

Curriculum Vitae
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Education

- 1999** Ph.D., Linguistics, University of Washington.
Dissertation title: *Phonetics and phonology of Unangan (Eastern Aleut) intonation.*
- 1992** M.A., Linguistics, University of Washington.
- 1972** M.A.T., Elementary education, University of Louisville in the Teacher Corps.
- 1968** B.A., Humanities, University of Louisville.

Employment history**1. Academic/Education positions**

- 2019-2022** Linguist. Doyon Foundation. Creating Deg Xinag content for Doyon Languages Online.
- 2021** Linguist. Sealaska Heritage Institute. Teach workshop on ELAN software to Haida language research team.
- 2021** Linguist. Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Tribes of Alaska. Teach workshop on ELAN software to Tlingit/Tsimshian/Haida language research team.
- 2019-2021** Fellow. National Endowment for the Humanities *Value Added Tlingit Conversation Videos (tli)*. Fellowship #266286.
- 2019-2020** Linguist. Sealaska Heritage Institute. Revising *Tlingit Language Proficiency Scope and Sequence*.
- 2018-current** Affiliate Assistant Professor of Alaska Native Languages. University of Alaska Southeast.
- 2017-current** Affiliate Faculty of Alaska Native Languages. Alaska Native Language Center. University of Alaska Fairbanks.
- 2013-current** Event Coordinator, Sharing Our Knowledge: a conference of Tlingit, Tsimshian, and Haida tribes and clans. Biennial conferences. Sharingourknowledge.org
- 2016-2017** Contractor, Goldbelt Heritage Foundation, Juneau, Alaska. Elan workshop for employees, Tlingit language lesson creation and mentoring, grant proposal writing.
- 2016** Contractor, Sealaska Heritage Institute, Juneau, Alaska. Tlingit place names project.
- 2016** Co-director of the Collaborative Language Research Institute (CoLang). University of Alaska Fairbanks.
- 2007-2013** Research Assistant Professor of Alaska Native Languages, University of Alaska Southeast. Teaching Intro to Linguistics, Alaska Language apprentice/mentorship, Tlingit Translation/transcription, Documenting Alaskan Languages. PI on NSF #0853788, "Documenting Tlingit (tli) conversations in Video and Time-Aligned Text". Co-PI on NSF #0651787, "Documenting and Archiving Deg Xinag (ing), Tlingit (tli), and Other Northern Languages".
- 2003-2006** Research Associate, Department of Linguistics, University of Washington. Affiliate Research Faculty of Alaska Native Languages, University of Alaska Southeast.
- 2002-2003** Lecturer, University of Washington, Department of Linguistics. Revitalizing Endangered Languages.
- 2000-2007** Project linguist, Deg Xinag Learners' Dictionary. Anvik Historical Society.
- 1996-2007** Instructor, University of Alaska, Interior/Aleutians Campus, Conversational Deg Xinag, develop and teach the courses by distance delivery.
- 2000-2001** Teacher, Pathfinder School, Seattle. Native American Cultures Studies.
- 1999** Lecturer, Western Washington University, English Department, Introduction to Linguistics.
- 1996** Research assistant, National Science Foundation grant #9511118 Phonetics Structures of Endangered Languages, to Peter Ladefoged and Ian Maddieson. Arranged travel logistics, engaged speakers, assisted with recordings, made transcriptions and translations.
- 1991.97** 1991-1997 Teaching assistant, University of Washington, eight quarters as either course instructor or quiz section leader for Introduction to Linguistics and Fundamentals of Grammar.

- 1994 Project Director, Deg Xinag Verb Lessons, Alaska Humanities Forum project #6-94, produced interactive computer program for learning Deg Xinag verb system.
- 1991 Research assistant, University of Washington, Deg Xinag verb paradigm collection and analysis. Alaska Humanities Forum project #47-90 to Sharon Hargus. Assisted with logistics for six-week field trip, data entry, and recording sessions.
- 1982-1989 Teacher, librarian, counselor, Nikolaevsk Elementary/High School, Alaska. Taught 4th-6th grades, H.S. English, government studies, art, typing, Russian, computer science, music, video production, journalism, publishing, fisheries, small engine repair.
- 1983, 1986 Instructor, Kenai Peninsula College, Alaska, English, ESL.
- 1979-82 Bilingual Instructional Specialist, Kenai Peninsula Borough School District, Alaska, wrote and executed Plan of Service for maintenance of indigenous languages (Dena'ina Athabaskan and Alutiiq) and ESL for immigrant population.
- 1976-79 Teacher, Aleut materials developer, St. Paul Island School, Alaska, elementary and high school, Ptarmigan TV (statewide student video-production project).
- 1975-76 Principal Teacher, St. George Island School, Alaska. Principal of the K-8 school and taught grades 4-8.
- 1971-74 Coordinating teacher, teacher, Marshall School, Louisville, Kentucky. Lead teaching team and taught grades 3-6.

2. Consulting

- 2022 Consulting linguist, NSF DEL-DLI 2125197 "Morphologically Complex Data Collection and Analysis for Improving Lexicographic Models," Keri Eggleston PI
- 2016 Contract linguist, Tlingit place names. Sealaska Heritage Institute, Juneau, AK.
- 2012 Consulting linguist, Council for Yukon First Nations, Whitehorse, YT, CA. Mentor-Apprentice Program for Han, Northern and Southern Tutchone.
- 2010 Consulting linguist, Ketchikan Indian Tribe, Ketchikan, AK. Mentor-Apprentice Program and ELAN software training for Tlingit, Haida, Tsimshian.
- 2009-12, 2016-2017 Consulting linguist. Goldbelt Heritage Foundation. Juneau, Alaska. Tlingit verb lesson development and grant writing.
- 2007-2009 Coordinator, Tlingit Proficiency Scope and Sequence development, Juneau Douglas School District, Juneau, Alaska.
- 2007-2009 Project linguist, Retaining Our Talk, Chilkat Indian Village, Klukwan, Alaska.
- 2007-2008 Project linguist/author/trainer, Unangam tunuu (Aleut language) proficiency scope and sequence, Aleutian/Pribilof Islands Association, Inc.
- 2000 Member, Unangam Tunuu (Aleut language) Revitalization Task Force, Aleutians/Pribilof Islands Association, Inc. Anchorage, Alaska.
- 1995 Phonetics, School of Education, University of Washington. Provided phonetic analysis of African American children's speech for a project that compared speech style to spelling ability.
- 1994 Linguistics, Unalaska School District. Developed HyperCard program for learning conversational Unangan (Eastern Aleut).
- 1994 Linguistics, Qawalangin Tribe of Unalaska. Wrote ANA grant and obtained \$90,000 in matching funds for Unangam Tunuu (Aleut) language preservation project.
- 1994 Linguistics, Anvik Historical Society. Developed HyperCard program for learning Deg Xinag (Ingalik Athabaskan) verb structure.
- 1993 Linguistics, Iditarod Area School District. Presented workshops on Alaskan English.
- 1993 Aleut language pedagogy and linguistics, Pribilof School District. Presented workshops to teachers on Unangan (Eastern Aleut) language structure. Showed language teachers how to develop computer assisted language learning materials
- 1992 Literacy and linguistics, Anvik Traditional Council. With Hannah Maillelle, Alta Jerue, and Sharon Hargus compiled *Deg Xinag Dindlidik*, a literacy manual with audio tape.
- 1980 Video production, Bering Strait School District and Iditarod Area School District. Taught video editing to teachers.

Grants

- 2019-2023** National Science Foundation BCS-1907979 to Sealaska Heritage Foundation. "Workshop on Indigenous Perspectives Related to Climate Change (tsi, hai, tli). \$98,546
- 2019-2021** National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship #266286-19. *Value Added Tlingit Conversation Videos* (tli). \$60,000.
- 2017** National Science Foundation BCS-1747878 to University of Alaska Southeast. "Workshop on Indigenous Perspectives and Linguistic Practices Relevant to Wellness". \$49,581.
- 2015** National Science Foundation BCS-1500841 to University of Alaska Fairbanks. "Conference: CoLang 2016: Institute on Collaborative Language Research - ALASKA". \$295,750.
- 2015** National Science Foundation BCS-1500824 to Tlingit Readers, Inc. "Indigenous Place Names, Language and History: A Conference of Tlingit (tli) Tribes and Clans. \$50000.
- 2009-2013** National Science Foundation BCS-0853788 to University of Alaska Southeast. "Documenting Tlingit (TLI) conversations in Video and Time-Aligned Text". \$449,852.
- 2007-2011** National Science Foundation BCS-0651787 to University of Alaska Southeast. "Documenting and Archiving Deg Xinag (ING), Tlingit (TLI), and Other Northern Languages". \$352,231.
- 2003-2005** University of London, Endangered Languages Documentation Programme, to University of Washington. "Aleut Conversation Corpus". \$163,000.
- 2002** Nesholm Family Foundation, "Shakespeare in the Classroom", To Alternative Elementary School 1, Seattle School District. \$2100.
- 2002** Center for Statistics in the Social Sciences, University of Washington Department of Statistics, "Unangas Intonation". \$15,000.
- 2001** Alaska Native Language Center, "Deg Xinag Junior Dictionary". \$3000.
- 2001** Alaska Humanities Forum to Anvik Historical Society. "Deg Xinag Junior Dictionary". \$9800.
- 2000** Alaska Humanities Forum to Anvik Historical Society. "Deg Xinag Junior Dictionary". \$6193.
- 1999** Nesholm Family Foundation to Seattle School District. "Opera in the Classroom". \$8600.
- 1997-98** Jacobs Research Funds, Whatcom Museum Society, "Aleut Intonation". \$1080.
- 1997** The Graduate School, University of Washington, David C. Fowler Travel Fellowship, for travel to the European Speech Communication Association Workshop and Tutorial on Intonation in Athens Greece. \$500.
- 1994** The Graduate School, University of Washington, David C. Fowler Travel Fellowship, for travel to the 20th annual Bilingual/Multicultural Education Equity Conference in Anchorage, Alaska. \$508.
- 1993** Alaska Humanities Forum grant #6-94, "Deg Xinag Verb Lessons". \$14,245.
- 1993** The Phillips Fund (American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia, PA), "Aleut Morpheme Ordering". \$1080.
- 1993** The Graduate School, University of Washington, David C. Fowler Travel Fellowship, for travel to the 19th annual Bilingual/Multicultural Education Equity Conference in Anchorage, Alaska. \$500.
- 1989** Apple Computer, *Loaner Labs '89*, awarded the use of five additional computers and supporting printer hardware for Nikolaevsk High School, Nikolaevsk, Alaska.
- 1988** Alaska Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development, "Using whole literature to promote and improve reading", for purchase of novels and evaluation of high school students' reading progress and attitudes towards reading. \$250.
- 1983** Kenai Peninsula Borough School District, "Career Development Grant to attend TESOL '84 in Houston, Texas". \$1200.
- 1982** KAKM (Anchorage, Alaska, PBS affiliate), *Bright Ideas*, video documentary of a Dena'ina Potlatch in Tyonek.

Publications and presentations

1. Publications

- Under review. "Woosh een áyá yoo x'atudli.átk - We're talking conversation. The Tlingit Conversation Corpus" Ed. Olivia Sammons. *Language Documentation and Conservation*.
- 2018 Taff, Alice, Millie Yéi dulitseen Hall, Kawennyíóhstha Nicole Martin, Jaeci Hall, Melvatha Chee, Annie Johnston. "Indigenous Language Use Impacts Wellness." in *Oxford Handbook of Endangered Languages*. Eds. Kenneth Rehg and Lyle Campbell. New York: Oxford University Press.

- 2013 Ed. *Woosh Een áyá Yoo X'atudli.átk: We're talking conversation*. 30 hours of Tlingit conversation in video with bilingual time-aligned text. http://www.uas.alaska.edu/arts_sciences/humanities/alaska-languages/cuped/video-conv/
- 2011 *Deg Xinag Xidhoy: Deg Xinag Stories*. Online 4.5 hours of Deg Xinag Athabaskan traditional stories, history, and personal narrative, audio with time-aligned transcription/ translation. University of Alaska Southeast.
- 2009 *Tlingit Language Proficiency Scope and Sequence*. Juneau School District. 105 pp.
- 2008 *Unangam Tunuu Proficiency Scope and Sequence for teachers and learners Levels 1-3*. Aleutian/Pribilof Islands, Inc. Anchorage, Alaska. 48 pp.
- 2007 et al. *Deg Xinag Atixi Ni'elyoy: The local language is gathered together*. Online audio Deg Xinag-English dictionary. University of Alaska Fairbanks: <http://ankn.uaf.edu/ANL/course/view.php?id=7>
- 2006 Unangam Tunuu (Aleut language) Conversation Corpus. 50 hours of audio and video recordings of speakers of Unangam Tunuu, spoken on the Aleutian and Pribilof Islands, Alaska. University of London, School of Oriental and Asian Studies. Endangered Languages Documentation Programme. <http://elar.soas.ac.uk/deposit/0027>.
- 2003 with Jacob Wegelin. "Quantitative Analysis of Intonation Contours: Principles and an Example". *Proceedings of the 2003 Athabaskan Languages Conference*. Siri Tuttle, compiler. Alaska Native Language Center Working Papers #3, 2003. 81-93.
- 2002 with Donna Miller MacAlpine. "Producing the Deg Xinag Learners' Dictionary". *Proceedings of the 2002 Athabaskan Language Conference*. Gary Holton, compiler. Alaska Native Language Center Working Papers #2, 2002. 162-165.
- 2001 Et al. "Phonetic Structures of Aleut". *Journal of Phonetics* 29:3. 231-271.
- 2001 "Using the telephone as a community language center". *International Journal of the Sociology of Language* 150. 159-172.
- 1998 "Intonation of noun phrases in Unangan (Eastern Aleut)". *Proceedings of the Acoustical Society of American Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA*. June 1998.
- 1997 "Intonation Patterns in Unangan (Eastern Aleut)". *Proceedings of the European Speech Communication Association Workshop and Tutorial on Intonation*. Athens: University of Athens. 301-304.
- 1997 "Teaching indigenous languages by telephone: creating situations for language use". in *Teaching Indigenous Languages*. Jon Rehyner, ed. Flagstaff: Northern Arizona University Press. 50-56. http://jan.ucc.nau.edu/~jar/TIL_5.html
- 1997 with Jacob Wegelin. "Declarative and question intonation in Unangan (Eastern Aleut)". *UCLA Working Papers in Phonetics 95: Fieldwork Studies of Targeted Languages V*. 103-114.
- 1997 with Taehong Cho, Moses Dirks and Peter Ladefoged. "Some phonetic structures of Aleut". *UCLA Working Papers in Phonetics 95: Fieldwork Studies of Targeted Languages V*. 69-91.
- 1997 ed. with Gabriel Webster. *University of Washington Working Papers in Linguistics 15*. 212 pp.
- 1996 "Acoustic correlates of Deg Xinag vowels". *Working Papers in Linguistics 13*, ed. by Hideo Makihara. Seattle: University of Washington.
- 1994 *Unangan Tunuŕtakun: Aleuts are Talking*. Unalaska: Unalaska School District. HyperCard formatted Aleut language lessons.
- 1994 *Deg Xinag axa Nixodhil Ts'in': Deg Xinag Verb Lessons*. Anvik: Anvik Historical Society. HyperCard formatted Deg Xinag (Ingalik Athabaskan) language lessons.
- 1993 with Alta Jerue, Hannah Maillelle, Sharon Hargus, *Deg Xinag Dindlidik*. Fairbanks: Alaska Native Language Center. Adult literacy manual in Deg Xinag and English.
- 1993 "Aleut uvularization and feature geometry". *M.I.T. Working Papers in Linguistics 20*, Cambridge: Department of Linguistics and Philosophy, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
- 1992 "Primary Stress in Aleut". *Working Papers in Linguistics 10S*, ed. by Kevin Varden, Seattle: University of Washington.
- 1988 ed., *Russian Wedding Songs*. Nikolaevsk, Alaska: Nikolaevsk Publishing Co., songs in Russian and English.
- 1982 producer, *Tubughen Qetitl*. Anchorage, Alaska: KAKM (PBS affiliate), 28 min. video documentary of a Dena'ina potlatch.
- 1982 ed., *Kustatan Bear Story*. Fairbanks: Alaska Native Language Center, oral history narrative in English and Dena'ina (Athabaskan).

- 1982 (et. al.) *Cacanaka*. Kenai, Alaska: Kenai Peninsula Borough School District, teachers' guide for Alutiiq (Eskimo) instruction, grades 5-12.
- 1981 (et. al.) *Nunaka*. Kenai, Alaska: Kenai Peninsula Borough School District, teachers' guide for Alutiiq instruction, grades 3-6.
- 1981 (et. al.) *Aularnigluta Sugcestun Nupuglluta*. Kenai, Alaska: Kenai Peninsula Borough School District, teachers' guide for Alutiiq instruction, grades K-2.

2. Presentations

- 2021 "Documenting Conversation for Language Learning." Invited speaker at Owén:na Tewahthá:rahkw: Indigenous Studies and Community Engagement Initiative. McGill University. August 3, 2021.
- 2019 "Do you trust your software?" Invited speaker at Ketchikan Indian Community Language Summit, Ketchikan, AK. December 10, 2019.
- 2018 with Naakil.aan Hans Chester. "Strength and Wellness Through Speaking Our Native Languages." Invited Plenary at Voices of Our Ancestors Language Summit. Sealaska Heritage Institute. Juneau, AK. November 14, 2018.
- 2018 "Language and Wellness," 6-hour workshop at the 2018 Collaborative Language Research Institute. University of Florida. Gainesville, Florida. June 25-28, 2018.
- 2018 "Intergenerational resilience through language use, new insights". Presented at Alaska Native Studies Conference, Juneau, AK, 180415.
- 2017 "I gu.aa yáxh x'wan: Be of good courage". Invited opening plenary address at the International Conference on Language Documentation and Conservation 5. Manoa, Hawai'i. 170303. Also presented at Sealaska Heritage Institute Mentor/Apprentice training. Juneau, AK, 170317. Also at Culturally Responsive Education Conference, Sealaska Heritage Institute. Juneau, AK, 170603. Also at Sharing Our Knowledge: a conference of Tlingit tribes and clans. Sitka, AK, 171014. With X'uncel Lance Twitchell also at Evening at Egan, University of Alaska Southeast. Juneau, AK, 171215.
- 2016 "Language and Wellness," 6-hour workshop at the 2016 Collaborative Language Research Institute. University of Alaska Fairbanks. Fairbanks, Alaska. June 18-21, 2016.
- 2016 "Ancestral Indigenous Language use and Health," Presentation at 2016 Alaska Native Studies Conference: Wellness and Healing. Anchorage, Alaska. April 15, 2016.
- 2015 "New findings — Connections between ancestral indigenous language use and health", presented at *Wooshteen Kanaxtulaneegi Haa At Wuskóowu, Sharing our Knowledge* conference, Juneau, AK, Oct. 29, 2015.
- 2014 "What to do when nothing is happening: How to stimulate casual conversation in a recording setting," Invited speaker at *Language in the Present* conference, University of Victoria, Sept. 27, 2015.
- 2014 "Language and wellness" and "Staying in the language" Invited instructor at Colang 2014. University of Texas Arlington. June 17-20, 2014.
- 2014 "Tlingit conversation documentation – a balancing act" in the organized session *Documenting Conversation* presented at Linguistic Society of America 88th Annual Meeting. Minneapolis, MN. January 2014.
- 2013 "Woosh een áyá yoo x'atudli.átk, the Tlingit conversation collection" and "Does using ancestral language improve health?" presented at *Sharing our Knowledge Clan Conference*, Juneau, AK. Nov. 8 and 9, 2013.
- 2013 "Collaborative language documentation: Alaska and around the world, Transforming the process," presented at *Transforming the University: Alaska Native Studies in the 21st Century* conference, University of Alaska Anchorage, April 6, 2013.
- 2012 "Tlingit language conversation videos" presented at *Sharing our Knowledge Clan Conference*, Sitka, AK. Mar. 29, 2012.
- 2012 "Mentor/Apprentice program overview" presented at Yaakwdaat Lingít At Wuskú Daakahídi; Yakutat Lingít House of Learning conference to 60 people. Yakutat, Alaska. July 9, 2012.
- 2012 with Marsha Hotch presented plenary sessions "Steps in Language Documentation," "Tlingit Language Resources", and "Ethics and Community". Taff and Hotch also taught a 4-day class, 'Blurring the Lines', with the goal of sharing information and skills between Academia and Indigenous communities. Institute on Collaborative Language Research, University of Kansas. June 18-27, 2012.
- 2012 "Cultural Knowledge Embedded in Tlingit Language Documentation". The Association for the Study of Literature and Environment conference. University of Alaska Southeast, Juneau, AK. June 14, 2012.

- 2012 “Tlingit language conversation videos”. Talk at “Sharing Our Knowledge: A Conference of Tlingit Tribes and Clans”. Sitka, AK. Mar. 29, 2012
- 2011 “Tlingit Language Learning Materials: Results from National Science Foundation Funding” talk to a predominantly Tlingit audience of about 100 at *'Alaska Native Languages'*, a kickoff event for Native American month. University of Alaska Southeast, Juneau, AK. Nov. 1, 2011.
- 2011 “The science of endangered language documentation: DEL Products from Alaska”. Talk and poster presented in the panel *Documenting Endangered Languages: NSF-NEH DEL Projects in Honor of the 20th Anniversary of the LSA Panel on Endangered Languages*. Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting. Pittsburgh, PA. January 2011.
- 2009 “Recording real conversations for language learning and analysis”. International Conference on Language Documentation and Conservation, University of Hawai'i Manoa. Honolulu, Hawai'i. March 2009
<http://hdl.handle.net/10125/4997>
- 2009 et al. “Learning Tlingit using the mentor/apprentice method”. “Language Project Updates”. Sharing Our Knowledge, a conference of Tlingit Tribes and Clans. March 2009.
- 2009 with Jordan Lachler, “Language Loss & Vitality” and moderated “Master Apprenticeship Programs”. Southeast Alaska Native Language Summit. Ketchikan, Alaska. March 7, 2009.
- 2008 “Steps in Language Documentation” plenary address. Institute on Field Linguistics and Language Documentation. University of California, Santa Barbara. June/July 2008.
- 2007 with Richard and Nora Dauenhauer. “Southeast Alaska’s Languages, yesterday, today and tomorrow”. Evening at Eagan lecture series, University of Alaska Southeast. Juneau, Alaska. November 2007.
- 2006 “Language Endangerment: Who, where and why?” Sharing Our Knowledge: A Conference of Tsimshian, Haida, and Tlingit Tribes and Clans. Sitka, Alaska. March 2006.
- 2003 “4000 audio files: how to make a talking dictionary”. Society for the Study of the Indigenous languages of the Americas Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, January 2003.
- 2003 organizer. “Lexicography for Indigenous America: Meeting the needs of speakers, learners, and linguists”, 10-speaker session at the Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, January 2003.
- 2002 “Using the telephone as a community language learning center: Deg Xinag (Ingalik) example”. Presented at the Athabascan Languages Conference, Fairbanks, Alaska, June, 2002. Also presented at the Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas, San Francisco, CA, January 2002, and at the Aleutians/Pribilof Islands Association Unanga language revitalization summit, Anchorage, Alaska, March, 2002.
- 2002 “Producing the Deg Xinag (Ingalik) Learners’ Dictionary”. Presented at the Athabascan Languages Conference, Fairbanks, Alaska, June, 2002. Also presented at the Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas, San Francisco, CA, January 2002.
- 1999 “Intonation in language learning.” Workshop presented at the Bilingual/Multicultural Education Equity Conference, Anchorage, Alaska, February 1999.
- 1998 “Intonation of noun phrases in Unangan (Eastern Aleut).” Poster presented at the 15th meeting of the International Congress on Acoustics and the 135th meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, Seattle, WA, June, 1998.
- 1998 “Developing materials while learning a language.” Workshop presented at the Sixth Stabilizing Indigenous Languages Symposium, Louisville, KY, May 1998.
- 1998 “Intonation contours in Unangan (Eastern Aleut): Phonetic description”. Presented at the Linguistic Society of America, New York City, January 1998.
- 1997 “Intonation in Unangan (Eastern Aleut)”. Poster at the ESCA Workshop and Tutorial on Intonation, Athens, Greece, September 1997.
- 1997 “Intonation patterns in Unangan (Eastern Aleut)”. Presented at the Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas, Cornell University, July 1997.
- 1997 “Learning ancestral languages by phone.” Presented at the Stabilizing Indigenous Languages Symposium, Northern Arizona University, May 1997, and at the Athabascan Languages Conference, University of Oregon, May 1997.
- 1996 “Unangan Tunuŋtakun: Aleuts are talking” and “Deg Xinag axa Nixodhił Ts'in’: Deg Xinag verb lessons.” Software presentations at the Linguistic Society of America, San Diego, CA, January 1996.
- 1996 “Deg Xinag vowel space vs. universal prediction.” Presented at the Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas, San Diego, CA, January 1996.

- 1995 "Acoustic Correlates of Deg Xinag (Ingalik) Athabaskan vowels." Presented at the Acoustic Society of America Conference, Washington, D.C., June 1995.
- 1995 "Teaching First Nations literacy and speech using interactive computer programs." Presented at 'Affirming our voice: issues in Aboriginal Literacy' Conference, Kelowna, B.C., Canada, June 1995. Invited speaker.
- 1995 "Uniting sound, text, and translation in computerized language tutorials". Presented at the Bilingual/Multicultural Education Equity Conference, Anchorage, Alaska, February 1995.
- 1994 "Deg Xinag verbs: HyperCard language learning project". Presented at the Athabaskan Linguistic Conference, Stoney Creek, B.C., Canada, June 1994.
- 1994 "HyperCard language learning projects". Presented at the Bilingual/Multicultural Education Equity Conference, Anchorage, Alaska, February 1994.
- 1993 "Alaskan English vs. Standard English: awareness, attitude, and approach". Presented at the Iditarod Area School District inservice, September 1993, and at St. George Island School, September 1993.
- 1993 "Separating height and backness in feature geometry: the evidence from Aleut uvularization". Presented at the Student Conference in Linguistics V, Seattle, Washington, April 1993.
- 1993 with Alta Jerue, Sharon Hargus, Malinda Chase, and Jim Kari. "Current Deg Xinag Language Work". Presented at the Bilingual/Multicultural Education Equity Conference, Anchorage, Alaska, February 1993.
- 1992 "Primary stress in Aleut". Presented at the Northwest Linguistics Club, Seattle, Washington, April 1992.
- 1991 with Sharon Hargus. "Prefixal dependencies in Deg Xinag". Presented at the Athabaskan Language Conference, Santa Cruz, California, July 1991.
- 1991 "Alaskan English research: the state of the art". Presented at the Northwest Linguistics Club, Victoria, B.C. February 1991.
- 1989 (with Fran Moore and Annie Calkins) "Teaching Reading Using Whole Literature". Presented at the Bilingual/Multicultural Education Conference, Anchorage, Alaska. February 1989.
- 1988 with Martha Demientieff, Patricia Kwachka, Charlotte Basham, Eliza Jones, and Tom Robinson. "Forum on function, form and future of Alaskan varieties of English". Presented at the Bilingual/Multicultural Education Conference, Anchorage, Alaska, February 1988.
- 1987 with Donna MacAlpine, Michael Travis, and Beverly Williams. "Alaskan English in the classroom". Presented as part of the Rural Alaska Instructional Improvement Academy, Fairbanks, Alaska, May 28-30, 1987.
- 1986 "Russian Language Maintenance in Mainstream Alaska". Presented at the Alaskan Anthropological Association annual meeting. Fairbanks, Alaska, March 1986.
- 1984 (with Helen Morris, et. al.) "Colloquium on American Indian and Alaska Native Issues". Presented at Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages Annual Conference, Houston, Texas, April 1984.
- 1984 "Alaskan Englishes". Presented at Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages Annual Conference, Houston, Texas, April 1984.
- 1984 "Alaskan Englishes, Let's describe them". Presented at the Bilingual/Multi-cultural Education Conference, Anchorage, Alaska, February 1984.
- 1983 "Alaskan Englishes, Let's define them". Presented at the Bilingual/ Multicultural Education Conference, Anchorage, Alaska, February 1983.

Professional activities

Collaborative Language Research Institute. Advisory Circle member through 2020. Co-director for 2016 Institute.

Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas. Member. President 2014-16. Past President 2017-18.

Linguistic Society of America, Committee on Endangered Language Preservation. Lifetime member.

Sharing Our Knowledge (Clan) Conference. sharingourknowledge.org/. Event organizer for 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021, 2022.