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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- B.A. in English Literature (Departmental Honors; minors in Linguistics and Psychology). 2000. Utah State University. Honors Thesis: *Sinitic Loanwords in Two Hmong Dialects of Southeast Asia*.
- M.A. in Linguistics. 2003. University of California, Berkeley.
- LSA Summer Institute. 2006. Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
- Ph.D. dissertation in progress: *Logical and Substantial Scales in Phonology*. Sharon Inkelas and James A. Matisoff (co-chairs), Larry Hyman and Johanna Nichols (committee members). Expected completion: May 2006.

Teaching

UC Berkeley	Linguistics 5: Language and Linguistics (TA)	Fall 2003
	Linguistics 130: Historical and Comparative Linguistics (TA)	Fall 2004
	Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award	2004-2005

Research

- (2004) Development work on *XTone: Cross-linguistic Tonal Database*. With Larry Hyman and David Allison.
- (2004) Fieldwork on *Sorbung* and *East Tusom*. Worked on lexicon, phonology, and morphology with one native speaker of each language (2 weeks).
- (2004) Fieldwork on *Huishu*. Elicited lexical material and anaphora data with one native speaker (2 weeks).
- (2004) Elicitation on *Kitiriki*, as part of seminar on the typology of tone. (Larry Hyman, instructor).

- (2003) Fieldwork on *Hmong (Mong Leng and Hmong Daw)*. Worked on anaphora with several native speakers (1 week).
- (2003) Fieldwork on *Huishu*. Worked on lexicon and phonology with two native speakers (3 weeks).
- (2003) Fieldwork on *Kachai*. Worked on lexicon and phonology with one native speaker (4 weeks).
- (2002-2003) Fieldwork on *Tangkhul*. Worked on lexicon, phonology, morphology, and syntax with three speakers (one true native speaker and two bilinguals).
- (2001-2005) Graduate Student Researcher on NSF/NEH project "Sino-Tibetan Etymological Dictionary and Thesaurus." (PI: James A. Matisoff).
- (1999) Fieldwork on *Hmong (Mong Leng)*. Elicited lexical material, working with three native speakers.
- (1997) Fieldwork on *Hmong (Mong Leng)*. Worked on kinship terms and system with one native speaker (1 week).
- (1995-1996) Fieldwork on *Hmong (Mong Leng and Hmong Daw)*. Worked on lexicon, syntax, phonology with numerous native speakers.

Presentations

Invited Talks

- (2006) "A Marked Structure is Born: The Emergence of Obstruents and the Motivations for Sound Change," invited talk, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, February 16.
- (2005) "The Phonology of Coordinate Constructions," invited talk, Cornell University, Ithaca, March 3.
- (2005) "Abstract Scales in Phonology," invited talk, Stanford Phonology Workshop, Stanford February 24.
- (2005) "Abstract Scales in Phonology," invited talk, University of Chicago, Chicago, February 3.
- (2004) "Scalar Competition and Variables in Hmong Anaphora," invited talk, Stanford Syntax Workshop, Stanford, April 27, 2004.
- (2003) "The State of Hmong Linguistics," invited talk, Hmong Studies Symposium, Concordia University (St. Paul), October 25, 2003.

Conference Presentations

- (2006) "Tonally conditioned vowel raising in Shuijingping Hmong," Linguistic Society of America, Albuquerque, New Mexico, January 5-8.
- (2005) "Phonological Parallelism between Reduplication and Compounding in Jingpho," Berkeley Linguistics Society (BLS) 31, Berkeley, California, February 18-20.

- (2005) "A-Hmao echo reduplication as evidence for abstract phonological scales," Linguistic Society of America, Oakland, California. January 6-9.
- (2004) "Phonological Cline Effects" (poster), Northeast Linguistics Society (NELS) 35, Storrs, Connecticut.
- (2004) "The emergence of dorsal stops after high vowels in Huishu," Berkeley Linguistics Society (BLS) 30, Berkeley, California.
- (2004) "*Semper Infidelis*: Anti-identity in A-Hmao and Jingpho tone sandhi chains," Linguistic Society of America (LSA) 78. Boston, Massachusetts.
- (2003) "Two types of variable elements in Hmong anaphora," Workshop on the Form and Function of Pronouns, University of British Columbia, September 19-21.
- (2003) "Chain-Shift, Schmain-Shift: Anti-Identity and Tone Sandhi in Hmong, A-Hmao, and Jingpho," Trilateral Phonology Weekend (TREND) 2003, University of California, Santa Cruz, May 10.
- (2003) with Kenneth VanBik. "Vowel quality and quantity in Hakha Lai: A perceptual study," Linguistic Society of America (LSA) 77. Atlanta, Georgia.
- (2002) "A preliminary survey of Tibeto-Burman loanwords in Hmong-Mien languages," ICSTLL (International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics) 35. Arizona State University.
- (2002) "Borrowed animal terms in Hmong-Mien languages," SEALS (Southeast Asian Linguistics Society) 12. Northern Illinois University.

Publications

- (in review) "Two types of variable elements in Hmong anaphora."
- (2004) "The emergence of dorsal stops after high vowels in Huishu." *Proceedings of the Thirtieth Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society* (BLS 30).
- (2003) *Proceedings of the Twenty-Ninth Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society: General Session and Parasession on Phonetic Sources of Phonological Patterns: Synchronic and Diachronic Explanations*. Co-edited with Pavel Nowak and Corey Yoquelet.
- (2003) "Review of *Baheng Yu Yanjiu* by Mao Zongwu and Li Yunbing." *Linguistics of the Tibeto-Burman Area* 26(1):123-131.
- (2002) "Review of *Les langue Hmong-Mjen: phonologie historique* by Barbara Niederer," *Linguistics of the Tibeto-Burman Area* 25(2):243-245.

Manuscripts

- (2005) "The emergence of obstruents after high vowels: a maladaptive sound change," ms. University of California, Berkeley. To be submitted.
- (2005) "The phonology of coordinate compounds," ms. University of California, Berkeley. In revision for publication.
- (2004) "Abstract Scales in Phonology," ms. University of California, Berkeley. In revision for publication. [ROA 667-0604]

- (2004) "Comparative Tangkhul," ms. University of California, Berkeley. In revision, due to subsequent field research.

Unpublished Software

- (2003) *SiFraFoLiC (Simple Framework for Linguistic Comparison)*. A database front-end and set of algorithms for performing comparative reconstruction, including a simple but novel computational formalization of the traditional comparative method. Used to facilitate the reconstruction reported in "Comparative Tangkhul."

Service

- Organizing committee, Twenty-Ninth and Thirtieth Annual Meetings of the Berkeley Linguistics Society (2002 and 2003).
- Special session organizer, Twenty-Eighth Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society (2001). Co-organized with Patrick Chew.

Languages

Mong Leng	Advanced (fluent) reading, writing, and speaking ability.
Hmong Daw	Advanced reading knowledge and intermediate speaking ability.
Mandarin	Intermediate reading knowledge and speaking ability.
French	Basic reading ability.

Fellowships, Scholarships, and Academic Awards

- (2006) LSA Summer Institute Fellowship
(2004) Graduate Division Summer Grant, University of California, Berkeley
(2001) Institute for East Asian Studies Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley
(2000) English Literature Student of the Year, Utah State University
(1994) University Club Scholarship, Utah State University