

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### ACADEMIC DEGREES:

PhD in Linguistics, Rice University, 2018  
Thesis: A Grammar of Dzongkha: phonology, words, and simple sentences  
Master of Arts in Linguistics, University of Texas at Arlington, 1996  
Thesis: A Preliminary Study of Prosody in Dzongkha  
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics, University of Washington, 1990  
(with an emphasis in database management)  
Associate of Arts, Peninsula College, Washington, 1986

### AREAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST:

Linguistic Field Research, Linguistic Typology, Languages of the Himalaya,  
Language Documentation, Translation, Tone

Language in relation to human flourishing

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

#### *TEACHING:*

Adjunct Faculty, Baylor University, Jan 2015 to 2018  
Instructor, Linguistic Analysis, Rice University, Fall 2014  
Teaching Assistant, Linguistic Analysis, Rice University, Fall 2013  
Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Linguistics, Rice University, Spring 2013  
Visiting Lecturer, Central Department of Linguistics, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu  
Nepal, 1998 to 2009

#### *LINGUISTIC FIELD WORK:*

Visiting Research Scholar, Central Department of Linguistics, Tribhuvan University,  
Kathmandu, Nepal, 1998 to 2007  
Sociolinguistic researcher, Indian sub-continent, SIL International, 1986 to 1988

#### *CONSULTING and ADMINISTRATION:*

Translation Consultant, SIL Intl, 2001 to present  
International Consultant to LinSuN (Linguistic Survey of Nepal), Government of  
Nepal, 2007 to 2010  
Technical Studies Department Coordinator, SAG, SIL Intl, 2006 to 2008

*RESEARCH and APPOINTMENTS:*

Adjunct Researcher, LCRC, James Cook University, 2020 to present

Visiting Fellow, LCRC, James Cook University, 2019

Research Director, SIL Intl, 2019 to present

Pike Scholar, Pike Center for Integrative Scholarship, SIL Intl, 2019 to present

Fellow, Institute for Studies of Religion, Baylor University, 2018 to present

**AWARDS:**

The James T. Wagoner '29 Foreign Study Scholarship Program, Rice University, 2015

Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship, Department of Education, U.S. Government, 2015

**LANGUAGES SPOKEN / WRITTEN** (in addition to English):

Nepali, Kham Magar, Tibetan, Dzongkha

**EDITED JOURNALS**

2020. Reviewer, *Himalayan Linguistics*

2015. Reviewer, *Linguistics of the Tibeto-Burman Area*

2015. Reviewer, *Rice Linguistic Society Working Papers*, Vol 6.

2014. Editor-in-chief. *Rice Linguistic Society Working Papers*. Vol 5.

2014. Reviewer, 20th *Himalayan Linguistics Symposium*

2011. Guest Associate Editor with Karen Grunow-Harsta and Kristina Hildebrandt. Special issue in memory of Michael Noonan and David Watters. Carol Genetti and Yogendra Yadava (eds.), *Himalayan Linguistics* 10.1.

**BOOKS**

2018. A grammar of Dzongkha: phonology, words, and simple clauses. PhD dissertation, Rice University.

2011. *At the Foot of the Snows: A Journey of Faith and Words among the Kham-Speaking People of Nepal*. David Watters, with Steve and Daniel Watters. Poulsbo, WA: Engage Faith Press.

1996. A preliminary study of prosody in Dzongkha. MA thesis, University of Texas at Arlington

## ARTICLES IN JOURNALS, CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

- Forthcoming. Honorification in Dzongkha. In: Alexandra Y. Aikhenvald, R. M. W. Dixon, and Nerida Jarkey (eds), *The integration of language and society in typological perspective*. OUP.
2019. Linguistic identity and Dialect diversity: a conundrum with regard to the Magar Kham. In: J. Stephen Quakenbush and Gary Simons (eds), *Language and Identity in a Multilingual, Migrating World*, 271-299. SIL International.  
(<http://leanpub.com/languageandidentity>)
2007. The nature of narrative text in Dzongkha: evidence from deixis, evidentiality, and mirativity. In: Walter Bisang, Hans Henrich Hock, Werner Winter (eds.), *Linguistics of the Himalayas and Beyond*, 381 - 397. Berlin and New York: Mouton de Gruyter [Trends in Linguistics, Studies and Monographs 196].
- 2005a. Verbal Categories in Dzongkha: Overt marking of syntactic and semantic transitivity. In: Yadava, Yogendra P.; Bhattarai, Ram Raj Lohani; Prasain, Balaram; and Parajuli, Krishna (eds.), *Contemporary Issues in Nepalese Linguistics*, 397-419. Kathmandu: Linguistic Society of Nepal.
- 2005b. and Nirmal Man Tuladhar. Indigenous Languages of Nepal: Capacity Building, Institutional Support and Coordination. In: Yogendra P. Yadava and Pradeep L. Bajracharya (eds.), *The Indigenous Languages of Nepal (ILN): Situation, Policy Planning, and Coordination*, 73 - 83. Kathmandu: National Foundation for Development of Indigenous Nationalities (NFDIN).
- 2003b. Language Death: A Review and An Examination of the Global Issue in the Nepalese Context. *Gipan 2*: 39-66. Kathmandu, Nepal: Central Department of Linguistics, Tribhuvan University.
- 2003a. An Acoustic Look at Pitch in Lhomi. In: Tej Ratna Kansakar and Mark Turin (eds.), *Themes in Himalayan Languages and Linguistics*. 247-264. South Asia Institute, Heidelberg and Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu.
2002. The Sounds and Tones of Five Tibetan languages of the Himalayan Region. *Linguistics of the Tibeto-Burman Area*. 25.1: 1-66.
1999. Tonal Contrasts in Sherpa. In: Yogendra P. Yadava and Warren W. Glover (eds.), *Topics in Nepalese Linguistics*, 54-77. Kathmandu: Royal Nepal Academy.
1994. The animacy hierarchy in Kham Magar. *Notes on Tibeto-Burman 1*. Horsleys Green: Summer Institute of Linguistics, South Asia Group.
1994. An autosegmental analysis of Dzongkha. *Notes on Tibeto-Burman 1*. Horsleys Green: Summer Institute of Linguistics, South Asia Group.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2019. Truth, beauty, and goodness in language diversity. Paper presented at Christian Scholars Conference. Lubbock The Thomas H. Olbricht Christian Scholars Conference, LCU, Lubbock. June 4-6.
2017. The harvest of Babel: the importance of linguistic diversity for the church. Paper presented at Evangelical Missiological Society South Central Regional Meeting.

- GIAL, Dallas. March 4.
2015. Spatial topology in Dzongkha. Speaker at How Grammars Encode Space in Tibeto-Burman. Pre-conference workshop, 48th International Conference of Sino-Tibetan Languages and Literature. University of California at Santa Barbara. August 21-23.
- 2014a. Complex Verb Constructions in Dzongkha: Serial Verbs, the Asian Converb, and Clause Chains. Paper presented at Himalayan Languages Symposium 20, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, July 16-18.
- 2014b. Ethnicity and Linguistic Diversity: A Case Study Among the Kham Magar of West Nepal. Paper presented at TAGS Conference, Rice University, Feb 21-22.
- 2014c. and Daniela Tijerina Benner, Vlad Soare, Bazile Lanneau, Naomi Wong, Thien Haokip, Thong Lun. Collaborative Methods in Linguistic Fieldwork: Notes from an Urban Classroom. Paper presented at TAGS Conference, Rice University, Feb 21-22.
2013. Switch Reference in Dzongkha. Paper presented at the 46th International Conference of Sino-Tibetan Languages and Literature. Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire. August 7-10.
2008. Toward a Sociolinguistic Typology of the Languages of Nepal. Paper presented at Nepal's Present Language Situation and Inclusive Language Policy in the context of State Restructuring. CNAS, Tribhuvan University. Dec 5.
2007. The Bible as Literature. Paper presented at भाषाका कुरा (Matters of Language). यलमाया केन्द्र (Yalamaya Kendra), Patan Dhoka. May 4.
2006. The Pervasiveness of Compounding in Dzongkha. Paper presented at the 27th Linguistic Society of Nepal Annual Meetings. Kathmandu, Nepal. November 26, 27.
- 2004a. Adjectives in Dzongkha. Paper presented at the 10th Himalayan Languages Symposium. Thimphu, Bhutan. December 1-3.
- 2004b. Verb Categories in Dzongkha. Paper presented at the 25th Linguistic Society of Nepal Annual Meetings. Kathmandu, Nepal. November 26, 27.
2003. Property Concepts in Dzongkha. Presented at the 24th Linguistic Society of Nepal Annual Meetings. Kathmandu, Nepal. November 26, 27.
2002. The nature of narrative text in Dzongkha: evidence from deixis, evidentiality, and mirativity. Paper presented at the 8th Himalayan Languages Symposium. University of Berne, Switzerland. September 19-22.
- 2001a. A Tonal Typology of 6 Southern Tibetan dialects. Workshop on Tibeto-Burman languages. UCSB, Santa Barbara, California. July 27-29.
- 2001b. Language Death: A Review and An examination of the Global Issue in the Nepalese Context. Paper presented to National Symposium on Language Death or Suicide: an Examination of the Issues in the Nepalese Context. His Majesties Government, Ministry of Local Development, National Committee for Development of Nationalities, Aanam Nagar, Kathmandu, Nepal. March 13.
- 2000a. Some Observations on Language Development in the Broader Tibetan Context. Paper presented at the Symposium on Language Development. Thamasat

University, Bangkok. Dec 12.

- 2000b. A Tonal Typology Based on some Tibeto-Burman Languages of the Himalaya. Paper presented at the 21st Linguistic Society of Nepal Annual Meetings. Kathmandu, Nepal. November 26, 27.
1999. An Acoustic Look at Pitch in Lhomi. Paper presented at the 5th Himalayan Languages Symposium. Kathmandu, Nepal. September 13-15.
- 1998a. An Acoustic Look at Pitch in Sherpa. Paper presented at the 4th Himalayan Languages Symposium. Pune, India. December 7-9.
- 1998b. A Sociolinguistic Profile of Mugu. Paper presented at the 20th Linguistic Society of Nepal Annual Meetings. Kathmandu, Nepal. November 26, 27.

### **RICE UNIVERSITY PRESENTATIONS**

2014. Linguistic Unification Among the Kham Magar: The Linguistic Analogue of Degraded Forest or Agro-forest. Paper presented at Colloquium, Department of Linguistics, Rice University. Feb 20.
- 2013a. Switch Reference in Dzongkha. Paper presented at Colloquium, Department of Linguistics, Rice University. April 18.
- 2013b. The Life of a Field Linguist: Lessons from Nepal. Guest lecture for Ling 200, Rice University. April 18.
2012. Fieldwork Friday. Guest lecture for Ling 300/500, Rice University. Nov 2.

### **REPORTS**

2013. *A Sociolinguistic Profile of the Bhils of Northern Dhule District*, SIL Electronic Survey Reports, Language Assessment, Sociolinguistics.
2012. Blair, F. and J. George; S. George and S. Watters, researchers. *Multilingualism among the Konda Dora*, SIL Electronic Survey Reports, Language Assessment, Sociolinguistics.
1988. A sociolinguistic profile of the Kham Magar. Unpublished ms.