

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## EDUCATION

- 1999-Present** Candidate for Doctor of Philosophy, Linguistics  
University of Toronto
- 1998-1999** Transfer year in the Master's Programme, Linguistics  
University of Ottawa
- 1995** Magistra Artium, General Linguistics and German Literature –  
Universität Stuttgart, Germany  
Thesis title:  
**Nomen-Verb Distinktion als Universalie: Eine Untersuchung  
anhand von Cayuga und Inuktitut.**  
Supervisor: Dr. Elke Nowak
- 1991** Zwischenprüfung Linguistics and German Literature  
Universität Stuttgart, Germany
- In prep.** Dissertation:  
**The Verbal Domain: Voice alternations, events, and verb  
classes in Inuktitut**

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

### **MORPHOLOGY AND SYNTAX:**

Antipassive morphology, verbal decomposition, argument structure, event structure, morphosyntactic features, theory of the lexicon, allomorphy, interfaces in linguistic theory, non-overt categories, case and agreement

### **LANGUAGES:**

Canadian Inuktitut, German

### **FIRST LANGUAGE ACQUISITION:**

Acquisition of morphology, German inflection, plural morphology, gender, rule-based versus connectionist approaches

**PUBLICATIONS (REFEREED)****2007**

- (with Michael Barrie): Noun Incorporation and the progressive in German. *Lingua* (2007), doi:10.1016/j.lingua.2007.10.020

**2006**

- Antipassive morphology and case assignment in Inuktitut. Alana Johns, Diane Massam, & Juvanel Ndayiragije (eds.): *Ergativity: Emerging Issues*, Kluwer: Dordrecht, 247-270

**2001**

- Little *v* in Inuktitut: Antipassive revisited. *Linguistica Atlantica* 23, 155-190

**PUBLICATIONS (NOT REFEREED)****In press**

- Events in Inuktitut: voice alternations and viewpoint aspect. Proceedings of the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistics Society, University of Chicago

**2005**

- (with Midori Hayashi): Is Inuktitut tenseless? Proceedings of the 2005 Annual Meeting of the Canadian Linguistics Association
- Third Person Arguments in Inuktitut. Proceedings of the Workshop on the Structure and Constituency of the Languages of the Americas 10, UBCWPL 17, eds. Armoskaite, Solveiga and James J. Thompson. 215-225
- Error patterns in the acquisition of German Plural Morphology: Evidence for the relevance of grammatical gender as a cue. Toronto Working Papers in Linguistics, vol. 23.2, 147-172

**2004**

- How to derive a verb: Syntactic objects in Inuktitut. Proceedings of the Workshop on the Structure and Constituency of the Languages of the Americas 2004, UBCWPL vol. 15, University of British Columbia, 93-106

**2002**

- Verb Classes in Inuktitut and the Transitivity Hierarchy: 'Aspects' of Antipassive. Proceedings of the Workshop on the Structure and Constituency of the Languages of the Americas 2001, UBCWPL Vol. 7, University of British Columbia
- The Passive in Basque. Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Niagara Linguistic Society 2000, University of Toronto. Toronto Working Papers in Linguistics 19, 87-106

**2001**

- Antipassive and Distributed Morphology. Proceedings of CLA 2000, Cahiers Linguistique d'Ottawa University of Ottawa, 339-346

**2001**

- Plural in German. Proceedings of WECOL 2000, vol. 12

**1996**

- The Universality of the Noun-Verb-Distinction. Proceedings of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Marburger Studentensymposium:

**Edited**

Proceedings of NLS 2001, TWPL vol. 19, editor

**PRESENTATIONS****2006**

- (with Midori Hayashi) The Syntax of Tense: Evidence from Inuktitut. Chronos 7, Antwerp, Belgium
- (with Midori Hayashi) The Semantics of Tense in Inuktitut. TAMTAM, Nijmegen, Netherlands
- (with Michael Barrie) Noun Incorporation in German. NIK Noun Incorporation and its Kind, University of Ottawa

**2005**

- (with Midori Hayashi) Is Inuktitut tenseless? Annual Meeting of the Canadian Linguistics Society, University of Western Ontario, London, ON
- Events in Inuktitut: voice alternations and viewpoint aspect. 41st Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistics Society, University of Chicago
- Third Person Arguments in Inuktitut. Workshop on the Structure and Constituency of the Languages of the Americas 10, University of Toronto

**2004**

- Events in Progress: Inuktitut, Basque, and German. BWTL 8, York University, Toronto
- How to derive a verb: Antipassive morphology in Inuktitut. Workshop on the Structure and Constituency of the Languages of the Americas 9, Victoria, BC

**2002**

- Antipassive Morphology and Case Assignment in Inuktitut. Ergativity Workshop, University of Toronto

**2001**

- Verb Classes in Inuktitut and the Transitivity Hierarchy: 'Aspects' of Antipassive. Workshop on the Structure and Constituency of the Languages of the Americas 6, St. Johns

**2000**

- Antipassive in Inuktitut. Annual Meeting of the Canadian Linguistic Association, University of Alberta, Edmonton
- The Passive in Basque. Annual conference of the Niagara Linguistic Society (NLS), University of Toronto
- Plural in German. Western Conference in Linguistics (WECOL) in Fresno, CA

**1995**

- The Universality of the Noun-Verb-Distinction. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Marburger Studentensymposium in Canadian Studies, Marburg

**Invited****2006**

- Ergative Case in Inuktitut, Graduiertenkolleg Institut für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, Technische Universität Berlin

**EXPERIENCE**

**Teaching**

**Since 2007**

- Instructor: Linguistics, TESL Programme, Seneca College for Applied Arts and Technology

**2008**

- Instructor: Morphological Patterns in Languages, University of Toronto
- Instructor: English Grammar, University of Toronto
- Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Language For Christine Pittman, University of Toronto

**2005**

- Instructor: Morphological Patterns in Languages, University of Toronto
- Instructor: English Grammar
- Teaching Assistant: Morphological Patterns For Prof. Alana Johns, University of Toronto

**2004**

- Teaching Assistant: Introduction to General Linguistics For Prof. Deborah James, University of Toronto
- Instructor: Introduction to Language, University of Toronto
- Instructor: Introduction to Language, University of Toronto

**2003**

- Instructor: Introduction to Language, University of Toronto

**2001**

- Teaching Assistant: Morphological Patterns For Nicole Rosen, University of Toronto

**2000–2001**

- Teaching Assistant: Introduction to General Linguistics For Prof. Robert Binnick, University of Toronto

**2000**

- Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Language For Prof. Edward Burstinsky, University of Toronto

**1999**

- Teaching Assistant: Introduction to General Linguistics For Abdel-Khalig Ali, University of Toronto

**1995-1999**

- Instructor German as a Second Language, IMS Institut, Stuttgart, Germany

**1993 -1995**

- Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Linguistics For Dr. Elke Nowak, Universität Stuttgart

**Research Positions**

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| <b>2004-2006</b>    | Research Assistant. Inuktitut Group<br>With Dr. Alana Johns  |
| <b>2003-2004</b>    | Research Assistant, A comparative grammar of Inuktitut dialects.<br>With Dr. Alana Johns   |
| <b>2001-Present</b> | Research Assistant, Netsilik Dictionary Project, Joint Venture<br>with Drs. Jean Briggs, Memorial University of Newfoundland and<br>Alana Johns, University of Toronto |
| <b>2001</b>         | Research Assistant, Inuktitut database project<br>With Dr. Alana Johns   |
| <b>1999-2000</b>    | Member, Syntax Group<br>With Drs. Elizabeth Cowper, Alana Johns, and Diane Massam<br>University of Toronto   |

**SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS**

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| <b>2003</b>      | Travel grant for field research in Kugaaruk, Nunavut<br>School of Graduate Studies, University of Toronto   |
| <b>2002</b>      | Research grant for First Language Acquisition Research Project<br>in Germany. Joint Initiative for German and European Studies,<br>Munk Centre for International Studies, University of Toronto |
| <b>2001</b>      | SIG Grant for field research in Kugaaruk, Nunavut<br>Research Grant for field research in Kugaaruk, Nunavut<br>Northern Scientific Training Programme   |
| <b>2000-2001</b> | Ontario Graduate Scholarship  |
| <b>2000</b>      | SHHRC research grant as part of the SHHRC grant "A Cross-<br>Linguistic Study of Verbal Systems" awarded to Diane Massam,<br>Dept. of Linguistics, University of Toronto                        |
| <b>1999-2000</b> | Graduate Fellowship<br>University of Toronto  |
| <b>1999-2003</b> | Full Tuition Scholarship (declined)<br>International Scholarship (declined)<br>University of Ottawa   |

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| <b>2005-Present</b> | Linguistic Society of America  |
| <b>1999-Present</b> | Canadian Linguistics Association / L'Association canadienne de<br>linguistique |
| <b>1999-2003</b>    | Association of Linguistic Typology   |
| <b>1994-2004</b>    | Association of Canadian Studies in German Speaking Countries                   |

**SERVICE ACITIVITIES**

**Academic**

**2004**

Member of the Organizing committee for the Chancellor Jackman Programme for the Arts series at the University of Toronto: Language and the Arts

Session chair, Second Language Research forum, University of Toronto

**2002**

Session Chair, Ergativity Workshop, University of Toronto

**2000**

Organization of the Annual meeting of the Niagara Linguistic Society, University of Toronto

**Departmental**

**2002-2005**

Member of the Curriculum Committee

**2002-2004**

Coordinator of the Departmental Library, University of Toronto

**2000-2002**

Committee Chair, Toronto Working Papers in Linguistics, University of Toronto

**1999-2000**

Computer committee member, University of Toronto