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### Education

- 2014–Present **PhD Student in Linguistics**, *Cornell University*, Ithaca, NY.
- 2009–2012 **BA First Class Honors in Linguistics and Russian Studies**, *McGill University*, Montreal.
- **Linguistics Honours Thesis**: American Regional Lexical Survey: Gender and age in lexical change in the South
  - **Russian Studies Honours Thesis**: Literary Translation of *The Daughter of Bukhara* (*Doch' Bukhary*) by Liudmila Ulitskaia and translation of academic journal article with commentary
- Summer 2010 **Summer Exchange**, *Saint Petersburg State University*, Saint Petersburg, Russian Federation.

### Honors, Awards and Grants

- 2016 **NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program**, *Honorable Mention*.
- 2015 **NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program**, *Honorable Mention*.
- 2014–2015 **Sage Fellowship**, *Cornell University* (\$23,470).
- 2009 **Foreign Language Educators of New Jersey**, *Undergraduate scholarship* (\$1,000).

### Publications

#### Refereed

- Accepted Subjects, Animacy and Agreement in Mi'gmaq Transitive Verbs. *Papers of the 47th Algonquian Conference*.
- Accepted Negation and indefinite pronouns in Mi'gmaq. *Papers of the 46th Algonquian Conference*.
- 2015 Language research and revitalization through a community-university partnership: The Mi'gmaq research partnership. *Journal of Language Documentation and Conservation* 9. 292–306. First author with Travis Wysote, Elise McClay and Jessica Coon.
- 2013 Didja know? A comparative study of affrication across word boundaries in Canadian and American English. *Strathy Student Working Papers on Canadian English*. First author with Thea Knowles.

#### Conference proceedings

- 2013 Using technology to bridge the gap between speakers, learners, and linguists. *In Endangered Languages Beyond Boundaries: Proceedings of the Seventeenth Conference of the Foundation for Endangered Languages*, ed. Mary Jane Norris, Erik Anonby, Marie-Odile Junker, Nicholas Ostler, and Donna Patrick, 199–200. with Elise McClay, Erin Olson, Hisako Noguchi, Alan Bale & Jessica Coon.

### Conference Presentations

- 2016 Modeling the proximate/obviative contrast in Algonquian languages, to be presented at *Semantics of Under-Represented Languages in the Americas 9 (SULA)*. University of California, Santa Cruz. With Mary Moroney.
- 2016 Agreement and animacy on Mi'gmaq transitive verbs, presented at the *Workshop on Structure and Constituency in Languages of the Americas (WSCLA)*. Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM).
- 2016 Agreement and animacy on Mi'gmaq transitive verbs, presented at *Putting Fieldwork on Indigenous Languages to New Uses*. São Paulo School on Advanced Sciences, University of Campinas, Brazil.
- 2016 Animacy in Mi'gmaq, presented at the *The Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA)*. Washington, DC.

- 2015 A relative clause puzzle in Mi'gmaq (Algonquian), poster presented at the *Workshop on Relative Clauses: Relatives in East Asia and Beyond*. Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. with Michael David Hamilton
- 2015 Animacy in Mi'gmaq, presented at the *47th Algonquian Conference*. Winnipeg, MB.
- 2015 Bringing a community closer: A report on the Listuguj Mi'gmaq Summer Language Workshops. Poster presented at the *4th International Conference on Language Documentation and Conservation*. Honolulu, HI. with Douglas Gordon, Yuliya Manyakina, Madelaine Metallic and Lola Vicaire.
- 2014 Negation in Mi'gmaq. Presentation given at the *46th Algonquian Conference*. Mohegan Sun, CT.
- 2013 Evidentiality in Mi'gmaq. Presentation given at the *45th Algonquian Conference*. Ottawa, ON.
- 2013 Using technology to bridge gaps between speakers, learners, and linguists. Poster presented at *Congress, Canadian Linguistic Association*. University of Victoria, Victoria, BC. With Elise McClay, Erin Olson, Hisako Noguchi, Alan Bale, Jessica Coon, & Gina Cook.
- 2013 Plugging into LingSync: Data cleaning scripts with Java. *Computational Field Workshop*. McGill University, Montreal, QC.
- 2013 Student perspectives on Mi'gmaq language-learning through multi-modal teaching: A community-linguistics partnership. Hour length workshop given at Antigonish, NS. With Elise McClay, Mary-Beth Wysote, Madelaine Metallic, Sarah Vicaire, Travis Wysote, Janine Metallic & Jessica Coon.
- 2013 Didja Know? Affrication between word boundaries in Canadian and American English: A dialectal comparison. Presented at *Canadian Variation and Change VII*. University of Toronto, Toronto, ON. with Thea Knowles.
- 2013 Student perspectives on Mi'gmaq language-learning through multi-modal teaching: A community-linguistics partnership. Presented at *The 3rd International Conference on Language Documentation & Conservation*. University of Hawaii, Wakiki, HI. With Elise McClay.
- 2012 Student perspectives on Mi'gmaq language-learning through multi-modal teaching: A community-linguistics partnership. Presented at *The 44th Algonquian Conference*. University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. With Elise McClay, Mary-Beth Wysote & Sarah Vicaire.
- 2012 Affrication between word boundaries in Canadian and American English. Presented at *Harvard Undergraduate Linguistics Colloquium*. Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. With Thea Knowles.
- 2011 Gender and Usage of *Like*. Presented at *Harvard Undergraduate Linguistics Colloquium*. Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.
- 2011 Gender and Usage of *Like*. Presented at *McGill's Canadian Conference for Linguistics*. McGill University, Montreal, QC.

## Invited Presentations

- 2015 Animacy and agreement on Mi'gmaq transitive verbs. Talk given at Hebrew University, Jersalem, Israel.  
[To non-linguist audiences](#)
- 2015 Mi'gmaq: lengua indígena en peligro de extinción en Quebec, Canadá. Colloquium given at Universidad Intercultural del Estado de Tabasco en Villa Tamulté de las Sabanas.
- 2015 Mi'gmaq: lengua indígena en peligro de extinción en Quebec, Canadá. Colloquium given at Universidad Intercultural del Estado de Tabasco en Poblado Oxolotán.

## Fieldwork

Mi'gmaq (Algonquian) **2011-ongoing**. Collaborative project between the Mi'gmaq Listuguj Education Directorate in eastern Quebec and McGill University Linguistics Department to revitalize the Mi'gmaq language in the community and to document and analyze the grammar of Mi'gmaq. I have spent three summers in Listuguj (2012: 8 weeks; 2013: 10 weeks; 2014: 11 weeks; 2015: 4 weeks).

Ch'ol (Mayan) **2015-ongoing**. Chiapas, Mexico work on the Tumbalá dialect of Ch'ol. (2015: 4 weeks; 2016: 11 weeks).

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## Academic Service

### Conferences and Workshops Organized

- 2015 Cornell Workshop on Linguistics and Philosophy, Ithaca, NY
- 2015 Supervised organization of 3rd Mi'gmaq Language Summer Workshop, Listuguj, QC
- 2014 Co-organized 2nd Mi'gmaq Language Summer Workshop, Listuguj, QC
- 2013 Co-organized Mi'gmaq Language Summer Workshop, Listuguj, QC

### Service to Cornell University

- 2016-ongoing Knights Writing Institute Tutor
- 2014-ongoing Cornell Language Documentation and Conservation Lab webmaster
- 2014–2015 Cornell Linguistics Circle Social Committee
- 2014–2016 Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) Junior editor
- 2015 Cornell Prospective Weekend Co-Organizer

### Service to McGill Linguistics Department

- 2013 Organizer of the McGill Algonquian Reading Group

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## Professional Experience

- 2013–2014 **Research Assistant**, THE ECONOMIST, New York, NY.
  - o performed client-based research on market, economic, and country analysis
  - o used quantitative and qualitative data to analyze and advise on market trends
  - o freelance (April 2013-August 2013); internship September 2013-December 2013; reappointment (January 2014)
- 2012–2014 **Post-Bac Researcher**, MI'GMAQ RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP, McGill University, Montreal, QC.
  - o conducted theoretical linguistic analyses of Mi'gmaq and Algonquian languages
  - o contributed grammatical analyses of Mi'gmaq to language-learning tools like the grammar wiki ([wiki.migmaq.org](http://wiki.migmaq.org))
  - o developed course curricula, handouts, and grammar manual by attending Mi'gmaq courses in conjunction with the teachers
  - o linguistic fieldwork on-site Summer 2012, 2013, and 2014
- 2011-2013 **Research Assistant**, INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE ON SOCIAL INEQUALITIES IN HEALTH, McGill University, Montreal, QC.
  - o researched health care policies to find indicators of private and public services for OECD countries
  - o analyzed information from academic and legal sources to create a health insurance access database
  - o translated and summarized segments from legal and academic documents from Finnish to English
- 2008-2010 **Teacher and Office Assistant**, INLINGUA, Princeton, NJ.
  - o taught English to students using the inlingua teaching methods
  - o scheduled, managed, and booked lessons for students and teachers
  - o reviewed translations made from English to Spanish

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## In the media

### Print

- 2015 Interviewed for article on the Mi'gmaq Project for the *Canadian Languages Museum Blog* by Michael Iannozzi.
- 2014 Interviewed for an Article in the *McGill Daily*. *Mi'gmaq community works to revitalize language* by Janna Bryson.

### Radio

- 2012 (2012, November 7). CBC Radio Canada: Invited Guest at Radio-Canada Round Table Discussion with Catherine Perrin, host of *Médium Large*. *Un regard citoyen de l'élection présidentielle américaine [A citizen's perspective of the American Presidential Election]*. [In French]

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## Languages

- Native **English**
- Advanced **Ch'ol (Tumbalá), Finnish, French, Hebrew (speaking), Spanish**

Intermediate **Hebrew (reading/writing), Russian**  
Fieldwork **Ch'ol, Mi'gmaq**