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2007 – present Visiting assistant professor of linguistics
School of Cognitive Science, Hampshire College

2008 – present Research associate
Office of Institutional Research, Hampshire College

2008 – 2013 Adjunct assistant professor
Linguistics Department, University of Massachusetts Amherst

EDUCATION

2007 Ph.D., Linguistics Department, University of Massachusetts Amherst

Thesis: The sources of phonological markedness

Committee: John J. McCarthy (chair)

John Kingston, Joe Pater, Andrew McCallum

2000 B.A. *magna cum laude* Major: Linguistics
Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota

TEACHING

2007 – 2008 Hampshire College, School of Cognitive Science

CS-110: *The Nature of Language*

CS-200: *Independent Study – The Grammar of Signed Languages*

CS-236: *Field Methods in Linguistics*

CS-237: *Theory of Language – Syntax and Phonology*

2003 – 2007 University of Massachusetts Amherst, Linguistics Department

Teaching associate, LING 201: *Introduction to Linguistic Theory* (4 semesters)

Teaching assistant, LING 201: *Introduction to Linguistic Theory* (1 semester)

Teaching assistant, LING 101: *People and their Language* (2 semesters)

- 2004 *Linguistic Theory and the Grammar of English*
Co-instructor with Prof. Peggy Speas. This course was part of the Inquiry into Linguistically and Culturally Diverse Communities curriculum, which is a Bachelor of General Studies program sponsored by the UMass Division of Continuing Education. The program serves bilingual paraprofessionals pursuing bachelors' degrees and licensure in elementary education.

PUBLICATIONS

- submitted Constraints on onsets and codas of words and phrases. *Phonology*.
- 2007 Templatic morphology and indexed markedness constraints. *Linguistic Inquiry* 38: 749-758.
- 2007 Inducing functionally grounded constraints. In M. Becker (ed.), *UMass Occasional Papers in Linguistics 36: Papers in Theoretical and Computational Phonology*. Amherst, Mass.: GLSA.
- 2007 Ambiguity avoidance as contrast preservation: Case and word order freezing in Japanese. In L. Bateman, A. Werle, M. O'Keefe, and E. Reilly (eds.) *UMass Occasional Papers in Linguistics 32: Papers in Optimality Theory III*.
- 2006 Lateral phontactics in Australian languages. In L. Bateman and C. Ussery (eds.) *Proceedings of NELS 35*, vol. 1, pp. 187-199. Amherst, Mass.: GLSA.
- 2005 Lateral acoustics and phonotactics in Australian languages. In K. Flack and S. Kawahara (eds.) *UMass Occasional Papers in Linguistics 31: Papers in Experimental Phonetics and Phonology*, pp. 37-58. Amherst, Mass.: GLSA.
- 2005 Kathryn Flack and Shigeto Kawahara, eds. *UMass Occasional Papers in Linguistics 31: Papers in Experimental Phonetics and Phonology*. Amherst, Mass.: GLSA.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2007 Phonotactic restrictions across prosodic domains. LSA Annual Meeting. January 5, 2007. Anaheim, California.
- 2006 OT contrast preservation and disambiguation in Japanese scrambling. LSA Annual Meeting. January 6, 2006. Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- 2004 Lateral phonotactics in Australian languages. NELS 35. October 23, 2004. University of Connecticut.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

- 2008 Avoiding ambiguity in Japanese and ASL. May 16, 2008. Carleton College.
- 2008 Avoiding ambiguity in Japanese and ASL. March 26, 2008. Wednesday Lunch Talk, School of Cognitive Science, Hampshire College.
- 2006 Edge restrictions in the prosodic hierarchy. HUMDRUM 2006 (Johns Hopkins/Rutgers/UMass workshop on Optimality Theory). April 29, 2006. Johns Hopkins University.
- 2005 Ambiguity avoidance and syntactic contrast preservation. HUMDRUM 2005. April 23, 2005. University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 2008 – 2009 Faculty signer, Five College Linguistics Society, Hampshire College.
- 2006 – 2007 Research assistant, Prof. John J. McCarthy, University of Massachusetts Amherst
Proofread manuscript of *An Introduction to Optimality Theory*.
Proofread manuscript of *Hidden Generalizations: Phonological Opacity in Optimality Theory*.
Developed online course materials for Linguistics 101.
- 2006 Expert witness for the defense in State of Ohio v. Fabyan
Argued that the statutory definition of “game of chance” is structurally ambiguous and should be found void for vagueness.
- 2003 Prepared index of *Optimality Theory in Phonology: A Reader*, edited by John J. McCarthy. (with S. Kawahara and M. Becker)
- 2000 – 2001 Linguist, Appiant Technologies, Pleasanton, California
Developed and tested speech recognition software.
- 1998 Intern, Central Australian Dictionaries Program, Alice Springs, Australia
Developed dictionary and teaching materials for indigenous languages.

SERVICE

- 2006 Student member of UMass phonology job search committee.
- 2005 – 2006 Organized meetings of the UMass phonology reading group.

- 2005 Assisted with organization of NELS 36.
- 2005 Co-organizer of HUMDRUM 2005 (Johns Hopkins/Rutgers/UMass workshop on Optimality Theory).
- 2005 Student representative to the UMass linguistics department faculty.

FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

- 2002 – 2003 Psycholinguistic Training Grant. University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
- 2000 Phi Beta Kappa. Carleton College.
- 1996 – 2000 National Merit Scholar, Carleton College Distinguished Scholar.