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Education

2024 – Present	**Simon Fraser University**

Coast Salish Territories/ Burnaby, British Columbia
M.A., Linguistics (Thesis-based)

2015 – 2020	**University of British Columbia**

Coast Salish Territories/ Vancouver, British Columbia
B.A., Double Specialization in First Nations and Endangered Languages & Linguistics
Dean's List: 2017W, 2015W

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**
                   Wáǧlísla/ 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.

Presentations & Invited Talks

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).

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, Hlg̱aagilda/ Skidegate, British Columbia (Hybrid-Virtual Component).

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.

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 c̓uumaʕas/ 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	**Chung, Benjamin** and Vera Edmonds. "What the Tech? Using FirstVoices and Language Technology in the Classroom". Co-presented with Lil̓wat Nation representative at the 26th annual First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) Conference, Coast Salish Territories/ Vancouver, British Columbia,
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**. "Haíɫzaqvḷa Revitalization: Language Nest Training". Facilitated at Gvukva'áus Haíɫzaqv (House of the Haíɫzaqv) in Wáglísla/Bella Bella, British Columbia with Haíɫzaqv Nation.
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 Hawai'i at Mānoa (Virtual).

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 and Awards

SFU Student-Community Engagement Competition Grand Award   4000 CAD
Agency: Simon Fraser University
Date Awarded: 03/12/2025

Graduate Fellowship   7000 CAD
Agency: Simon Fraser University
Date Awarded: 09/01/2024

Canada Graduate Scholarship Master's Program Scholarship   27000 CAD
Agency: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)
Date Awarded: 09/01/2024

Work Learn International Undergraduate Research Award   4200 CAD

Agency: University of British Columbia
Date Awarded: 01/05/2019

Trek Excellence Scholarship for Continuing Students   4000 CAD
Agency: University of British Columbia
Date Awarded: 26/09/2018

Hugh M Brock Education Abroad Scholarship   3000 CAD
Agency: University of British Columbia
Date Awarded: 08/09/2018

Work Learn International Undergraduate Research Award   4200 CAD
Agency: University of British Columbia
Date Awarded: 07/05/2018

Work Learn International Undergraduate Research Award   4200 CAD
Agency: University of British Columbia
Date Awarded: 24/04/2017

Faculty of Arts International Student Scholarship   1000 CAD
Agency: University of British Columbia
Date Awarded: 16/12/2016

Trek Excellence Scholarship for Continuing Students   4000 CAD
Agency: University of British Columbia
Date Awarded: 19/08/2016

UBC German Government Book Prize
Agency: University of British Columbia via Consulate General (Federal Republic of Germany)
Date Awarded: 11/08/2016

Outstanding International Student Award   6000 CAD
Agency: University of British Columbia
Date Awarded: 27/08/2015

Research Experience

2025 – Present	**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
2024 – Present	**Language Consultant**

Supervised by Dr. Nathalie Sinclair (PI), Dr. Cedric Chauve (Co-PI), 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

2019 – 2021   **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   **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

2022 – Present	**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

| 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. |
| 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.

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.

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)
hənq̓əmiṅəṁ	(Downriver Halkomelem, Central Coast Salish)
Hul'q'umi'num'	(Island Halkomelem, Central Coast Salish)
ʔayʔaǰuθəm / Comox-Sliammon	(Central Coast Salish)
Háiɫzaqvḷa / Heiltsuk	(Upper Northern Wakashan)
Kwak'wala	(Northern Wakashan)
Tŝilhqot'in / Chilcotin	(Northern Athabaskan)

Additional Skills

Language Documentation: ELAN, Praat, Audacity, Express Scribe.

(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, Moodle.

Other: Microsoft Office, Jira (Atlassian), WordPress, Camtasia.