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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2021 PhD, Anthropology, University at Albany, SUNY
Dissertation: *The Materiality of Metaphor in Mayan Hieroglyphic Texts: Metaphor in Changing Political Climates*
Committee: George Aaron Broadwell (chair), John Justeson (chair), Jim Collins (member), & David Mora-Marín (member)
- 2013 M.A. Linguistics (Department of English), San Francisco State University
Qualifying Paper 1: *Personification Metaphors for TIME in the Classic Maya Hieroglyphs*
Advisor: Jenny Lederer

Qualifying Paper 2: *Dell Hymes' Ethnopoetics: Contextualizing Spelling Conventions in the Classic Mayan Cross Group Narrative*
Advisor: Troi Carleton
- 2010 A.B. Anthropology & A.B. Philosophy, University of California Davis
Thesis: *Rock Art of the Coso Range, Southeastern California: A Quantitative Analysis of Image Size and Shape*
Advisor: Jelmer Eerkens

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- Spring 2026 Assistant Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, Skidmore College
- Fall 2025 Lecturer & Research Associate, Department of Anthropology, University at Albany, SUNY
- Spring 2025 Visiting Faculty, Society, Culture & Thought Program, Bennington College
- Spring 2025 Adjunct Instructor, Department of Anthropology, Florida State University

Fall 2023-
Spring 2024 Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Vassar College

Fall 2022-
Spring 2023 Lecturer & Research Associate, Department of Anthropology, University at Albany, SUNY

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Dinkel, R. (2025). Cosubordination and Copala Triqui's syntactic causative. *International Journal of American Linguistics*, 91(2): 207-250.

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

Dinkel, R. (Forthcoming – volume under review). Metaphor in Pre-Columbian Mesoamerica. In *A Multidisciplinary Study in Symbolic and Knowledge Systems: Lessons from Mesoamerica and the Pacific Northwest*, eds. Mora-Marín, D. & Loughmiller-Cardinal, J. University of Utah Press.

Eerkens, J., Dinkel, R. & Ormsbee, C. (2012). A land of style: A quantitative and cultural transmission approach to understanding Coso rock art. In T. L. Jones & J. E. Perry (Eds.), *Contemporary Issues in California Archaeology* (pp. 237-253). Walnut Creek: Left Coast Press.

Peer-Reviewed Conference Proceedings

Dinkel, R. (2022). Copala Triqui's syntactic causative: Reconsidering clause linkage in LFG. Blind Review. In M. Butt, J.Y. Findlay, & I. Toivonen (Eds.), *The Proceedings of the LFG '21 Conference* (pp. 72-92). Stanford: CSLI Publications.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS AND HONORS

Fellowships and Grants

2021 The Buhrmaster Family Endowment Award, awarded by Initiatives for Women at the University at Albany, SUNY for field research on the Copala Triqui Language

2021 Christopher DeCormier Memorial Scholarship, awarded by the Institute for Mesoamerican Studies at the University at Albany, SUNY, for field research on the Copala Triqui Language

2020 Dissertation Fellowship awarded by the Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program at the California State University, for support in dissertation writing

- 2020 Dissertation Research Fellowship Award awarded by the University at Albany, SUNY, for support in data collection for dissertation
- 2020 Research Grant, awarded by the GSA at the University at Albany, SUNY, for field research on the Copala Triqui language
- 2020 Travel Grant, awarded by the Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program at the California State University, for travel fees for 2020 SSILA Conference
- 2019 Individual Development Award awarded by the United University's Professions, for field research on the Copala Triqui Language
- 2019 Travel Grant, awarded by the Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program at the California State University, for travel fees for 2019 SSILA Conference
- 2018 Individual Development Award awarded by the United University's Professions, for travel to Society for Linguistic Anthropology Inaugural Conference, Philadelphia, PA
- 2017 Travel Grant, awarded by the Society for the Study of Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA) for travel fees for 2017 SSILA Conference
- 2015 Travel Grant, awarded by the GSA at University at Albany, SUNY, for travel fees for International Conference in Mesoamerican Linguistics

Scholarships, Awards & Honors

- 2020 David Scotchmer Essay Award for *Shifting Meanings of Mayan Hieroglyphic Vases: Metaphor across Modalities and Media in Changing Political Climates*, awarded by the Institute for Mesoamerican Studies at the University at Albany, SUNY
- 2019 President's Award for Exemplary Public Engagement for participation in the *Triqui Project*, awarded by the University at Albany, SUNY
- 2017 David Scotchmer Essay Award for *Copala Triqui's Syntactic Causative: Cosubordination across Models of Grammar*, awarded by the Institute for Mesoamerican Studies at the University at Albany, SUNY
- 2016 Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program, awarded by California State University for support in completion of Doctoral Degree
- 2015 Summer Foreign Language and Area Studies Program (FLAS), awarded by Duke University for tuition, fees and stipend of the Yucatec Maya Summer Institute

2015	First Encounter Scholarship for Mesoamerican Fieldwork, awarded by the Institute for Mesoamerican Studies at the University at Albany for remaining costs for Yucatec Maya Summer Institute
Fall 2013- Spring 2017	Tuition Scholarship, awarded by the University at Albany, SUNY, for tuition fees
2012	Honorable Mention for Sally Cassanova Pre-Doctoral Fellow, awarded by the CSU system to students from nontraditional backgrounds pursuing doctoral study by providing funding for doctoral applications and preparation
2012	Edward B. Kaufmann Humanities Scholarship, awarded by San Francisco State University to students who excel in the humanities
2010	Graduation with High Honors in Anthropology, awarded by the University of California, Davis
2010	Graduation with Honors in Philosophy, awarded by the University of California, Davis
2005- 2010	Five Times Deans Honor List, awarded by the University of California, Davis
2008	Rola Ortlieb Scholarship, awarded by the University of California, Davis for outstanding academic achievement
2008	Callizo/Pope Valley Scholarship, awarded by the University of California, Davis for outstanding academic achievement

INVITED TALKS

2025	Ethnohistory, Language Variation, and Political Metaphors in Pre-Columbian Mayan Hieroglyphic Texts. Bennington College. May 12 th .
2021	Metaphor and Language Change in Mayan Hieroglyphic Texts. Clarion University. April 1 st .

CONFERENCES

2023	Metaphor in Pre-Columbian Mesoamerica: In Honor of John Justeson. The Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting. Portland, Oregon.
2021	Multimodal Metaphor and the Metapragmatics of Truth: Justifying and Enabling Political Action and Responsibility in New York State during the COVID-19

- Pandemic, Presentation. The American Anthropological Association & Canadian Anthropological Society Annual Meeting. Virtual/Online.
- 2021 Copala Triqui's Syntactic Causative: Reconsidering Clause Linkage in LFG, Presentation. The 26th International Lexical Functional Grammar Conference, Blind review. Virtual/Online.'
- 2020 The Materiality of Metaphor in Mayan Hieroglyphic Texts: Metaphor in Changing Political Climates, Three-Minute Thesis Presentation. The American Anthropological Association & Canadian Anthropological Society Fall Event. Virtual/Online.
- 2020 Metaphor in Image and Language in Mayan Hieroglyphic Texts, Presentation. Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas, Blind Review. New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2019 Coordination in Copala Triqui, Presentation. Copala Triqui Community Event of the Capital Region at the University at Albany, SUNY. Albany, NY.
- 2019 Shifting Meanings of Mayan Hieroglyphic Vases: Metaphor across Modalities and Media in Changing Political Climates, Presentation. The American Anthropological Association & Canadian Anthropological Society Annual Meeting. Vancouver, British Columbia.
- 2019 The Visual Shape of Metaphor in Mayan Hieroglyphic Texts, Presentation. The Visual Research Conference. Vancouver, British Columbia.
- 2019 The Grammatical Shape of Metaphor in Mayan Hieroglyphic Texts: A Corpus Approach, Presentation. Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas, Blind Review. New York, New York.
- 2018 Metaphor and Media in Mayan Hieroglyphic Texts, Poster. Society for Linguistic Anthropology Inaugural Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2017 Copala Triqui's Syntactic Causative: Cosubordination across Models of Grammar, Presentation. Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas, Blind Review. Austin, TX.
- 2016 Copala Triqui's Syntactic Causative: Cosubordination across Models of Grammar, Presentation. 3rd Symposium on American Indian Languages. Rochester, NY.
- 2015 Cosubordination and Copala Triqui's Causative Constructions, Presentation. 2nd International Conference in Mesoamerican Linguistics. Blind Review. Los Angeles, CA.

2010 Rock Art of the Coso Range, Southeastern California: A Quantitative Analysis of Image Size and Shape, Poster. University of California, Davis Undergraduate Research Conference. Davis, CA.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE & TRAINING

Instructor of Record

Spring 2026	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (undergraduate level), in person modality, Instructor, Skidmore College
Spring 2026	Linguistic Anthropology (undergraduate level), in person modality, Instructor, Skidmore College
Fall 2025	Multimodal Meaning, Media, & Culture (undergraduate level), in person modality, Instructor, University at Albany, SUNY
Fall 2025	Introduction to Cultural Medical Anthropology (undergraduate level), in person modality, Instructor, University at Albany, SUNY
Spring 2025	Decolonial Perspectives on Indigenous Mesoamerica (undergraduate level), in person modality, Instructor, Bennington College
Spring 2025	Culture and Public Health (undergraduate level), in person modality, Instructor, Bennington College
Spring 2025	Language and Culture (undergraduate level), online asynchronous modality, Instructor, Florida State University
Spring 2024	Metaphor, Mind, and Culture (undergraduate level), in person modality, Instructor, Vassar College
Fall 2023	Linguistics and Anthropology (undergraduate level), in person modality, Instructor, Vassar College
Spring 2023	Language and Culture (graduate & undergraduate level), hybrid synchronous modality, Instructor, University at Albany, SUNY
Spring 2020	Language and Metaphor (undergraduate seminar), in person & online synchronous modalities, Instructor, University at Albany, SUNY
Fall 2022, Summer 2022, Summer 2021, Summer 2020,	Sociolinguistics (undergraduate level), in person & online asynchronous modalities, Instructor, University at Albany, SUNY

Spring 2019,
Spring 2018

Spring 2023, Introduction to Linguistics (undergraduate level), hybrid synchronous & in person
Fall 2022, modalities, Instructor, University at Albany, SUNY
Summer 2016

Spring 2023 Proseminar in Linguistics (graduate level), hybrid synchronous modality,
Instructor, University at Albany, SUNY

Teaching Assistant

Fall 2013- Introduction to Linguistics, Teaching Assistant, University at Albany, SUNY
Spring 2017

Spring 2013 Introduction to the Study of Language, Teaching Assistant, San Francisco State
University

Spring 2013 The History of the English Language, Teaching Assistant, San Francisco State
University

Teaching Workshops

Summer 2018 Designing for Online Learning, Workshop, University at Albany, SUNY

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2014-present Field work on San Juan Copala Triqui in Albany, New York; Coordinators: Aaron
Broadwell & Lauren Clemens

2012 San Francisco State University Field Methods Course on Hong Kong Cantonese;
Coordinator: Troi Carleton

2010 University of California Davis Archaeological Field Methods Course in the Sierra
Nevadas; Coordinator: Carly Whelan

2008-2010 University of California Davis Museum of Anthropology Intern; Coordinators:
Lisa Deitz and Elizabeth Guerra

SERVICE

2014-Present Albany Copala Triqui Working Group

2020	Conference Moderator for the Center for Undergraduate Research and Creative Engagement Conference at the University at Albany, SUNY
2019	Conference Volunteer for Northeast Nahuatl Conference, at the University at Albany, SUNY

SPECIAL TRAINING, COURSES & WORKSHOPS

2019	Neural Networks, Linguistic Society of America Conference
2017	Certificate for Corpus Linguistics: Method, Analysis, Interpretation, Lancaster University, UK
2015	Yucatec Maya Summer Institute Level I, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill
2007	History of the Andean Region Education Abroad Program in Cuzco, Peru, University of California, Davis

COMPUTER SKILLS

Language Analysis	ELAN, LancsBox software, Corpus of Contemporary American English, SIL Webonary software, Oxford English Dictionary
Citation Managers	Zotero, Calibre
Learning Management	BrightSpace, Moodle, Blackboard, VoiceThread, Ensemble
Video Conferencing	Zoom, Skype, Duo, Google Meet
Social Media Platforms	Facebook, Pinterest, Twitter, Instagram, TikTok
Other Software	Microsoft Office, Adobe Acrobat, SPSS, ImageJ

LANGUAGES

English (native)
Spanish (intermediate)
Ch'olan Mayan Language Family (structural knowledge)
Yucatec Maya (beginner)
San Juan Copala Triqui (field work)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Since 2022	Society for American Archaeology
Since 2019	American Anthropological Association
Since 2019	Society for Linguistic Anthropology

Since 2016 Society for the Study of Indigenous Languages of the Americas
Since 2013 Institute for Mesoamerican Studies
Since 2009 Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society
Since 2009 Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society
Since 2007 National Society of Collegiate Scholars

SELECTION OF COURSES PREPARED TO TEACH

Cognitive Linguistics
Communication in New Media
Cultural Anthropology
Culture and Public Health
Cultures and Histories of Mesoamerica
Discourse Analysis
Historical Linguistics
Introduction to Corpus Linguistics
Introduction to the Four Fields of Anthropology
Introduction to Linguistics
Language and Culture / Linguistic Anthropology
Language and Metaphor
Language and Politics
Linguistic Field Methods / Language Documentation
Latin American History
Mesoamerican Indigenous Ethnohistory (Mesoamerican Indigenous Texts)
Mesoamerican Linguistic Structures
Mesoamerican Writing Systems
Morphology & Syntax
Multimodal Communication / Language and Image
Narrative Analysis
Proseminar in Linguistics (Introduction to linguistics and linguistic anthropology for graduate students)
Semantics / Language and Meaning
Sociolinguistics

REFERENCES

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