

Colin Brown

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Education

Current	Ph.D Linguistics, UCLA
2016	MA Linguistics, McGill University
2013	BA Linguistics, University of British Columbia

Academic work experience

2020	Instructor for LING160: Field Methods (taught with Blake Lehman) <i>University of California, Los Angeles</i> (language of investigation: Nuntajiiyi/Sierra Popoluca)
2020	Teaching Assistant for LING127: Linguistic Typology and Universals <i>University of California, Los Angeles</i> (Instructor: Anoop Mahajan)
2020	Teaching Assistant for LING127: Linguistic Typology and Universals <i>University of California, Los Angeles</i> (Instructor: Hilda Koopman)
2019	Teaching Assistant for LING20: Introduction to Linguistic Theory <i>University of California, Los Angeles</i> (Instructor: Giuseppina Silvestri)
2019	Teaching Assistant for LING20: Introduction to Linguistic Theory <i>University of California, Los Angeles</i> (Instructor: Thomas Motter)
2018	Lecturer: First Nations Studies 320-3: The Structure of a First Nations Language <i>Wilp Wilxo'oskwhl Nisga'a Institute/UNBC, Gitwinksihlkw, BC</i>
2018	Lecturer: First Nations Studies 220-3: Introduction to Linguistics <i>Wilp Wilxo'oskwhl Nisga'a Institute/UNBC, Gitwinksihlkw, BC</i>
2018	Workshop Facilitator: Grammar, writing, and academic success <i>Listuguj/McGill B.Ed Program, Listuguj, QC</i>
2018	Lecturer: Elementary Education 223: Language Arts <i>Listuguj/McGill B.Ed Program, Listuguj, QC</i>
2016	Lecturer: First Nations Studies 220-3: Introduction to Linguistics <i>Wilp Wilxo'oskwhl Nisga'a Institute/UNBC, Gitwinksihlkw, BC</i>
2016-17	Research Assistant for McGill Ergativity Lab <i>McGill University</i>
2016	Teaching Assistant for LING200: Introduction to Linguistics <i>McGill University</i> (Instructor: Hadas Kotek)
2015	Teaching Assistant for LING200: Introduction to Linguistics <i>McGill University</i> (Instructor: Meaghan Fowlie)
2013	Research Assistant for Gitksan Research Lab <i>University of British Columbia</i>

Non-academic work experience

- 2017-18 Mental Health Worker: Portland Hotel Society
Victoria, BC, Canada
- 2012 Archives Assistant/Technical Writer: Japanese Canadian Citizen's Association
Vancouver, BC, Canada

Papers and publications

- 2020 Brown, Colin, Clarissa Forbes & Michael Schwan — “Clause-type, Transitivity, and the Transitive Vowel in Tsimshianic” *In Papers for the 55th International Conference on Salish and Neighbouring Languages (ICSNL 55)*. (2020) UBC Vancouver, BC.
- 2017 Brown, Colin — “Syntactic ergativity in Gitksan” *proceedings from the 21st annual Workshop on the Constituency of Languages of the Americas (WSCLA 21)*. UQÁM Montreal, QC
- 2016 Brown, Colin — “Extraction restrictions in Gitksan” (Master's thesis, McGill University)

Talks & poster presentations

- 2020 Brown, Colin, Clarissa Forbes & Michael Schwan — “Clause-type, Transitivity, and the Transitive Vowel in Tsimshianic” *In Papers for the 55th International Conference on Salish and Neighbouring Languages (ICSNL 55)*. (2020) UBC Vancouver, BC.
- 2020 Brown, Colin — “Interrogative mood marking in Sm'algyax”, *Linguistics Society of America LSA 2020 New Orleans, LA*.
- 2019 Brown, Colin — “Interrogatives at the interface: Sentential mood marking in Sm'algyax”, *California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics CUSP 2019 USC, Los Angeles, CA*.
- 2018 Brown, Colin & Clarissa Forbes — “Three (hidden) obliques in Gitksan”, *The Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas SSILA 2018 Salt Lake City, UT*.
- 2016 Brown, Colin — “Revisiting ergativity in Gitksan”, *The Workshop on Structure and Constituency in Languages of the Americas WSCLA 2016 UQÁM Montréal, QC*.
- 2016 Brown, Colin — “A structural account of split ergativity in Gitksan”, *Putting Fieldwork on Indigenous Languages to New Uses PFILNU Campinas, Brazil*. (poster presentation)
- 2016 Brown, Colin — “Absolute in Tsimshianic”, *The Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas SSILA 2016 Washington, DC*
- 2014 Davis, Henry & Colin Brown — “Focus and Negative Ellipsis in Gitksan”, *International Conference on Salish and Neighbouring Languages ICSNL 48 Coeur d'Alene, Idaho*
- 2014 Brown, Colin — “Towards a unified semantics of clefts and determiners in Tlingit”, *Semantics of Under-represented Languages of the Americas SULA 8 2014 UBC Vancouver, BC* (poster presentation)
- 2014 Brown, Colin — “Clefts without Presuppositions? Some evidence from Gitksan”, *Semantics of Under-represented Languages of the Americas SULA 8 2014 UBC Vancouver, BC*
- 2014 Brown, Colin — “The semantics of Gitksan Clefts”, *UBC Research Seminar Series 2014 UBC Vancouver, BC*
- 2013 Brown, Colin & Hermann Keupdjio — “Discourse-sensitivity in Nata”, *Northwest Linguistics Conference NWLC 2013 UBC Vancouver, BC*. (poster presentation)

- 2013 Brown, Colin — “Focus in Nata: Denotation vs. discourse-new”, *Canadian Linguistics Association CLA/ACL 2013 UVIC Victoria, BC* (poster presentation)
- 2013 Strang Burton, Rose-Marie Déchaine & Joash Gambarage, with C. Brown, A. Entwistle, E. Guntly, R. Fuhrman, N. Francis, H. Keupdjio, W.M. Lam, J. Ma, A. Osa Gomez del Campo, E. Sadlier-Brown, I. Schniske, D. Si, S. Walters & Y. Yoshino — “Using Storyboards to Elicit Information Structure Contrasts in Nata”, *Canadian Linguistics Association CLA/ACL 2013 UVIC Victoria, BC* (poster presentation)

Grants, honors & awards

- 2019 UCLA Canadian Studies Award: 1,000USD
- 2018-22 Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship: 34,000USD
- 2018-19 Graduate Dean Scholar’s Award (UCLA): 14,500USD
- 2018-22 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Doctoral Fellowship: 80,000CAD
- 2018-21 Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarships-Doctoral (Declined): 105,000CAD
- 2015 Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarships-Master’s: 17,500CAD
- 2014 Grad Excellence Award in Linguistics: 7,000CAD
- 2010 Leon Fus Memorial Prize: 700CAD

Skills

LaTeX, Praat, R, HTML, CSS

Languages

English (native)
 Polish (intermediate/heritage language)
 French (intermediate)
 Gitksan (intermediate/research)
 Coast Tsimshian/Sm’algyax (research)