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Curriculum Vitae

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Professional Profile

Ph.D. in Linguistics specializing in English linguistics, historical linguistics, early Germanic languages, morphology, semantics, and corpus-informed analysis. Research combines philological evidence with large-scale computational methods to investigate the distribution and development of linguistic forms. Experienced in teaching linguistics, language history, language diversity and rights, language variation, and writing at introductory and advanced levels.

Education

Ph.D. in Linguistics, University of South Carolina, May 2026

Dissertation: *Promiscuous Germanic *ga-: The Distribution and Organization of a Problematic Prefix*

Director: Prof. Kurt Goblirsch

M.A. in English, Idaho State University, 2017

Thesis: *The Creation of a Prototype for the Identification of Old English Gnomonic Wisdom Poetry*

Director: Prof. Thomas Klein

B.A. in General Studies, Idaho State University, 2013

Teaching Experience

Courses span introductory and upper-division linguistics, language-focused writing, and rhetoric.
Adjunct Instructor

University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, August 2026–present

- Four sections of ENGL 101: Critical Reading and Composition

Instructor of Record (Graduate Teaching Assistant)

University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, 2018–2025

- Language Conflict, Language Rights, and Linguistic Diversity
- Development of the English Language
- Introduction to Linguistics (general and English-focused sections)
- Word Origins
- English Composition (First-Year Writing)
- Rhetoric and Composition
- Capstone Rhetoric and Composition (Medieval Studies Focus)

Idaho State University, Pocatello, ID, 2015–2017

- English Composition (First-Year Writing)
- Critical Reading and Writing (ENGL 102)

Workshop Facilitator

Center for Teaching Excellence, University of South Carolina, 2019

- “Facilitating Academic Writing Using Dialect in the Classroom”

Courses Prepared to Teach

- Introduction to Linguistics
- Historical Linguistics
- Computational/Corpus Linguistics
- Core areas of linguistic analysis (morphology, syntax, semantics, phonology)
- Sociolinguistics/Language and Identity
- Language Diversity, Dialects, and Language Rights
- Second Language Writing
- Rhetoric and Genre-Based Writing
- Research Writing
- Multimodal Composition
- Medieval Literature

Service and Program Contributions

University of South Carolina

- Linguistics Major Development Committee, 2023
- Abstract Reviewer, Student Research Symposium, 2021–2024
- Site Manager and Web Designer, Linguistics Program, 2019–2021
- Member and Web Coordinator, Graduate Students in Linguistics (GSLING), 2018–2020
- Member, Merger Task Force, Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, 2020–2021
- Finalist Judge, Region II Science and Engineering Fair, Center for Science and Education, 2021

Professional Service

- Public Information Committee, Society for Germanic Linguistics, 2022–present

Idaho State University

- Member, Assignment Standardization Committee (First-Year Writing Program), 2016–2017
- President, Alpha Phi Epsilon Chapter, Sigma Tau Delta, 2016–2017
- Vice President/President-elect, Alpha Phi Epsilon Chapter, Sigma Tau Delta, 2015–2016
- Member, English Graduate Student Association, 2014–2017

Research and Publications

Manuscripts Submitted

- “Promiscuous in Form, Faithful in Structure: The Distribution of Old English *ge-*.”
Sole-authored manuscript submitted to the *Journal of Germanic Linguistics*; awaiting peer review.

Planned Publications

- “Prototype Structure and the Identification of Old English Gnomeric Wisdom Poetry.” Planned article based on the M.A. thesis and subsequent research.

Research Projects

- Principal Investigator, Germanic Linguistics Consolidation Project, 2021–present
 - Constructed lexicon-wide datasets comprising nearly one million lexical items across seven early Germanic languages, integrating philological sources and computational methods for large-scale analysis.
 - Designed and implemented reproducible workflows for historical linguistic analysis

Conference Presentations

- “Hwæt wisnes was? — Wisdom Styles in Germanic Poetry.” *Society for Germanic Linguistics Annual Conference*, Denton, TX, 2025.
- “The Germanic Linguistics Consolidation Project: A How-to for Engaging with Digital Humanities.” *Comparative Literature Annual Conference*, University of South Carolina, 2023.
- “The Distribution of Gothic *ga-* and its Relationship to Old English.” *Society for Germanic Linguistics Annual Conference*, Athens, GA, 2022.
- “Space, Sea, and Syntax: *stede*, *sæ*, and the *gesteal* in The Exeter Book.” *Southeastern Medieval Association Conference*, Greensboro, NC, 2019.
- “Using an Additive Dialect Approach to Facilitate the Acquisition of Academic Writing.” Co-presented at *Conference on College Composition and Communication*, Kansas City, MO, 2018.
- “What’s in a Gnome? The Development of a Linguistic Prototype.” *Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association*, Spokane, WA, 2017.
- “Conquest, Place, and Alterity in Old English Poetry.” *Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association*, Salt Lake City, UT, 2016.

Certifications and Professional Development

- Introduction to Python; Introductory Machine Learning in Python; Intermediate Machine Learning in PyTorch with Applications, South Carolina IDeA Networks of Biomedical Research Excellence (SC-INBRE), 2025
- Linguistics Career Launch Series, Linguistic Society of America, 2024
- Sharp Grads Certification, University Libraries, University of South Carolina, 2023

Awards and Honors

- Career Influencer, Student Success Center, University of South Carolina, 2023–2024
- Capstone Instructor Award, Department of English Language and Literature, University of South Carolina, 2020
- Graduate Teaching Award, Department of English and Philosophy, Idaho State University, 2017
- Sapphire Member, Gem Legacy, Idaho State University Foundation, 2016
- Dean’s List, College of Arts and Letters, Idaho State University (multiple semesters)

Languages

- Old English (reading fluency)
- Latin (reading fluency)
- German (reading fluency)
- Early Germanic Languages (reading knowledge): Old Norse, Gothic, Old High German, Old Saxon, Old Low Franconian, Old Frisian
- Welsh (reading knowledge)

Professional Memberships

- Society for Germanic Linguistics
- Linguistic Society of America
- Modern Language Association
- Conference on College Composition and Communication
- Society for Technical Communication