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Education

2024 – Present	**Simon Fraser University**
	Coast Salish Territories/ Burnaby, British Columbia
	M.A., Linguistics (Thesis-based)
	Committee: Dr. Marianne Ignace (Supervisor), Dr. Panayiotis 'Panos' Pappas
2015 – 2020	**University of British Columbia**
	Coast Salish Territories/ Vancouver, British Columbia
	B.A., Double Specialization in First Nations and Endangered Languages & Linguistics
	Lund University / _Lunds universitet_
	Lund, Skåne, Sweden
	Student Exchange Program: Yiddish Studies & Linguistics

Professional Experience

2020 – 2024	**First Peoples' Cultural Council**
	W̱JOȽEȽP/ Brentwood Bay, British Columbia

Program Navigator
- Delivered program webinars, project planning and administrative training for grantees
- Liaised and built rapport with First Nations and urban community organizations

Acting Program Coordinator
- Oversaw grant funding decisions and fiscal year end budgeting
- Delivered federal reporting data for the Department of Canadian Heritage
- Launched inaugural 2021-2022 LTP grant stream

Senior Language Program Assistant
- Designed digitization resources and program training curricula
- Trained teams for language revitalization projects in data mobilization and management
- Facilitated governmental reporting and distribution of grant funds

| 2021 – 2022 | **Haíɫzaqv (Heiltsuk) Nation** |
| | Wáglísla/ Bella Bella, British Columbia |

Curriculum Developer
- Developed children's and adult Haíɫzaqvḷa (Heiltsuk language) immersion curricula
- Crafted the first Haíɫzaqvḷa language nest curriculum package and assessment tool
- Led teacher workshops on practical pedagogy and linguistic topics

| 2017 – 2021 | **Urban Haíɫzaqvḷa (Heiltsuk Language) Program** |
| | Coast Salish Territories/ Vancouver, British Columbia |

Language Instructor
- Taught Haíɫzaqvḷa vocabulary and grammar in intensive cohort and community classes
- Mentored TAs in program management & language education strategies
- Grew program's off-reserve capacity

Program Coordinator
- Planned community classes & Elder-centred events
- Organized in-person language lessons & childcare with community instructor and TAs

Publications

Journal Papers

| 2021 | Carpenter, Jennifer, Chase, Bridget, **Chung**, **Benjamin**, Humchitt, Robyn & Turin, Mark. 'Mobilizing and Activating Haíɫzaqvḷa (Heiltsuk Language) and Culture Through a Community-University Partnership'. *KULA*, *5*(1), 1-10. https://doi.org/10.18357/kula.127. |

| 2020 | Turin, Mark & **Chung, Benjamin**. 'Temporal concepts and formulations of time in Tibeto-Burman languages'. *The Journal of Asian Linguistic Anthropology*, *1*(1), 39-76. http://dx.doi.org/10.17613/s0zk-v035. |

| 2018 | Turin, Mark & **Chung, Benjamin**. 'Colour terms in Tibeto-Burman languages'. *Rocznik Orientalistyczny/Yearbook of Oriental Studies*, *71*(2), 198-248. http://doi.org/10.24425/ro.2019.127213. |

Work In Progress

| Submitted 2025 | **Chung, Benjamin**. "Perception-Based & Participatory Practices: New Approaches to Collaborative Sociolinguistic Documentation" [Conference Presentation]. |

Submitted 2025   **Chung, Benjamin** & Dap̓ne Wheeler. "Fear and Sasquatches: Apprehensional Uses of *N̓x̌va* in Haíɬzaqvḷa" [Conference Presentation].

Conference Presentations

2024   **Chung, Benjamin**. "'Check Before You Tech' in the Decade of Indigenous Languages". Presented at Archives Association of British Columbia (AABC) / Association of Records Managers and Administrators Vancouver Island (ARMA VI) Joint Conference 2024 (Virtual).

2023   **Chung, Benjamin** and Dakota Anderberg. "Mobilizing Technology: Reclaiming and Maintaining Indigenous Data". Co-presented at the 27th annual First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) Conference, Coast Salish Territories/ Vancouver, British Columbia.

2022   **Chung, Benjamin** and Vera Edmonds. "What the Tech? Using FirstVoices and Language Technology in the Classroom". Co-presented with Lili̓wat Nation representative at the 26th annual First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) Conference, Coast Salish Territories/ Vancouver, British Columbia.

2021   Sear, Victoria, **Benjamin Chung**, and Meryl Amos DeLorey-Tully. "Resources for Reclamation: Creating a Relational Dictionary Knowledgebase". Co-presented at the 7th International Conference on Language Documentation & Conservation (ICLDC), Honolulu: University of Hawaiʻi at Mānoa (Virtual).

Invited Talks

2024   **Chung, Benjamin** and Jask̲waan Bedard. "Transcription with ELAN: Controlled Vocabularies with Haida". Presented at Haida Language Gathering 2024, Haida Heritage Centre at K̲ay 'Llnagaay, Hlgaagilda/ Skidegate, British Columbia (Hybrid-Virtual Component).

2023   **Chung, Benjamin**, James Thompson, Bridget Chase, Clarissa Forbes, and Evangaline Prevost. "Language Technology Program Training 2023-2024: Vancouver". Co-facilitated workshops in Coast Salish Territories/ Vancouver, British Columbia.

2023   **Chung, Benjamin**, James Thompson, Bridget Chase, Evangaline Prevost, and Cara Barter. "Language Technology Program Training 2023-2024: Prince George". Co-facilitated workshops in Lheidli-T'enneh/ Prince George, British Columbia.

2023   **Chung, Benjamin** and Kim Lawson. "Archiving Indigenous Language Materials". Co-presented at huncewstuxw tu xe' xe' sqwel 'Bringing Back the Sacred Language' – Language Revitalization Skill Development, Snuneymuxw/ Nanaimo, British Columbia.

2023	**Chung, Benjamin**, Evangaline Prevost, and Carleen August. "Controlled Vocabularies & Information Management". Co-faciliated in ċuumaʕas/ Port Alberni, British Columbia with Tseshaht Nation.
2023	**Chung, Benjamin**, James Thompson, and Magie-Mae Adams. "Language Resource Development & Digital Storage Practices". Co-facilitated series in Lax Kxeen/ Prince Rupert, British Columbia with the Ts'mysen Sm'algyax Language Authority & Gitxaała Nation.
2023	Glandt, Lisa and **Benjamin Chung**. "Demystifying Databases!" Presented at roundtable discussion at Archives Association of British Columbia (AABC) (Virtual).
2022	Borland, Kyra and **Benjamin Chung**. "Audiocassette & Language Material Digitization". Co-facilitated in Wuikinuxv/ Rivers Inlet, British Columbia with Wuiknuxv Nation.
2022	Borland, Kyra and **Benjamin Chung**. "Audiocassette & Language Material Digitization". Co-facilitated in Nuxalkulmc/ Bella Coola, British Columbia with Nuxalk Nation.
2021	**Chung, Benjamin**. "Haíłzaqvḷa Revitalization: Language Nest Training". Facilitated at Gvukva'áus Haíłzaqv (House of the Haíłzaqv) in Wáglísla/Bella Bella, British Columbia with Haíłzaqv Nation.

Exhibitions

2018	Title: **Culture at the Centre** Location: O'Brian Gallery at the Museum of Anthropology at the University of British Columbia Co-contributed interactive A/V display featuring Heiltsuk language & culture

Funding

Graduate Travel and Research Award $500 CAD
Agency: Simon Fraser University
Date Awarded: 09/20/2025

Graduate Fellowship $7,000 CAD
Agency: Simon Fraser University
Date Awarded: 09/01/2025

Jacobs Research Funds: Individual Award $4,128 CAD
Agency: Jacobs Research Funds/Whatcom Museum Foundation
Date Awarded: 07/04/2025

Graduate Travel and Research Award $600 CAD
Agency: Simon Fraser University
Date Awarded: 04/28/2025

SFU Student-Community Engagement Competition Grand Award $4,000 CAD
Agency: Simon Fraser University
Date Awarded: 03/12/2025

Teaching Support Staff Union (TSSU) Travel Fund $500 CAD
Agency: Teaching Support Staff Union (Simon Fraser University)
Date Awarded: 12/13/2024

Graduate Fellowship $7,000 CAD
Agency: Simon Fraser University
Date Awarded: 09/01/2024

Canada Graduate Scholarship – Master's Program $27,000 CAD
Agency: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)
Date Awarded: 09/01/2024

Honours and Awards

2017	Dean's List Winter Session, University of British Columbia
2016	UBC German Government Book Prize via Consulate General (Federal Republic of Germany), University of British Columbia
2015	Dean's List Winter Session, University of British Columbia

Research Experience

2025 – Present	**Member, Field Linguistics Research Lab** Supervised by Dr. Jozina Vander Klok Department of Linguistics, Simon Fraser University • Share & receive feedback on fieldwork experiences and results • Contribute to faculty-led projects
2025 – Present	**Graduate Research Assistant** Supervised by Dr. Marianne Ignace (PI) Department of Linguistics, Simon Fraser University • Organize and edit sound files & documents related to Haíɫzaqvḷa • Prepare materials for research dissemination
2024 – 2025	**Graduate Research Assistant / Language Consultant** Supervised by Dr. Nathalie Sinclair (PI), Dr. Cedric Chauve, Sheena Tan (PhD Candidate)

Department of Education, Simon Fraser University
- Preliminary linguistic analysis of mathematics terms and relevant cultural practices and terminology in ʔayajuθəm speech-contexts
- Integration of ʔayajuθəm into learning tools and modules for secondary-level mathematics curricula

2025	**Graduate Research Assistant** Supervised by Dr. Donna Gerdts (PI) Department of Linguistics, Simon Fraser University

- Organizing and editing Halkomelem sound files and documents
- Creating concordances for legacy texts
- Web development and language database support

2019 – 2021	**Undergraduate Research Assistant** Supervised by Dr. Mark Turin (PI), Victoria Sear (PhD Candidate) Department of Anthropology, University of British Columbia

- Researched print and digital dictionary metadata and accessibility
- Catalogued 100+ Indigenous language dictionaries in project database

2017 – 2020	**Undergraduate Research Assistant** Supervised by Dr. Mark Turin (PI) Institute for Critical Indigenous Studies, University of British Columbia

- Coordinated Haíłzaqvḷa project teams & data sharing
- Digitized and mobilized archival language documents & media
- Researched Indigenous language pedagogies, learning models, and lexicography

2019 – 2020	**Production Assistant** Supervised by Farah Nosh Graduate School of Journalism, University of British Columbia

- Analyzed regional endangered language data and trends
- Developed community support and outreach strategies with partners

Service and Outreach

Conference Organizing & Volunteering

2022 – 2023	**Planning Committee Member** of 2023 Summer Learning Series: huncewstuxw tu xe' xe' sqwel 'Bringing Back the Sacred

Language' – Language Revitalization Skill Development, hosted by First Peoples' Cultural Council

2017   **Student Volunteer** at BC Breath of Life Archival Institute for First Nations Languages, hosted at the University of British Columbia (First Nations & Endangered Languages Program)

Community Engagement

2024 – Present   **Member**, Anishinaabe Circle British Columbia (AC/BC) Society

2022 – 2025   **Volunteer Assets Cataloguer** at the Vancouver Black Library

2024   **Invited Guest** at the Office of the Commissioner of Indigenous Languages (OCIL) First Nations & Métis Language Gathering Meeting in Vancouver

2023   **Volunteer** at Mother's Day Traditional Pow Wow, hosted at Trout Lake Community Centre

2017   **Student Volunteer** at 3rd Annual Nehiyo-paskwa-itsimowin Powwow, hosted at the University of British Columbia

Departmental Service

2024 – Present   **Committee Member** on Graduate Student Colloquia Committee, at SFU Department of Linguistics

2024   **Committee Member** in Interdisciplinary Language Program Training Working Group, at First Peoples' Cultural Council

University Teaching Experience

Instructor of Record

Summer 2025   **IED 199 A01 (31446)**: Special Topics in Indigenous Education: Technology for SENĆOŦEN Learning
University of Victoria in partnership with W̱SÁNEĆ College

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Fall 2025   **LING 830 G110**: Phonetics and Phonology of an Indigenous Language
Simon Fraser University – Dr. Lauren Schneider
Duties: Tutorials, Classroom Activities, Office Hours, Marking.

Summer 2025   **LING 831 G110**: Morphology and Syntax of an Indigenous Language
Simon Fraser University – Dr. Peter Jacobs
Duties: Organizing Class Materials, Classroom Activities, Editing Papers, Office Hours, Marking.

LING 834 G110: Effective Pedagogies and Materials Development for Indigenous Language
Simon Fraser University – Juniper Scheel, PhD Candidate
Duties: Marking.

Spring 2025   **LING 832 G110**: Narrative and Discourse Structure of an Indigenous Language
Simon Fraser University – Dr. Marianne Ignace
Duties: Organizing Class Materials, Classroom Activities, Editing Papers, Office Hours, Marking.

Fall 2024   **LING 833 G110**: Socio-cultural and Cognitive Aspects of an Indigenous Language
Simon Fraser University – Dr. Marianne Ignace
Duties: Organizing Class Materials, Classroom Activities, Editing Papers, Office Hours, Marking.

Languages

Language Proficiencies
English: First language speaker
Korean: Heritage
Spanish: Conversant
Brazilian Portuguese: Conversant
German: Intermediate
Yiddish: Intermediate

Fieldwork/ Experience With

Runasimi / Quechua	(Cusco dialect, Quechuan)
hən̓q̓əmin̓əm̓	(Downriver Halkomelem, Central Coast Salish)
Hul'q'umi'num'	(Island Halkomelem, Central Coast Salish)
ʔayʔaǰuθəm / Comox-Sliammon	(Central Coast Salish)
Haíɫzaqvḷa / Heiltsuk	(Upper Northern Wakashan)
Kwak'wala	(Northern Wakashan)
Tŝilhqot'in / Chilcotin	(Northern Athabaskan)

Additional Skills

Language Documentation: ELAN, Praat, Audacity, oTranscribe.
(Digital) Asset Management: Confluence (Atlassian), PARADESIC, lameta, CollectiveAccess, Omeka.
Archiving: Dublin Core Metadata Terms, Rules for Archival Description (RAD), Brian Deer Classification System (BDC).
Programming: C, Python.
Development: HTML/CSS, Django.
Learning Management Systems (LMS): Articulate360, Canvas, Brightspace, Moodle.
Other: Microsoft Office, Jira (Atlassian), WordPress, Camtasia.