

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education:

2002 B.A. University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Linguistics

2002 B.A. University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Philosophy

2008 M.A. Boston College, Linguistics

PhD. SUNY Stony Brook, Linguistics

Summer Institutes:

2004 Arabic Immersion Program, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI

2007 Linguistic Society of America, Palo Alto, CA

2009 Georgian Intensive Language Program, University of Bloomington,
Bloomington, Indiana

Teaching

Spring 2009 Teaching Assistant Linguistics 101 *Introduction to Linguistics*

Fall 2009 Instructor ESL 192 *Intermediate Composition*

Work Experience:

2000-2003 Lab Manager in Language Processing Laboratory at University of
Massachusetts at Amherst under Charles Clifton and Lynn Frazier

2001-2003 Lab work in University of Massachusetts at Amherst Eye-Tracking
Laboratory under Keith Rayner

Presentations:

2009 North American Association for the History of Language Sciences (at
Linguistic Society of America), "Revisiting Early Algonquian
Linguistics"

2009 The 41st Algonquian Conference, “Phonetic Motivations for the EasternAlgonquian Intrusive Nasal”

2010 North American Association for the History of Language Sciences (at Linguistic Society of America), "Polyglottism: From Mithridates to Mathew"

2010 Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas (at Linguistic Society of America), “Phonetic Motivations for the EasternAlgonquian Intrusive Nasal”

Awards:

2009 Israel Wilenitz Graduate Student Travel Award, \$75. *Linguistics Department*, Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY.

2009 FLAS for the study of *Georgian*, \$2400. University of Bloomington, Bloomington, Indiana.

2009 Summer Tuition Grant, \$4400. University of Bloomington, Bloomington, Indiana.

Interests:

-Kartvelian and Georgian, Northeast Caucasian, Northwest Caucasian Languages (Kabardian, Lezgian, Georgian)

-Ethnic and political conflict in the Caucasus

-Terrorism, the spread of militant Islam, and Arab influences

Research:

Kabardian, Lezgian, and Georgian Language

Phonetic change and nasalization

Language and ethnicity in the Caucasus

Arabic influences on language