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## Research Interests

Syntax-Phonology Interface inside the Word; Language Documentation; Prosodic Recursion; Phase Theory; Prosodic Morphology; Syntax + Semantics of Aspect; Natural Language Processing

## Positions Held

2017—present **University of Rochester**  
Center for Language Sciences  
Post-doctoral Fellowship  
Supervisor: Joyce McDonough

## Education

2013—2017 **University of Southern California**  
Ph.D., Linguistics  
Dissertation: *Prosodic Recursion and Syntactic Cyclicity inside the Word*  
Chair: Karen Jesney  
Committee: Roumyana Pancheva, Rachel Walker, Maria Luisa Zubizarreta, Mario Saltarelli  
Defended May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017  
Degree to be Conferred August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017

2011—2013 **University of Southern California**  
M.A., Linguistics  
Thesis: *Boundary-Proximity Constraints in Order-Disrupting Reduplication*  
Chair: Karen Jesney

2008—2011 **California State University, Fresno**  
M.A., Linguistics  
Thesis: *Topics in Chukchansi Yokuts Phonology and Morphology*  
Chair: Chris Golston

2005—2008 **St. John's College, Annapolis, MD**  
B.A., Philosophy, History of Math & Science (Double Major Equivalent)  
Classics, Comparative Literature (Double Minor Equivalent)

## Publications

2017 Guekguezian, Peter. **Templates as the Interaction of Recursive Word Structure and Prosodic Well-formedness.** *Phonology* 34.1, 80-120.

- 2016 Guekguezian, Peter. **Two Aspectual Puzzles in Saisiyat: an Argument for [co] Agreement.** In *Papers from the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistics Society (CLS 50)*. Chicago, IL.
- 2016 Guekguezian, Peter. **The Great Chukchansi Yokuts Iambic Conspiracy.** In *Supplemental Proceedings of the 2014 Annual Meeting on Phonology*, eds. Adam Albright and Michelle A. Fullwood. Linguistic Society of America.
- 2015 Guekguezian, Peter. **Verb Root Shape in Yokuts: Evidence for Homologous Cycles in Syntax and Phonology.** In *NELS 45: Proceedings of the 45<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society: Volume 1*, eds. Thuy Bui and Deniz Ozyildiz. University of Massachusetts Graduate Linguistics Student Association, 267-280.
- 2014 Guekguezian, Peter. **Locality Requirements in Reduplication: Syllable Proximity-BR.** In *Supplemental Proceedings of Phonology 2013*, eds. Claire Moore-Cantwell, Joe Pater, and Robert Staubs. Linguistic Society of America.
- 2012 Guekguezian, Peter. **Topics in Chukchansi Yokuts Phonology and Morphology.** In *Proceedings of the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Workshop on American Indigenous Languages (WAIL)*, eds. Stephanie Gamble Morse and Elliott Hoey. Santa Barbara Papers in Linguistics 22, 49-69.

### Conference Presentations

- 2017 Guekguezian, Peter. **First-Merged Categorizers do not Spell out Roots.** Paper to be presented at Morphology Days 2017. Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium. November 23-24.
- 2017 Guekguezian, Peter. **Bare Locatives in Western Armenian.** Paper to be presented at XI International Conference of Armenian Linguistics. Yerevan, Armenia. October 2-5.
- 2017 Guekguezian, Peter. **E Pluribus Unum: A Reanalysis of Templatic Morphology in Yokuts Languages.** Paper presented at 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Workshop on American Indigenous Languages (WAIL 20). Santa Barbara, CA. May 12-13.
- 2017 Guekguezian, Peter and Khalil Iskarous. **Compatibility, Antagonism, and the Nature of Coarticulation: SaySiyat Pharyngeals.** Paper presented at 24th Annual Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA 24). Seattle, WA. April 7-9.
- 2017 Guekguezian, Peter. **The Scope of Match Constraints: Match-Word(All) and (Only).** Poster presented at the Linguistic Society of America 2017 Annual Meeting. Austin, TX. January 5-8.
- 2016 Guekguezian, Peter. **Autosegments Interact with Syntax-Prosody Mapping.** Poster presented at 2016 Annual Meeting on Phonology. Los Angeles, CA. October 21-23.
- 2016 Guekguezian, Peter. **Acoustic Evidence for Multiple, Quantity-Sensitive Stress in Chukchansi Yokuts.** Paper presented at 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Workshop on American Indigenous Languages (WAIL 19). Santa Barbara, CA. May 7-8.
- 2016 Guekguezian, Peter. **Cyclic Morphosyntax Meets Parallel Phonology.** Paper presented at the Linguistic Society of America 2016 Annual Meeting. Washington, DC. January 7-10.

- 2015 Guekguezian, Peter. **The Perfect ‘Boundedness Bias’ as Feature Licensing**. Paper presented at The Perfect: Variation Workshop. Trondheim, Norway. November 5-7.
- 2015 Guekguezian, Peter. **PWd Recursion Parallels Morphosyntax in Creek Grades**. Poster presented at 2015 Annual Meeting on Phonology. Vancouver, BC. October 9-11.
- 2014 Guekguezian, Peter. **Verb Root Shape in Yokuts: a Consequence of Morphological and Prosodic Structure**. Paper presented at the 45<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the North East Linguistics Society. Cambridge, MA. October 30-November 1.
- 2014 Guekguezian, Peter. **The Great Chukchansi Yokuts Iambic Conspiracy**. Poster presented at Phonology 2014. Cambridge, MA. September 19-21.
- 2014 Guekguezian, Peter. **Two Aspectual Puzzles in Saisiyat: an Argument for [co] Agreement**. Paper presented at the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistics Society. Chicago, IL. April 11-13.
- 2013 Guekguezian, Peter. **Locality Requirements in Reduplication: SyllableProximity-BR**. Poster presented at Phonology 2013. Amherst, MA. November 9-10.
- 2012 Guekguezian, Peter. **Process Reduplication in Formosan**. Paper presented at 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA-19). Taipei, Taiwan. June 26-30.
- 2012 Guekguezian, Peter. **Vowel Lowering and Prosodic Size Requirements in Chukchansi Yokuts**. Paper presented at North American Phonology Conference (NAPhC) 7. Montréal, QC, Canada. May 4-5.
- 2012 Guekguezian, Peter. **Vowel Lowering and Floating Morae in Chukchansi Yokuts**. Paper presented at 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Workshop on American Indigenous Languages (WAIL 15). Santa Barbara, CA. April 27-28.
- 2011 Guekguezian, Peter. **Verbal Morphophonology in Chukchansi Yokuts**. Paper presented at 7<sup>th</sup> Conference on Endangered Languages and Cultures of Native America (CELCNA). Salt Lake City, UT. April 22-23.
- 2011 Guekguezian, Peter. **Verbal Morphophonology in Chukchansi Yokuts**. Paper presented at 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Workshop on American Indigenous Languages (WAIL 14). Santa Barbara, CA. April 15-16.

### Courses Prepared to Teach

Ready to Teach	<b>Phonology</b> (all levels) <b>Phonetics</b> (undergraduate) <b>Morphology</b> (all levels) <b>Syntax</b> (all levels) <b>Field Methods/Language Documentation</b> (all levels) <b>First-Year Composition</b>
Can Teach with	<b>Semantics</b> (undergraduate)
Advanced	<b>Sociolinguistics</b> (undergraduate)
Notice	<b>Historical Linguistics</b> (undergraduate)

## Linguistic Typology (undergraduate)

### Teaching Experience

- Fall 2017      **University of Rochester Department of Linguistics**  
**Post-doctoral Fellow**  
*Teaching introductory undergraduate course in phonetics and phonology*  
*Supervising Peer Leaders who run student Workshops*  
*LIN210 – Introduction to Language Sound Systems*
- Fall 2016      **University of Southern California (USC) Department of Linguistics**  
**Teaching Assistant**  
*Teaching basic linguistic concepts to lab sessions of undergraduates using software*  
*LING 110 (In a Word) – Prof. Hajime Hoji*
- Summer 2014,  
Summer 2013      **USC Language Academy**  
**Assistant Adjunct Professor**  
*Teaching international college students academic English*  
*Summer 2014 Classes: Reading/Writing/Grammar 5, Oral Skills 4, Academic Vocabulary, GRE Language Lab*  
*Summer 2013 Classes: Reading/Writing 4, Grammar 5, Academic Vocabulary*
- Spring 2014      **USC Viterbi Academic Resource Center**  
**Writing Consultant**  
*Tutoring undergraduate and graduate Engineering students one-on-one in academic writing*
- Fall 2012—  
Fall 2013      **USC Writing Program**  
**Assistant Lecturer**  
*Teaching the basics of freshman-level composition, including meeting with students one-on-one in personalized conferences*  
*Tailoring curriculum to sociolinguistics for students co-enrolled in LING 115 (Language, Society and Culture) – Fall 2012*
- October 2010  
—March 2011      **Adelante Education, Fresno, CA**  
**Tutor**  
*Tutoring K-12 students one-on-one in math and reading*
- Fall 2009—  
Spring 2011      **California State University (CSU) Fresno Linguistics Department**  
**Lab Assistant**  
*Supervising open study hours*  
*Tutoring undergraduate and graduate students in linguistics*

### Grants and Fellowships

- Spring 2016,  
Spring 2017      **Graduate Merit Fellowship**  
University of Southern California
- Fall 2014—  
Spring 2015      **Research Enhancement Fellowship**  
Graduate School, Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, USC
- Summer 2013      **Tsai Family Research Fund for Taiwan Studies Award**

USC East Asian Studies Center

Summer 2012 **NSF Research Experience for Graduates Award, Co-investigator**  
(BCS-1219533: Morphological Investigations in Formosan Languages)  
PI: Khalil Iskarous; National Science Foundation

Fall 2011—  
Spring 2012 **Graduate Merit Fellowship**  
University of Southern California

May 2011 **Phillips Fund for Native American Research**  
American Philosophical Society

Fall 2010 **Graduate Studies Research and Creative Activities Support Award**  
CSU Fresno

Spring 2010 **Graduate Assistantship Award**  
CSU Fresno

### Invited Talks

2017 **Multiple Spellout Meets Parallel Phonology.** Talk given at Linguistics Colloquium, California State University, Fresno (CSU Fresno). April 6.

2017 **Toward a Typology of Prosodic Word Structure Effects of Morphosyntactic Phases.** Talk given to the Word Structure Research Group. Montreal, QC (teleconference). March 31.

2017 **Prosodic Effects of Syntactic Cyclicity Inside the Word.** Talk given to Phonology Lunch (Phlunch), University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC). March 10.

2016 **Language Workshop in Saisiyat.** Talk given to Undergraduate Students in Linguistics (USiL), University of Southern California (USC). April 13.

2016 **Correspondences between Syntactic and Phonological Recursion in the Word.** Talk given to the Department of English, Central Connecticut State University. March 28.

2015 **Language Workshop in Chukchansi.** Talk given to USiL, USC. November 18.

2015 **Documenting Endangered Languages.** Talk given to USiL, USC. October 21.

### Professional Service

Summer—Fall  
2016 **Volunteer/Co-Organizer**  
2016 Annual Meeting on Phonology (AMP 2016)

Spring 2014—  
Spring 2015 **Co-Editor**  
Proceedings of 32<sup>nd</sup> West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 32)

March 2014 **Volunteer**  
32<sup>nd</sup> West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 32)

Fall 2013—  
Spring 2014 **Co-President**  
USC Graduate Students in Linguistics

January 2013 **Organizing Committee**

Southern California Students in Linguistics (SoCaSIL) Conference

**Fieldwork Experience**

Saisiyat (Austronesian)	Taipei, Taiwan	June 2013	Primary researcher
	Hsinchu, Taiwan	June 2012	Team member
Squliq Atayal (Austronesian)	Hsinchu, Taiwan	June 2012	Team member
Chukchansi Yokuts (Penutian)	Fresno, CA	Ongoing (to present)	Primary researcher
		Spring 2010— Spring 2011	Team member

**Language Proficiency**

English	Native
Spanish, Armenian	Intermediate: Speaking, Reading
French	Intermediate: Reading; Basic: Speaking
Mandarin Chinese	Basic: Speaking, Reading
Chukchansi Yokuts, Saisiyat, Squliq Atayal	Working knowledge + Fieldwork Experience
Latin, Ancient Greek	Translation Skills