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EDUCATION

- 2021 Ph.D., Anthropology and Linguistics, University of Chicago (defense expected May 10, degree expected June 9)
- Dissertation:* “Making Welfare ‘Sustainable’: The Language, Politics, and Ethics of Scale-Making in a Norwegian Neighborhood”
- Committee:* Susan Gal (chair), Julie Chu, Amy Dahlstrom, Michael Silverstein (until 2020)
- 2016 M.A., Anthropology, University of Chicago
- 2011 B.A. with Honors, Anthropology, University of Chicago
- 2009–2010 Visiting Student (non-degree), Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (Paris, France)

ACADEMIC AFFILIATION

- 2012–2013 Fulbright Student Research Fellow, The Alna Project: Inclusion and Exclusion in a Suburb, Social Anthropology Institute, University of Oslo, Norway

KEY INTERESTS

Citizenship and Migration; Enregisterment; Ethics and Politics of Sustainability; Language and Society; Scale-making; Semiotics; Urban Studies; Welfare State

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2019 “Regimes of Hearing: Norwegian Qualia of Quiet and Noise as Heard through a Migrant Classroom.” *Language & Communication* 66: 55–66.
- 2019 “‘The *Langue d’Oc* is bringing people together’: Debating the place of regional languages in France.” *Journal of Linguistic Anthropology*. 29(2): 249–270.

Special Issues

- 2019 Co-editor (with James Costa) of “Problematizing Language Regimes,” a special issue for *Language & Communication*.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

External

2017 Wenner-Gren Dissertation Fieldwork Grant
 2017 American-Scandinavian Foundation Dissertation Research Fellowship
 2017 Norwegian Researchers and Teachers Association of North America Travel Grant
 2014 National Science Foundation Research Experience for Graduates, PI Jennifer Cole
 2013 Lois Roth Award for extending Fulbright project
 2012–2013 Fulbright U.S. Student Grantee to Norway

University of Chicago

2020 Sociocultural/Linguistic Anthropology Nominee, Harper Dissertation Fellowship
 2020 Mark Hanna Watkins Post-Field Fellowship
 2019 Graduate Council Travel Grant
 2019 Orin Williams Fund Research Travel Grant, University of Chicago
 2016 Pozen Family Center for Human Rights Research Grant
 2016 Leiffer Fellowship (declined)
 2015, 2016 Lichtstern Student Travel Grant
 2013 University of Chicago Five-Year Social Sciences Fellowship
 2007–2011 University Merit Scholarship; National Merit Scholarship

HONORS AND AWARDS

2016 Society for Linguistic Anthropology Graduate Essay Prize
 2011 Society for Linguistic Anthropology Undergraduate Essay Prize
 2010 Phi Beta Kappa
 2008–2011 Dean’s List (all years eligible)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2020 Instructor, Power, Identity, and Resistance 3 (Social Sciences College Core course). University of Chicago, Spring quarter.
 2020 Teaching Assistant, Language in Culture 2. University of Chicago, Winter quarter, Instructor: Prof. Susan Gal.
 2019 Teaching Assistant, Development of Social Cultural Theory (“Systems”) 1, required course for first-year anthropology PhD students. University of Chicago, Fall quarter, Instructor: Prof. Hussein Agrama.
 2019 Guest Lecturer, Linguistic Politics: Language Revitalization (undergraduate seminar). University of Chicago. Instructor: Prof. Susan Gal.
 2017 Teaching Assistant, Power, Identity, and Resistance (Social Sciences College Core course). University of Chicago, Spring quarter. Instructor: Prof. Paul Staniland.
 2017 Teaching Assistant, Power, Identity, and Resistance (Social Sciences College Core course). University of Chicago, Winter quarter, Instructor: Prof. Darryl Li.

PRESENTATIONS

Conference Presentations

2021 “The ‘Circus Elephant’ in the Room: Voicing Minority Men in the Norwegian Public Sphere.” Spring Conference of the Society for Linguistic Anthropology (Boulder, CO) [scheduled]
 2019 “Norwegian Conditions: Voicing a Neighborhood and Constructing National Imaginaries.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting (Vancouver, BC) November 20–24.

- 2019 “‘Norway’s legacy after Gro’: Sustainability and neoliberal forms of responsibility in an Oslo Neighborhood.” Michicagoan Graduate Student Conference in Linguistic Anthropology (University of Michigan) May 10–11.
- 2017 “Inevitable Intolerance? Debating the Past, Present, and Future of the Norwegian Language Struggle.” Michicagoan Graduate Student Conference in Linguistic Anthropology (University of Michigan) May 5–6.
- 2016 “Sound and Stillness: Norwegian Qualia of Quiet and Noise as Heard through a Migrant Classroom.” Invited Session: SLA Graduate Student Essay Panel: Narrative as Evidence, Mobility as Discovery. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting (Minneapolis, MN) November 16–20.
- 2015 “Regimes of Hearing: Languages and Sounds in an Oslo Classroom.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting (Denver, CO) November 18–22.
- 2015 “Bokmål as Bad Habit: The Politics of Written Norwegian.” Michicagoan Graduate Student Conference in Linguistic Anthropology (University of Michigan) May 8–9.
- 2015 “Sounds, Words, and Meaning: Constructing Linguistic Diversity in an Oslo Classroom.” Georgetown University Roundtable (Washington, DC) March 13–15.
- 2014 “Coordinating by Correcting: Identity and Authority through Repair in a Norwegian Reception Class.” Michicagoan Graduate Student Conference in Linguistic Anthropology (University of Chicago) May 2–3.
- 2013 “National standardization or strength in diversity? Language ideological debates in the south of France.” Language and Super-diversity: Explorations and interrogations (University of Jyväskylä, Finland) June 5–7.

Conference Panels and Roundtables Organized

- 2021 Co-organizer (with Britta Ingebretson and Hannah McElgunn): “Voicing Political Temporalities.” Spring Conference of the Society for Linguistic Anthropology (Boulder, CO) [scheduled]
- 2021 Co-organizer (with Sandhya Narayanan): “Authors Meet Readers: ‘Signs of Difference: Language and Ideology in Social Life’ by Susan Gal and Judith T. Irvine.” Spring Conference of the Society for Linguistic Anthropology (Boulder, CO) [scheduled]
- 2015 Co-organizer (with James Costa): “Regimes of Language and the Social, Hierarchized Organization of Ideologies.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting (Denver, CO) November 18–22.

Invited Talks

- 2018 “The Forms and Scales of Making a Contribution in an Oslo Neighborhood.” Democratic Urban Development in the Digital Age (DEMUDIG) Project, Oslo Metropolitan University (Oslo, Norway) December 11.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2019–2020 Research Assistant, Linguistic Anthropology Lab. University of Chicago.
- 2014–2016 Co-coordinator, Semiotics Workshop. University of Chicago.
- 2014 Research Assistant for Professor Susan Gal. University of Chicago, Winter–Spring.
- 2011–2012 Graduate Policy Fellow, City and County of San Francisco Department on the Status of Women
- 2011 Jeff Metcalf Curatorial Intern, Chicago History Museum

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2020 Reviewer, *Langage et Société*
2019 Meeting facilitator, University of Chicago Anthropology Students Association, Autumn quarter.
2016 Co-organizer (with Hannah McElgunn), 18th Annual Michicagoan Graduate Student Conference in Linguistic Anthropology, May 6–7.
2015–2016 Anthropology department representative to the University of Chicago Social Sciences Graduate-Student Activity Committee (SSG-SAC).

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

American Anthropological Association
Center for Multilingualism in Society across the Lifespan (MultiLing), University of Oslo, Norway
Society for Linguistic Anthropology

LANGUAGES

Norwegian (fluent orally and reading and writing Bokmål, reading ability in Nynorsk)
French (advanced)
English (native)

REFERENCES

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