co-authored with Maksymilian Dąbkowski — equal co-authorship].
- **The inner workings of contrast: decomposing A'ingae tsa'ma**, *Semantics of Understudied Languages of the Americas (SULA) 11 – UNAM/Colegio de México*, [co-authored with Sabrina Morvillo — Morvillo first author].



- 2019 **Investigating Linguistic Links between the Amazon and the Andes: the case of A'ingae**, *Congreso de Idiomas Indígenas de Latinoamérica (CILLA) IX*, Univ. of Texas – Austin, [co-authored with Nicholas Emlen, Hugo Lucitante, Chelsea Sanker, and Wilson Silva — equal co-authorship].
- **Las construcciones relativas “super-libres” en lenguas mayas [“Super-free” relative constructions in Mayan languages]**, *Congreso de Idiomas Indígenas de Latinoamérica (CILLA) IX*, Univ. of Texas – Austin, [co-authored with Miguel Oscar Chan Dzul, Jessica Coon, and Juan Jesús Vázquez Álvarez — equal co-authorship].
  - **At-issueness in direct quotation: the case of Mayan quotatives**, *Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 29*, UCLA.
  - **Expressions of epistemic modality and evidentiality in Desano (Eastern Tukanoan)**, *SSILA 2019 Annual Meeting*, [co-authored with Wilson de Lima Silva and Frank José Carrasquilha Matos — Silva first author].
- 2018 **Falsetto In A'ingae (Cofán)**, *Sound Systems of Latin America (SSLA) 3*, [co-authored with Chelsea Sanker, Wilson Silva, and Hugo Lucitante — Sanker first author].
- **Reportatives and quotatives in Mayan languages**, *Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi) 5*, Antigua, Guatemala.
  - **Free relatives in Ch'ol and Yucatec Maya and the typology of headless relative clauses**, *Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi) 5*, Antigua, Guatemala, [co-authored with Miguel Oscar Chan Dzul, Jessica Coon, and Juan Jesús Vázquez Álvarez — equal co-authorship].
  - **Answering implicit questions: the case of *namely***, *Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 28*, MIT, [co-authored with Pauline Jacobson — equal co-authorship].
- 2017 **Reportative evidentials across sentence types: Yucatec Maya *bin***, *CILLA*, Congreso de Idiomas Indígenas de Latinoamérica (CILLA) VIII, Univ. of Texas – Austin.
- **A phonetic sketch of A'ingae (Cofán)**, *CILLA*, Congreso de Idiomas Indígenas de Latinoamérica (CILLA) VIII, Univ. of Texas – Austin. [co-authored with Haoru Zhang, Rachel Gutman, Hugo Lucitante, Chiara Repetti-Ludlow, and Chelsea Sanker — Sanker and AnderBois joint-senior author]
  - **An illocutionary account of reportative evidentials in imperatives**, *Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 27*, University of Maryland.
- 2016 **A QUD-based account of the discourse particle *naman* in Tagalog**, *Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA) 23*, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies.
- **Illocutionary mirativity: the case of Yucatec Maya *bakáan***, *Semantics of Understudied Languages of the Americas (SULA) 9*, UC Santa Cruz.
- 2015 **A scoreboard semantics for Yucatec Maya *wal***, *Congreso de Idiomas Indígenas de Latinoamérica (CILLA) VII*, Univ. of Texas – Austin.
- **Passive and control in Yucatec Maya**, *Congreso de Idiomas Indígenas de Latinoamérica (CILLA) VII*, Univ. of Texas – Austin. [co-authored with Grant Armstrong — equal co-authorship]
  - **Fieldwork Game Play: Masterminding Evidentiality in Desano**, *Berkeley Linguistics Society (BLS) 41*, [co-authored with Wilson Silva — Silva first author].
- 2014 **On the exceptional status of reportative evidentials**, *Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 24*, NYU.

- **On a transitivity-based split in Yucatec Maya control complements**, *Workshop on Structure and Constituency in Languages of the Americas (WSCLA) 19*, Memorial University, Newfoundland, [co-authored with Grant Armstrong — equal co-authorship].
- **On the exceptional status of reportative evidentials**, *(Re)presenting the speech of others*, Groningen.
- 2013 **Miin en maya yucateco: evidencial o modal? (Yucatec Maya Miin: evidential or modal)**, *Congreso de Idiomas Indígenas de Latinoamérica VI*, University of Texas at Austin.
  - **Alternative unconditionals in Yucatec Maya**, *Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA) Annual Meeting 2013*.
- 2012 **Construcciones no-condicionales en maya yucateco (Unconditional constructions in Yucatec Maya)**, *First International Conference on Yucatecan Linguistics (ICYL)*, Mexico City, Mexico.
  - **Los no-condicionales alternativos en maya yucateco (Alternative Unconditionals in Yucatec Maya)**, *Formal Approaches to Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi) II*, Patzún, Guatemala.
  - **Indefiniteness and the typology of implicit arguments**, *Poster at West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL) 30*.
  - **Linguistically establishing discourse context: two case studies from Mayan languages**, *January 2012*, Poster at Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting, Special Session on Semantic Fieldwork Methodologies, [co-authored with Robert Henderson — equal co-authorship].
- 2011 **Las atribuciones actitudinales en maya yucateco: sintaxis y semántica [Attitude reports in Yucatec Maya: Syntax and Semantics]**, *Congreso de Idiomas Indígenas de Latinoamérica V*, Univ. of Texas – Austin.
  - **The pragmatics of quantifier scope: a corpus study**, *Sinn und Bedeutung*, [co-authored with Adrian Brasoveanu and Robert Henderson — equal co-authorship].
  - **The pragmatics of quantifier scope: a corpus study**, *Proper Use of Quantification in Ordinary Language Workshop (ESSLLI)*, [co-authored with Adrian Brasoveanu and Robert Henderson — equal co-authorship].
  - **Verum focus and the composition of negative polar questions**, *Linguistic Society of America (LSA) Annual Meeting 2011*.
  - **Topic and assertion in Yucatec Maya attitude reports**, *Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA) Annual Meeting 2011*.
- 2010 **Sluicing as anaphora to issues**, *Semantics and Linguistic Theory 20*, Poster Presentation.
  - **Crossing the appositive/at-issue meaning boundary**, *Semantics and Linguistic Theory 20*, [co-authored with Adrian Brasoveanu and Robert Henderson — equal co-authorship].
- 2009 **El foco y la interrogación en maya yucateco [Focus and Questions in Yucatec Maya]**, *Congreso de Idiomas Indígenas de Latinoamérica IV*.
  - **Non-interrogative Questions in Yucatec Maya**, *Semantics of the Understudied Language of the Americas V*.
  - **Disjunctions and Polar Questions in Yucatec Maya**, *Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA) Annual Meeting 2009*.

- 2008 **Strong positions and laryngeal features in Yukatek Maya**, *North East Linguistics Society* 39.

## Other

- 2022 **Coordination, coherence and A'ingae clause linkage**, *Symposium on Amazonian Languages (SAL)* 4, [co-authored with Daniel Altshuler — AnderBois first author].
- 2021 **Workshop on A'ingae language documentation**, *Intensive two-week long all day community workshop*, [w/ Wilson Silva].
- 2019 **Reconstruction of A'ingae prenasalized stops**, *Symposium on Amazonian Languages (SAL)* 3, [co-authored with Chelsea Sanker — equal co-authorship].
- 2017 **Reportative evidentials in imperatives: the case of Yucatec Maya *bin***, *SAIL*, Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT).
- 2010 **Verum focus and the composition of negative polar questions**, *California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics* 3, October 15-16, 2010, Stanford Univ.
- **The pragmatics of quantifier scope: a corpus study**, *California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics* 3, October 15-16, 2010, Stanford Univ., [w/ Adrian Brasoveanu and Robert Henderson].
- 2009 **On the Existential Presupposition of Questions**, *California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics* 2, November 21, 2009, UC Santa Cruz.
- **Uninformativity and focus in questions in English**, *California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics* 1, May 23-24, 2009, UCLA.

## Teaching:

### Brown:

- Spring 2025 **Linguistic Field Methods**, (LING 1870), [Field language: Joyabaj K'iche'].
- Fall 2024 **Linguistic Variation and Universals**, (LING 1311).
- Spring 2024 **Playing with words: the linguistics of word games and puzzles**, (CLPS 0350).
- Fall 2023 **Pragmatics**, (CLPS 1370).
- Spring 2023 **Indigenous languages of the Americas: an introduction**, (ANTH 1840/CLPS 1391), co-taught w/ Paja Faudree (Anthro).
- Fall 2022 **Linguistic Variation and Universals**, (CLPS 1331).
- **Linguistic Field Methods**, (CLPS 1390), [Field language: Cusco-Collao Quechua].
- Spring 2021 **Modern Mayan languages**, (CLPS 1392).
- Fall 2020 **Introduction to Linguistics**, (CLPS 0300).
- **Pragmatics**, (CLPS 1370).
- Spring 2020 **Linguistic Variation and Universals**, (CLPS 1331).
- Fall 2019 **Pragmatics**, (CLPS 1370).
- Spring 2019 **Linguistic Variation and Universals**, (CLPS 1331).
- **Linguistic Field Methods**, (CLPS 1390), [Field language: A'ingae (Kofán)].
- Fall 2018 **Introduction to Linguistics**, (CLPS 0300).
- Spring 2018 **Playing with words: the linguistics behind word games and puzzles**, (CLPS 0050M), [First Year Seminar].
- **(Group Independent Study Program (GISP): Navajo Language**.
- Fall 2017 **Introduction to Pragmatics**, (CLPS 1370).
- Spring 2017 **Linguistic Field Methods**, (CLPS 1390), [Field language: A'ingae (Kofán)].

- **Playing with words: the linguistics behind word games and puzzles**, (CLPS 0050M), [First Year Seminar].
- Spring 2016 **Introduction to Pragmatics**, (CLPS 1370).
- **The boundary of semantics and pragmatics**, *Topic: Dynamics of the discourse scoreboard*, (CLPS 1383A).
- Fall 2015 **Introduction to Linguistic Theory**, (CLPS 0030).
- Spring 2015 **Linguistic Field Methods**, (CLPS 1390), [Field language: Q'anjob'al].
- Fall 2014 **Introduction to Linguistic Theory**, (CLPS 0030).
- Spring 2014 **Introduction to Pragmatics**, (CLPS 1370).
- **Evidentials: information source marking across languages**, (CLPS 1383C).

#### University of Rochester:

- 2012-2013 **Graduate Pragmatics** (LIN 535), **Intro to Linguistic Analysis** (LIN 110), **Formal Pragmatics** (LIN 266/466), **Introduction to Semantic Analysis** (LIN 225/425) (co-taught w/ Greg Carlson)

#### University of Connecticut:

- 2011-2012 **Language and Culture** (LING 3610W), **Topics in semantics: alternative semantics and the ontology of alternatives** (LING 6420), **(Graduate) Semantics 1** (LING 5410)

## Advising

### Graduate:

- Ongoing **Jooyoung Lee**, *Primary PhD advisor*.
- **Annika McDermott-Hinman**, *PhD thesis committee member*, Brown CPSY.
  - **Yanwan Zhu**, *PhD thesis committee member*, Brown CPSY.
  - **Mateo Pomilia**, *MA thesis committee member*, (University of Arizona).
  - 2024 **Gaby Vargas Melgarejo**, *MA thesis committee member*, (University of Arizona).
  - 2022 **Lingzi Zhuang**, *PhD thesis committee member*, (Cornell University).
  - **Yidong Yu**, *PhD thesis committee member*, (University of Göttingen – Germany).
  - **Babak Hemmatian**, *PhD thesis committee member*, Brown CLPS.
  - 2020 **Rebeca Petatillo Balam**, *MA thesis committee member*, (CIESAS – México).
  - 2018 **Junwen Lee**, *The semantics of emphatic strategies in discourse*, Primary PhD advisor.
  - 2018 **Sebastián Aguilar Méndez**, *Aspecto léxico en tseltal: un análisis preliminar* (“Lexical aspect in Tzeltal: a preliminary analysis”), Masters thesis committee member, (CIESAS – México).

### Undergraduate:

- 2024 **Arushi Kalpande**, *Honors thesis advisor*, The semantics of A'ingae serial verb constructions.
- 2022 **Holly Zheng**, *Honors thesis advisor*, Anaphoric expressions in A'ingae.
- 2019 **Maksymilian Dąbkowski**, *Honors thesis advisor*, The morphophonology of A'ingae verbal stress.
- 2016 **Eli Sharf**, *Honors thesis advisor*, First and Second Person Pronouns in Q'anjob'al (Maya).

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## Fellowships, Grants and Awards

- 2024 **Howard R. Swearer Engaged Faculty Award**, university-wide award at Brown University for engaged research and teaching. Two awards per year, one restricted to early career faculty.
- 2023 **Astor Lectureship**, £3,000 competitive award for public lecture and mini-course.
- 2021 **Collaborative Humanities Course Award**, “*Indigenous Languages of the Americas: An Introduction*”, \$15,000 grant for development of new interdisciplinary course to be co-taught w/ Paja Faudree (Anthro) in Spring 2023.
- 2019-2023 **NSF BCS-1911348/1911428**, “*Perspective taking and reported speech in an evidentially-rich language*”, Principal investigator, with Wilson Silva (University of Arizona), (\$287,986).
- 2018-2019 **CLACS engaged scholars course grant**, *Course grant for CLPS 1390 (Spring 2019)*, \$2,000.
- 2017-2018 **Endangered Language Documentation Programme (ELDP) Small Grant**, “*Kofán Collaborative Project: Collection of Audio-Video Materials and Texts*”, £9,450, [w/ Wilson Silva (RIT)].
- 2017-2019 **Richard B. Salomon Faculty Research Award**, “*Multi-purpose corpora for modern Mayan languages*”, \$14,500.
- 2017 **Interdisciplinary Team Undergraduate Teaching and Research Award (I-Team UTRA)**, \$24,000 student stipends, [w/ Paja Faudree (Anthro)].
- 2015-2016 **Faculty lectureship fund**, *Office of the Dean of the Faculty, Brown University*, Funding for lecture series “*Meaning, discourse, and dialogue in indigenous Latin America.*”, \$4,000.  
[w/ Paja Faudree (Anthropology)]
- 2014 **Curriculum development grant**, *Office of the Dean of the College, Brown University*.
- 2010-2011 **UC-MEXUS Dissertation Research Grant**, *Support for dissertation fieldwork, University of California Institute for Mexico and the United States*.
- 2010-2011 **Institute for Humanities Research Dissertation Fellowship**, *Support for dissertation research, UC Santa Cruz*.

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## Service

### Service to the field

- 2021-2024 **Steering Committee**, *Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT)*.
- 2024 **Committee Member**, *External review committee for Linguistics and Cognitive Studies, Tulane University*.
- 2021 **Co-organizer**, *Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 31*.
- 2016 **Co-organizer**, *Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi) IV*, Co-organized conference on Mayan linguistics at an indigenous-serving university in Valladolid, Yucatán (Universidad de Oriente).
- 2013- **Editorial Board member**, *Semantics & Pragmatics*.
- various **Reviewer (journal)**, *Canadian Journal of Linguistics, Cognition, Cuadernos de Lingüística de El Colegio de México, Developmental Psychology, Glossa, International Journal of American Linguistics (IJAL), Journal of Memory and Language, Journal of Semantics, Language, Language Learning and Development, Language and Linguistics Compass, Linguistic Inquiry, Linguistics and Philosophy, PLoS One, Semantics & Pragmatics, Studies in Language*.

- various **Reviewer (conference)**, *Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA)*, *Amsterdam Colloquium*, *Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi)*, *Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW)*, *Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW) in Asia*, *LSA Annual Meeting*, *Northeast Linguistics Society (NELS)*, *Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT)*, *Semantics of African Asian and Austronesian Languages*, *Semantics of Understudied Languages of the Americas (SULA)*, *Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA) Annual meeting*, *Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB)*, *West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL)*.
- various **Reviewer (grant/book proposal)**, *National Science Foundation (NSF) – Linguistics*, *National Science Foundation (NSF) – Documenting Endangered Languages*, *Oxford University Press*, *Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)*.

### Service to the department/program

- 2023-Present **Director**, *Linguistics*, Director (chair-like position) of Brown Linguistics.
- 2022-2023 **Graduate advisor**, *Linguistics*, *Cognitive Science*, advise graduates on program requirements, etc..
- 2019-2021 **Chair**, *Diversity and inclusion committee Chair*, promote diversity and inclusion within Brown CLPS.
- 2019-2021 **Chair**, *Colloquium committee*, organize departmental colloquium series.
- 2019-2021 **Graduate advisor**, *Linguistics*, *Cognitive Science*, advise graduates on program requirements, etc..
- 2015-2019 **Concentration advisor**, *Linguistics*, advise undergraduates concentrating (majoring) in Linguistics on graduation requirements, course selection, etc.
- 2016- **Diversity and inclusion committee member**, participated in development and execution of the Departmental Diversity and Inclusion Plan.
- 2015-2017 **Organizer**, *LingLangLunch*, (primary talk series on language in CLPS).
- 2014-2015 **Co-organizer**, *LingLangLunch*, (primary talk series on language in CLPS).

### Service to the university

- 2024-2027 **Member**, *Brown University Community Council*.
- 2022-2023 **Steering committee member**, *Native American and Indigenous Studies (NAIS) initiative*.
- 2020-2024 **Member**, *College Curriculum Council (CCC)*.
- 2019-2022 **Member**, *Native American and Indigenous Studies (NAIS) initiative curriculum committee*, working to develop the curriculum for the NAIS concentration.
- 2019 **First year/Sophomore Advisor**.
- 2015- **Member**, *Native American and Indigenous Studies (NAIS) initiative*, attended meetings and contributed to development of plan for NAIS program/center/initiative at Brown together with faculty and students and the Provost's office.
- 2015-2016 **Co-organizer**, *Meaning, discourse, and dialogue in indigenous Latin America*, Interdisciplinary talk series, [w/ Paja Faudree (Anthropology)].
- 2014-2016 **First year/Sophomore Advisor**.

## Languages

Native English

Fluent	<b>Spanish</b>
Intermediate	<b>Yucatec Maya</b>
Intermediate	<b>A'ingae (Cofán)</b>
Fieldwork only	<b>Tagalog</b>
	<b>Ilokano</b>
	<b>Q'anjob'al</b>
	<b>Cusco-Collao</b>
	<b>Quechua</b>
	<b>Joyabaj K'iche'</b>

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