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## Research Positions

- 2019–2021 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellow, Humanities Lab, Lund University, Sweden
- 2019–2020 Hosted Researcher, Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social (CIESAS), Mexico City, Mexico
- 2017–2019 Postdoctoral Researcher, Sign Language Research Lab, University of Haifa, Israel

## Education

- 2017 Ph.D. in Linguistics, The University of Texas at Austin.  
*Dissertation: Points of Comparison: What Indicating Gestures tell us About the Origins of Signs in San Juan Quiahije Chatino Sign Language. Chair: David Quinto-Pozos.*
- 2011 M.A. in Applied Linguistics, Boston University.
- 2006 B.A. in Philosophy and Religion, New College of Florida.

## Publications

- Submitted Mesh, K. It's as far as the arm can raise: Gesture height marks target distance among the Quiahije Chatino.
- In Press Mesh, K., Cruz, E., van de Weijer, J., Burenhult, N., and Gullberg, M. Effects of scale on multimodal deixis: Evidence from Quiahije Chatino. *Frontiers in Psychology*.
- In Press Cooperrider, K. & Mesh, K. Pointing in gesture and sign: One tool, many uses. In A. Morgenstern and S. Goldin-Meadow (Eds.), *The Blossoming of Gesture in Language*.
- 2018 Mesh, K. & Hou, L. Negation in San Juan Quiahije Chatino Sign Language: The Integration and Adaptation of Negative Emblems. *GESTURE*: 17:3.
- 2015 Nonaka, A., Mesh, K. & Sagara, K. Signed Names in Japanese Sign Language: Linguistic and Cultural Analyses. *Sign Language Studies*: 16:1
- 2012 Mesh, K. Performance in an American Sign Language boundary perception task using naturalistic stimuli. *LSA Annual Meeting Extended Abstracts*.

## Curated Documentary Linguistic Datasets

- 2018 Mesh, K. "Gesture, Speech and Sign in Chatino Communities." *The Endangered Languages Archive at SOAS, London*. Public access. <https://elar.soas.ac.uk/#0459>
- 2018 Hou, L. & Mesh, K. "Documenting Chatino Sign Language." *The Endangered Languages Archive at SOAS, London*. Public access. <https://elar.soas.ac.uk/#0355>

## Edited Volumes

- 2015 Jerro, K. & Mesh, K. *Proceedings of the 13th Texas Linguistics Society Meeting*.
- 2011 Danis, N., Mesh, K., & Sung, H., eds. *Proceedings of the 35th Annual Boston University Conference on Language Development*. Cascadilla Press, Cambridge.
- 2010 Franich, K., Mesh Iserman, K., & Keil, L., eds. *Proceedings of the 34th Annual Boston University Conference on Language Development*. Cascadilla Press, Cambridge.

## Grants & Fellowships

### Grants

- 2012–2013 The Hans Rausing Endangered Languages Project, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. Co-Principal Investigator.  
*Project title: Investigating an undocumented sign language in a Chatino speech/sign community.*  
*Co-Principal Investigator: Lynn Hou, UT Austin. (£9,997)*

### Fellowships

- 2019–2021 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship, European Research Commission
- 2016 Continuing Fellowship, The Graduate School of the University of Texas at Austin
- 2015 Linguistics Department Fellowship, College of Liberal Arts, UT Austin
- 2015 Carlota S. Smith Memorial Fellowship, Linguistics Department, UT Austin
- 2014 E.D. Farmer Fellowship, Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies, UT Austin
- 2013 Carlota S. Smith Memorial Fellowship, Linguistics Department, UT Austin
- 2011 Recruitment Fellowship, The Graduate School of The University of Texas at Austin

## Invited Talks

- 2019 University of Göttingen LinG Workshop on Sign Languages
- 2019 Grammar of the Body Symposium, University of Haifa
- 2019 Bar Ilan University Linguistics Department Colloquium
- 2019 University of Haifa Hebrew Language Department Colloquium
- 2018 Tel Aviv University Linguistics Department Colloquium
- 2018 Dartmouth College Linguistics Department Colloquium
- 2017 Origins of Language Workshop, Harvard University
- 2016 Specialist Meeting on Universals and Variation in Spatial Referencing across Cultures and Languages, University of California, Santa Barbara.
- 2015 Primer Coloquio Internacional sobre Lenguas de Señas Emergentes en Las Américas, CIESAS, Mexico City, Mexico. [Co-speaker: L. Hou]
- 2015 Emerging Sign Languages & The Big Picture Workshop, Tufts University. [Co-speaker: L. Hou]
- 2014 Charles University Deaf Studies Speaker Series, Prague, Czech Republic

## Abstract Reviewed Conference Presentations

- 2019 Mesh, K. "Cómo la 'descripción abierta' impacta la documentación: Un caso de estudio en el chatino de San Juan Quiahije." Paper presentation at the CILLA 2019 Meeting. Austin, TX. October 10-12.
- 2019 Mesh, K., Dachkovsky, S., Stamp, S., & Sandler, W. "Reduction of the Pointing Signal as a Result of Conventionalization: Evidence from Israeli Sign Language." Paper presentation at the 6th annual Conference on Cognition Research of the Israeli Society for Cognitive Psychology. Acre, Israel. February 12-14.
- 2019 Mesh, K., Dachkovsky, S., Stamp, S., & Sandler, W. "Gaze Delinks from Pointing as a Result of Grammaticalization: Evidence from Israeli Sign Language." Paper presentation at the 93rd LSA Annual Meeting. New York, NY. January 3-7.
- 2019 Mesh, K. "Open Description Impacts Documentation: A Case Study from San Juan Quiahije Chatino." Paper presentation at the SSILA 2019 Meeting. New York, NY. January 3-7.

- 2018 Mesh, K. "Points of Comparison: What Pointing Gestures tell Us About the Origins of Signs in San Juan Quiahije Chatino Sign Language." Paper presentation at the 8th conference of the International Society for Gesture Studies. Cape Town, South Africa, July 4–8.
- 2018 Hou, L., & Mesh, K. "From Emblems to Grammar: Gestural contributions to an emerging sign language in Mexico." Paper presentation at the 8th conference of the International Society for Gesture Studies. Cape Town, South Africa, July 4–8.
- 2018 Mesh, K., Dachkovsky, S., Stamp, R., & Sandler, W. "Changes in the Compositionality of Indicating Signals in the Course of Grammaticalization." Contribution to the workshop, "What is Compositional About Language," EVOLANG 12. April 16–19. Torun, Poland.
- 2017 Mesh, K. "*This Uphill*: How Manual Gestures Supplement Fixed Bearing Descriptions in San Juan Quiahije Chatino." Paper presentation at the 91st LSA Annual Meeting. Austin, TX. January 5–8.
- 2016 Mesh, K. "One Emblem in Two Types of Talk: How Speakers and Signers use the 'Go' Gesture in a Chatino Community." Paper presentation at the 7th conference of the International Society for Gesture Studies. Paris, France, July 18–23.
- 2014 Mesh, K. & Hou, L. "Repair Initiation in Gesture and Sign: A Study of Chatino Sign Language", paper presentation at the 6th conference of the International Society for Gesture Studies. San Diego, CA. July 8–11.
- 2014 Hou, L. & Mesh, K. "Lexicalization of negative gestures in Chatino Sign", paper presentation at the 6th conference of the International Society for Gesture Studies. San Diego, CA. July 8–11.
- 2013 Hou, L. & Mesh, K. "Negation strategies of deaf & hearing users of Chatino Sign Language," paper presentation at the 14th Texas Linguistic Society Conference. Austin, TX. November 1–3.
- 2013 Mesh, K. & Hou, L. "Mutual intelligibility in unfolding discourse: A study of interaction in Chatino Sign Language," paper presentation at the 6th Conference on Indigenous Languages of Latin America (CILLA VI). Austin, TX. Oct. 24–26.
- 2013 Hou, L. & Mesh, K. "Negation in Chatino Sign Language," poster presentation at the 13th Theoretical Issues in Sign Language Research conference. London, U.K., July 10–13.
- 2012 Mesh, K. "Performance in an ASL boundary perception task", presentation at the 34th Annual Conference of the Germany Linguistic Society (DfGS). Frankfurt, Germany. March 6–9
- 2012 Mesh, K. "What the deaf can do, the hearing can, too: Performance in an ASL boundary perception task", poster presentation at the 86th LSA Annual Meeting. Portland, OR, January 5–8

## Teaching Experience

### Course Instructor

- 2020 La coexpresividad y la multimodalidad en la interacción lingüística en Mesoamérica. Co-Instructor. CIESAS Sureste and UC San Diego (UC-Mexus CONACYT).  
*Description: intensive workshop on multimodal language analysis comprising 3 week-long seminars, scheduled for February, July, and December 2020. Organizers: John Haviland and Telma Can Pixabaj.*
- 2016 Introduction to the Study of Language. Instructor. The University of Texas at Austin  
*Description: an introduction to language science, with a special focus on the analysis of multimodal and signed language data. Evaluations: overall rating of instructor= 4.8/5, overall rating of course= 4.5/5*

### Teaching Assistant

- 2014 Introduction to the Study of Language. The University of Texas at Austin  
2014 Signed Languages and Signing Communities. The University of Texas at Austin  
2013 Production and Perception of Speech Sounds. The University of Texas at Austin

### Advising

- Ongoing Rehana Omardeen. "Person reference in Providence Island Sign Language." (University of Göttingen Linguistics dissertation in progress, committee member)
- 2020 Josefina Safar. "What's your sign for TORTILLA? A comparative study of Yucatec Maya Sign Languages." (Stockholm University Linguistics Department dissertation, opponent for 'mock' /preparatory defense: May 29, 2020)

### Other Mentorship

- 2017–2019 Organizer, Sign Language Research Lab Data Management Group, U. of Haifa.
- 2012–2013 Lab Manager, Village Sign Language Ethnographic Research Lab, UT Austin.
- 2010–2011 Lab Manager, Kuntze Lab for Literacy and Language Development, Boston University.

## Service

Reviews for Publishers: *Frontiers in Psychology*, *Glossa*, *Lingua*, *Sign Language & Linguistics*, *Language Dynamics & Change*, *Hunter Gatherer Research*, *de Gruyter Mouton*

Reviews for Conferences: Linguistic Society of America, Theoretical Issues in Sign Language Research, Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas, Conference on Indigenous Languages of Latin America, Texas Linguistics Society, Symposium About Language and Society Austin

Grant Reviews: Endangered Languages Documentation Programme (SOAS)

*Other Service*

- 2016–2017     Advisor, Conference Committee for the Texas Linguistics Society & the Symposium About Language and Society, UT Austin.
- 2012–2013     Co-Organizer, Texas Linguistic Society Annual Meeting
- 2011–2013     Student Research member, VL2 Science of Learning Center
- 2011–2012     Linguistics Department Representative, UT Graduate Student Assembly
- 2008–2010     Co-Organizer, Boston University Conference on Language Development

**Memberships**

- 2010–present     Linguistic Society of America
- 2010–present     Sign Language Linguistics Society
- 2014–present     International Society for Gesture Studies
- 2018–present     Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas
- 2018–present     Research Data Alliance

**Fieldwork**

- 2012–2019     San Juan Quiahije, Oaxaca, Mexico, 14 months.  
*Field research 2012-2014 conducted in collaboration with Lynn Hou*

**Language Proficiency**

English (native speaker), Spanish, American Sign Language (conversational), French (reading), Catalan (acquiring via coursework), San Juan Quiahije Chatino, San Juan Quiahije Chatino Sign Language (acquiring via fieldwork), Kaqchikel (field methods coursework), Classical Greek, Latin (all but gone)