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Curriculum Vitae



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EDUCATION:

Universität Bern, Bern, Switzerland 2015-present.

PhD in English Linguistics, English in Paradise: History, development and structure of English in Kosrae, Federated States of Micronesia.

University College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland 2012-2013.

M.A. in Linguistics, first-class honours

National University of Ireland, Maynooth, Kildare, Ireland 2007-2011.

B.A. in Spanish, honours

B.A. in Anthropology, double honours

Universidad de La Laguna, San Cristobal de La Laguna, Tenerife, Spain 2009-2010.

B.A. in Anthropology and Spanish, Erasmus Year.

MASTERS THESIS

Title: *A Corpus Based Analysis of the Presence of Sorry in Irish English Discourse*, University College Dublin, Ireland, August 2013. (research advisor: Prof. Bettina Migge).

- Sociolinguistics study identifying the different functions of *sorry* as spoken in Irish English based on data provided by the ICE-Ireland corpus (Kallen, J. and Kirk, J. 2000).
- Examining frequency and typology depending on register.
- Examining frequency and function based on social variable.
- Analysed in terms of previous research done on Politeness Theory.

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND PRESENTATIONS

PhD Events

- Big data, Bad data, (CUSO Workshop), University of Lausanne, Switzerland, September 2016
Micronesian Data Mining: Searching for Sense in the South Seas. (Presentation).
(Bürki, D., Lynch, S., Leonhardt, T.)
- Phonetics Laboratory, University of Cambridge, England, August 2016.
Sounds of the South Seas: Insights into three acoustic variables. (Talk: Bürki, D., Lynch, S., Leonhardt, T.)
- Beside Words: Rethinking Discourse/Text as Theory and Practice, (CUSO workshop), Bern, June 2016. (Participation and performance).
- Sociolinguistics Symposium 21, University of Murcia, Spain, May 2016.
Cases of Epenthesis and Deletion in the Pacific: The intriguing realization of /h/ in Kosraean English (Presentation: Lynch, S.).
- Sociolinguistics Symposium 21, University of Murcia, Spain, May 2016.
Kiribati, Kosrae and Saipan: Effects of Mobility on Micronesian Englishes (Presentation: Bürki, D., Lynch, S., Leonhardt, T.).

- Forschungskolloquium Berner Linguistik (BeLing) University of Bern, May 2016.
Mobility Effects on Micronesian Englishes. (Presentation: Bürki, D., Lynch, S., Leonhardt, T.).
- English Department Retrait, Switzerland, May 2016.
Kiribati, Kosrae and Saipan: Sociolinguistic overview of Micronesian Englishes. (Presentation: Bürki, D., Lynch, S., Leonhardt, T.).
- Monash University, Melbourne, Australia, May 2016.
English in Kosrae (Talk: Lynch, S.).
- Forum Graduate School of the Humanities (GSH), University of Bern, April 2016.
English in paradise?: Emergent varieties in Micronesia. (Poster: Bürki, D., Kuske, E., Leonhardt, T., Lynch, S., & Mettler, L.).
- New Ways of Analyzing Variation in Asia-Pacific (NWAV-AP 4), Chiayi, Taiwan, April 2016.
Don't Put Your 'and on the Hoven: A variationist study of /h/ insertion and /h/ dropping in Kosraean English. (Poster: Lynch, S.).
- Guest lecture at Leiden University Centre for Linguistics Colloquium, University of Leiden, Netherlands, March 2016.
English in Paradise?: Challenges, opportunities and early results from work on New Englishes in Micronesia. (Talk: Britain, D., Bürki, D., Leonhardt, T., Lynch, S., Matsumoto, K., & Mettler, L.).
- 8th International Conference on Corpus Linguistics (CILC 2016), University of Malaga, Spain, March 2016.
English in las Islas de los Garbanzos: developing a multi-locality corpus of Micronesian Englishes. (Presentation: Britain, D., Bürki, D., Leonhardt, T., Lynch, S., Matsumoto, K., & Mettler, L.).
- Peripheral Dialects II (Workshop), University of Bern, March 2016.
America on the Horizon: evidence of the effect of freedom of movement on variety formation in Kosrae (Presentation: Lynch, S.).
Workshop organisation and moderation: Britain, D., Bürki, D., Leonhardt, T., & Lynch, S.
- University College, Dublin, February 2016.
Sociolinguistic and variationist work on Kosrae. (Talk: Lynch, S.).
- Language in Contact, University of Paris 4, December 2015.
Mobility as a motivating factor for language change in Kosrae. (Presentation: Lynch, S.).
- English Department Presentations, University of Bern, October 2015.
Kosrae: An ethnographic account. (Presentation): Lynch, S.).
- Peripheral Dialects (Workshop), University of Bern, October 2015.
A descriptive and sociolinguistic study of English in Kosrae (Presentation: Lynch, S.).
Workshop organisation and moderation: Britain, D., Bürki, D., Leonhardt, T., & Lynch, S.
- 21st Conference of the International Association for World Englishes (IAWE 2015), Bogazici University, Istanbul, October 2015.
English in Kosrae. (Presentation: Lynch, S.).
- Conducting sociolinguistic research on Englishes near and far (CUSO Workshop), Munchenwiler, Switzerland, March 2015.
Prelude to fieldwork. (Presentation: Lynch, S.).

Master Thesis presentation:

- University College Dublin, February 2013. (supervisor: Prof. Bettina Migge).
A Corpus Based Study of Apologies in Irish English. (Presentation: Lynch, S.).

Undergraduate Presentations:

- National University of Ireland, Maynooth, June 2011.
Sexuality and Love in a Mexican Migrant community. (Presentation: Lynch, S.).
- Universidad de La Laguna, December 2010.
- *Evidence of the Guanches in Tenerife.* (Presentation in Spanish: Lynch, S.).

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

PhD research focus:

English in Paradise? Emergent varieties in Micronesia: English in Kosrae,
April 2015-present (supervisor: Prof. David Britain).

MA research studies:

A Sociolinguistic Study of the Uses of *like* in non-native Speakers of Irish English, 2012-2013.
(research advisor: Prof. Vera Regan).

A Study of Irish Language Attitudes and Presence in Modern Irish Society, 2012-2013
(research advisor: Prof. Bettina Migge).

Undergraduate research studies:

An ethnographical study of homelessness in Dublin, NUI Maynooth, Ireland, 2010.

The Case of Lesotho, a Socio-anthropological Study, NUI Maynooth, Ireland, 2011.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Sociolinguistics: dialectology, language attitudes, language contact
- Cultural Linguistics
- Varieties of English
- Irish English
- Sociopragmatics
- Corpus Linguistics
- Sociophonology

WORK EXPERIENCE

Intern Linguist: Examspeak, NovaUCD, University College Dublin, Ireland, 2012.

- Working with language programme tools to improve phonetic intelligence
- Researching and revising syntax and morphology
- Translation
- Localisation & Editing

Facilities Administrator: NovaUCD Centre for Innovation (and Nexus UCD), University College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland, 2011-2013.

- Booking and overseeing of multinational corporate events
- Managed front office administration to support a staff of 22
- Provided administrative support to 35 client companies of NovaUCD
- Financial management duties

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Tutor: Colegio Publico Ciudad Pegaso, CEIP, 2013-2014,

- Teaching English to two classes of 26-27 pupils of 8-9 year olds
- Teaching geography, history, science and art through English as a second language
- Classes and field trips with Sra. Nerea Rivaya
- Organisation of cultural events e.g. Christmas play, St. Patrick's day

Business English Teacher: Thamesia Asesoría Lingüística, 2014-2015

- Group and one-to-one classes with government officials and business clients

English Teacher Trainer: Formación en Las Nubes, 2014-2015

- Trainer of public school teachers for school entry to EU bilingual programme

University Teaching Experience: *Irish as a Foreign Language*, University College Dublin, 2013.

- Taught Irish as a Foreign Language to Students of a Second Language Learning Class
- Evaluation by Dr. Rosario Hernandez

Seminar Instructor: *Englishes of The Pacific*, University of Bern, 2015.

- Including sessions on Schneider's model (2007), Kachru's Model (1985)
- Including sessions on ELAN and R

UNIVERSITY PARTICIPATION

Public Relations Officer: Mundo Latino, National University of Ireland, Maynooth, Ireland, 2010-2011

OTHER COMPETENCIES

Languages: English (mother tongue), Spanish (B2-C1), Irish (school-level), French (school-level)

Computer Skills: Microsoft Package, R Programme, E-LAN, PRAAT, HTML5, amongst others