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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley

PhD student in Linguistics

Present

University of California, Berkeley

MA in Linguistics

2025

Capstone: Nonverbal clauses in Chamoru: predication vs identificational, specificational, and equative

Unibetsedåt Guåhan (University of Guam)

MA in English (Linguistics Emphasis)

2021

Thesis: I anakko' na sonada siha gi fino' Chamoru: a phonetic investigation of geminate production in Chamoru

Unibetsedåt Guåhan (University of Guam)

BA in English Literature, Minor in Writing

2017

PUBLICATIONS

San Nicolas, Ha'åni L. F. & **Santos, Måsi M.** (2025). En Sigi Ha' Mo'na: A Genealogy of CHamoru Resistance to Language Erasure. *Journal of Pacific History*, Special Issue: In Our Own Words.

CONFERENCES

Language arts exercise as language reclamation praxis

COIL — UC Davis Conference on Indigenous Language
University of California, Davis

2025

En Sigi Ha' Mona: CHamoru Language Reclamation as Resurgence from Colonial Histories

Co-author: Ha'åni Lucia Falo San Nicolas

Native American and Indigenous Studies Association 13th Annual Meeting
Nord University, Bådåddjo/Buvvda (Bodø), Sábmme (Norway)

2024

Changes in Chamoru gemination (poster)

Co-author: David Ruskin, PhD

Linguistic Society of America 96th Annual Meeting
Washington, D.C., USA

2022

Preliminary explorations of geminate productions in Chamoru

41st Annual Research Conference

Unibetsedåt Guåhan (University of Guam)

2020

Language Ecology of Guam: Where does Chamoru fit in? (flashtalk) 2018
9th Center for Island Sustainability Conference
Unibetsedåt Guåhan (University of Guam), Guåhan (Guam)

(Re)presenting Pacific Island Women as Agents for Environmental Change 2017
Co-author: Andrea Sant, PhD, & EN460 cohort
8th Center for Island Sustainability Conference
Unibetsedåt Guåhan (University of Guam), Guåhan (Guam)

TEACHING

University of California, Berkeley

Graduate Student Instructor

Course:

- Introduction to Linguistic Science Fall 2023
Fall 2024
- Language & Gender Summer 2024
Summer 2025
- Reading & Composition
 ◦ Endangered Languages: Why does linguistic diversity matter? Spring 2024
 ◦ Language & gender Fall 2025
- The languages of America Spring 2025

Unibetsedåt Guåhan (University of Guam)

Fall 2021

Instructor of Record

Course: Freshman Composition

GUEST LECTURE

University of California, Berkeley

Oct 2025

Title: Language & gender research in the U.S. & California

Course: One state, many voices: linguistic diversity in California

Instructor: Prof. Line Mikkelsen

University of California, Berkeley

April 2025

Title: Transgender language reform via Lal Zimman

Course: The Languages of America

Instructor: Prof. Line Mikkelsen

DOCUMENTATION

Documenter, Developing CHamoru Language Infrastructure: Gogue yan CHachalani Mo'na i Fino'-ta (Embrace and Make a Way Forward for Our Language) 2021-2022

Principal Investigators: David Ruskin, PhD & Robert Underwood, PhD
Unibetsedåt Guåhan (University of Guam)

SERVICE, OUTREACH, & LEADERSHIP

Graduate Student Representative, Graduate Studies Committee 2024-now
Department of Linguistics
University of California, Berkeley

Linguistic Partner, 2024 Breath of Life Archival Institute for Indigenous California Languages 2024
Advocates for Indigenous California Language Survival &
University of California, Berkeley

Delegate, Graduate Assembly 2022-2024
University of California, Berkeley

Graduate Student Representative, Advisory Committee for Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Scholar Professional Development 2022-2024
University of California, Berkeley

Co-organizer, Language Revitalization Working Group 2022-2024
Department of Linguistics, University of California, Berkeley

Reviewer, Storyboard: A Journal of Pacific Imagery (Vol. 20) 2022
University of Guam Press, Unibetsedåt Guåhan (University of Guam)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

UC Berkeley Graduate Diversity and Community Fellow 2024-2025
Office of Graduate Diversity, University of California, Berkeley

Indigenous Poetics Lab Fellow 2023-2024
Arts Research Center, University of California, Berkeley

34th European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information 2023
Faculty of Computer and Information Science, University of Ljubljana

Path to the Professoriate Program 2022-2023

Office for Graduate Diversity, University of California, Berkeley

CoLang 2022 (Institute on Collaborative Language Research) 2022
University of Montana

AWARDS & GRANTS

UC Berkeley Graduate Diversity and Community Fellowship 2024-2025
Office of Graduate Diversity, University of California, Berkeley

Graduate Diversity Pilot Grant 2024, 2023
Department of Linguistics, University of California, Berkeley

Indigenous Poetics Lab Fellowship 2023
Arts Research Center, University of California, Berkeley

Journal of Pacific History Incentive Grant 2023
Journal of Pacific History

PROGRAMS

Praat, R, LaTeX

LANGUAGES

English (native), Chamoru (near-native), Spanish (beginner), German (beginner)