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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 positions and certifications

2017–present	Linguist, BC School District 70 (Alberni)
2014–present	First Nations Language Teacher’s Certificate for Nuuchahnulth, BCTRB
2011–present	Linguist, Ehattesaht-Chinehkint Tribe
2011–2016	Linguist, Kyuquot School and ᑭᑦ:’yu:’k’t’h’-Che:ᑭ’tles7et’h’ First Nations
2009–present	Adjunct Assistant Professor, Linguistics, University of Victoria
2005~present	Linguist, Ditidaht School (2005–2006, 2007–2009, 2013, 2017–)
2002	Instructor, Northwest Indian College
1999~2004	Instructor, University of Massachusetts, Amherst (1999–2001, 2003–2004)

Teaching

Ditidaht language	Ditidaht School, Ditidaht FN
Nuuchahnulth language, Nuuchahnulth 1: Nuuchahnulth language, Linguistics 159: Nuuchahnulth language, Linguistics 258: Nuuchahnulth mentorship II	Ehattesaht-Nuchatlaht L. Circle, ᑭᑦ:’yu:’k’t’h’-Che:ᑭ’tles7et’h’ FN, Kyuquot School, Quuquatsa L. Society, Somass Valley L. Circle, U. Victoria, U. Washington
Native American Studies 102: Makah language	Northwest Indian College
Linguistics 188: Makah linguistic structure	Northwest Indian College
Linguistics 201: Intro to linguistic theory	U. Massachusetts
Linguistics 181: Intro linguistics for language revitalization, with a focus on SENĆOŦEN • on Kwak’wala • on Nuuchahnulth	Kwakiutl Indian Band, Quuquatsa L. Society, U. Victoria, ᑭᑦ:’yu:’k’t’h’-Che:ᑭ’tles7et’h’ Board
Linguistics 183A-183B: Field methods	U. Victoria, Quuquatsa L. Society, Nunavut Arctic College

Professional service

- 2015–2016 Board Member, Quuquatsa Language Society (*quuquatsa.ca*).
- 2014–2016 Editorial Assistant, International Journal of American Linguistics (*americanlinguistics.org*).
- 2014–present Teacher and organizer, Somass Valley Language Circle (SVLC).
- 2012–present Administrator of *kwistuup.net*, a Westcoast language materials clearinghouse.
- 2012–present Board Member, Kinkade Language and Culture Fund (formerly Whatcom Museum Society, British Columbia) (*kinkadefund.ca*).
- 2011–present With elders and community members, leading Nuuchahnulth language classes. Houpsitas, Ehatis, Campbell River, and Somass.
- 2010–present Board Member and Secretary, Jacobs Research Funds (*jacobsgrants.org*).
- 2009–present Collaborative research on Ditidaht, Nuuchahnulth, and Kwak’wala. Bard Graduate Center, Ditidaht Community School, Ehattesaht-Chinehkint Tribe, Huuayaht First Nations, Ka:’yu:’k’t’h’-Che:k’les7et’h’ First Nations, Nuchatlaht First Nation, Nuuchahnulth Language Council, Quuquatsa Language Society, and Taking Back Our Culture Society.
- 2007–present Work on *FirstVoices* archives (*firstvoices.com*) for Ditidaht (2007–2009), Ehattesaht-Nuchatlaht (2012–2013), and Kyuquot-Checlesseht Nuuchahnulth (2012–2013). Data checking, data organization, and audio recording.
- 2005–2006 Visiting scholar at the University of Victoria. Participant in Kwak’wala Circle. Co-organizer with Leslie Saxon of the 2nd Wakashan Linguistics Conference, 5–6 May 2006, University of Victoria.
- 2002–present With Ben Barrett, Co-administrator of the Wakashan Linguistics Page (*depts.washington.edu/wll2*).
- 2002–present Linguistic fieldwork, teaching, and materials development. Makah (2002), Neah Bay. Ditidaht (2002–present), Malachan. Kwak’wala (2008–present), Kingcome Inlet, Nanaimo, Fort Rupert, and Victoria. Nuuchahnulth (2010–present), Houpsitas, Oelucje, Ehatis, Campbell River, Tsaxana, Hot Springs Cove, Hitacu, Somass, and Victoria.

Publications

- 2014 Donna Gerds 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 Nuu-chah-nulth Languages 2010: A Report of the Nuu-chah-nulth Language Council*. Port Alberni: Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council.
- 2009 *Word, phrase, and clitic prosody in Bosnian, Serbian, and Croatian*. University of

- Massachusetts, Amherst PhD dissertation. Amherst: GLSA.
- 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

- submitted *The phonology of Wakashan languages*. *Language and Linguistics Compass*.
- 2016 David Inman and Adam Werle. *Westcoast (South Wakashan) categories*. ICSNL 51.
- 2015 *Westcoast (South Wakashan) pronominal systems*. ICSNL 50.
- 2014 Victoria Wells and Adam Werle. *Northern Nuuchahnulth language teams*. Ehattesaht-Chinehkint Tribe and UVic ms.
- 2013 *A comparison of moods in four Nuuchahnulth dialects*. UVic ms.
- 2010 Matthew Davidson and Adam Werle. *Makah texts and analysis*. ICSNL 45. Joel Dunham and John Lyon, eds. Vancouver: UBCWPL. 140–154.
- 2010 *Native names of Westcoast tribes*. *Huu-ay-aht Uyaqhmis* 17. 7–8.
- 2009 Marianne Nicolson and Adam Werle. *An investigation of modern Kwak'waka determiner systems*. UVic ms.
- 2002 *The Southern Wakashan one-foot word*. ICSNL 37. Carrie Gillon, Naomi Sawai, and Rachel Wojdak, eds. Vancouver: UBCWPL. 382–397.
- 2002 *A typology of negative indefinites*. *Papers from the 38th Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society, vol. 2: The Panels*. Mary Andronis, Erin Debenport, Anne Pycha and Keiko Yoshimura, eds. Chicago: CLS. 127–143.

Collaborative language materials

- 2015 Storybooks: *Dog salmon boy, Everyone works together*, Ehattesaht-Chinehkint Tribe. • Nuuchahnulth word-building cards, Quuquatsa Language Society.
- 2014 Storybooks: *Grandma and me, Hide-and-seek, The little school*, Ehattesaht-Chinehkint and Kyuquot-Checleseht Language Teams.
- 2012 *Nuuchahnulth interactive alphabet tutorial*, Kyuquot-Checleseht and Northern Nuuchahnulth. • *A handbook of Nuchatlaht Nuuchahnulth*, Nuchatlaht First Nation. • *Teaching Son of Thunderbird, Our language, our treasure*, Ehattesaht-Chinehkint Tribe.
- 2011 Flashcards and feltboards, in Kyuquot-Checleseht, Ehattesaht-Nuchatlaht, Ahousaht, and Ditidaht versions, for Taking Back Our Culture Society.
- 2010 Editing, illustrations, and layout for *Nuuchahnulth in the Ahousaht dialect, manual and workbook*, by ?iic?a Katherine Fraser, for Taking Back Our Culture Society.

Funded projects

- 2014–2018 With Henry Kammler: *Wakashan documentation*, Jacobs Research Funds.
- 2013–2014 With Victoria Wells: *Wakashan documentation*, Jacobs Research Funds.
- 2012 ƛa:’yu:’k’t’h’-Che:k’tles7et’h’ First Nations: *Kyuquot and Checleseht stories for children*, Nuu-chah-nulth Language and Culture Program.
- 2011 Nuchatlaht First Nation: *Nuchatlaht documentation*, BC Language Initiative. • ƛa:’yu:’k’t’h’-Che:k’tles7et’h’ First Nations: *Northern Region interactive alphabet tutorial*, Nuu-chah-nulth Language and Culture Program. • Nuu-chah-nulth Language Council: *A culturally focused approach to Nuu-chah-nulth language recovery and maintenance*, First Nations Education Steering Committee.
- 2010 With PI Marianne Nicolson: *Evidence for phrase-level prosody in Kwak’wala*, Jacobs Research Funds. • Taking Back Our Culture Society: *ASLA materials for Nuu-chah-nulth language K-4*, Nuu-chah-nulth Language and Culture Program.
- 2009 Ditidaht Studies Program: *Ditidaht through hypertext*, Nuu-chah-nulth Language and Culture Program. • *Lessons and curriculum for Ditidaht language K-12*, BC Language Initiative. • *Out of the nest: More Ditidaht language learners through outside classes*, Aboriginal Language Initiative. • with PI Marianne Nicolson: *Dialectal, generational, and stylistic variation in Kwak’wala determiner systems*, Jacobs Research Funds.
- 2008 With PI Marianne Nicolson: *A learning guide for Kwak’wala determiners*, Jacobs Research Funds.
- 2006 Ditidaht Studies Program: *Paawitsiilh: Nest-building*, BC Language Initiative.
- 2005 Ditidaht Studies Program: *Science and Technology Fair Initiative*, First Nations Education Steering Committee.

Languages

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