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***EDUCATION***

* 2000: Ph.D., Department of Germanic Languages, University of California, Los Angeles.

 Major field of concentration: Germanic Linguistics.

* 1995: M.A., Department of Germanic Languages, University of California, Los Angeles.

 Major field of concentration: Germanic Linguistics.

* 1991: Dual B.A., with honors, University of California, Santa Barbara. Germanic

Languages and Literatures, Linguistics.

* 1988-89: Georg-August Universität, Göttingen, Germany.

***POSITIONS***

* 2007—present Associate Professor, German Linguistics
* 2015—2020 Chair, Department of Modern Languages and Classics, The University of Alabama. Director, Chinese program. Director, Arabic program. Associate Professor, German Linguistics.
* 2009--2015 Associate Professor, German Linguistics, Language Program

 Director, German, The University of Alabama.

* 2007-2009 Associate Professor, German and French Linguistics, Language Program

 Director, German and French, The University of Alabama.

* 2001-2007 Assistant Professor, German and French Linguistics, Language Program

Director, German and French, The University of Alabama.

* 2000-2001 Instructor, German, Citrus College, California.

* 1999 Instructor, German, Riverside Community College, California.
* 1993-1999 Teaching assistant, Consultant, UCLA.
* 1992-1993 Teaching Assistant, English as a Foreign Language, Secondary Schools,

Innsbruck, Austria.

***SELECTED COURSES TAUGHT***

The University of Alabama, Graduate:

 Historical Linguistics, Topics in Language Change, History of the German Language, German for Reading Proficiency, Foreign Language Teaching Methodology,Topics in Second Language Acquisition

Undergraduate:

Elementary intensive German, Elementary German, Intermediate German,

German Conversation/Composition, Introduction to German Linguistics

***PUBLICATIONS***

Writing Groups License Success. *Profession: In Practice,* 2020, profession.mla.org/writing-

groups-license-success/.

To Rally for Writing Groups: A Necessity for the Profession. 2018. *ADFL Bulletin*

44.2.81-89.

Aspects of Authentic Spoken German: Awareness and Recognition of Elision in the German Classroom. 2016. *Die Unterrichtspraxis/Teaching German* 49.24-35.

Testing the Suffixoidization of German *–mann* ‘-man’. 2011. *Linguistica* 51.273-283.

Grammaticalization and lexicalization. 2011. *The Handbook of Grammaticalization,* ed. by B. Heine and H. Narrog, 438-449.Oxford: Oxford UP.

Gestalt derivation in German. 2010 [2005]. *Grammatikalisierung im Deutschen*,ed. by T. Leuschner, T. Mortelmans, and S. De Groodt, 59-70. 2nd ed. Berlin: de Gruyter (= *Linguistik - Impulse und Tendenzen,* 9).

Language History for Teaching and Learning German. 2007. *Die Unterrichtspraxis/Teaching*

*German* 40.34-45.

Co-Source Structures of the Suffix –tum in German. 2007. *Journal of Southern Linguistics* 31.63-79.

Aspects of the Rise and Fall of the Compound *gomman* in Tatian. 2006. *Leuvense Bijdragen.*

*Leuven Contributions in Linguistics and Philology* 95.71-86.

Language Change and Foreign Language Teaching. 2006. *The NECTFL Review* 58.37-49.Supported by 2004 Research Advisory Committee grant. <https://www.nectfl.org/nectfl-review/>

Can the lexicalization/grammaticalization distinction be reconciled? 2005. *Studies in Language* 29.583-615*.* Supported by 2002 Research Advisory Committee grant.

Ein Beitrag von Grammatikalisierung zur Wortbildung der deutschen Sprache: Vorteile der Theorie in Bezug auf deutsche Ableitungsprozesse. 1999. *Internationale Tendenzen der Syntaktik, Semantik und Pragmatik,* ed. by H.O. Spillmann and I. Warnke, 283-290. Frankfurt am Main & Berlin: Peter Lang (= *Linguistik International,* 1).

***In Progress***

Book project. Affixation in Germanic. Derivational affixation and affixoidization examined, primarily in the Older Germanic dialects, e.g., Old High German and Old Saxon, and including Modern Standard German.

***CONFERENCES***

* Presented at the Conference of the Society for Germanic Linguistics (GLAC 21), Brigham Young University, May 8-9, 2015. “Working on Constructions: The German Affixoid *–werk* and the Merits of a Constructionalization Analysis.” Chair of session.
* Presented at the Conference of the Society for Germanic Linguistics (GLAC 20), Purdue University, May 2-3, 2014. “Roles of Body and Related Person Terms to Fuel German Derivation and Grammaticalization.” Chair of session.
* Presented at the Conference of the Society for Germanic Linguistics (GLAC 19), University at Buffalo, The State University of New York, April 26-27, 2013. “Test Criteria for Affixoids and the Affixoid Debate.” Chair of session.
* Co-Presented (w/ Jane Cherunya) at the Southern Conference on Language Teaching/Alabama Association of Foreign Language Teachers, Birmingham, Apr. 11-13, 2013. “Quick Images: Using Video in the Classroom.”
* Presented at the Southern Conference on Language Teaching, Atlanta, Mar. 22-24, 2012. “Art as a Teaching Tool.”
* Presented at the Alabama Association of Foreign Language Teachers conference, Montgomery, February 3-4, 2012. “Analytic Thinking and Teaching German.”
* Presented at the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, American Association of Teachers of German, American Association of University Supervisors and Coordinators, Denver, Nov. 19-21, 2011. “Developing an Undergraduate German Linguistics Course.”
* Presented at the Alabama Foreign Language Teachers Conference, Montevallo, February 4-5, 2011. “Visual Art in German Instruction.”
* Presented at the Alabama Association of Foreign Language Teachers conference, Huntsville, February 5-6, 2010. “Authentic Language in the Classroom.”
* Presented at the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, American Association of Teachers of German (rep. AL chapter at Presidents Assembly), American Association of University Supervisors and Coordinators, San Diego, Nov. 19-21, 2009. “Teaching Colloquial German.”
* Presented poster at the Universals and Typology in Word Formation conference, Košice, Slovakia, Aug. 16-19, 2009. “Synonymous Compounding in the History of German.”
* Presented at the Alabama Association of Foreign Language Teachers conference, Montgomery, February 1-2, 2008. “Non-standard Language in the Classroom.”
* Presented paper at the Conference of the Society for Germanic Linguistics (GLAC 13), The Pennsylvania State University, April 13-15, 2007. “An Etymology of the Suffixoid *–weise*”. Chair of Language Change session.
* Presented paper at Southeastern Conference on Linguistics, Auburn University, April 27-29, 2006. “On the Semantic Development of *–weise* in German.”
* Presented at the Alabama Association of Foreign Language Teachers conference, Tuscaloosa, February 3-4, 2006. “Resources from the National Foreign Language Resource Centers.”
* Presented paper at the Conference of the Society for Germanic Linguistics (GLAC 11), University of California, Davis, April 21-22, 2005. “Capitalizing on History and Variation in German Class.” Chair of SLA session.
* Presented at the Alabama Association of Foreign Language Teachers conference,

Birmingham, February 4-5, 2005. “Historical Linguistics for Foreign Language

Teachers.”

* Presented paper at the Conference of the Society for Germanic Linguistics (GLAC 10), Ann Arbor, May 6-8, 2004. “The Limits of Heterosemy and Tautology in German Suffixoidization.” Chair of morphology section.
* Presented paper at Southeastern Conference on Linguistics, Tuscaloosa, April 14-17, 2004. “Tautology in German Derivational Suffixation.” Chair of dialect and morphology section.
* Presented paper at South Atlantic Modern Language Association meeting, Baltimore, November 15-17, 2002. “Building a Viable Program of Teaching Assistant Development.”
* Presented paper at the Southern Comparative Literature Association meeting, Tuscaloosa, October 10-12, 2002. “Where Has All the Philology Gone?”
* Presented paper at the international conference New Reflections on Grammaticalization 2, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, April 4-6, 2002. “Co-source Structures of the Suffix *–tum* in German.” Chair of affixation session.
* Presented paper at the international symposium New Reflections on Grammaticalization, Potsdam, Germany, June 17-19, 1999. “Can the Grammaticalization/ Lexicalization Distinction be Reconciled?”

* Presented paper at the Cognitive Morphology Workshop, Ghent, Belgium, July 1-4, 1998. “Categorization of the Derivational Continuum in German: Evidence for the Word-Class Affixoid.”

* Chair, philology session, GLAC 3 (Conference of the Society for Germanic Philology), UCLA, April 25-27, 1997.

* Co-chair, Foreign Language Teaching Session, UCLA Campuswide Conference on Foreign Language Teaching, Fall 1996.

***INVITED LECTURES***

* Frisian and Its Place. Weber State University, Ogden, Utah, October 1, 2015.
* Language and Gender. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Tuscaloosa, AL, August 5, 2012.
* Synonymous Compounding in German and Germanic. The University of Mannheim, Germany, September 15, 2011.
* Error Correction in the Foreign Language Classroom. Tuscaloosa City Schools Foreign Language Teachers Meeting, Eastwood Middle School, Tuscaloosa, March 17, 2003.
* Personal Research in Linguistics. McNair Scholar Program Panel, The University of Alabama, June 4, 2002.

***SELECTED CONFERENCES/***

***WORKSHOPS ATTENDED***

* Attended Comic Renaissance, The University of Alabama, Feb. 28-29, 2020.
* Attended American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, American Association of Teachers of German, American Association of University Supervisors and Coordinators, Washington, DC, Nov. 21-24, 2019.
* Attended American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, American Association of Teachers of German, American Association of University Supervisors and Coordinators, New Orleans, Nov. 16-18, 2018.
* Attended Religious Life, Elites, and Medieval Culture, UA, Oct. 17-19, 2018.
* Attended Association of Departments of Foreign Languages, Atlanta, GA, May 24-27, 2017.
* Cuba Week, Havana, Cuba, Foreign Language Pedagogy Research, Apr. 2-8, 2017.
* Attended Discipline and Control Symposium, UA, Oct. 29, 2016.
* Attended Cuba Week, UA, Oct. 24-28, 2016.
* Attended Association of Departments of Foreign Languages Summer Seminar, NYU, June 16-19, 2016.
* Attended Women and Democracy Conference, UA, Mar. 21-25, 2016.
* Attended Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences Seminar, Atlanta, Feb. 25-27, 2016.
* Alabama Germany Partnership, 2006, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2020.
* Alabama Association of Foreign Language Teachers annual meeting (AWLA), Montgomery, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018. Sponsorship/recruitment 2019.
* American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, American Association of Teachers of German (rep. AL chapter at Presidents Assembly), American Association of University Supervisors and Coordinators, Philadelphia, Nov. 22-24, 2012.
* Intitute for German Language / *Institut für deutsche Sprache*, Mannheim, Germany, research meeting, Sept., 2011.
* Goethe Institute Workshop, Youth Media in Instruction, Chicago, May 13-15, 2011.
* Exploring the Boundaries and Applications of Corpus Linguistics, The University of Alabama, April 15-17, 2011.
* Goethe Institute Workshop, Science and German, Chicago, Feb. 2011.
* American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, American Association of Teachers of German (rep. AL chapter at Presidents Assembly), American Association of University Supervisors and Coordinators, Boston, Nov. 19-22, 2010.
* Assessment Workshops, The University of Alabama, 2010--.
* Goethe Institute Workshop, Art and German, Columbus, Ohio, Sept., 2010.
* Austrian Ministry of Education (Culture and Art), Teaching German as a Foreign Language Seminar, Salzburg: Nature and Culture, July 13-26, 2009.
* American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, American Association of Teachers of German (rep. AL chapter at Presidents Assembly), American Association of University Supervisors and Coordinators, Orlando, Nov. 20-23, 2008.
* Interdisciplinary German Studies in the Southeast, Emory Univ., Sept. 5-6, 2008.
* Safezone Workshop, LGBT Learning Community. UA, Sept. 2008.
* American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, American Association of Teachers of German, American Association of University Supervisors and Coordinators, San Antonio, Nov. 16-18, 2007.
* Alabama Association of Foreign Language Teachers, Birmingham, Feb. 2-3, 2007.
* American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, American Association of Teachers of German, American Association of University Supervisors and Coordinators, Nashville, Nov. 17-19, 2006.
* Arranged live teleconference “Online Language Learning and Instruction” for airing/participation at UA, Oct. 25, 2006.
* Northeast Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, New York City, Mar. 31-April 1, 2006.
* American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, American Association of Teachers of German, American Association of University Supervisors and Coordinators, Chicago, Nov. 19-21, 2004.
* Organized live McGraw-Hill teleconference on “Language Assessment” for airing/participation at UA, Oct. 27, 2004.
* Southern Conference on Language Teaching/Alabama Association of Foreign Language Teachers, Mobile, March 18-20, 2004.
* Communicative Approach/TPR Workshop, MLC, Feb. 27, 2004. Organized event, visiting scholar Joseph Goebel, externally funded.
* Training workshop for administering Goethe Institute’s internationally recognized *Zertifikat Deutsch*, May 6, 2003.
* Organized live teleconference “Teaching Culture in the Digital Millenium” for airing/participation at UA, October 23, 2002.
* American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, American Association of Teachers of German, American Association of University Supervisors and Coordinators, Washington, D.C., November 16-18, 2001.

***GRANTS***

* Slam Poet, visiting performer, sponsorships obtained, circa $1,000. 2013.
* Emerging Scholars Mentorship grant, $400. 2013.
* AL Chapter AATG Presidents travel grants. 2010, 2012.
* Mini-Grant, Office of Instructional Effectiveness, $750. 2012.
* University of Mannheim, Office of the Dean, International Affairs, travel grant. Sept., 2011.
* *Goethe Institut* Trainer Network Seminar Full Travel grants, 2010-2011. (3)
* AATG/*Goethe Institut* presentation grants, 2011-2013. (4)
* Capstone International Program, invited lecture/research travel, $600, 2010-2011; $600, 2008-2009; $300. 2001-02. (3)
* Active and Collaborative Learning Grant, UA, $750. 2010.
* Research travel support, Office of Sponsored Programs, UA, $500, 2010.
* Committee on Academic Student Success, Arts and Sciences stipend, $1,000. 2008-2009; $1,000. 2007-2008. (2)
* Austrian Airlines and Austrian Ministry of Education, pedagogy seminar travel and attendance for AATG award below, circa $4,000. 2009.
* Research Grants Committee support, UA, $5,000. 2007.
* American Association of University Supervisors and Coordinators, academic travel grant, Fall 2006; Fall 2001-02. (2)
* Arts and Sciences Learner-Centered College grant, UA, $1,200. Fall, 2004.
* Research Advisory Committee Grant, UA, $3,075. 2004.
* Research Advisory Committee Grant, UA, $3,103. 2002.
* Cecil and Ernest Williams Fund Enhancement Award, $500. 2000-01.

***DISSERTATION***

On the Grammaticalization of a Nominalizing Suffix in German: *(-)tum.* The dissertation

examines the German affixoid *(-)tum* from the Old and Middle High German periods with respect

to grammaticalization and word formation theory. Doctoral advisor: Christopher M. Stevens.

***ACADEMIC HONORS***

* Southern Conference on Language Teaching Nominee for Post-Secondary Teacher of Excellence Award, Alabama Association of Foreign Language Teachers, 2011. Interdisciplinary Award for all foreign languages in AL.
* Research Sabbatical, UA, spring 2009.
* Article of the Year Award, 2007, for the journal *Die Unterrichtspraxis: Teaching German*, the publication of the American Association of Teachers of German. Award includes travel and seminar expenses from Austrian Air and the Austrian Ministry of Education. “Language History for Teaching and Learning German”.
* Freeman Awardnomination. Nominated by Board of Directors of the Northeast Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages annually, recognizes best article on an applied pedagogical topic from any major journal. “Language Change and Foreign Language Teaching” under consideration, 2006.
* Graduate Faculty member, 2001--.

* UCLA Dissertation Year Fellowship, 1997-98.

* Delta Phi Alpha, National German Honor Society, UA, 2005-.

* Phi Beta Kappa, Lambda of California, University of California, Santa Barbara, 1991.

***GRADUATE ADVISING***

German Program Philology track graduate advisor, Romance Languages advisor (2001--).

* Ph.D dissertation co-direction: Timothy Alford (2019).
* Ph.D dissertation direction: Tommy Carlton (2013, ongoing).
* MA thesis direction: Michaela Nuesser (2019).
* Ph.D dissertation external reviewer: Courtney Kupfer (2013-2018).
* M.A. thesis committee member: Christopher Wood (2014).
* M.A. thesis direction: Lesya Dennis (2013).
* M.A. thesis committee member: James Garner (2011).
* M.A. theses direction: Uwe Seidel, Ebru Susur (2010).

* M.A. thesis direction: Romy Proschmann (fall 2008).
* M.A. thesis committee member: Steffi Kny (spring 2008).
* M.A. thesis direction: Lydia Jones (fall 2007).
* M.A. written/oral exam organizer, German Philology track.
* Ph.D. committees, various, Romance Languages, English, Education.

***UNDERGRADUATE***

***ADVISING***

* German Program undergraduate Co-Advisor, spring 2010—2015, 2021—present.
* Arabic, Chinese undergraduate advising, 2015-2020.
* German Program undergraduate Advisor, fall 2004-fall 2008, fall 2009.
* German Program undergraduate Co-Advisor, fall 2002-spring 2004.
* Language Program Director, German (2001--2015) and French (2001-2009), 1st & 2nd year language programs, The University of Alabama.
* Emerging Scholars undergraduate mentor, Christa McCrorie, 2012-2013.
* McNair Scholar faculty mentor, Nikole Miller, summer 2002 (spring 2002/fall 2002).

***SELECTED OTHER SERVICE***

Chair Search Committee member, Department of English, UA, 2019-2020.

8-Year Program Review facilitator, Modern Languages and Classics, UA, 2018-2020.

Program Review solicited, Florida Atlantic University, 2019. Not conducted.

Search Committee member, Arts and Sciences, Richard Leon Chambers Endowed Professorship in Middle Eastern Culture and Islamic Religious Studies, UA, 2017-2018.

Alabama World Languages Education Foundation, Secretary-Member, spring 2014--present.

German Program, Director, fall 2009--2015.

Research Advisory Committee, The University of Alabama, 2013--2014.

Search Committee, Assistant Professor of German, fall 2014—spring 2015.

President, Alabama Chapter, American Association of Teachers of German, 2012-14. Vice-President, 2010--2012.

Executive Committee member, Alabama Association of Foreign Language Teachers, 2012--14.

AATG Scholarship Selection Committee (national), Käthe Wilson Award, spring 2015, spring 2014.

Teacher of the Year Selection Committee, Southern Conference on Language Teaching, 2013.

Executive Council, Modern Languages and Classics, UA, 2013--2015.

Director, Alabama in Germany, 2013; Alabama in Austria, 2008.

Search Committee, German Instructor, spring 2014—summer 2014.

Interim German House Faculty Director, spring 2012.

MLC Undergraduate Assessment Coordinator, 2010-2012.

German Program, Undergraduate Assessment Director, 2010--2015.

*Goethe Institute* Trainer Network regional collaborator, 2010--2015.

Monograph reviewer for University of California, Los Angeles colleague (2013).

Spanish Language Program Director Search Committees, 2012-13; 2013-14.

Boren Scholarship Committee, UA Honors College, 2013.

Search Committee, Co-Chair, German Instructor, spring-summer 2012.

Search Committee, Assistant Professor of German, 2011.

Manuscript referee. *Foreign Language Annals*, *International Journal of Applied Linguistics, Die Unterrichtspraxis.* Ongoing.

External reviewer, tenure and promotion, public research university, 2010.

Search Committee, Chair, German Instructor, summer 2010.

College Academy for Student Success, 2007—2009.

Southern Conference on Language Teaching session proposal reviewer, 2009 annual meeting, spring 2008.

Textbooks reviewed*,* McGraw-Hill, Pearson, Dec. 2005, 2007, 2010, 2014.

Faculty Senate Steering Committee, 2006/07, Co-chair, Governance Committee, 2006/07. Member, Governance Committee, 2005-2009. Student and Campus Life Committee liaison, 2006-2009.

Oversight Committee, 5-Year Modern Languages and Classics Review, fall 2005.

Chair, Undergraduate Program 5-Year Modern Languages and Classics Review Committee, fall 2005.

Manuscript reviewed, The University of Alabama Press. *Glossary of Morphology*, 2004.

Judge, German High School Day, annual; French Conventions, 2001-2009; Co-organizer, 2006.

***LANGUAGES***

German: near-native fluency.

French: reading knowledge.

Swedish: reading knowledge.

Older languages: Middle High German, Old High German, Old Saxon, Gothic, Old

Norse.

***MEMBERSHIPS***

Society for Germanic Linguistics.

American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages.

American Association of Teachers of German.

American Association of University Supervisers and Coordinators.

Southern Conference on Language Teaching.

Alabama World Languages Association.

Modern Language Association.