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Present Position

Ph.D. Candidate in Linguistics, *University of California, Santa Barbara.*

Education Background

Dec. 2010 (expected) Ph.D. in Linguistics, *University of California, Santa Barbara.*

Dissertation: Tone in Ekegusii

Objectives: Ekegusii, an underdescribed minority Bantu language spoken in southwestern Kenya, exhibits a variety of tonal patterns and phenomena. However, a detailed understanding and broad generalization of the tonal pattern has yet to be drawn. Research on Ekegusii tone has focused only on its presence in the verb paradigm (Bickmore 1997 and 1999, Cammenga 2002). The objective of this research is to provide an in-depth description of the tonal patterns in Ekegusii. Beginning with the lexical level, tone on nouns, verbs, and other lexical classes which may bear tone or interact with tone in adjacent words will be examined. The analysis of lexical tone will lay the foundation of analysing postlexical tone (i.e., tone across the word boundary). The postlexical tone analysis will explain the varying surface tonal patterns of words due to adjacent words and phrasal boundaries. The last section will investigate the possible effects on a word's tonal pattern due to its location within an intonation unit and utterance (e.g., accent). The analyses will be performed within an Autosegmental framework. This dissertation will provide analyses and rare data to the fields of phonology and typology.

Mar. 2008 C.Phil. in Linguistics, *University of California, Santa Barbara.*

May 2001 M.A. in Linguistics, *Rice University.*

Thesis: Evaluating the Use of Adaptive Transform Acoustic Coding in Acoustic Phonetics

May 1999 B.A. in Linguistics, *Rice University.*

Areas of Interest

Articulatory phonetics, acoustic phonetics, experimental phonetics, psychoacoustics, phonology, typology of stress, tone, linguistics and technology, sociocultural linguistics.

Professional Experience

Assistant Professor

Jan. 2011 *Department of Anthropology.* University of Kansas.

Graduate Student Researcher and Computer Programmer

Aug. 2005 – Present **Researcher and HTML/JavaScript Programmer.** Instructional Improvement Grant: Linguistics 20A (Introduction to Linguistics). Head Researcher: Prof. Carol Genetti. University of California, Santa Barbara.

Jul. 2004 – Apr. 2007 **Researcher and C++ Programmer.** National Science Foundation Grant No. BCS-0343981: Perceptual Correlates of Syllable Weight. Head Researcher: Prof. Matthew Gordon. University of California, Santa Barbara.

Teaching Associate

- Jun. 2005 – Apr. 2008 **University of California, Santa Barbara.**
- Introduction to Language and Linguistics (Linguistics 20A). Summer 2005, Summer 2006, Fall 2007, Winter 2008.
 - Teaching Assistant Seminar (Linguistics 505). Spring 2007.

Lecturer

- Aug. 2001 – May 2003 **Sam Houston State University.**
- Independent Study: Child Language Acquisition (English 475). Spring 2003.
 - History of the English Language (English 467). Fall 2001, Fall 2002.
 - Introduction to the Linguistic Analysis of the English Language (English 372). Fall 2001, Spring 2002, Fall 2002, Spring 2003.
 - English Composition I (English 164). Fall 2001, Fall 2002, Spring 2003.

Teaching Assistant

- Sep. 2003 – Jun. 2004 **University of California, Santa Barbara.**
- Language, Gender, and Sexuality (Linguistics 132). Spring 2004.
 - Language in American Ethnic Minority Groups (Linguistics 180). Winter 2004.
 - Introduction to Language and Linguistics (Linguistics 20). Fall 2003.
- Aug. 1998 – May 2000 **Rice University.**
- Introduction to the Scientific Study of Language (Linguistics 200). Spring 1999, Fall 2000, Spring 2000.
 - The Power of Persuasion (University 112). Fall 1999.
 - Words in English: Structure, History, and Use (Linguistics 215). Fall 1998.

Publications

Journal Articles

- (Submitted) with Matthew Gordon, Carmen Jany, and Nobutaka Takara, 'Acoustic and perceptual correlates of coda weight', *Phonetica*.
- (Submitted) with Matthew Gordon, Carmen Jany, and Nobutaka Takara, 'Extrametricity and mora sharing in Egyptian Arabic', *Journal of Linguistics*.
- (Submitted) "'I cannot say that word": persistent teasing and stance as a means of constructing identity in discourse among gay men', *Humor*.
- 2010 with Matthew Gordon, Carmen Jany, and Nobutaka Takara, 'Syllable structure and extrametricality: A typological and phonetic study', *Studies in Language* 34:1, 131–166.

Book Reviews

- (Submitted) *Phonology: A Cognitive Grammar Introduction*, Geoffrey S. Nathan, *Phonology*.
- 2010 *Public Discourses of Gay Men*, Paul Baker, *Gender and Language* 3:2, 279–282.

Proceedings

- 2007a with Matthew Gordon, Carmen Jany, and Nobutaka Takara, 'Vowel Sonority and Coda Weight', *Proceedings of the 26th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, 27–29 April 2007, University of California, Berkeley.
- 2007b with Carmen Jany, Matthew Gordon, and Nobutaka Takara, 'How Universal is the Sonority Hierarchy?: A Cross-Linguistic Acoustic Study', *Proceedings of the 16th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences*. ICPhS Saarbrücken, Germany, 6 – 10 August, 2007. <http://www.icphs2007.de/conference/Papers/1096/1096.pdf>.

- 2005a 'Cohesion and reference in English chatroom discourse.' *Proceedings of the 38th Annual Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences* (HICSS'05) – Track 4. <http://doi.ieeecomputersociety.org/10.1109/HICSS.2005.143>. The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.
- 2005b 'A phonetic and phonological approach to stress in Sinhala verbs.' *Proceedings from the Workshop on Sinhala Linguistics*. Santa Barbara Papers in Linguistics.

Works in Progress

- Ekegusii-English Dictionary (editor)
- Accounting for tone in Optimality Theory
- (Gay) dude: an analysis of the use of dude in gay discourse
- Gay and ethnicity

Presentations

- Apr. 2010 'Listening to the speakers: A phonologist's encounter with language activism and the community' Department of Linguistics Colloquium Series, Rice University, Houston.
- Nov. 2008 'Cricket: software for modelling auditory prominence,' (co-presentation with Prof. Matthew Gordon), Phonetics Seminar, University of California, Los Angeles.
- Aug. 2007 'How universal is the sonority hierarchy?: A cross-linguistic acoustic study,' (co-presentation with Carmen Jany, Prof. Matthew Gordon, and Nobutaka Takara), International Congress of Phonetic Sciences, Saarbrücken, Germany.
- Apr. 2007 'Vowel sonority and coda weight,' (presented by Prof. Matthew Gordon), The 26th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics, University of California, Berkeley.
- Feb. 2007 "'You obviously have the reverse effect for most gay men": the interaction of teasing, stance, and frame,' Rice Linguistics Society Workshop, Houston.
- Nov. 2006 "'I cannot say that word": stance and participation framework in a gay interaction,' 105th American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Jose.
- Mar. 2006 'A factorial typological analysis of foot-based stress,' Department of Linguistics Colloquium Series, University of California, Santa Barbara.
- Nov. 2005 "'What's another word for rooster?": persistent teasing in gay discourse,' Language, Interaction, and Social Organization Research Focus Group, University of California, Santa Barbara.
- Nov. 2005 'Phonetic correlates of syllable weight,' (co-presentation with Prof. Matthew Gordon and Carmen Jany), Department of Linguistics Colloquium Series, University of California, Santa Barbara.
- Oct. 2005 'Acoustic and perceptual correlates of syllable weight,' (presented by Prof. Matthew Gordon), 150th Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- Jun. 2005 'A phonetic and phonological approach to stress in Sinhala verbs,' Workshop on Sinhala Linguistics, University of California, Santa Barbara.
- Jan. 2005 'Cohesion and reference in English chatroom discourse,' 38th Annual – Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences (HICSS'05) Persistent Conversation Minitrack, Hawaii.
- Jan. 2004 'Introduction to creating a web site,' Department of Linguistics Colloquium Series, University of California, Santa Barbara.

Grants, Honours, and Awards

- Aug. 2009 – Jun. 2010 UC President's Dissertation Fellowship. University of California, Santa Barbara.
- Aug. 2005 – Jun. 2006 Graduate Opportunity Fellowship. University of California, Santa Barbara.
- May 1999 Vice President's Appreciation Award. Rice University.
- Jan. 1999 President's Honour Roll. Rice University.

Editorial Board

2010 Editorial Board Member, *Himalayan Linguistics*

Offices and Committees

- Apr. 2005 – Sep. 2005 Web Site Redesign Committee, Department of Linguistics. University of California, Santa Barbara.
- Apr. 2004 – Jun. 2005 Vice President of Communications and Records, Graduate Students Association. University of California, Santa Barbara.
- Oct. 2004 – Apr. 2005 Faculty Search Committee, Department of Linguistics. University of California, Santa Barbara.
- Jan. 2001 – May 2001 Student Advisory Board, Office of the Registrar. Rice University.

Other Relevant Technology Experience

- Aug. 2007 – Aug. 2008 Language Technical Coordinator and Webmaster. inField: Institute on Field Linguistics and Language Documentation. University of California, Santa Barbara.
- Oct. 2006 – Present Webmaster. *Himalayan Linguistics* (peer-reviewed journal).
- Sep. 2006 – Aug. 2008 Visual Basic and HTML Programmer. Instructional Improvement Grant: English as a Second Language. University of California, Santa Barbara.
- Feb. 2006 – Sep. 2006 Technology Assistant, Web Site Designer. Languages and Genes: 8 – 10 September 2006. Department of Linguistics. University of California.
- Jan. 2006 – Jan. 2010 Video Editor, Video/Audio Restoration Artist, Graphic Artist. James Stanfield Company. Santa Barbara, CA.
- Jun. 2003 – Jul. 2003 Advanced C++ Instructor: Rice University Summer Session. Rice University.
- Jun. 2003 – Jul. 2003 Beginning C++ Instructor: Rice University Summer Session. Rice University.
- Sep. 2001 – Oct. 2002 Technology Assistant, Web Site Designer, Abstracts Co-coordinator. The 6th Conceptual Structure, Discourse and Language Conference: 12 – 14 October 2002. Department of Linguistics. Rice University.
- Dec. 2000 – Jul. 2001 Technology Assistant, Preparation of Abstracts and Schedule. The 7th International Cognitive Linguistics Conference: 22 – 27 July 2001. Department of Linguistics. Rice University.
- Aug. 1999 – Aug. 2003 Web Site Designer and Webmaster, Office of the Registrar. Rice University.
- Jan. 1999 – Aug. 2003 Web Site Designer and Webmaster, Houston Friends of Music. Rice University.
- May 1998 – Aug. 2002 Technology Trainer and Technical Writer, Information Technology. Rice University.
- Aug. 1996 – Aug. 2002 Web Site Designer and Webmaster, New Word Formation in English, <http://www.owl.net.rice.edu/~ling215>. Rice University.

Professional Affiliations

- 2008 Canadian Acoustical Association
- 2006 American Anthropological Association
- 2004 – Present Linguistics Society of America

Languages

- Reading: Spanish and German.
- Structural Knowledge: Old English, Middle English, Old Norse, Sinhala, and Ekegusii.