

Adam Werle

I am a linguist, language activist, and Wakashanist. I document and teach aboriginal languages on and around Vancouver Island, especially Nuuchahnulth, Ditidaht, Kwak'wala, and Makah. I work with Native people and communities to restore their languages. My technical research focuses on prosodic phonology, clisis, and Wakashan grammar. I am based in Somass (čuumas Port Alberni, BC).

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Education

2009	Ph.D.	Linguistics	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
1998	B.A.	Linguistics	University of Washington
1998	B.A.	International Studies	University of Washington

Academic affiliations

2017–2020	Linguist, BC School District 70
2011–2019	Linguist, Ehattesaht-Chinehkint First Nation
2011–2016	Linguist, Kyuquot School, BC School District 84
2009–present	Adjunct Assistant Professor, Linguistics, UVic
2005~present	Linguist, Ditidaht School (2005–2006, 2007–2009, 2013, 2017–)
1999~2004	Instructor, UMass, Amherst (1999–2001, 2003–2004)

Teaching

Linguistics • UMass, Amherst • LING 201

Linguistics for language revitalization, with focuses on Ditidaht /di:di:tidq/ ['di,ti,dat], Kwak'wala /k^wak^wala/ ['kwakwələ], Nuuchahnulth /nu:ča:nul/ [nu'tʃanəlθ], and SENĆOŦEN /sənčaθən/ [sən'tʃaθən] • UVic • LING 181

Field methods • Nunavut Arctic College, UVic • LING 183A, 183B

Ditidaht language • Ditidaht First Nation, Ditidaht School

Makah language • Northwest Indian College • NAS 102, LING 188

Nuuchahnulth language • Ehattesaht-Chinehkint First Nation, Houpsitas village, Ka:'yu:'k't'h'-Che:k'tles7et'h' First Nations, Kyuquot School, School District 70, Somass Valley Language Circle, Toquaht Nation, Tseshaht First Nation, Ucluelet First Nation, UVic, University of Washington • LING 159, 258, IED 356, 359, 459, JSIS 482

Publications

- 2014 Donna Gerdts and Adam Werle. Halkomelem clitic types. *Morphology* 24:3. 245-281.
- 2010 Terry J. Klokeid, Ron Hamilton, Henry Kammler, Katherine Fraser, Victoria Wells, and Adam Werle. *The State of the Nuuchahnulth Languages 2010: A Report of the Nuuchahnulth Language Council*. Port Alberni: Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council.
- 2009 Word, phrase, and clitic prosody in Bosnian, Serbian, and Croatian. UMass, Amherst Ph.D. dissertation.
- 2007 Ditidaht vowel alternations and prosody. *Canadian Journal of Linguistics* 52:1/2. 71-104.
- 2003 Joe Pater and Adam Werle. Direction of assimilation in child consonant harmony. *Canadian Journal of Linguistics* 48:3/4. 385-408.

Selected working papers, language documentation, and learning materials

- 2019 First words for Ditidaht. SVLC ms.
- 2018 First words for Nuuchahnulth, in eight dialect versions. SVLC ms.
- 2016 David Inman and Adam Werle. Westcoast (South Wakashan) categories. ICSNL 51.
- 2015 Dialect codes for Westcoast (South Wakashan) languages. UVic ms.
- 2015 Westcoast (South Wakashan) pronominal systems. ICSNL 50.
- 2013 A comparison of moods in four Nuuchahnulth dialects. UVic ms.
- 2010 The phonology of Wakashan languages.
- 2010 Native names of Westcoast tribes. *Huu-ay-aht Uyaqhmis* 17.
- 2010 Matthew Davidson and Adam Werle. Makah texts and analysis. ICSNL 45.
- 2009 Marianne Nicolson and Adam Werle. An investigation of modern Kwak'wala determiner systems. UVic ms.
- 2002 The Southern Wakashan one-foot word. ICSNL 37.
- 2002 A typology of negative indefinites. *CLS* 38.

Collaborative language materials to which I have contributed

- 2017 Language circle survival conversations for Ditidaht-Pacheedaht.
- 2016 Language circle survival conversations for Kwak'wala.
- 2015 Language circle survival conversations for Inuinnaqtun.
- 2015 Nuuchahnulth word-building cards • Storybooks: Dog salmon boy, Everyone works together.
- 2014 Language circle survival conversations for Nuuchahnulth, in eight dialect versions • Storybooks: Grandma and me, Hide-and-seek, The little school.
- 2012 Nuu-chah-nulth interactive alphabet tutorial • A handbook of Nuchatlaht Nuu-chah-nulth • Storybooks: Teaching Son of Thunderbird, Our language, our treasure.
- 2011 Nuu-chah-nulth flashcards and feltboards, in four dialect versions.
- 2010 Nuu-chah-nulth in the Ahousaht dialect, by Katherine Fraser.

Professional service

- 2019–present Member and Secretary, Association of Linguists for Documentation and Revitalization (ALDR) (*aldr.org*).
- 2015~present Board member, Quuquatsa Language Society (QLS) (*quuquatsa.ca*) (2015–2016, 2019–present). Vice President 2019–2021.
- 2014–present Teacher and organizer, Somass Valley Language Circle (SVLC).
- 2014–2016 Editorial Assistant, International Journal of American Linguistics (IJAL) (*americanlinguistics.org*).
- 2012–present Administrator of *kwistuup.net*, a language materials clearinghouse.
- 2012–present Board Member, Kinkade Language and Culture Foundation (KLF) (*kinkadefund.ca*) (formerly Whatcom Museum Society, BC).
- 2011–present With community members, leading Nuuchahnulth language classes. Houspitas, Ehatis, Campbell River, Somass, Esowista, Ucluelet, Hitacu.
- 2010–present Board Member, Jacobs Research Funds (JRF) (*jacobsgrants.org*). Secretary 2016–present.
- 2009–present Collaborative research on Ditidaht, Nuuchahnulth, and Kwak'wala. Bard Graduate Center, Ditidaht Community School, Ehattesah-Chinehkint First Nation, Huu-ay-aht First Nations, Ka:'yu:'k't'h'-Che:k'tles7et'h' First Nations, Language Keepers Society, Nuchatlaht First Nation, Quuquatsa Language Society, Taking Back Our Culture Society, Toquaht Nation, and Ucluelet First Nation.

- 2007~2018 Work on FirstVoices archives for Ditidaht (2007–2009), Ehattesaht-Nuchatlaht Nuuchahnulth (2012–2013, 2018), and Kyuquot-Checleset Nuuchahnulth (2012–2013). Data checking and organization, audio recording and editing.
- 2005–2006 Visiting scholar at University of Victoria. Participant in Kwak’wala Circle. Co-organizer with Leslie Saxon of the 2nd Wakashan Linguistics Conference, 5–6 May 2006.
- 2002–present With Ben Barrett, Co-administrator of the Wakashan Linguistics Page.
- 2002–present Linguistic fieldwork, teaching, and materials development. Makah (2002), Neah Bay. Ditidaht (2002~present), Malachan. Kwak’wala (2008~2016), Kingcome Inlet, Fort Rupert, Campbell River, Nanaimo, and Victoria. Nuuchahnulth (2009–present), Houpsitas, Oclucje, Ehatis, Campbell River, Tsaxana, Hot Springs Cove, Esowista, Hitacu, Somass, and Victoria.

Languages

native	English
conversational	Ditidaht, French, Japanese, Nuuchahnulth, Spanish
reading	Classical Greek, Classical Japanese, Egyptian, German, Gothic, Icelandic, Kwak’wala, Latin, Makah, Old English, Old Norse, Portuguese, Russian, Serbo-Croatian
computing	CSS, HTML5, JavaScript, Perl