

# Words from the Chair

### Dear Alumni and Friends,

The purpose of this newsletter is to let you know about the life and work of alumni, about the work of faculty, about the state of the department as I see it, and most important, to keep in touch with people who shared a considerable portion of their lives with us. Some of you went on to teach and to do research in academic institutions, other work in industry or in government jobs, and still others went on to pursue advanced degrees. We note with pleasure that regardless of the type of employment, many of our alumni not only use the knowledge and skills they acquired at CU, but also contribute to new knowledge. With great pleasure, we acknowledge that in their professional lives, our alumni go beyond what we, as faculty, were able to offer. Here are some of the achievements of our Ph.D. alumni as I was able to gather from the notes you sent us (in alphabetical order):

**Immanuel Barshi** (MA 1991, Ph.D.1997) has recently published a book that provides guidance to graduate students on ways to combine applied work with theoretical work at a low cost.

**Eunil Kim** (Ph.D. 1992) has been elected President of the Korean Association of English Language and Literature.

Adam Hodges (Ph.D. 2008) edited a volume, *Discourses of War and Peace*, published in 2013 by Oxford University Press.

**Robert Koops** (Ph.D. 1990), who recently published Grammar *of Kuteb*, is working on a Kuteb Dictionary.

Lal Zimman (Ph.D. 2012), Jenny Davis (MA 2007, Ph.D. 2013) and Joshua Raclaw (MA 2008, Ph.D. 2013) just won the 2014 Ruth Benedict Book Prize, granted by the American Anthropological Association, for their new edited volume, *Queer Excursions: Retheorizing Binaries in Language, Gender, and Sexuality* (Oxford University Press).

**Georgia Zellou** (Ph.D. 2012) is now Assistant Professor of Linguistics at the University of California in Davis.

As you will see from the Alumni Notes, our MA graduates have been able to find jobs where they use the skills acquired in the program and often pursue advanced degrees. Graduate research in the department is supported by grants that faculty receive and by the Graduate Research Fund that helps students with hiring research subjects, fieldwork, and presenting papers at national and international conferences.

We currently have a highly enthusiastic group of students, eager to engage in research, capable of contributing to the field of linguistics and capable of applying their knowledge in a variety of nonacademic endeavors. Two of our current PhD students, **Steve Duman** and **Kevin Gould**, principals of Inherent Games, LLC, have won a \$150,000 Small Business and Innovation Research (SBIR) Phase I grant through the

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National Science Foundation for the development of hand held language learning games.

Our faculty has garnered a number of internal university recognitions:

**Andy Cowell** received an NEH/NSF grant to produce a dictionary, *Arapaho Stories, Songs and Prayers,* published at University of Oklahoma Press this year.

**Kira Hall** was the recipient of the 2014-2015 College Scholars Award.

Laura Michaelis won a CHA fellowship for 2014/2015. Bhuvana Narasimhan and Eliana Colunga (PSYC) won a Gamm Interdisciplinary Course Award to teach a course on "Learning Languages in the World", beginning this fall. In 2013, Martha Palmer won the Outstanding Faculty

Graduate Advising Award.

**Rebecca Scarborough** won the Provost's Faculty Achievement Award.

**Zygmunt Frajzyngier** was International Chair in the Empirical Foundations of Linguistics axis of the Laboratoirs d'Excellence (LABEX) program in Paris in June, 2014. As part of his appointment, he gave a series of talks on semantic foundations of syntactic theory.

The department has hired Professor **Mans Hulden**, the first dedicated phonologist in the history of the department. We are looking forward to collaboration with Professor Hulden and the development of a new line of research and teaching offered by the department. With the hiring of Professor Hulden, the department is able to offer state of the art education in core areas of linguistics.

The department continues to enjoy the presence of visiting scholars who choose to spend an extended period of time collaborating or studying with the faculty. This past academic year, Arturas Ratkus from the University of Vilnius (Lithuania) and Meltem Can, from the Haccetepe University (Turkey), were visiting scholars at the invitation of Zygmunt Frajzyngier. Astrid de Wit, from Belgium, is currently visiting at the invitation of Laura Michaelis. We are also happy that our alumna, Dr. **Kristine Stenzel**, from Rio de Janiero, decided to spend her

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# **Faculty Notes**

Andrew Cowell has received a joint grant from the National Science Foundation and National Endowment for the Humanities to produce a lexical database and dictionary of the Arapaho language. His book "Arapaho Stories, Songs and Prayers" came out this year from University of Oklahoma Press.

Zygmunt Frajzyngier published the following articles in 2014:

- Frajzyngier, Zygmunt. 2014a. Functional syntax in historical perspective. In *Routledge Handbook of Historical Linguistics*. Claire Bowern and Beth Evans (eds.), 308-325.
- Frajzyngier, Zygmunt. 2014b. The limitative anaphors. In Kraska-Szlenk, Iwona and Beata Wójtowicz. *Current research in African Studies. Papers in Honor of Mwalimu Dr. Eugeniusz Rzewuski.* Warsaw: Elipsa, 93-106.
- Frajzyngier, Zygmunt. 2014c. What motivates morphological copying? A review article of Martine Vanhove, Thomas Stolz, Aina Urdze, and Hitomi Otsuka. (eds.) 2012. Morphologies in contact. *Journal of Language Contact*, 7.2. 392-407.

In June 2014, Zygmunt participated in the June workshop of the CORTYPO project at LLACAN in Paris. Together with Roger Prafé and **Megan Schwabauer**, a linguistics major student, he has been preparing electronic and hardcopy versions of the Hdi-English-French Dictionary. All entries in the electronic copy are linked with sound recordings and some are linked with photographs.

During the 2014-2015 academic year, Laura Michaelis is a faculty fellow in CU's Center for Humanities and Arts, writing a book-length work that applies a formalized version of Construction Grammar, called Sign Based Construction Grammar, to the study of grammatical innovation. In spring of 2014, she was promoted to the rank of full professor. Her recent published and in-press papers include a study of how constructions affect the syntactic behavior of verbs ('Constructions License Verb Frames') and a study of the role of semantic frames in determining what arguments of a verb may be left unspoken ('Frames and the Interpretation of Omitted Arguments in English'), the latter of which was coauthored with CU Linguistics MA graduate and longtime collaborator Dr. Josef Ruppenhofer (now a research professor at Hildesheim University in Germany). In September 2013, she gave a plenary talk at the Eighth International Conference on Construction Grammar at the University of Osnabrück, Germany, reporting results of a joint research project with her UC Berkeley mentor Paul Kay (an emeritus professor at Berkeley who currently holds a research appointment at Stanford). She and Professor Kay are developing a construction-based theory of English post-verbal agreement. Collaborating with recent CU PhD graduate Jill Duffield, as well as current doctoral students Tim O'Gorman and Kevin Gould, she is conducting a behavioral study of the so-called 'that-trace effect', examining how subjects construe certain potentially ambiguous interrogative sentences. In addition, she is exploring formulaic sarcastic speech from a constructional perspective. This academic year, she is pleased

to welcome postdoctoral fellow Astrid De Wit, who recently received her Ph.D. from the University of Antwerp, writing a typological thesis on the so-called perfective paradox. During Dr. De Wit's research stay, which is funded by an award from the Belgian-American Educational Foundation, she and Professor Michaelis will conduct joint research on temporal reference in constructions.

Maria (Mia) Thomas-Ruzic continues to coordinate the Professional MA emphasis program for TESOL. She is happy to report that a number of TESOL students availed themselves of international field experience opportunities for the Practicum-in Chile, at the Universidad Católica de Maule (Kirsten Stauffer and Alex Bazhenov, 2013) and at the Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla in Mexico (BUAP) (Lily Schaffer, 2014). Also internationally, alumna Sarah Vollmann (2012) is on the faculty at Xi'an's Jiaotang University, another UCD partner university. Other alumni are actively engaged In teaching in intensive English or university writing programs, in community colleges, in k-12 in the US and abroad, in EFL abroad, as private language instructors; and in studying in Ph.D. programs (Chinese Linguistics, Education, English and Applied Linguistics), and working with an airline company. Mia was a research associate on a project funded by CONACYT (the Mexican counterpart to NSF), looking into language teachers' beliefs with fellow researchers from the Universidad Autónoma de Baja California (Tijuana), the Universidad de Quintana Roo (Chetmal) and the BUAP. Several related publications have been submitted and are in review. She and her Mexico colleagues are waiting to hear about a follow-up project in which their focus would be on mentoring.

In 2015 Mia hopes to contact many of the LING-TESOL alumni to learn where they are and what they are up to. Feel free to drop her line at maria.thomas-ruzic@colorado.edu.

### THANK YOU TO ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS

There is always a need for funds to support academic departments. As we strive for the best opportunities for our students, we depend on the caring and generous nature of alumni and friends like you to meet ever increasing financial needs. If you would like to contribute to the Linguistics Department, please visit the departmental website at <u>www.colorado.edu/linguistics/donate</u> and click on the link for the fund you wish to support. Your generous support is greatly appreciated.

## Of Interest....

## Nine Students Choose the Thesis Option to Complete the MA Degree

For the academic year 2013-2014, the thesis option for the Masters degree has once again proven to be a popular choice among Linguistics MA graduate students with 9 students researching, writing and defending an MA thesis. The following MA students successfully completed the MA thesis requirement with the advice of a faculty advisor and two committee members:

Ksenia Bogomolets "Acoustic correlates of Arapaho prominence", Professor Andy Cowell, Advisor.

**Keri Griffith** "Strategies to Undo Markedness: The LGBTQ Use of Heteronormative Script and Social Injustice Narratives at a Civil Union Meeting", Professor **Kira Hall**, Advisor.

Mariah Hamang "Language Through the Body: The Grounding of Motor Language Processing", Professor Bhuvana Narasimhan, Advisor.

Rei Ikuta "Causation in the Wild", Professor Martha Palmer, Advisor.

**Solange James** *"Trinidad English Creole Orthography: Language Enregisterment and Communicative Practices in a New Media Society"*, Professor **Kira Hall**, Advisor.

**Chelsea Kirk** "Teaching Non-native English Speakers to Comprehend Reduced Speech", Professor **David Rood**, Advisor.

Jared Schwartz "An Investigation into English Language Learner Home Literacy Environments", Dr. Maria Thomas-Ruzic, Advisor.

**Kirsten Stauffer** "Technology Use in Post Secondary Language Education", Dr. Maria Thomas-Ruzic, Advisor.

Irina Vagner "Language revitalization on the web: technologies and ideologies among the Northern Arapaho", Professor Andy Cowell, Advisor.

Currently there are many MA theses being researched and written by departmental MA students who continue to pursue the thesis option for the MA degree.

Keep up to date on the latest news in the Linguistics Department at http://www.colorado.edu/linguistics/about/ news.html

## **Ph.D. Doctoral Dissertation Theses**

The academic year brought the successful completion of the Ph.D. program and defense of doctoral dissertations for three students. They are:

**Jill Duffield** "Beyond the Subject: The Interaction of Syntax and Semantics in the Production of English Verb Agreement", Professor **Bhuvana Narasimhan**, Advisor.

**David Harper** *"An analysis of perceptual factors in the evolution of Spanish approximants"*, Professor **Rebecca Scarborough**, Advisor.

**Michael Thomas** *"A Grammar of Sakun (Sukur)",* Professor **Zygmunt Frajzyngier**, Advisor.

## **Undergraduate Honors Thesis**

**Chelsea Buchler**, Linguistics and English undergraduate, with the assistance of her thesis advisor, Professor **Kira Hall**, undertook the option of writing a Senior Honors Thesis, which she successfully defended. The thesis, which earned her magna cum laude honors, is entitled *"The 'Friendzone': Renegotiation Gender Performance and Boundaries in Relationship Discourse"*.

### We wish them all hearty congratulations and are grateful for their scholarly contributions to the field of linguistics!



# More of Interest....

## **Plethora of Linguistics Circle Talks**

The Department of Linguistics had the good fortune to host numerous Linguistics Circle Talks this past academic year. Linguistics Circle is a colloquium /workshop series sponsored by the Linguistics Chicle is a conoquium workshop series sponsored by the Linguistics Department. The talks are open to everyone and no registration is required. The academic year, 2013-2014, began with a talk by **Orin Hargraves**, of CU's Institute of Cognitive Science, who spoke about "Clichés Considered Computationally", followed by a talk in October given by Professor Gary Miller, of the University of Florida and University of Colorado Boulder, "External Influences on English Morphology and Syntax". A recruiting event, "English Language Fellow and English Language Specialist Programs", followed on October 23, at which Margarita McAuliffe, of the US Department of State spoke. Dr. Amy Liu, of the CU Department of Political Science and Asian Studies, delivered the talk, "The Politics of Gendered Languages: Third Person Pronouns and Women's Rights" in November. Linguistics doctoral candidate from UC Santa Barbara, Verónica Muñoz Ledo, visited the Linguistics Circle to speak on "Problems of Categorization: The 'Middle Voice' in SLP Huasteco".

The spring semester began with a talk by Dr. Ewan Dunbar, of Ecole Normale Supérieure/Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, entitled "Computational Approaches to Theoretical Problems in Phonology", followed by Dr. Philip Roberts, of the University of Oxford, who informed attendees on "Theoretical Computational Phonology in Practice". Dr. Gaja Jarosz, of Yale University, spoke about "Learning Probabilistic Phonology: Integrating Theoretical, Computational, and Developmental Perspectives". Dr. Kevin Cohen, from CU, presented a talk entitled "Phonology meets Computation meets Fieldwork". Dr. Mans Hulden, of the University of Helsinki, (now a faculty member of the Department of Linguistics) spoke to Ling Circle about "Where's the Leak? Formal Verification in Phonology", followed by Dr. Arturus Ratkus, of the University of Vilnius, Lithuania, who presented a talk, "Goth Modifiers in -ata and Inflectional Variation in the 'Strong' Paradigm". "Life After a Linguistics Degree: Career, Paths, and Professional Development" was the topic of a talk by Dr. Anna Marie Trester of Georgetown University. One of the many entertaining and informative talks occurred on April 21, 2014, when David Peterson, a designer of the language created for the immensely popular HBO series, Game of Thrones, spoke on the topic "The Man I Saw: External Constraints on Relative Clause Construction in Created Languages for the Big and Small Screen". The Linguistics Circle Capstone Speaker was Dr. Johan Van der Auwera from the University of Antwerp, who gave the final Linguistics Circle talk for the spring semester, "Modality and Mood: A Pair Apart".

If you did not get the opportunity to attend any of the talks, the abstracts for them are available at the following departmental website: http://www.colorado.edu/linguistics/talks

Scheduled speakers for Linguistics Circle for fall 2014 include Professor **Gary Miller**, Professor Paul Kiparsky, Dr. Suzanne Kemmer, Dr. **Kristine Stenzel**, as well, as distinguished members of the Linguistics faculty and graduate students.

## Where are our alumni?

On May 12, 2014, CU's President Bruce Benson tweeted the following: "Of CU's 361,000+ alumni, 58% have remained in Colorado after graduation, 40% live in other parts of the U.S. and 2% live internationally". How do those statistics compare with the alumni of the Department of Linguistics? In 2013, of those whose whereabouts were known to the Alumni Association (709), 53% have remained in Colorado, 38% live in other parts of the U.S., and 9% live internationally. Perhaps the nature of the discipline of linguistics leads more graduates to settle internationally than the general alumni population of CU. According to the information obtained from the Alumni Association in 2013, Linguistics alumni reside on every continent, except for Antarctica and Australia as of July, 2013, with almost half of them (45%) living in the front range counties of Colorado.

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sabbatical with us. This fall semester, Kris is teaching a graduate course on the language structure of Amazonian language.

We continue to invite outstanding linguists from all over the world to give talks in the department. Those invitations are made possible thanks to the gifts from alumni and friends. Among the invited speakers we hosted were Johan van der Auwera, Gary Miller, Arturas Ratkus, and Anna Marie Trester. The talks are a significant way to expand the range of topics offered by the faculty in the department.

This year, for the first time, the department is offering a battery of four undergraduate courses on teaching English as a foreign language. We hope that these courses will provide the students with the skills and knowledge to better prepare them to use linguistics in their professional lives. We are also trying to increase involvement of undergraduate students in our research. So far, the main support for the undergraduate students has come from faculty grants and from the university-wide Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program. In order to provide further support for the undergraduate students, the department has created its own Undergraduate Research program. The idea behind this fund is that an undergraduate student can receive a grant of up to \$1000 to conduct research under the guidance of a professor of the student's choice. The name of the fund is: 0125203 Linguistics Undergraduate Research Fund.

Please keep in touch. We always enjoy hearing from you.



# **Alumni Notes**

**Sean Allison** (Ph.D. 2012) lives in Abbotsford, British Columbia, Canada. He is an Assistant Professor at the Canada Institute of Linguistics (CanIL) on the Trinity Western University Campus in Langely, BC where he teaches courses in Syntax and Semantics and Topics of Morphology and Syntax. He will teach Survey of Linguistics Theories in spring of 2015. He is the language development coordinator for Makary Kotoko (Chadic, Cameroon) and is the linguistic consultant for SIL Cameroon. He is a member of SIL and Wycliffle Bible Translators. His current research is in exploring the discourse functions of aspects of morphology and syntax of Makary Kotoko, along with a study of what linguists of different ilks consider to be the goals of linguistics.

**Immanuel Barshi** (MA 1991, Ph.D.1997) has recently published his doctoral dissertation in a book entitled *Misunderstandings in ATC Communication: Language, Cognition, and Experimental Methodology,* Ashgate, publisher. The book was co-authored by Candace Farris whose contributions resulted from her MA Thesis.

**Meg Billings** (BA 1979) completed an MA in TESOL at UCLA following graduation from CU. She was an ESL teacher at Kanda Institute of Foreign Languages in Japan for two years and a foreign lecturer in Waseda University for four years. She is now working at a private independent high school in the Pacific Northwest, pioneering their international program and directing the ESL program.

**Steven Bryner** (Minor 2008) lives in Glenwood Springs, Colorado and is the owner of STU Enterprises, a marketing and consulting company, Some of Steven's clients are Colorado Adventure Center, Glenwood Canyon Resort, City of Glenwood Springs, among many others.

**Jacey Cargill** (BA 2014) following graduation, began working for a translation company, LUZ, in Lafayette, Colorado. She is the project coordinator with a team that supports their biggest client. She gets to use "cool" translation tools, work with language experts from all over the world, use foreign language, and learn more about business. She says that she satisfies her "linguistics curiosities" by listening to any linguistics podcasts or radio program that she get can her hands on.

**Eleanor DePuy** (MA 1977) reported the sad news that her husband passed away from leukemia in March 2013 and that her son, Dave, is battling advanced gastric cancer. She volunteers as a victim advocate for the Boulder Police Department and is a respite companion for a shut-in. She and her daughter, Nancy, live in the same house that was purchased by them when they moved to Boulder in 1963.

**Julia Fisher** (MA 1993, Ph.D. 1998) was on sabbatical from Coker College, in Hartsville, South Carolina, for the spring semester, 2014, and conducted a study of memory processes for therapeutic horseback riders, with special attention to autistic children. The work was accepted for a presentation at the International Congress for Applied Psychology in Paris in July. She continues to ride in 50 mile endurance races with her Arabian mare and passed the 1000 mile mark in competition miles on September 20 at the Biltmore Estate in Asheville NC. She returned to work at Coker College this fall. **Gail Georgeson** (MA 2011) has been teaching in the Program for Writing and Rhetoric at CU since graduating. She has taught international students in First Year Writing and has enjoyed working with the diverse group of students on a variety of writing and rhetorical skills. Since she has a background in law (J.D. George Washington University) she has had the opportunity to teach an upper division class on legal reasoning and writing. Students have participated in "Moot Court", writing briefs and opinions, and presenting oral arguments based on current legal issues.

**David Hankin** (BA 2013) has begun classes at UT Law this fall. He had been working as a butcher in Santa Monica, California, for the past year. He says he misses college dearly.

**Eunil Kim** (Ph.D. 1992) is a professor at Pukyong National University in Korea. Eunil was elected President of the New Korean Association of English Language and Literature for a one year term.

**Mary Kirchman** Range (MA 2014) is working in the Chicago area as a Translation Project Manager at a company that does organizational development surveys, called Human Synergistics International. She makes sure that their products are translated into over twenty languages consistently and accurately.

**Robert Koops** (Ph.D. 1990) taught "Linguistics for Teachers" at the Gallup branch of the University of New Mexico for 7 years, but he now teaches the course online. He has been working on a dictionary of Kuteb to follow his grammar of Kuteb (Benue-Congo, Nigeria) that was published a couple of years ago. He consults on Bible translation projects in Nigeria and teaches Navajo reading and is learning to speak Navajo.

**Holly Krech** (Ph.D. 2004) is currently a professor in the Psychology Department at Bethany College in Kansas. She teaches, among other things, Cognitive Psychology and Statistics. She and her husband, Benjamin, have four children, ages 3 to 7, and they live in a 110 year old house near the church where her husband works. She says that their days are filled with home improvement projects and "children's antics".

**Mark Kulkin** (BA 2001) began a full time job in the CU library system following graduation, but moved to Rhode Island in 2005. He assists in the administration and management of the Blais Family Library on the Worcester campus of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences University. He was married in 2007 and has a five year old son. He loves to spend time with his family. He still collects "speech errors", a passion he caught from **Dr. Alan Bell.** He

LINGUISTICS EVENTS SCHEDULE Upcoming events in the Department of Linguistics, including Linguistics Circle Talks, are listed on the website at <u>www.colorado.edu/linguistics/talks</u>. Linguistics Circle Talks are usually held on alternate Mondays from 4:00-5:30 p.m. and will be held in Hellems 267 for fall 2014. Refreshments are served.

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has found, after collecting thousands of "errors" over the years, that speech errors always occur only a few syllables away from the mistaken word.

**Vicky Lai** (Ph.D. 2009) reports that she gave birth to a baby boy this year.

**Austin Miller** (BA 2014) is in Hangzhou, China, for one year, teaching English to children ages 6 to 10.

**Michelle Morris** King (BA 1993) is living in Manhattan Beach, California.

**Kelsey Moses** (BA 1999) taught for six years at Havern School in Littleton, but is currently at home with three kids. She tutors students of all ages and enjoys her ebay store.

**Elena Norman** (BA 2014) is working at the University of Colorado Boulder in two half-time positions, as Program Assistant for the Biological Sciences Initiative and Program Administrator for MCDB. Her future plans include working toward an MA degree.

**Jessica Oppen** (May 2011) has been promoted to Senior Assistant Director of Admissions Operations at the University of Colorado Boulder.

**Joshua Raclaw** (MA 2008, Ph.D. 2013) recently completed his first year as a postdoc at the Center for Women's Health Research and is an honorary fellow in Sociology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. His current research is part of an NIH funded project that uses conversation analysis to examine patterns of interaction in scientific peer review meetings.

**William Raymond** (Ph.D. 2000), after graduation, worked at Ohio State University as a Research Associate in the Linguistics and Psychology departments, where he managed a project that transcribed, phonetically annotated, and analyzed a corpus of interview speech. He returned to CU Boulder in 2004 and began working in the Psychology and Neuroscience department on a project funded by the Army Research Office looking at how training factors affect longterm learning and transfer of skills. He is currently the Associate Director for the Center for Research on Training and continues to do research in linguistics, concentrating on variationist approaches to understanding language production and change using statistical modeling of phonetic and syntactic variation.

Wendy Ross Schultz (BA 1990) returned to the U.S. after seven years as a full time resident in Costa Rica, While in Costa Rica, she trained public school English teachers for the Ministry of Education and served on the faculty of the University of Costa Rica. She, along with her husband and children, organically farmed cacao and learned chocolatiering. Since settling in Vermont, they continue to make Choco Rica Chocolate from certified organic and fair trade Costa Rican cacao. She has just completed the first year as a Spanish teacher at Green Mountain Union MS/HS in Vermont and has plans to return to Costa Rica whenever possible to maintain friendships and bilingualism.

Jeff Stebbins (MA 2005, Ph.D. 2010) is a resident linguist and teacher trainer at Resource Exchange International, a nonprofit in Colorado Springs. Twice a year, Jeff takes teams of surgeons to train doctors in Vietnam and takes a group of college students to Vietnam National University for a cultural exchange program. In October, he will present a paper on Vietnamese tonogenesis at the Language and Biological Information Conference in Dallas, Texas.

**Kristine Stenzel** (MA 2002, Ph.D. 2004) continues to do research on Amazonian languages in Brazil and has been an associate professor in the Linguistics Department of the Federal University of Rio de Janiero since 2009. In 2013, her Reference Grammar of Kotiria (Wanano) was published by the University of Nebraska Press. She is currently on leave and is spending the 2014-2015 academic year as a visiting scholar in the Linguistics Department at CU Boulder, where she is working on a textbook and teaching a graduate class in Amazonian languages. Kris is "thrilled to be back at CU".

**Michael Vallee** (MA 2012) is a lecturer at the International English Center at the University of Colorado Boulder.

Sarah Vieweg (MA 2007, Ph.D. Atlas 2012)) and Adam Hodges (Ph.D. 2008) are living in Qatar. Sarah is a scientist at the Qatar Computing Research Institute, where she works in the Social Computing Group. Her research is an extension of her doctoral dissertation and she continues to focus on identifying linguistic characteristics of microblogged information communicated during mass emergency, with an eye toward extracting data relevant to situational awareness. Adam is a Visiting Assistant Professor of English at Carnegie Mellon University in Doha, Qatar. His recent edited volume, *Discourses of War and Peace*, was published in 2013 by Oxford University Press. He continues to research and publish in sociocultural linguistics. He and Sarah published an article together in the IEEE computer journal.

**Susan Wang** (BA 2011) is teaching Mandarin at Fairview High School in Boulder. This past summer, she was accepted to participate at the Teaching Chinese as a Second Language Teachers Workshop, sponsored by the Taiwanese Ministry of Education in Tainan, Taiwan.

**Rachel Weston** (MA 2005) lives in Denver with her husband and three year old daughter. She has been working in Boulder for Rally Software for the past seven years. She works as an Agile and Lean Coach in the Office of the CTO, which means that she gets to work on what's next for technology businesses and help people to transform their companies to be more able to respond to change.

**Georgia Zellou** (Ph.D. 2012) is an Assistant Professor of Linguistics at the University of California, Davis. She completed a post-doctoral research position at the University of Pennsylvania prior to the move to California with her family.



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### **GRADUATES 2013-2014**

#### BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE

Austin Alverson Nikkia Ballantyne Andrea Bovd Chelsea Buchler Stephanie Burroughs Jacey Cargill Jobi Carter Hayley Coniglio Janette Cottrell Meghan Damour Alison Dearborn Kathleen Flaherty Mary Frongillo Keegan Funderburk Margaret Godsil Erin Greenhalgh Benya Horowitz Lindsey Hullinger Sean Kelly Alexander McBroom Austin Miller Tara Moriarty Elena Norman Jennifer Page Tu Phan Christopher Sawyer Crystal Schablitzky Kerra Schroeder William Schutze Jr Megan Smith Darya Tarasova Hilary Terrell

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#### **CONCURRENT BA/MA**

Alexei Bazhenov Dillon Ekle Silver Kang Irina Vagner

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#### MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE

Iman Albadar Saleh Alharthi **Rita Berberian** Ksenia Bogomolets Shannon Conover Keri Griffith Mariah Hamang Rei Ikuta Solange James Velda Khoo Mary Kirchman Chelsea Kirk Silvina Magda Alexis Raykhel Jared Schwartz **Kirsten Stauffer** 

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREE

Jill Duffield David Harper Michael Thomas Joint Ph.D. Cognitive Science

#### LINGUISTICS MINORS

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