

Curriculum Vitae  
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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2013 – present      Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology,  
University of Notre Dame  
2013 – 2016      Faculty Fellow, Liu Institute for Asia and Asian Studies,  
University of Notre Dame  
2012 – 2013      Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Economics and  
Political Science, MacEwan University  
2007 – 2012      Robert A. and Catherine L. McKennan Postdoctoral Fellow, Department  
of Anthropology, Dartmouth College

## EDUCATION

2007    Joint Ph.D.      Anthropology & Linguistics, with Distinction, University of Chicago  
2003    M.A.              Anthropology, University of Chicago  
1996    B.A.              Linguistics, with Honors, Distinction in Major, University of California at  
Santa Barbara  
1991    Diploma        Hispanic Studies, Universidad Complutense, Madrid, Spain

Doctoral Dissertation: Out of the Park: Trajectories of Wauja (Xingu Arawak) Language and Culture. Committee: Michael Silverstein (chair), Manuela Carneiro da Cunha, Amy Dahlstrom, Susan Gal, Jerrold Sadock

M.A. Thesis: Dialect and Discourse in Kansai: Repertoires of Registers in Japanese Conversation. Readers: Michael Silverstein, Susan Gal.

B.A. Honors Thesis: Time and Tense in Yup'ik (Eskimo) Narrative. Reader: Marianne Mithun.

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Linguistic anthropology. Sociocultural Anthropology. Semiotics of culture. Politics of communication. Ritual. Alterity. Possession and exchange. Discourse and interaction. Grammatical categories and thought. Pragmatics. Language and place. Discourses of loss. Indigeneity. Amazonia. Japan.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Journal Articles

- 2012 Stop Loss: Developing Interethnic Relations in Brazil's Xingu Indigenous Park. *Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology* 17.3: 413-434.
- 2012 Boasian Legacies in Linguistic Anthropology: A Centenary Review of 2011. *American Anthropologist* 115.2: 203-216.
- 2011 As Spirits Speak: Interaction in Wauja Exoteric Ritual. *Journal de la Société des Américanistes* 97(1): 87-117.
- 2011 Inalienability in Social Relations: Language, Possession, and Exchange in Amazonia. *Language in Society* 40(3): 307-341.
- 2006 Le commerce de la culture, la médecine rituelle et le Coca-cola. Co-authored with Marcelo Fiorini. *Gradhiva* 4. Musée du quai Branly, Paris: 97-113.
- 2004 Repertoires of Registers: Dialect in Japanese Discourse. *Language and Communication* 24.4: 291-435.

### Edited Volumes

- 2012 Discourses of Loss in Amazonia. Christopher Ball (org.). Dossier, *Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology* 17.3.

### Book Chapters

- In press Linguistic Subjectivity in Ecologies of Amazonian Language Change. In *Iberian Imperialism and Language Evolution in Latin America*. Salikoko Mufwene (ed.). University of Chicago Press.
- In press Negation in Wauja Discourse. In *Negation in Arawak*, Lev Michael and Tania Granadillo (eds.). *Brill*.
- 2011 Pragmatic Multilingualism in the Upper Xingu Speech Community. In *Alto Xingu: Uma Sociedade Multilíngue*. Bruna Franchetto (ed.), Rio de Janeiro: Museu do Índio – FUNAI: 87-111. Published online @ [www.ppgasmuseu.etc.br/publicacoes/altoxingu.html](http://www.ppgasmuseu.etc.br/publicacoes/altoxingu.html)
- 2005 Fazendo das línguas objetos: línguas em perigo de extinção e diversidade cultural. *IPHAN – Revista do Patrimônio*, No. 32: 207-221. Instituto do Patrimônio Histórico e Artístico Nacional do Ministério da Cultura, Brasília.

### Book Reviews and Notes

- 2012 *The Occult Life of Things: Native Amazonian Theories of Materiality and Personhood*. Fernando Santos-Granero, (ed.). 2009. Tucson: University of Arizona Press. *Journal of Linguistic Anthropology*.
- 2011 *Collected Works of Edward Sapir, I: General Linguistics*. Pierre Swiggers (ed.). 2008. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter. *Language in Society* 40(1):124-125.

### Conference Proceedings and Working Papers

- 2005 An Automodular Approach to Classifiers in Piratapuya (Eastern Tukanoan). *Proceedings of the Berkeley Linguistics Society*, Berkeley, California.
- 2003 The Semiological and the Semiotic in Linguistic and Social Theories of Language Change. *Contemporary Linguistics*. University of Chicago Linguistics working papers.

## CHRISTOPHER G. BALL

- 2002 (as editor) *Proceedings from the Thirty-Seventh Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society, Volumes 1 and 2*. Andronis, Mary, Christopher Ball, Heidi Elston and Sylvain Neuvel, (eds.) Chicago: Chicago Linguistic Society.

### **Works Under Review**

- n.d. *Exchanging Words: Language, Ritual, and Relationality in Brazil's Xingu Indigenous Park*. Book manuscript under review.
- n.d. Dicontentization: Realizing Contiguity in Ritual, Place, Personhood, and Art. Article under review.
- n.d. Kinship Chronotopes. Edited volume with co-editor Nicholas Harkness under review.
- n.d. Avoidance as Alterity Stance: Naming in a Xinguan Chronotope of Affinity. Article under review for edited volume Kinship Chronotopes.

### **ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Conference Panels Organized and Chaired**

- 2012 Shared Landscapes. Chair of panel for the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco.
- 2012 The Role of Discourse Context in the Construction of Social Meaning in Variation. Co-organizer with James Slotta of symposium for the Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Portland, Oregon.
- 2012 Kinship Chronotopes. Chair and co-organizer with Nicholas Harkness of panel for the Society for Cultural Anthropology Meeting, Providence, Rhode Island.
- 2011 Kinship Chronotopes. Chair and co-organizer with Nicholas Harkness of panel for the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Montreal.
- 2011 Comparative Indigeneities: Autonomy Discourses, Land Conflicts, and Rhetorics of "Rights." Co-organizer with Lourdes Gutiérrez Nájera of panel for the New England Council of Latin American Studies Conference, Dartmouth College.
- 2010 The Diaphanous Medium: A Semiotics of Hiding and Suggestion. Co-organizer with Shunsuke Nozawa of panel for the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans.
- 2009 The Ends of Amazonian Language and Culture? Chair and co-organizer with Tania Granadillo of invited panel at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, co-sponsored by the Society for Linguistic Anthropology & the Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology.

#### **Conference Presentations**

- 2013 Tribal Wives: British Reality TV and the Affinity Category. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago.
- 2012 Others in the Landscape: Narrative Cosmologies of Place. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco.
- 2012 Forest Branches: Armatures of Semiosis and Semiology in Amazonia. Paper presented (in absentia) at the European Association of Social Anthropologists, Nanterre, France.
- 2012 Avoidance as Alterity Stance: Naming in a Xinguan Chronotope of Affinity. Paper presented at the Society for Cultural Anthropology Meetings, Providence, Rhode Island.

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- 2012 Allegory of the Cave: Wauja Ethnohistory in Service of the Future. Paper presented at the Latin American Studies Association Meeting, San Francisco, California.
- 2012 Orders of Difference: Enregistering Kunisaki Dialect. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Portland, Oregon.
- 2011 “Jaguar,” “Has Claws”: Naming in Wauja Chronotopes of Descent and Affinity. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Montreal.
- 2011 Amazonian Autonomies: Transforming Rhetorics of Indigenist Discourse. Paper presented at the New England Council of Latin American Studies Conference, Dartmouth College.
- 2010 Take it as an Index: Dicontinuation in Ritual. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans.
- 2010 Verbal Category and Speech Act Function in Wauja (Arawak) Negation. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas, Baltimore.
- 2009 Open Ends: Transactional Ideologies in Amazonian Projects. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia.
- 2008 Commentary: Making Plans in Amazonia: Futures of Sustainable Development. Invited panel discussion presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco.
- 2008 No Shame: Alterity Stances in Wauja Registers of Incivility. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco.
- 2008 Complaint and Respect in the Upper Xinguan Multilingual Linguistic Community. Presented at the conference “Linguistic Evidence for the Understanding of a Multilingual Society: The Upper Xingu.” National Museum, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- 2008 “Upper Xinguans Are Rock Stars”: The Pragmatics of Complaint in Indigenous Amazonian Development Projects. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Anthropological Association, UMass Amherst.
- 2007 Genres of Territorialization in the Brazilian Upper Xingu. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Washington DC.
- 2007 Translation and Territorialization in Central Brazil. Presented at the Ninth Annual Michiganian Conference in Linguistic Anthropology, University of Michigan.
- 2007 The Ecology of Ecological Discourse. Presented to the Iberian Imperialism and Language Evolution in Latin America Conference, University of Chicago.
- 2004 Notes on Classification and Cosmology in the Upper Xingu (Brazil). Presented at the Sixth Annual Michiganian Conference in Linguistic Anthropology, Chicago.
- 2004 An Automodular Approach to Classifiers in Piratapuya (Eastern Tukanoan). Presented at the Berkeley Linguistics Society meeting, Berkeley, California.
- 2003 Stability, Loss, and Renewal as a Narrative Theme in Piratapuya Discourses of Language Loss. Presented at the Eighth International Pragmatics Conference, Toronto.
- 2003 Indigenous Intermediaries and Piratapuya Language Shift. Presented at the Fifth Annual Michiganian Linguistic Anthropology Conference, University of Michigan.
- 2002 The Boundaries of Dialect in Japanese Discourse. Presented at the Fourth Annual Michiganian Linguistic Anthropology Conference, University of Chicago.
- 2001 Where Can Dust Alight?: Poetics in Context in Chan Buddhism of the Tang Period. Presented at the Third Annual Michiganian Linguistic Anthropology Conference, University of Michigan.

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### Colloquia and Workshop Presentations

- 2013 Much Obligated: Amazonian Ritual at the Quasi-Personal Fringe. Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences. Wassenaar, The Netherlands.
- 2013 Introduction. Structuralism's First Century, 1916-2016: A Round Table Prospectus. With Alejandro Paz. Franke Institute, University of Chicago.
- 2012 Ritual Transformations: Healing, Development, and Culture Show in an Amazonian Society. Invited colloquium presentation to the School for Advanced Research, Santa Fe.
- 2010 "I-Turn," "U-Turn," Why Turn?: Language and Practice in the Construction of Community in Rural Japan. Brown Bag colloquium presentation to the Department of Anthropology, Dartmouth College.
- 2009 Difference by Default: Alterity and Identity in Amazonian Discourse. Invited colloquium presentation to the Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto.
- 2009 Alterity, Stance, and Hypostasis: Difference and Identity in Amazonian Discourse. Colloquium presentation to the Department of Anthropology, Dartmouth College.
- 2007 Amunau Ogatakuja: Voice and Space in Wauja Political Oratory. Presented to the Workshop on the Anthropology of Latin America, University of Chicago.
- 2006 Transformações, Troca e Espiritos no Alto Xingu. Invited colloquium presentation to the Department of Anthropology, University of Brasília.
- 2006 Huluki: (In)alienability and Ethnolinguistic Differentiation in the Upper Xingu. Presented to the Semiotics: Culture in Context Workshop, University of Chicago.
- 2003 Activism and Authenticity in the Brazilian Amazon. Presented at ICISP: Understanding and Teaching Latin America, Illinois Valley Community College.
- 2003 Structure and Change in Piratapuya Language and Culture: Loss and Renewal in the Northwest Brazilian Amazon. Presented to the Semiotics: Culture in Context Workshop, University of Chicago.
- 2002 The Story of Role: An Autolexical Account of Causative, Passive, and Adversative Constructions in Japanese. Jointly presented with Mika Ishino, Mayu Yoshihara, Keiko Yoshimura and Ichiro Yuuhara in the Linguistics Department colloquium series, University of Chicago.

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

#### Instructor

- 2013 *Elements of Linguistic Anthropology*. University of Notre Dame
- 2013 *Language and Power: Institutions and Ideologies*. University of Notre Dame
- 2013 *Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology*. MacEwan University
- 2013 *Economic Anthropology*. MacEwan University
- 2012/2013 *Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology*. MacEwan University
- 2012 *Culture and Globalization*. MacEwan University
- 2012 *Multilingualism and Symbolic Practice in Amazonia*. MacEwan University
- 2011/10 *Introduction to Cultural Anthropology*. Dartmouth College
- 2011/10/09/08 *Introduction to the Study of Language and Culture*. Dartmouth College
- 2011/10 *Language and Power: Institutions and Ideologies*. Dartmouth College
- 2009 *Japan's Linguistic Modernity*. Dartmouth College
- 2010/08 *The Brazilian Amazon and Multilingualism*. Dartmouth College
- 2006 *Multilingualism in the Brazilian Amazon*. University of Chicago

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### Teaching Assistant

- 2007 *The Development of Social Theory (Systems) 2*. University of Chicago Anthropology Department graduate seminar, Instructor Manuela Carneiro da Cunha  
2003 *Introduction to Linguistics 2*. University of Chicago, Instructor John Goldsmith  
2002 *Introduction to Linguistics 1*. University of Chicago, Instructor Jason Merchant  
2001 *Introduction to Linguistics 3*. University of Chicago, Instructor Sheri Pargman

### GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND HONORS

- 2012 Christopher Smeall Summer Scholar Fellowship in Anthropological Linguistics, School for Advanced Research, Santa Fe  
2012, 2010, 2008 Goodman Research Grant, Dartmouth College  
2007 (renewed 2009) McKennan Postdoctoral Fellowship, Dartmouth College  
2006 Starr Lectureship, University of Chicago  
2005 Doolittle Harrison Travel Grant, University of Chicago  
2004, 2003, & 2002 Tinker Travel Fellowship for Research in Latin America, U of Chicago  
2003 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship  
2003 Fulbright IIE Fellowship (declined)  
2003 Leiffer Pre-Field Travel Fellowship, University of Chicago  
2002 & 2001 FLAS Title VI for Portuguese  
2001 & 2000 (summer) FLAS Title VI for Portuguese  
2001 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, Honorable Mention

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

#### Professional Memberships

American Anthropological Association (AAA), Society for Linguistic Anthropology (SLA), Linguistic Society of America (LSA), Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA)

#### Manuscript Reviewer

*American Anthropologist*, *Journal of Linguistic Anthropology*, *Language in Society*, *Journal of Anthropological Research*, *Conservation and Society*

#### Judge

Society for Linguistic Anthropology Annual Student Paper Competition (2010, 2011, 2012)

### LANGUAGES

Spanish- high proficiency, Portuguese – high proficiency, Wauja (Arawak) – high proficiency, Japanese (spoken) – high proficiency