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Teaching and administrative experience

Pomona College Department of Linguistics and Cognitive Science

Professor (2019-present)

Associate Professor (2012-2019)

Assistant Professor (2006-2012)

Program Director, Linguistics and Dynamic Language Infrastructure-Documenting Endangered Languages (DLI-DEL) programs, National Science Foundation, 2021-2023

Chair, Pomona College Department of Linguistics and Cognitive Science, 2012-2016, 2018

Coordinator, Cognitive Science, Pomona College, Spring 2018

Associate Dean of the College, Pomona College, 2014-2016

Faculty, Institute on Collaborative Language Research (CoLang), University of Texas, Arlington, 2014

Faculty, African Linguistics School, Porto-Novo, Benin, 2011

University of Pittsburgh Department of Linguistics

Visiting Assistant Professor (Spring 2006)

Visiting Instructor (Fall 2005)

Graduate Student Instructor, UC Berkeley Department of Linguistics, Fall 2001 and Spring 2003

Education

University of California, Berkeley

Ph.D., Linguistics, May 2006

Dissertation: *Phonological Conditions on Affixation*

M.A., Linguistics, May 2002

The Ohio State University

B.A., Linguistics and Anthropology, March 2000

Summa Cum Laude, with Distinction in Linguistics, with Honors in the Liberal Arts

Senior Honors thesis: *Issues in the Tonology of Gã*

Publications

Articles

Paster, Mary. To appear. Output-oriented phenomena in morphological change. In Peter Arkadiev and Franz Rainer, eds. *The Oxford Handbook of Historical Morphology*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Kim, Yuni & Mary Paster. To appear. Phonological constraints and conditioning in diachronic morphology. In Edith Aldridge, Anne Breitbarth, Katalin Kiss, Joe Salmon, Alexandra Simonenko, and Adam Ledgeway, eds. *The Wiley Blackwell Companion to Diachronic Linguistics*. Hoboken: Wiley Blackwell.

Paster, Mary and Jackson Kuzmik. To appear. Vowel hiatus resolution in Kikuyu. Proceedings of the 51st-52nd Annual Conference on African Linguistics. Berlin: Language Science Press.

Paster, Mary. In press. Akan morphological ‘reversal’ in historical context. Ch. 4 of Darya Kavitskaya and Alan C.L. Yu, eds. *The Life Cycle of Language: Past, Present, and Future*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Paster, Mary. 2020. Analyzing interspeaker variation in Maay. *Loquens* 6.2: e063. (13 pp.)

Paster, Mary. 2019. Phonology counts. *Radical: A Journal of Phonology* 1: 1-62.

Paster, Mary. 2018. Gender instability in Maay. Pp. 205-218 in Jason Kandybowicz, Travis Major, Harold Torrence, and Philip T. Duncan, eds. *African Linguistics on the Prairie: Selected papers from the 45th Annual Conference on African Linguistics*. Berlin: Language Science Press.

Paster, Mary. 2017. Alternations: Stems and allomorphy. Pp. 93-116 in Andrew Hippisley and Gregory T. Stump, eds. *The Cambridge Handbook of Morphology*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

- Diercks, Michael, Lindsey Meyer, and Mary Paster. 2017. Agreement with conjoined arguments in Kuria. *Studies in African Linguistics* 44.1 [2015]: 27-46.
- Paster, Mary. 2016. Diachronic sources of allomorphy. Pp. 419-443 in Vera Griбанова and Stephanie Shih, eds. *The Morphosyntax-Phonology Connection: Locality and Directionality at the Interface*. Oxford University Press.
- Paster, Mary. 2015. Phonologically conditioned suppletive allomorphy: Cross-linguistic results and theoretical consequences. Pp. 218-253 in Eulàlia Bonet, Maria-Rosa Lloret, and Joan Mascaró, eds. *Understanding Allomorphy: Perspectives from OT*. *Advances in Optimality Theory* series. London: Equinox.
- Paster, Mary. 2015. Phonology. Pp. 75-80 in James D. Wright, ed. *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences, Second Edition, Volume 18*. Revision of previous edition article by S.R. Anderson, pp. 11386-11392, 2001. Amsterdam: Elsevier.
- Paster, Mary. 2015. Phonological analysis. Pp. 525-543 in Bernd Heine and Heiko Narrog, eds. *The Oxford Handbook of Linguistic Analysis*, second edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Diercks, Michael, Rodrigo Ranero, and Mary Paster. 2015. Evidence for a clitic analysis of Object Markers in Kuria. Pp. 52-70 in Ruth Kramer, Elizabeth C. Zsiga, and One Tlale Boyer, eds. *Selected Proceedings of the 44th Annual Conference on African Linguistics*. Somerville, Massachusetts: Cascadilla Proceedings Project.
- Marlo, Michael, Leonard Chacha Mwita, and Mary Paster. 2015. Problems in Kuria H tone assignment. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 33: 251-265.
- Paster, Mary. 2014. Allomorphy. Pp. 219-234 in Rochelle Lieber and Pavol Štekauer, eds. *The Oxford Handbook of Derivational Morphology*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Marlo, Michael, Leonard Chacha Mwita, and Mary Paster. 2014. Kuria tone melodies. *Africana Linguistica* XX: 277-294.
- Paster, Mary. 2013. Rethinking the 'duplication problem'. *Lingua* 126: 78-91.
- Paster, Mary. 2012. The role of homophony avoidance in morphology: A case study from Mixtec. Pp. 29-39 in Daisy Rosenblum and Stephanie Gamble Morse, eds. *Proceedings of the 13th Annual Workshop on American Indian Languages* (2010). Santa Barbara, CA: UC Santa Barbara.
- Paster, Mary. 2011. The verbal morphology and phonology of Asante Twi. *Studies in African Linguistics* 39.1: 77-120.
- Paster, Mary and Yuni Kim. 2011. Downstep in Tiriki. *Linguistic Discovery* 9.1: 71-104.
- Paster, Mary. 2010. Optional multiple plural marking in Maay. Pp. 177-192 in Franz Rainer, Wolfgang U. Dressler, Dieter Kastovsky, and Hans Christian Luschützky, eds. *Current Issues in Linguistic Theory* 310: *Variation and Change in Morphology*. Amsterdam: Benjamins.
- Paster, Mary. 2009. Explaining phonological conditions on affixation: Evidence from suppletive allomorphy and affix ordering. *Word Structure* 2.1: 18-47.
- Paster, Mary. 2009. Review of *Field Linguistics: A Beginner's Guide*, by Terry Crowley. *Linguistic Typology* 12.3: 473-479.
- McPherson, Laura and Mary Paster. 2009. Evidence for the Mirror Principle and morphological templates in Luganda affix ordering. Pp. 56-66 in Akinloye Ojo and Lioba Moshi, eds. *Selected Proceedings of the 39th Annual Conference on African Linguistics*. Somerville, Massachusetts: Cascadilla Proceedings Project.
- Comfort, Jade and Mary Paster. 2009. Notes on Lower Jubba Maay. Pp. 204-216 in Masangu Matondo, Fiona McLaughlin and Eric Potsdam, eds. *Selected Proceedings of the 38th Annual Conference on African Linguistics*. Somerville, Massachusetts: Cascadilla Proceedings Project.
- Dutcher, Katharine and Mary Paster. 2008. Contour tone distribution in Luganda. Pp. 123-131 in Natasha Abner and Jason Bishop, eds. *Proceedings of the 27th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project.
- Paster, Mary. 2008. Review of Kaye, Alan S. *Morphologies of Asia and Africa*. LINGUIST List 19.1357.
- Paster, Mary. 2007. Aspects of Maay phonology and morphology. *Studies in African Linguistics* 35.1: 73-120.

- Paster, Mary. 2006. A survey of phonological affix order with special attention to Pulaar. Leah Bateman and Cherlon Ussery, eds. *Proceedings of the 35th Annual Meeting of the North Eastern Linguistic Society: Volume 2*: 491-506. Amherst, MA: University of Massachusetts Graduate Linguistics Student Association.
- Paster, Mary. 2006. Review of Olson, Kenneth S. *The Phonology of Mono*. LINGUIST List 17.1958.
- Paster, Mary. 2005. Pulaar verbal extensions and phonologically driven affix order. *Yearbook of Morphology* 2005: 155-199.
- Paster, Mary. 2005. Subcategorization vs. output optimization in syllable-counting allomorphy. Pp. 326-333 in John Alderete, Chung-Hye Han, and Alexei Kochetov, eds. *Proceedings of the 24th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project.
- Paster, Mary. 2004. Vowel height harmony and blocking in Buchan Scots. *Phonology* 21.3: 359-407.
- Paster, Mary and Rosemary Beam de Azcona. 2004. A phonological sketch of the Yucunany dialect of Mixtepec Mixtec. Pp. 61-76 in Lea Harper and Carmen Jany, eds. *Proceedings of the 7th Annual Workshop on American Indian Languages*. Santa Barbara, CA: UC Santa Barbara.
- Paster, Mary. 2003. Floating tones in Gã. *Studies in African Linguistics* 32.1: 17-39.
- Paster, Mary. 2003. Tone specification in Leggbo. Pp. 139-150 in John M. Mugane, ed. *Linguistic Description: Typology and Representation of African Languages. Trends in African Linguistics* 5.
- Hyman, Larry, Heiko Narrog, Mary Paster, and Imelda Udoh. 2003. Leggbo verb inflection: A semantic and phonological particle analysis. Pp. 399-410 in Julie Larson and Mary Paster, eds. *Proceedings of the 28th Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society*. Berkeley, CA: Berkeley Linguistics Society.

Books

- Paster, Mary and Rodrigo Ranero. 2015. *CASL Introductory Structural Sketches for African Languages: Maay*. Technical Report (DO0050). University of Maryland-CASL.
- Paster, Mary and Rodrigo Ranero. 2013. *Beginning Rumsen Language*. Unpublished textbook, available to Rumsen tribe members on request.
- Beam de Azcona, Rosemary and Mary Paster, eds. 2005. *Proceedings of the Conference on Otomanguean and Oaxacan Languages. Survey Report* 13. Berkeley, CA: Survey of California and Other Indian Languages.
- Larson, Julie and Mary Paster, eds. 2003. *Proceedings of the 28th Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society*. Berkeley, CA: Berkeley Linguistics Society.

Presentations

Invited presentations

- Paster, Mary. 2022. Invited discussant (with Karlos Arregi) on the Wheres and Whens of Affixation. Princeton Phonology Forum.
- Paster, Mary. 2022. Homophony avoidance in suppletive allomorphy and its theoretical implications. Georgetown University Linguistics Department colloquium.
- Paster, Mary. 2021. Broader horizons in linguistics. NSF Division of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences research talk.
- Paster, Mary. 2021. Counting and learning bias in phonology. UC Santa Cruz Linguistics Department colloquium.
- Paster, Mary. 2021. Yoruba ATR harmony revisited. UC Santa Cruz Phonetics and Phonology Lunch (Phlunch) talk.
- Paster, Mary. 2021. Listener error as a source of morphological change. Interaction of Grammatical Building Blocks colloquium, Leipzig University.
- Paster, Mary. 2019. I-language and interspeaker variation in a refugee community. Princeton University Linguistics Program colloquium.
- Paster, Mary. 2018. *Jamais trois sans deux?* Arguments for ternarity from some lesser-known languages. Plenary talk presented at the 16th *Réseau Français de Phonologie* (French Phonology Network) Meeting, Paris.
- Paster, Mary. 2015. Approaches to the Bantu melodic H. Plenary talk presented at the workshop on Morphosyntactic Triggers of Tone: New Data and Theories, University of Leipzig.
- Paster, Mary. 2015. Phonology counts. UC San Diego Linguistics Department colloquium.

- Paster, Mary. 2014. Phonology counts. UCLA Linguistics Department colloquium.
- Paster, Mary. 2013. Inter-speaker variation in a refugee community: The case of Maay. Paper presented at the Fieldwork Forum, UC Berkeley Linguistics Department.
- Paster, Mary. 2013. An I-language approach to inter-speaker variation in Maay. Plenary talk presented at the 44th Annual Conference on African Linguistics, Georgetown University.
- Paster, Mary, Lily Clifford, and Aleksandra Bril. 2013. Collaborative linguistic research in a refugee community: Challenges and prospects. Poster presented at the Workshop on Methodology and Practice in Collaborative Endangered Language Research, Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting, Boston.
- Paster, Mary. 2012. Diachronic sources of allomorphy. Paper presented at the Workshop on Locality and Directionality at the Morphosyntax-Phonology Interface. Stanford University.
- Paster, Mary and Martha Johnson. 2012. H tone tripling in Manyika. Paper presented at the Workshop on African Linguistics, University of Missouri.
- Paster, Mary. 2012. Why doesn't phonology count? Plenary talk presented at the 7th North American Phonology Conference (NAPhC), Concordia University, Montreal.
- Paster, Mary. 2012. Phonologically conditioned morphology. Colloquium presented as part of the UCSC/Stanford Cross-linguistic Investigations in Syntax-Phonology Distinguished Visitors Series, UC Santa Cruz.
- Paster, Mary. 2009. A diachronic solution to the 'duplication problem' in phonology. The Ohio State University Linguistics Department colloquium.
- Paster, Mary. 2008. Phonologically conditioned affix order as a post-morphological phenomenon. UC San Diego Linguistics Department colloquium.
- Paster, Mary. 2008. From linguistics major to linguistics professor. Lecture given at the Summer Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, The Ohio State University.
- Paster, Mary. 2006. Phonologically conditioned suppletive allomorphy: Cross-linguistic results and theoretical consequences. UC Berkeley Linguistics Department colloquium.
- Paster, Mary. 2006. Phonological conditions on affixation: Cross-linguistic findings and a case study. University of Pittsburgh Linguistics Department colloquium.
- Paster, Mary. 2006. Phonological conditions on affixation: Cross-linguistic findings and a case study. New York University Linguistics Department colloquium.
- Paster, Mary. 2006. Phonological conditions on affixation: Cross-linguistic findings and a case study. University of Oklahoma Modern Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics Department colloquium.
- Paster, Mary. 2006. Phonological conditions on affixation: Cross-linguistic findings and a case study. Pomona College Linguistics and Cognitive Science Department colloquium.
- Paster, Mary. 2005. Modeling the phonology-morphology interface: Evidence from Pulaar. University of Chicago Linguistics Department colloquium.

Conference and workshop presentations

- Kuzmik, Jackson and Mary Paster. 2021. Vowel hiatus resolution in Kikuyu. Paper presented at the 51st/52nd Annual Conference on African Linguistics, University of Florida.
- Paster, Mary. 2019. Comparing analyses of Yoruba vowel harmony. Paper presented at the 50th Annual Conference on African Linguistics, University of British Columbia.
- Paster, Mary. 2016. On the representation of vowels in Kipsigis. Paper presented at the 47th Annual Conference on African Linguistics, UC Berkeley.
- Samuels, Alex and Mary Paster. 2015. Verbal tone in Logoori. Paper presented at the Workshop on Luyia Bantu Languages, 46th Annual Conference on African Linguistics, University of Oregon.
- Paster, Mary. 2014. Reflexes and remnants of inflectional classes in Maay nominal morphology. Paper presented at the Workshop on Synchrony and Diachrony of Inflectional Classes: Theoretical and Empirical Considerations, International Morphology Meeting, Budapest.
- Paster, Mary. 2014. Gender instability in Maay. Paper presented at the 45th Annual Conference on African Linguistics, University of Kansas.
- Johnson, Martha and Mary Paster. 2012. Aspects of Manyika verbal tonology. Paper presented at the 43rd Annual Conference on African Linguistics, Tulane University.

- Paster, Mary. 2011. A historical approach to Tano verbal morphology. Paper presented at the 42nd Annual Conference on African Linguistics, University of Maryland.
- Paster, Mary. 2010. There is no 'duplication problem'. Paper presented at the 18th Manchester Phonology Meeting, University of Manchester.
- Paster, Mary. 2010. The role of homophony avoidance in morphology: A case study from Mixtec. Paper presented at the Workshop on American Indigenous Languages, UC Santa Barbara.
- Nuchi, Elisha and Mary Paster. 2009. An analysis of metaphony in Felechosa Asturian. Paper presented at the 17th Manchester Phonology Meeting, University of Manchester.
- Paster, Mary. 2009. The verbal morphology of Asante Twi. Paper presented at the 40th Annual Conference on African Linguistics, University of Illinois.
- Paster, Mary. 2009. Phonologically conditioned affix order as an illusory phenomenon. Paper presented at the Workshop on the Division of Labour between Morphology and Phonology, Amsterdam.
- Dutcher, Katharine and Mary Paster. 2008. Contour tone distribution in Luganda. Paper presented at the 27th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics, UCLA.
- McPherson, Laura and Mary Paster. 2008. Evidence for the Mirror Principle and morphological templates in Luganda affix ordering. Paper presented at the 39th Annual Conference on African Linguistics, University of Georgia.
- Paster, Mary. 2008. Optional multiple plural marking in Maay. Paper presented at the 13th International Morphology Meeting, Vienna.
- Paster, Mary. 2007. Phonologically conditioned suppletive allomorphy: Cross-linguistic results and theoretical consequences. Paper presented at the 15th Manchester Phonology Meeting, University of Manchester.
- Comfort, Jade and Mary Paster. 2007. A grammatical sketch of Maay. Paper presented at the 38th Annual Conference on African Linguistics, University of Florida.
- Kim, Yuni and Mary Paster. 2006. Downstep in Tiriki. Paper presented at the 37th Annual Conference on African Linguistics, University of Oregon.
- Paster, Mary. 2006. Pama-Nyungan ergative allomorphy: Historical reconstruction and theoretical consequences. Paper presented at the Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting, Albuquerque.
- Paster, Mary. 2005. Subcategorization vs. output optimization in syllable-counting allomorphy. Paper presented at the 24th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics, Simon Fraser University.
- Paster, Mary. 2005. Tone rules and representations in Yucunany Mixtepec Mixtec. Paper presented at the Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas Annual Meeting, Oakland, California.
- Paster, Mary. 2004. A survey of phonological affix order with special attention to Pulaar. Paper presented at the 35th Conference of the North Eastern Linguistic Society, University of Connecticut.
- Paster, Mary. 2004. Senegalese Pulaar verbal extensions and phonologically driven affix order. Paper presented at the Southwest Optimality Theory Workshop, UC Santa Cruz.
- Paster, Mary. 2004. Suffix order in Senegalese Pulaar. Paper presented at the 35th Annual Conference on African Linguistics, Harvard University.
- Beam de Azcona, Rosemary and Mary Paster. 2004. A phonological sketch of the Yucunany dialect of Mixtepec Mixtec. Paper presented at the Workshop on American Indigenous Languages, UC Santa Barbara.
- Paster, Mary and Rosemary Beam de Azcona. 2004. Aspects of tone in the Yucunany dialect of Mixtepec Mixtec. Paper presented at the Conference on Otomanguean and Oaxacan Languages, UC Berkeley.
- Paster, Mary. 2003. The evolution of vowel harmony blocking in Buchan Scots. Paper presented at the Trilateral Phonology Weekend (TREND), University of California, Santa Cruz.
- Good, Jeff, Teresa McFarland, and Mary Paster. 2003. Reconstructing Achumawi and Atsugewi: Proto-Palainhian revisited. Paper presented at the Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas Annual Meeting, Atlanta.
- Paster, Mary. 2002. The couthie mannies of Buckie: A phonetic investigation of a Scots dialect. Paper presented at the 1st Annual SLUG Symposium, UC Berkeley.
- Paster, Mary. 2002. The unmarked tone in Leggbo. Paper presented at the 33rd Annual Conference on African Linguistics, Ohio University.

- Hyman, Larry M., Heiko Narrog, Mary Paster, and Imelda Udoh. 2002. Leggbo verb inflection: A semantic and phonological particle analysis. Paper presented at the 28th Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society.
- Paster, Mary. 2002. Vowel height harmony and blocking in Buchan Scots. Paper presented at the Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting, San Francisco.
- Paster, Mary. 2001. What determines suffix ordering in Fula? Paper presented at the 32nd Annual Conference on African Linguistics, UC Berkeley.
- Paster, Mary. 2000. An Optimality Theoretic analysis of verbal tone in Gã. Paper presented at the Montreal-Ottawa-Toronto Phonology Workshop, York University and University of Toronto.
- Paster, Mary. 2000. The Tone-Bearing Unit in Gã. Paper presented at the 31st Annual Conference on African Linguistics, Boston University.
- Paster, Mary. 1999. Aspects of verbal tone in Gã. Paper presented at the 30th Annual Conference on African Linguistics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Courses taught

Pomona College

- Linguistics and Cognitive Science 10: Introduction to Linguistics
- Linguistics and Cognitive Science 108: Phonology
- Linguistics and Cognitive Science 109: Morphology
- Linguistics and Cognitive Science 119: Language and Social Justice
- Linguistics and Cognitive Science 125: Field Methods in Linguistics
- Linguistics and Cognitive Science 184/185P: Topics in Phonology
- Linguistics and Cognitive Science 190: Senior Seminar in Linguistics
- Critical Inquiry Seminar: Language and Food
- Critical Inquiry Seminar: Language and Social Justice

University of Pittsburgh

- Linguistics 1579: Phonology
- Linguistics/Anthropology 1441 and 2441: Field Methods in Linguistics
- Linguistics 1773: Morphology
- Linguistics 1951: Languages of the World

UC Berkeley (Graduate Student Instructor)

- Linguistics 100: Introduction to Linguistic Science
- Linguistics 115: Introduction to Phonology and Morphology

Fellowships, grants, and awards

- NSF Special Act Award “in recognition of exemplary work, individually and collaboratively, with NSF’s activities addressing the interests of tribal and other Indigenous communities,” 2023
- NSF Special Act Award “for outstanding transitional management of DLI-DEL and advancing foundation activities supporting Indigenous communities,” 2022
- A “Listener-Error”-based Theory of Morphological Change*, Faculty Research Grant, Pomona College, 2020
- Materials for Rumsen Language Class*, Language Revitalization Grant, Foundation for Endangered Languages, 2013
- A Grammar of Maay*, Faculty Research Grant, Pomona College, 2012
- Linguistic Fieldwork Training and Language Description in a Refugee Community*, Arnold L. Graves and Lois S. Graves Award, American Council of Learned Societies, 2012
- Collaborative Research on West African Languages*, Faculty Research Grant, Pomona College, 2011
- Linguistic Research in Benin*, Faculty Research Grant, Pomona College, 2011
- Downing faculty exchange fellowship, Pomona College, 2010
- South Guang Language Documentation*, Faculty Research Grant, Pomona College, 2010

Theta Nu Xi Award of Excellence, University of Pittsburgh, 2006
 Phi Beta Kappa Northern California Chapter Graduate Fellowship, 2005
 Dean's Normative Time Fellowship, UC Berkeley, 2004
 Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, UC Berkeley, 2004
A Phonetic Investigation of Vowel Harmony and Blocking in Buchan Scots, Humanities Research Grant, UC Berkeley, 2002
 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, 2000
 Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship (national), 2000
 Berkeley Fellowship, UC Berkeley, 2000
 Linguistic Society of America Fellowship, 1999, 2001
Issues in the Tonology of Gã, Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Research Grant, The Ohio State University, 1999
 Inducted into Phi Beta Kappa national honor society, 1998
 Inducted into Phi Kappa Phi national honor society, 1997

Professional service

External member, Concordia Centre for Cognitive Science, 2014-present
 Committee member, external review of Occidental College Cognitive Science Department, 2023
 'Research Funding for Documenting Endangered Languages at NSF and NEH,' LSA webinar co-presented with Jacquelyn Clements, Tyler Kendall, and Suha Kudsieh, 2022
 Mentor, LSA Women in Linguistics Mentoring Alliance, 2008-2022
 Committee chair, external review of Macalester College Linguistics Department, 2021
 Editor, *Word Structure*, 2018-2021
 Member, LSA Advisory to Programs Committee, 2018-2021
 Committee member, external review of Reed College Linguistics Department, 2018
 Advisory Board, *Word Structure*, 2014-2017
 Executive Committee, founding member, Association of Contemporary African Linguistics, 2014-2016
 Editorial Board, *Contemporary African Linguistics*, 2014-2016
 Associate Editor and Book Reviews Editor, *Linguistic Variation*, 2013-2019
 Adjunct Affiliate, Center for Advanced Study of Language, 2012-2018
 Member, LSA Linguistics in Higher Education Committee, 2009-2012
 Mentor, Breath of Life California Indian Language Restoration Workshop, 2004
 Manuscript reviewer, *Phonology*, *Language*, *Studies in African Linguistics*, *Morphology*, *Studies in Morphology*, *Linguistic Inquiry*, *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*, *Glossa*, *Lingua*, *Word Structure*, *Journal of African Languages and Linguistics*, *Journal of West African Linguistics*, *Journal of Cognitive Science*, *Laboratory Phonology*, *Journal of Linguistics*, *Linguistic Analysis*, *The Linguistic Review*, *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Linguistics*, *Oxford Handbook of Vowel Harmony*, *Brill's Journal of Afroasiatic Languages and Linguistics*, *Canadian Journal of Linguistics*, *Linguistics: An Interdisciplinary Journal of the Language Sciences*, proceedings of the Annual Conference on African Linguistics, various edited volumes
 Abstract reviewer, North East Linguistics Society (NELS), West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL), Linguistic Society of America (LSA) annual meeting, Old World Conference in Phonology (OCP), American International Morphology Meeting (AIMM), International Conference on Bantu Languages (BANTU), Western Conference on Linguistics (WECOL), Berkeley Linguistics Society (BLS; 2000-2005)
 Panelist, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (Linguistics and Cultural Anthropology) and Linguistics Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grants
 Grant proposal reviewer, National Science Foundation (Linguistics, Documenting Endangered Languages, and Linguistics Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grants)
 Fellowship proposal reviewer, American Academy in Berlin fellowship program, Marie Curie fellowship program
 Book manuscript reviewer, Thomson Higher Education, Wiley-Blackwell, MIT Press, Mouton de Gruyter, OUP

Conference organizing

Co-Organizer, Workshop on Luyia Bantu Languages, Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL), 2015
Chair, Phi Beta Kappa Centennial Series Organizing Committee, Pomona College, 2013-14
Co-Organizer, Indigenous Language Symposium, Pomona College, 2013
Organizer, Southern California Workshop on Phonetics and Phonology (SCOPHO), 2008
Co-Chair, Berkeley Linguistics Society (BLS) 28th Annual Meeting, 2001-2002
Organizing Committee, Berkeley Linguistics Society (BLS) 27th Annual Meeting, 2000-2002, 2004-2005
Organizing Committee, 32nd Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL), 2000-2001

Institutional service and other activities

7C Native American/Indigenous Studies Network member, 2017-present
Treasurer and Pomona College representative, Executive Committee, American Association of University Professors Claremont Colleges chapter, 2020-2021
Senior faculty mentor, Pomona College, 2012-2021
Faculty Executive Committee, Pomona College, Fall 2011, Fall 2020
Chair, Division 1, Pomona College, Fall 2020
Committee on Phased Reopening, Pomona College, Fall 2020
Watson fellowship advisor, Pomona College, 2018-2019
External member, Pomona College Media Studies department faculty search committee, 2016, 2018
Institutional Review Board, Pomona College, 2014-2016 *ex officio*
Research Committee, Pomona College, 2012-2014; 2014-2016 *ex officio*
Ashé Africa grant steering committee, Pomona College, 2014-2016
Big Bridges Working Group, Pomona College, 2014
President, Phi Beta Kappa, Gamma chapter of California, 2013-2014
Vice President, Phi Beta Kappa, Gamma chapter of California, 2012-2013
Convenor, Pomona College Social Responsibility Committee, 2012
Social Responsibility Committee, Pomona College, 2010-2011
Undergraduate Advisor, University of Pittsburgh Department of Linguistics, 2005-2006