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Academic Interests

For current projects, please see [Research Statement](#)

Morphosyntax: syntactic theory, especially case theory; non-canonical case marking, causatives

Lexical semantics: morphology/semantics/syntax interface; argument realization

Tonal phenomena: (acoustic) phonetics, phonology, perception; tone-sandhi

Experimental methods in linguistics: field methods, corpus linguistics, psycholinguistic experiments

Language areas: Australian, Basque, Chinese, English varieties, Romance

Academic Positions

University of Nevada, Reno, 2005–present

Assistant Professor of Linguistics, Department of English

Australian National University, 2009–2010

Visiting Scholar, Department of Linguistics, Research School of Pacific & Asian Studies

University of California, Santa Cruz, 2004–2005

Research Associate, Linguistics Research Center and Lecturer, Department of Linguistics

Education

PhD in Linguistics, **Stanford University**, 2004

PhD Dissertation: *Morphology matters: Case licensing in Basque.*

Committee: Paul Kiparsky (chair), Chris Manning, Peter Sells

MA in Linguistics, **University of California, Los Angeles**, 1998

Masters Thesis: *On the pivotal notion of subject: a case study.*

Committee: Edward Keenan (chair), Donca Steriade, Timothy Stowell

Research Fellow (Commonwealth Scholar), **University of Hong Kong** 1993–1995

BA with Honours (first class) in Linguistics, **Australian National University**, 1993

Honours Thesis: *The phonetics and phonology of Fuzhou tones.*

Advisor: Philip Rose

Other education

Intensive Spanish course (Intermediate) at UCSC. Summer 2006. [Grade: A+]

1st North American Summer School in Logic, Language & Information. Stanford, CA, 2002

IXth European Summer School in Logic, Language & Information. Aix-en-Provence, France, 1997

Computer skills

Proficient with Mac/PC/Unix environments; MS Office, Emacs, LaTeX, HTML, basic PERL, XKWIC (and various other corpora tools), Praat, R.

Languages spoken

Native: English; *Advanced:* French, Spanish; *Intermediate:* Mandarin Chinese (spoken/written), Cantonese (spoken); *Basic:* Basque

Grants/Awards

2007 UNR Scholarly and Creative Activities Research Program. February 2007 (\$4100 for fieldwork on Fuzhou in China in 2007/2008)

2006 UNR Junior Faculty Research Grant. (*Structural case in Basque*) July 2006 (\$12,934)

2006 UNR Scholarly and Creative Activities Research Program. May 2006 (\$2500 for fieldwork on Basque in the Basque Country in Summer 2006)

2005 Stanford University Hoefler Fund Partnership Award – for promoting writing excellence in a writing intensive course through my role as writing instructor that resulted in a prize-winning paper. (\$300)

2005-2009 UNR: five travel grants to attend conferences

1997-2003 Stanford University: four travel grants to attend conferences

1995-1996 UCLA: two travel grants to attend conferences

1997-2002 Stanford University Doctoral Fellowship

1995-1997 UCLA Pauley Fellowship

1994-1995 University of Hong Kong Robert Black College Master's Library Fellowship

1993-1995 Commonwealth Government Fellowship

1990-1992 ANU Burton and Garran Hall Scholarship

Publications

Book

Donohue, Cathryn. In preparation. *Case matters in Basque*. Under revision for publication with John Benjamins in the Studies in Language Companion Series.

Edited collection

Donohue, Cathryn, and Jóhanna Barðdal (eds.) In preparation. *Empirical approaches to morphological case*. Special edition of *Morphology*.

Articles

Donohue, Cathryn. Submitted. Semantic factors governing case alternations in Basque.

Donohue, Cathryn. Submitted. Case marking on causees: a typology.

Donohue, Cathryn. Submitted. The role of phonation and f₀ contour in the perception of tones in Fuzhou.

Donohue, Cathryn. Submitted. Optimizing Fore case and word order.

Donohue, Cathryn. To appear. Pitch height vs contour in tonal perception in Fuzhou. *Proceedings of the Thirty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.

Donohue, Cathryn, and Mark Donohue. To appear. The case of possessors and subjects. Mercardo, Raphael, et al (eds) *Linguistik Aktuell (Linguistics Today)*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.

Donohue, Cathryn. To appear. The role of perception in the Fuzhou tone/vowel interaction. Oostendorp, Marc (ed), *Tone and Segmental Structure*. Amsterdam: Niemeyer Verlag.

Donohue, Cathryn. To appear. Tones and vowels in Fuzhou. *Proceedings of the Thirty-third Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.

Donohue, Cathryn. To appear. Book notice of: Hole, Daniel, André Meinunger and Werner Abraham (eds.). 2006. *Datives and other cases: Between argument structure and event structure*. Studies in Language Companion Series 75. Amsterdam: John Benjamins. *eLanguage*.

Donohue, Cathryn. 2008. Case selection in old and new Basque. In Claire Bower, Bethwyn Evans and Luisa Miceli, eds. *Morphology and Language History*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins. pp. 269–280.

Donohue, Cathryn. 2007. Four-place predicates in Basque. *CLS39-1*. Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press. pp 722–738.

Donohue, Cathryn. 2007. Complex predicates in Basque. In Nicole Delbecque and Bert Cornillie (eds.) *On interpreting construction schemas: From action and motion to transitivity and causation*. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter. pp. 125–142.

Donohue, Cathryn, and Mark Donohue. 2004. On the special status of instrumentals. In Tracy Holloway-King and Miriam Butt (eds) *Proceedings of LFG04*. Stanford: CSLI Publications. pp. 209–225.

- Donohue, Cathryn. 1999. On the importance of perceptual salience in tonology. In *Proceedings of the Tenth North American Conference on Chinese Linguistics. Vol. 1*. Los Angeles, CA: University of Southern California Press. pp 1–16.
- Donohue, Cathryn and Mark Donohue. 1998. Fore case marking. *Language and Linguistics in Melanesia* 28 (1-2): 69–98.
- Donohue, Cathryn. 1997. Choctaw external possession: a lexical functional approach. In M. Butt and T. H. King (eds). *Proceedings of LFG97*. Stanford: CSLI Publications.
- Donohue, Cathryn. 1992. The phonetics of Register in the Fuzhou dialect of Chinese. In J. Pittam (ed.). *The proceedings of the Fourth Australian International Conference on Speech Science and Technology*. Brisbane: University of Queensland Press. pp 602–607.

Other

- Donohue, Cathryn. 2005. Unas palabras sobre la enseñanza del español en Australia. In: *Boletín de la AEPE* 3 (1): 28–30.
- Griffiths, Mary, Cathryn Donohue and Laurence Goldstein. 1995. *Across the Bridge to Mathematics*. Hong Kong: Macmillan. (*mathematics textbook for 7th graders for use in Hong Kong/ESL setting*)
- Griffiths, Mary, Cathryn Donohue and Laurence Goldstein. 1995. *Workbook: Across the Bridge to Mathematics*. Hong Kong: Macmillan.

Presentations

- 2009 Complex predicates: A new view on causatives from Basque. To be presented at *First ANU Workshop on Complexities in Grammar*. 18 December 2009. Canberra, Australia. *Invited talk*.
- 2009 Towards an understanding of dative objects in Basque. To be presented at *RSPAS Seminar Series, ANU*. 11 December 2009. Canberra, Australia. *Invited talk*.
- 2009 Investigating the role of contour and phonation in tonal perception. *UNR Linguistics Club Lunchtime Speaker Series*. Reno, NV. *Invited talk*.
- 2009 Semantic factors governing case alternations in Basque. *10th Stanford Semantics Fest*. Stanford, CA.
- 2009 Pitch height vs contour in tonal perception in Fuzhou. *The Thirty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society (BLS35)*. Berkeley, CA.
- 2009 The role of pitch height and contour in tonal perception in Fuzhou. *Linguistics Society of America Annual meeting*. San Francisco, CA.
- 2007 On the semantic nature of non-canonical case marking in Basque. *Workshop on Empirical Approaches to Morphological Case*. Stanford, CA.
- 2007 The role of perception in tone-vowel interactions: Fuzhou revisited. *XXIèmes Journées de Linguistique d'Asie Orientale*. CNRS, Paris, France.
- 2007 The tone-vowel interaction in Fuzhou revisited. *Workshop on Segments and Tones*. Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

- 2007 The case of possessors and subjects. (with Mark Donohue). *The Fourteenth Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA XIV)*. Montréal, Canada.
- 2007 On the tone-vowel interaction in Fuzhou. *The Thirty-third Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society (BLS33)*. Berkeley, CA.
- 2007 Towards a typology of causee case marking. *The 81st Linguistics Society of America Annual Meeting*. Anaheim, CA.
- 2006 The influence of tonal register on segments in Fuzhou. *Second Conference on the Typology of Tone and Intonation (TIE2)*. ZAS, Berlin, Germany
- 2006 On case in Basque. Seminar, Center for Basque Studies, University of Nevada, Reno, NV.
- 2005 Towards a typology of causee case marking. Graduate Seminar, Department of Linguistics and Phonetics, Oxford University, Oxford, UK. *Invited talk*
- 2005 Case marking in Basque causatives. King's College London. Jointly hosted by the Humanities Linguistics Seminar Series and the Dynamic Syntax Research Group, London, UK. *Invited talk*
- 2004 Case licensing four place predicates in Basque. Colloquium, UCSC Department of Linguistics, Santa Cruz, CA. *Invited talk*
- 2003 Morphological case in Basque. Colloquium, Stanford University Department of Linguistics, Stanford, CA. *Invited talk*
- 2003 Four place predicates in Basque. *Thirtieth Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society*. University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2003 On the role of argument structure in Basque morphosyntax. *The Twenty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society (BLS29)*. University of California, Berkeley, CA
- 2001 Complex predicates in Basque. *34th Studies in Linguistics in Europe meeting*. Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven, Belgium
- 2000 On split-ergativity in Basque. *International Congress of Linguists XV*. Universidade de Santiago de Compostela, Lugo, Spain
- 2000 Harmonic Alignment and Incorporation in Optimality Theory. (with Hanjung Lee). *The 74th Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Society of America*. Chicago, IL
- 1999 Domains in Warlpiri. (with Ivan Sag). *HPSG99: The Sixth International Conference on Head-Driven Phrase Structure Grammar*. University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland
- 1998 On the importance of perceptual salience for understanding tone sandhi. *The Seventh Annual Meeting of the International Association of Chinese Linguistics and the Tenth North American Conference on Chinese Linguistics*. Stanford University, Stanford, California
- 1997 Choctaw external possession: a Lexical Functional approach. *Lexical Functional Grammar Conference 1997*. University of California, San Diego, CA
- 1997 Morphology vs. syntax: An OT approach to Fore grammatical function disambiguation. *Hopkins Optimality Theory Workshop and the University of Maryland Mayfest 1997*. Baltimore, MD
- 1995 Fuzhou tonal acoustics and tonal register. *Dixièmes Journées de Linguistique d'Asie Orientale*. Centre Nationale de la Recherche Scientifique, Paris, France.

- 1994 The phonetics of tonal register. *The Third International Conference on Chinese Linguistics*. City Polytechnic University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
- 1992 The phonetics of Register in the Fuzhou dialect of Chinese. *The Fourth Australian International Conference on Speech Science and Technology*. University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia.

Guest lectures

- 2006 Guest Lecture ‘Linguistic research.’ In: *Research Methods* graduate seminar series, Department of English, UNR, Reno, NV.
- 2003 Guest Lecture ‘Globalization: The development of Englishes around the world’ In: *History of the English Language*, Stanford University, Stanford CA.
- 1997 Guest Lecture ‘The great vowel shift continues in Oceania: Investigating Australian and New Zealand varieties of English.’ In: *Introduction to Historical Linguistics*, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA.
- 1994 Guest Lecture ‘The role of acoustic phonetics in linguistics: formulating research questions.’ In: *Experimental Phonetics*, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong.
- 1994 Guest Lecture ‘A hands-on tour of the phonetics laboratory’ In: *Experimental Phonetics*, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong.

Fieldwork Experience

- Basque** Working with native speakers at the Basque Center, UNR and the Bay Area, CA (2008–ongoing)
- Basque** Six visits to the Basque Country to work with Basque speakers (in Bilbao, Donostia and Zarautz) to elicit data and check sentences for my research. 2000–ongoing. (*Human subjects Protocol: SA05/06-136*)
- Fuzhou** Ran a perceptual experiment targetting the tones in Fuzhou 福州話 (Chinese). China, 2007/2008 (*Human subjects Protocol: SA07/08-030*)
- Fuzhou** Worked with native speakers of Fuzhou 福州話 (Chinese) in Hong Kong to record the disyllabic tone sandhi and explore possible syntactically conditioned tone sandhi. 1994–1995
- Fuzhou** Worked with native speakers of Fuzhou 福州話 (Chinese) in Canberra, Australia to record the citation tones for quantification and use in my honors thesis and related research. 1993
- Tuo** Worked with a native speaker of Tuo (Papuan) in Canberra, Australia to write a description of the phonology for a field-methods class. 1992

Other Research Experience

- Graduate student researcher** for: *Optimal typology: Syntactic Markedness Hierarchies in Optimality Theory*. NSF Grant #SBR-9818177. Co-Principal Investigators: Judith Aissen (UCSC) and Joan Bresnan (Stanford University), Summer 1999
- Graduate student researcher** for Patricia Keating, Department of Linguistics, UCLA, Winter 1996
- Commonwealth Scholarship Research Associate** at the University of Hong Kong, 1993–1995
Conducted independent research on disyllabic tone sandhi in Fuzhou.
- Statistical Officer**, Management Information Systems Division, ANU, 1991–1993
Coded, entered and analyzed student statistical data.

Other Work Experience

- Consultant**, Inight Software Inc., January – July 2005
Worked as part of a team developing information extraction techniques and software.
- Consultant**, Google Inc., Autumn 2004
Worked on Google Scholar.
- Consultant**, Palo Alto Research Center, 1998–2000
ParGram Project, Natural Language Theory & Technology Group,
Information Sciences & Technology Lab, (Xerox) Palo Alto Research Center
Worked on a team developing and testing the English grammar. Also designed searches to extract verbs with particle vs. prepositional objects for entry into the lexicon and created an f-structure ‘treebank’.

Teaching and Advising Experience

For more information on the courses taught and evaluations, please see [Teaching Statement](#)

Advising experience

Honors Advisor: Aimee Lawrence, Department of English, UNR. *Revisiting the Mirror Principle: Evidence from Quechua Modal Morphemes*. (BA (Honors), Spring 2009). [Now in the PhD program at UT Austin]

Member of MA committee: John Pierce, Department of Anthropology, UNR (MA expected Spring 2010). *Language and identity for Hindko speakers in Pakistan*.

Member of MA committee: Adine Holbrook, Department of Foreign Languages and Literature, UNR (MA expected Fall 2009).

Member of MA examining committee: Silvia Rodriguez, School of Education, UNR (MA 2007).

Member of PhD committee: Marielena Righettoni, School of Education, UNR. *Effects of planning time and language levels on accuracy, complexity, and fluency of second grade ELLs*. (PhD expected Fall 2009).

Courses Taught

University of Nevada, Reno

Case theory seminar (Eng 412/612B) Spring 2008

Syntax (Eng 411/611B) Fall 2005, Spring/Fall 2006, Spring/Fall 2007, Spring 2008, Fall 2009

Introduction to Language (Eng 281) Spring 2007, Spring 2009, Fall 2009

History of the English Language (Eng 414/614A) Fall 2006

Morphology (Eng 413/613B) Spring 2006

Phonology (Eng 412/612D) Fall 2005, Fall 2007, Spring 2009

University of California, Santa Cruz:

Language, Society and Culture (Ling 80C) Spring 2005

Morphology (Ling 105) Fall 2003

Course assistant: **Syntax** (Ling 52) Winter 2005

Stanford University:

Writing instructor: **Introduction to Sociolinguistics** (Ling 150). Spring 2003, Fall 2004, Winter 2005

Stanford University (English for Foreign Students): 2000–2005

Writing Academic English, Oral Presentation, Academic Discussion, Vocabulary and Idioms, Pronunciation and intonation, Academic Orientation, Computers and the Internet.

Teaching Assistantships

Stanford University

History of the English Language (Ling 62) Spring 2003. Instructor: Elizabeth Traugott

Introduction to Syntax (Ling 120) Fall 1999. Instructors: Ivan Sag and Tom Wasow

Phonetics and Phonology (Ling 110) Spring 1999. Instructor: Edward Flemming

Sociolinguistics (Ling 150) Fall 1997. Instructor: Natalie Schilling-Estes

University of California, Los Angeles

Historical Linguistics (Ling 110) Spring 1997. Instructor: Pamela Munro

University of Hong Kong

Language and Social Interaction (Ling 2044) Spring 1995. Instructor: Peter Austin

Syntactic Theory (Ling 2032) Autumn 1994. Instructor: Stephen Matthews

Academic Service

Organization:

Organizer (with Mark Donohue), *Workshop on Morphosyntactic aspects of instrument(al)s*. Held at *Lingfest 2008*, Sydney Australia, in conjunction with the Australian Linguistics Society's biennial institute and annual meeting, LFG2008 and AFLA XV on 3 July 2008.

[URL: <http://www.unr.edu/~donohue/instruments08>]

Organizer (with Jóhanna Barðdal), *Workshop on Empirical Approaches to Morphological Case*. Held at the LSA Summer Institute, Stanford, CA on 25 July 2007.

[URL: <http://www.unr.edu/~donohue/case>]

Organizer, Linguistics colloquium series. 2007–ongoing. University of Nevada, Reno.

Organizing Committee, *2nd North American Summer School in Logic, Language and Information*. Stanford, CA, 24-30 June 2002

Organizing Committee, *Optimality theory and its implications for cognitive theory*. Workshop held at the Center for Study of Language and Information, Stanford University, 6-8 December 1996

Other Professional:

Reviewer for Western Conference on Linguistics (WECOL), 2007–2008

Reviewer for West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL), 2003–2008

Book Proposal Reviewer. Blackwell Publishing, MA. 2005, 2006, 2007 (twice)

Article Reviewer for Australian Journal of Linguistics. 1999

College service:

Liljeblad Endowment Committee, College of Liberal Arts, UNR, 2007–present

Departmental service:

Undergraduate Committee, Department of English, UNR, 2007–2009

Linguistics Program Web Master, Department of English, UNR, 2007–present

[URL: <http://www.unr.edu/linguistics>]

Language Committee, Department of English, University of Nevada, Reno, 2005–present

Web/Computing Committee, Department of English, University of Nevada, Reno, 2005–present

Postdoctoral Fellow Search Committee, Dept of English, University of Nevada, Reno, 2006

Colloquium Committee, Department of Linguistics, Stanford University, 1997–2000

Syntax Workshop Committee, Department of Linguistics, Stanford University, 1999–2000

Computing Committee, Department of Linguistics, Stanford University, 1998–1999

Teaching Evaluation Committee, Department of Linguistics, UCLA, 1995–1996

Other academic service:

Graduate Student Representative, Department of Linguistics, Stanford University, 1998–1999

Student Representative, Department of Linguistics, ANU, 1990–1992

Founder and president, French Film Club, ANU, 1991–1992

Professional Societies

Australian Linguistics Society

Australian Speech Science and Technology Association

Linguistic Society of America

Extracurricular activities

Swimming (masters), soccer, skiing, waterpolo, cycling, yoga, hiking, cooking, movies, travel.

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