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### Education

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| 2024 – Present | <b>Simon Fraser University</b><br>Coast Salish Territories/ Burnaby, British Columbia<br>M.A., Linguistics (Thesis-based)                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 2015 – 2020    | <b>University of British Columbia</b><br>Coast Salish Territories/ Vancouver, British Columbia<br>B.A., Double Specialization in First Nations and Endangered Languages & Linguistics<br><br><b>Lund University / <i>Lunds universitet</i></b><br>Lund, Skåne, Sweden<br>Student Exchange Program: Yiddish Studies & Linguistics |

### Professional Experience

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| 2020 – 2024 | <b>First Peoples' Cultural Council</b><br>WJOLELP/ Brentwood Bay, British Columbia<br><br><b>Program Navigator</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Delivered program webinars, project planning and administrative training for grantees</li><li>• Liaised and built rapport with First Nations and urban community organizations</li></ul><br><b>Acting Program Coordinator</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Oversaw grant funding decisions and fiscal year end budgeting</li><li>• Delivered federal reporting data for the Department of Canadian Heritage</li><li>• Launched inaugural 2021-2022 LTP grant stream</li></ul><br><b>Senior Language Program Assistant</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Designed digitization resources and program training curricula</li><li>• Trained teams for language revitalization projects in data mobilization and management</li><li>• Facilitated governmental reporting and distribution of grant funds</li></ul> |
| 2021 – 2022 | <b>Hałzaqv (Heiltsuk) Nation</b><br>Wáglisla/ Bella Bella, British Columbia                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

### Curriculum Developer

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

2017 – 2021

### Urban Haíłzaqv̓la (Heiltsuk Language) Program

Coast Salish Territories/ Vancouver, British Columbia

### Language Instructor

- Taught Haíłzaqv̓la 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

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| 2021 | Carpenter, Jennifer, Chase, Bridget, <b>Chung, Benjamin</b> , Humchitt, Robyn & Turin, Mark. 'Mobilizing and Activating Haíłzaqv̓la (Heiltsuk Language) and Culture Through a Community-University Partnership'. <i>KULA</i> , 5(1), 1-10. <a href="https://doi.org/10.18357/kula.127">https://doi.org/10.18357/kula.127</a> . |
| 2020 | Turin, Mark & <b>Chung, Benjamin</b> . 'Temporal concepts and formulations of time in Tibeto-Burman languages'. <i>The Journal of Asian Linguistic Anthropology</i> , 1(1), 39-76. <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.17613/s0zk-v035">http://dx.doi.org/10.17613/s0zk-v035</a> .                                                   |
| 2018 | Turin, Mark & <b>Chung, Benjamin</b> . 'Colour terms in Tibeto-Burman languages'. <i>Rocznik Orientalistyczny/Yearbook of Oriental Studies</i> , 71(2), 198-248. <a href="http://doi.org/10.24425/ro.2019.127213">http://doi.org/10.24425/ro.2019.127213</a> .                                                                 |

## Presentations & Invited Talks

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| 2024 | <b>Chung, Benjamin</b> . "'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). |
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- 2024 **Chung, Benjamin** and Jaskwaan Bedard. “Transcription with ELAN: Controlled Vocabularies with Haida”. Presented at Haida Language Gathering 2024, Haida Heritage Centre at Kay 'Llnagaay, Hlgaagilda/Skidegate, British Columbia (Hybrid-Virtual Component).
- 2023 **Chung, Benjamin** and Dakota Anderberg. “Mobilizing Technology: Reclaiming and Maintaining Indigenous Data”. Co-presented at the 27<sup>th</sup> 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-facilitated in c̓umaŋas/ 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 & Gitxaala 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 Lilwat Nation representative at the 26<sup>th</sup> annual First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) Conference, Coast Salish Territories/ Vancouver, British Columbia.

2022	Borland, Kyra and <b>Benjamin Chung</b> . “Audiocassette & Language Material Digitization”. Co-facilitated in Wuikinuxv/ Rivers Inlet, British Columbia with Wuikinuxv Nation.
2022	Borland, Kyra and <b>Benjamin Chung</b> . “Audiocassette & Language Material Digitization”. Co-facilitated in Nuxalkulmc/ Bella Coola, British Columbia with Nuxalk Nation.
2021	<b>Chung, Benjamin</b> . “Haílzaqv̓la Revitalization: Language Nest Training”. Facilitated at Gvukva’áus Haílzaqv̓ (House of the Haílzaqv̓) in Wágłísla/Bella Bella, British Columbia with Haílzaqv̓ Nation.
2021	Sear, Victoria, <b>Benjamin Chung</b> , 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

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2018	Title: <b>Culture at the Centre</b> Location: O’Brien Gallery at the Museum of Anthropology at the University of British Columbia
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Co-contributed interactive A/V display featuring Heiltsuk language &amp; culture</li> </ul>

## Funding

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<b>Jacobs Research Funds: Individual Award</b>	\$3000 USD
Agency: University of Washington/Whatcom Museum Foundation	
Date Awarded: 07/04/2025	
<b>Graduate Travel and Research Award</b>	\$600 CAD
Agency: Simon Fraser University	
Date Awarded: 04/28/2025	
<b>SFU Student-Community Engagement Competition Grand Award</b>	\$4,000 CAD
Agency: Simon Fraser University	
Date Awarded: 03/12/2025	
<b>Graduate Fellowship</b>	\$7,000 CAD
Agency: Simon Fraser University	
Date Awarded: 09/01/2024	
<b>Canada Graduate Scholarship Master’s Program Scholarship</b>	\$27,000 CAD
Agency: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)	
Date Awarded: 09/01/2024	

## Honours and Awards

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| 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

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| 2025 – Present | <b>Graduate Research Assistant</b><br>Supervised by Dr. Marianne Ignace (PI)<br>Department of Linguistics, Simon Fraser University <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Organize and edit sound files &amp; documents</li><li>• Prepare materials for research dissemination</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 2024 – 2025    | <b>Graduate Research Assistant / Language Consultant</b><br>Supervised by Dr. Nathalie Sinclair (PI), Dr. Cedric Chauve (Co-PI), Sheena Tan (PhD Candidate)<br>Department of Education, Simon Fraser University <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preliminary linguistic analysis of mathematics terms and relevant cultural practices and terminology in Ṗayajuṡəm speech-contexts</li><li>• Integration of Ṗayajuṡəm into learning tools and modules for secondary-level mathematics curricula</li></ul> |
| 2025           | <b>Graduate Research Assistant</b><br>Supervised by Dr. Donna Gerds (PI)<br>Department of Linguistics, Simon Fraser University <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Organizing and editing Halkomelem sound files and documents</li><li>• Creating concordances for legacy texts</li><li>• Web development and language database support</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                            |
| 2019 – 2021    | <b>Undergraduate Research Assistant</b><br>Supervised by Dr. Mark Turin (PI), Victoria Sear (PhD Candidate)<br>Department of Anthropology, University of British Columbia <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Researched print and digital dictionary metadata and accessibility</li><li>• Catalogued 100+ Indigenous language dictionaries in project database</li></ul>                                                                                                                                    |
| 2017 – 2020    | <b>Undergraduate Research Assistant</b><br>Supervised by Dr. Mark Turin (PI)<br>Institute for Critical Indigenous Studies, University of British Columbia                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

- Coordinated Hailzaqv!a 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 – 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 SENCOTEN Learning  
University of Victoria in partnership with WSÁNEĆ 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.

**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.

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**

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***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)

hənqəmínəm

(Downriver Halkomelem, Central Coast Salish)

Hul'q'umi'num'

(Island Halkomelem, Central Coast Salish)

?ay?ajuθəm / Comox-Sliammon

(Central Coast Salish)

Hałtzaqv̓la / Heiltsuk

(Upper Northern Wakashan)

Kwak'wala

(Northern Wakashan)

Tsilhqot'in / Chilcotin

(Northern Athabaskan)

## **Additional Skills**

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**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.