

CURRICULUM VITAE
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EMPLOYMENT:

Fall 2006-present	Linguistics Program University of Florida	Assistant Professor
Fall 2005 - 2006	Department of Linguistics University of Chicago	Adjunct Lecturer

EDUCATION:

October, 2006	Ph.D. in Linguistics University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign Advisor: Elabbas Benmamoun
August, 1999- May, 2000	Enrolled in M.A. Linguistics Program University of Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania Non-Degree Seeking
May, 1999	B.A. in Linguistics; minor in African Studies; minor in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESOL) University of Florida

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Microvariation and typology; the morphology and syntax of Bantu and Afro-Semitic languages; resumption and the structure of relative clauses; agreement and case checking; projection and phrase structure theory; language acquisition; biolinguistics

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

At the University of Florida (Fall 2006 – Present)

Undergraduate

Introduction to Syntax (LIN 4500)
The Structure of Human Language (LIN 3460)
Introduction to Linguistics (LIN 3010)
Introduction to Morphology (LIN 4400)

Graduate

Independent Study on SLA and Universal Grammar (LIN 6905)
Introduction to Morphology (LIN 6407)
Introduction to Syntax (LIN 6501)
Topics in Syntax: SLA and Syntax (LIN 6942)
Issues in Morphology (LIN 6410)

At the University of Chicago (Fall 2005 – Spring 2006)

Undergraduate

Beginning Swahili (SWAH 25200, 25300, 25400)

Graduate

Issues in the Morphosyntax of Bantu Languages (LING 38350)

At the University of Illinois

Introduction to Language Sciences (LIN 100)
Beginning and Intermediate Swahili courses

TEACHING EVALUATIONS

Fall 2002, UIUC Ranked as “Excellent” in student evaluations

Spring 2003, UIUC Ranked as “Excellent” in student evaluations

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS:

2009-2012 Documenting Endangered Languages Grant (DEL PD-50009)
Project: Documenting Chimiini, a Bantu language of Somalis
National Science Foundation/National Endowment for Humanities
Award Amount: \$173,095

2007 Humanities Scholarship Enhancement Grant
Project: The Structure of Ethio-Semitic
CLAS, University of Florida (\$9000)

2004 Linguistics Department Summer Fellowship
Department of Linguistics, UIUC

- 2003 Linguistics Department Graduate Fellowship
Department of Linguistics, UIUC
- 2000-2002 Foreign Language Area Fellowship (FLAS)
Two years support; Center for African Studies
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
- 1999-2000 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship
Academic Year Scholarship
University of Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania
Awarded by Rotary International

SERVICE:

At the University of Florida

Member of the Board of Directors of Wuqu' Kawoq, an NGO that works at the intersection of health development and language revitalization in Guatemala.
www.wuqukawoq.org

Member of the Comprehensive Exams Committee (2006-present)

Chair of the Comprehensive Exams Committee (2007-present)

Member of the Merit Committee (2008-present)

Member of the Second Language Acquisition Committee.

Member of the organizing committee for the 38th *Annual Conference on African Linguistics* (ACAL 38th) held at UF March 22-25, 2007

Abstract reviewer for the *Annual Conference on African Linguistics*.

Occasional reviewer for:

Journal of African Languages and Linguistics; Selected Proceedings of the Annual Conference on African Linguistics; Journal of Slavic Linguistics; Journal of Linguistics; Language Research; Language and Linguistics Compass; Syntax

At the University of Illinois

Member of the committee for the evaluation of less commonly taught languages (LCTL) program at the University of Illinois, UIUC Department of Linguistics (Spring 2004)

Co-organizer (with Karlos Arregi), Syntax reading group bi-weekly meeting (Fall 2003 –Spring 2006)

Rater for SPEAK test, evaluating English proficiency of foreign student TAs (Spring 2003 - Fall 2004)

Member of the awarding committee for the Center for African Studies' Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships (2002-2003)

President of the Linguistic Student Organization, UIUC Department of Linguistics (Fall 2001 – Spring 2003)

THESIS RESEARCH

My dissertation ‘The syntax and typology of Bantu relatives,’ examines variation across Bantu relative clauses with regard to word order, agreement, object marking and resumption. I bring to light typological patterns within the Bantu language family and attempt explanations for these patterns within the principles and parameters tradition. In doing so I argue for a morphology-in-syntax view of grammar, the universality of a complex left periphery, a view of resumption as stranding, and a symmetric agreement-case checking system.

PUBLICATIONS:

2003. PF Evidence for Phases and Distributed Morphology. In the Proceedings of the 34th annual meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (*NELS 34*), Stonybrook, NY.

2005. The Case for Concord: Multiple Agreement in Bantu. In the Proceedings of the 36th annual meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (*NELS 36*), Amherst, MA.

2005. Multiple Agreement, Concord, and Case Checking in Bantu. In the *Proceedings of the Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL 36)*, Savannah, GA.

2006. The Syntax of Agreement in Bantu Relatives. In *Topics in the Morphosyntax of Underrepresented Languages: Papers from the 9th Texas Linguistics Society Conference*. CSLI Publications, Stanford, CA.

2007. Multiple Agreement and Inversion in Bantu. *Syntax* 9 (3), 275-289.

2007. Matching and Raising Unified. *Lingua* 117 (1), 202-220.

2009. Anti-Agreement and [Person] in Bantu. *Selected Proceedings of the 38th Annual Conference on African Linguistics: Linguistic Theory and African Language Documentation*. Matondo, M., F. McLaughlin, and E. Potsdam (eds.). Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Press, 173-181.

2009. Symmetry in Visual and Linguistic Perception. *Biolinguistics*, 2 (4), 291-316.

SUBMISSIONS:

2008. Anti-Agreement, Definiteness, and Person in Bantu. In submission to *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*. .

2008. Henderson, B. Agreement, Locality, and OVS Clauses in Bantu. In submission to *Lingua* (12/08)

INVITED TALKS

2005. Sources of Agreement and Case in Bantu. Indiana University, Bloomington, IN. November 11th.
2006. Case-Agreement Asymmetries in Bantu. University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. February 9th.
2006. Rethinking Resumption and Object Marking in Bantu. Univ. of Florida, February 16th.
2008. What Makes Us Human? Two Perspectives from Linguistics. Christian Study Center, Gainesville, FL, September 22nd.
2009. African Languages and Syntactic Theory: Impacts and Prospects. Plenary address at the 40th Annual Conference for African Linguistics. To be held at the Univ. of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, April 9-11th.

CONFERENCE AND COLLOQUIA PRESENTATIONS

2002. Syntactic Topicalization in Lingala. Presentation at the 33rd Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL 33), Ohio University, March 22nd -24th.
2003. Functional and lexical interactions: relative clauses and negation in Swahili. Presentation at the North American Syntax Conference (NASC I), Concordia Univ., Montreal May 2nd-4th.
2003. Sentential and Constituent Negation in Lingala: a Unified Analysis. Presentation at the 34th Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL 34), Rutgers University, June 17th-22nd.
2003. Case as Tense and Universal Head-Initial Structure. Presentation at the annual meeting of the Michigan Linguistic Society, Ann Arbor. October 11th.
2003. PF Evidence for Phases and Distributed Morphology. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 34), Stonybrook, NY. November 7-9th.
2003. Extended Projection Licensing and Repair. Presentation at the Department of Linguistics weekly linguistics seminar, UIUC. November 13th.
2004. Relative clauses and categorial features in Swahili. Presentation at the annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 78), Boston, MA. January 8-11th.
2004. Matching and Raising Unified. Presentation at the annual meeting of the Michigan Linguistic Society, Flint, MI. October 16th.
2005. Bantu Relatives and the Left Periphery. Presentation at the annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 79), Oakland, CA. January 8-11th.

2005. Multiple Agreement, Concord, and Case Checking in Bantu. Presentation at the Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL 36), Savannah, GA. March 31st-April 3rd.
2005. The Syntax and Typology of Bantu Relatives. Presentation at the Department of Linguistics weekly linguistics seminar, UIUC. September 22nd.
2005. The Case for Concord: Multiple Agreement in Bantu. Presentation at the annual meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 36), Amherst, MA. October 28-30th.
2005. The Syntax of Agreement in Bantu Relatives. Presentation at the annual meeting of the Texas Linguistic Society (TLS 9), Austin, TX. November 4-6th.
2006. Case, Agreement and Concord in Bantu. Presentation at the annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 80), Albuquerque, NM. January 5-8th.
2006. The Bantu Object Marker: Pronoun or Agreement? Presented at the Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL 37), University of Oregon, April 6-9.
2007. Perception and Linguistic Structure. Presented at Biolinguistic Investigations, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, February 22-25.
2007. Anti-Agreement and Person in Bantu. Presented at the Annual Conference on African Linguistics, University of Florida, March 22-24th.
2008. Differential Object Marking in Tigre and Tigrinya. Presented at National Conference on Afro-asiatic Linguistics, Chicago, IL, March 21-23.
2008. Agreement, Case, and Focus in Bantu OVS Clauses. Presented at the Movement and Word Order in Bantu conference, Leiden, March 7-9.
2009. *Anti-agreement: locality of movement or locality of agreement?* To be presented at the Chicago Linguistics Society annual meeting, April 16th-18th, 2009.

REVIEWS

2004. Review of *English in Africa after the Cold War* by Alamin M. Mazrui. *The Linguist List*, vol 15.1863.
2005. Review of *Sideward Movement* by Jairo Nunes. *The Linguist List*, vol 16.757.
2008. Review of Ackema, P., et al. (eds.), *Arguments and Agreement*. *Journal of Linguistics* 44, 229-233.

COMPUTATIONAL WORK:

2004. Swahili consultant for REFLEX, a project that aims for named entity recognition and transliteration for 50 languages, headed by Prof. Richard Sproat, UIUC. Project homepage: <http://serrano.ai.uiuc.edu/reflex/>

2005. Developed on-line Swahili instructional materials with Esther Lisanza and Prof. Chilin Shih, UIUC. View at <http://prosodies.org/swahili/round4/swahili.html>

LANGUAGES:

Swahili: three years of study (1996-1999, U Florida);
 1 year study abroad (1999-2000, U Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania)
Lingala: two years of study (2000-2002, UIUC)
Zulu: one semester of study (2002, UIUC)

Other languages studied for research and/or field methods courses: Amharic, Arabic, Bemba, Berber, Chimiini, Kirundi, Kinyarwanda, Logooli (Luyia), Luganda, Tigre, Tigrinya, Zulu.