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EDUCATION

Degree Programs

2023 **Ph.D., Linguistics**
McGill University • Montreal, QC
> Dissertation: *A Grammar of the Shughni Language*
> Advisor: Jessica Coon

2013 **B.A., Linguistics & Chinese, *summa cum laude***
University of Kentucky • Lexington, KY

Other Academic Experience

2022–2023 **Visiting Scholar in Linguistics**
Tajik National Academy of Sciences • Dushanbe, Tajikistan

FALL 2019 **Visiting Scholar in Linguistics**
University of Central Asia • Khorugh, Tajikistan

SUMMER 2018 **Institute on Collaborative Language Research (CoLang)**
University of Florida • Gainesville, FL, USA

Intensive language study

SUMMER 2022 **Advanced Russian (Courses in M.A. program)**
Middlebury College • Middlebury, VT

SUMMER 2021 **Advanced Russian (Level 4/4)**
Middlebury College • Middlebury, VT

SUMMER 2017 **Advanced Tajiki**
American Councils Study Abroad • Dushanbe, Tajikistan

FALL 2012 **Chinese Language Program**
Xinjiang University • Urumqi, China

SUMMER 2011 **Elementary Uyghur**
Indiana University SWSEEL • Bloomington, IN

GRANTS & AWARDS

2022–2023	Fulbright Student Research Grant Local affiliation: <i>Tajikistan National Academy of Sciences</i>	27,650 USD
2020–2021	FRQSC Doctoral Research Grant <i>Fonds de Recherche, Société et culture Québec</i>	20,000 CAD
2019–2020	Title VIII Combined Research & Language Training <i>American Councils for International Education</i>	18,250 USD
2018–2019	Indigenous Cultural Studies Fellowship <i>McGill University</i>	18,500 CAD
2019	GREAT Award for Conference Travel <i>McGill University</i>	500 CAD
2018	Graduate Mobility Award <i>McGill University</i>	2,666 CAD
2018	GREAT Award for Conference Travel <i>McGill University</i>	500 CAD
2018	ConCALL Conference Travel Stipend <i>Indiana University</i>	300 USD
2017	Graduate Mobility Award <i>McGill University</i>	4,000 CAD
2017	Graduate Excellence Award <i>McGill University</i>	2,000 CAD
2016	Graduate Excellence Award <i>McGill University</i>	15,500 CAD
2016	McCall MacBain Fellowship <i>McGill University</i>	5,000 CAD
2012	Undergraduate Research Award <i>University of Kentucky</i>	500 USD

TEACHING

Linguistics courses (Lecturer)

SUMMER 2021	Languages of the World (LING 215) <i>McGill University</i>
SPRING 2015	Phonetics & Phonology I (in Spanish) <i>National Autonomous University of Nicaragua</i>

Linguistics courses (Teaching Assistant)

- SPRING 2019 **Introduction to Linguistics (LING 201)**
McGill University
Instructors: Jessica Coon & Heather Goad
- FALL 2018 **Introduction to Linguistics (LING 201)**
McGill University
Instructors: Jessica Coon & Francisco Torreira
- SPRING 2018 **Introduction to the Study of Language (LING 200)**
McGill University
Instructor: Nicholas Baier
- FALL 2017 **Introduction to the Study of Language (LING 200)**
McGill University
Instructor: Nicholas Baier

ESL and EFL (Instructor)

- 2020–2022 **English as a Second Language (Volunteer)**
Afghan Women's Centre of Montreal (AWCM)
> Principal Instructor for two English courses for Afghan refugee women
- SPRING 2015 **English Grammar IV**
National Autonomous University of Nicaragua
- FALL 2014 **English Grammar III**
National Autonomous University of Nicaragua
- FALL 2014 **(ESL) Listening III**
National Autonomous University of Nicaragua
- SPRING 2014 **English Grammar II**
National Autonomous University of Nicaragua
- SPRING 2014 **Introductory English**
National Autonomous University of Nicaragua
- FALL 2012 **Computer Science English**
Xinjiang University, Urumqi, China

Guest Lectures

- FALL 2022 **'Linguistic Diversity in Tajikistan'**. Lecture given to the English Club at Russian-Tajik Slavonic University, Dushanbe, December 12, 2022.
- FALL 2021 **'Linguistic Diversity in Canada and Beyond'**. Lecture given in Introduction to Linguistics (LING 201), McGill University, December 1, 2021.
- SPRING 2019 **'Linguistic Diversity in Canada and Beyond'**. Lecture given in Introduction to Linguistics (LING 201), McGill University, April 3, 2019.

FALL 2018 ‘Linguistic Diversity in Canada and Beyond’. Lecture given in Introduction to Linguistics (LING 201), McGill University, December 1, 2018.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 **Parker, Clinton.** ‘Similarities, differences, and challenges in the Iranian and Tajik Persian varieties: A learner’s perspective’. Presented (in Persian) virtually at *University of Chicago Persian Circle*, February 21, 2024.
- 2023 **Parker, Clinton.** ‘Selected topics in Shughni grammar: Information structure, oblique-first constructions, and irregular verbs’. Presented virtually at *Iranistics Seminar, Moscow Higher School of Economics*, May 26, 2023.
- 2023 **Parker, Clinton.** ‘Documenting the Shughni Language’. Presented at *Fulbright South and Central Asia Conference*, Kochi, India, February 28, 2023.
- 2022 **Parker, Clinton** (with Shahlo Shomansurova). ‘Exploring grammatical gender in Shughni’. Presented at *International Conference on Modern Trends and Perspectives of Innovative Development in Linguistics*, Dushanbe, Tajikistan, November 24, 2022.
- 2022 **Parker, Clinton.** ‘Grammatical gender and Russian borrowings in the Shughni language’ (in Russian). Presented at *Middlebury Graduate Symposium*, Middlebury College, August 6, 2022.
- 2021 **Parker, Clinton.** ‘The state of the art in Persian language pedagogy.’ Presented at *Middle East Studies Association (MESA), 55th annual meeting*, McGill University, December 2, 2021.
- 2019 **Parker, Clinton.** ‘Agreement, clitic doubling, and vestigial ergativity in Shughni.’ Presented at *The Second North American Conference on Iranian Linguistics (NACIL 2)*, University of Arizona, April 19, 2019.
- 2019 **Parker, Clinton.** (Poster) ‘On the Responsibilities of Universities in Indigenous Language Revitalization: A Canadian Perspective.’ Presented at the *Symposium on American Indian Languages (SAIL)*, University of Arizona, April 13, 2019.
- 2018 **Parker, Clinton.** ‘Vestigial ergativity in Shughni: Typology and analysis.’ Presented at *Conference on Central Asian Languages and Linguistics (ConCALL)*, Indiana University, March 2, 2018.
- 2018 **Parker, Clinton,** ‘A feature-based movement analysis for vestigial ergativity in Shughni.’ Presented at *The 6th Annual Montreal-Ottawa-Toronto-Hamilton Syntax Workshop (MOTH 6)*, McGill University April 28, 2018.
- 2012 **Parker, Clinton.** ‘The Sarikoli language and its (lack of) vestigial ergativity’. Presented at *Undergraduate Research in Linguistics Day*, University of Kentucky, April 25, 2012.

PUBLICATIONS

- in prep. **Parker, Clinton** and Shahlo Shomansurova. *A Grammar of the Shughni Language* UCL Press (Grammars of World and Minority Languages Series).
- 2021 **Parker, Clinton**. Review of *Routledge Handbook of Second Language Acquisition and Pedagogy of Persian* (ed. Pouneh Shabani-Jadidi). *Iranian Studies*.
- 2020 **Parker, Clinton**. Vestigial ergativity in Shughni: At the intersection of alignment, clitic doubling, and feature-driven movement. *Glossa: A Journal of General Linguistics*, 5(1), 52.
- 2019 Coon, Jessica and **Clint Parker**. Case interactions in syntax. In *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Linguistics*. Ed. Mark Aronoff. New York: Oxford University Press.
- 2018 Working Group on the Role of the University in Supporting Indigenous Languages (Member). Bridging communities and universities through language engagement: A vision for university engagement in the maintenance, revitalization, and strengthening of Indigenous languages. Published online at: <http://mcgillindigenousslanguagesymposium.ca>

SERVICE

Conference & Research Group organization

- 2020-2021 **Montreal Underdocumented Languages & Linguistics (MULL) Lab**
Lead Organizer
- 2018-2019 **McGill Fieldwork Group**
Lead Organizer
- MAY 2018 **McGill Symposium on the Role of the University in Indigenous Language Revitalization**
Organizing Team Member
- APRIL 2018 **Montreal-Toronto-Ottawa-Hamilton Syntax Workshop (MOTH)**
Organizing Team Member

Event organization

- MARCH 2019 **McGill Persian New Year Celebration (in Farsi)**
Master of Ceremony & Organizer
- MARCH 2018 **McGill Persian New Year Celebration (in Farsi)**
Master of Ceremony & Organizer
- AUGUST 2017 **American Councils ERLP Final Celebration (in Tajiki)**
Master of Ceremony & Co-organizer

MARCH 2017 **McGill Persian New Year Celebration (in Farsi)**
Master of Ceremony & Organizer

Ad hoc book chapter reviewing

- 2022 Ad hoc reviewer for a paper in the *Toronto Working Papers in Linguistics (TWPL)*
- 2019 Ad hoc reviewer for six chapters for the *Oxford Handbook of Second Language Acquisition and Pedagogy of Persian*

NON-ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2023– **Linguistic consultant**
Winterlight Labs, LLC • Remote
- > Provide syntactic analysis (dependency framework) for utterances in German, Danish, and Polish
 - > Optimize NLP algorithms by checking human analysis against computer analysis
 - > Improve NLP software to be used in the diagnosis and monitoring of medical conditions
- 2023– **Educator & Consultant in Intercultural Communication**
Carrefour de Ressources en Interculturel (CRIC) • Montreal, QC
- > Design & deliver trainings in theoretical and practical aspects of intercultural communications
 - > Consult with active and potential clients (e.g., organizations and enterprises) to tailor trainings to their needs
 - > Assist immigrants in Montreal by supporting volunteer programs and providing liaison services
- 2013–2015 **TEFL Teacher & Teacher Trainer**
United States Peace Corps • Juigalpa, Nicaragua
- > Trained Nicaraguan English teachers in innovative teaching methodologies
 - > Taught English courses in university and high-school settings
 - > Designed and taught community courses in Mandarin Chinese
 - > Carried out community-based projects promoting environmental protection
 - > Translated teaching and training documents for local NGO

OTHER SKILLS

Languages

NATIVE English

NEAR-NATIVE Spanish (ACTFL “Superior”)

ADVANCED	Shughni, Russian, Persian (Iranian and Tajik varieties), French
INTERMEDIATE	Mandarin Chinese, German
BEGINNER	Uyghur
RESEARCH	Avestan, Old Persian, Burushaski, Miskito; Mazatec, Timucua (dormant language of Florida), Lingala, Japanese, Danish, Polish

Software

ADVANCED	L ^A T _E X
INTERMEDIATE	Praat, Swift, FLE _x , ELAN
BEGINNER	R, Python