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Education

B.A. Anthropology and Linguistics (cum laude). Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida. May, 1967.

Ph.D. Anthropology (linguistics concentration). Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. August, 1970.

Affiliations

Academic, Research and Public/Applied Affiliations

A. Department of Anthropology, American University, Washington, D.C.

Assistant Professor (1970-1975), Associate Professor, (1975-1994), Professor (1994- August 2016); Department Chair, (1985-1989, 2002-2011); Administrator, American Studies Program (1990-91; 2002-2008); Member, Affiliated faculty, Women's/Gender/Sexuality Studies Program (1993-August2016.)

B. Center for Applied Linguistics, Arlington, Virginia.

Research associate in Indian Education, 1972-1973, 1974-1975; Director, Indian Education Programs, 1975-1979.

C. National Tribal Chairmen's Association, Washington, D.C.

Staff resource for bilingual education, NTCA Education Components. 1979-1980.

D. National Congress of American Indians, Washington, D.C.

Staff resource for bilingual education, 1980-1981. Director, Indian Education, 1981-1983.

E. Northern Ute Tribe Education Program and Wykoopah Bilingual Education program, Northern Ute reservation, Utah

Consulting linguist, 1978- 1998.

F. University of Cape Town, Rondebosch, South Africa

Visiting fellow, Centre for Rhetoric Studies, May-June, 1997, July-August, 1998.

Visiting lecturer, Theory of Literature Programme, May-June, 1996; July-August, 1997; September- October, 1998; January-March, 1999.

H. Institute für Anglistik und Amerikanistik, Universität
Osnabrück, DE

Scholar-in-residence, June 2008, January 2011.

I. Fakultät für Linguistik und Literaturwissenschaft,
Anglistische Linguistik Universität Bielefeld, DE

Faculty-in-residence, July, 2014.

J. Center for the Study of Women, Gender & Sexuality, Florida
Atlantic University, Boca Raton FL

Affiliate Professor, February 2016 - currently.

Appointments and Elected Positions

2010-2013 Chair, Payne Prize Committee and ex-officio member,
Executive Board, Association for Queer Anthropology,
American Anthropological Association.

2005-2008 Chair, Editorial Committee, SOLGAN (Newsletter of the
Society of Lesbian and Gay Anthropologists, American
Anthropological Association.

1994-1999 Co-Chair, Commission on Lesbian and Gay Concerns in
Anthropology, American Anthropological Association.

1993-1996, AIDS Advisory Group, Society for Applied
Anthropology.

1992-1996 Member, Steering Committee, Anthropology and AIDS
Research Group, Society for Medical Anthropology.

1989-1991 Co-Chair, Society of Lesbian and Gay Anthropologists.

1988-1993 Member, AIDS and Anthropology Task Force, American
Anthropological Association.

1987-1988 President, Anthropological Society of Washington.

Publications

Books

In development Language Before Stonewall [ms. to be submitted
to publishers fall 2015]

2009 Introducing Sociolinguistics, (2nd ed.) (Raj Mesthre, Joan
Swann, Anna Deumert, and William Leap) Edinburgh:
University of Edinburgh Press. (First edition, 2000)

1996 Word's Out: Gay Men's English. Minneapolis: University of
Minnesota Press. (Now in second printing.)
received the **Ruth Benedict prize** for outstanding edited collection in
lesbian/gay anthropology in 1996, Society of Lesbian and Gay
Anthropologists, American Anthropological Association.

1993 American Indian English. Salt Lake City: University of
Utah Press. (Paperback edition, fall, 1999, e-book edition
2011)

Edited Collections (selected)

- 2009 (co-edited with Ellen Lewin) Out in Public: Lesbian and Gay Anthropology in a Globalizing World. Malden MA: Wiley-Blackwell
received the **Ruth Benedict prize** for outstanding edited collection in lesbian/gay anthropology in 2009, Society of Lesbian and Gay Anthropologists, American Anthropological Association.
- 2004 (co-edited with Tom Boellstorff) Speaking in Queer Tongues: Globalization and Gay Language. Urbana: University of Illinois Press.
- 2002 (co-edited with Ellen Lewin) Out in Theory: The Emergence of Lesbian and Gay Anthropology. Urbana: University of Illinois Press.
received the **Ruth Benedict prize** for outstanding edited collection in lesbian/gay anthropology in 2002, Society of Lesbian and Gay Anthropologists, American Anthropological Association.
- 1998 (editor) Public Sex/Gay Space New York City: Columbia University.
- 1996 (co-edited with Ellen Lewin) Out in the Field: Lesbian and Gay Reflections. Urbana: University of Illinois Press.
- 1995 (editor) Beyond the Lavender Lexicon: Authenticity, Representation and Imagination in Lesbian and Gay Discourse. Newark NJ: Gordon and Breach Publishers.

Book Chapters (selected)

- In development Language before Stonewall: Studying sexuality, discourse and text in history. in The Routledge Handbook of Language and Sexuality. Rusty Barrett and Kira Hall, eds. London: Routledge.
- 2015a Development, Deaf people and Citizenship. In *Citizenship, Politics, Difference: Perspectives from Sub-Saharan Signed Language Communities*, Audrey C. Cooper and Khadijat K. Rashid, eds. Washington DC: Gallaudet University Press
- 2015b Language and intersectionalities. In The Routledge Handbook of Linguistic Anthropology. Nancy Bonvillain, ed. Pp. 177-190 New York: Routledge
- 2015c Lavender languages/Linguistics. In The Encyclopedia of Human Sexuality. Patricia Whelehan and Anne Bolin, eds. Malden, MA: Blackwells.
- 2015d Queer linguistics as critical discourse analysis. In The Handbook of Discourse Analysis (2nd ed.) Deborah Schiffren, Deborah Tannen and Heidi Hamilton, eds. pp 661-680. Hoboken NJ: John Wiley & Sons.
- 2014 The sex machine, the full-body tattoo and the hermaphrodite; Gay sexual cinema, audience reception and fractal recursivity. In Queer Excursions: Retheorizing

- Binaries in Language, Gender, and Sexuality. Joseph Raclaw, Jennie Davis and Lal Zimman, eds. Pp. 129-149. New York: Oxford University Press.
- 2013 Queer Linguistics, international perspectives and the Lavender Languages Conference: Rethinking alterity. In Queering Paradigms III: Queer Impacts and Practices. Kathleen Omeara and Liz Morrish, eds. pp. 179-200. Oxford: Peter Lang.
- 2012 Queer linguistics, sexuality and discourse analysis. in The Routledge Handbook of Discourse Analysis. James Paul Gee and Michael Haniford, eds. pp. 558-571. London: Routledge.
- 2011 Queering gay men's English. in Language & Gender: A Reader (2nd ed.) Coates, Jennifer and Pia Pitchler, ed. pp. 401-412. London: Blackwells. [reprint of Leap 2008a]
- 2010a Gay language and globalization. in The Handbook of Language and Globalization. Nicolas Coupland, ed. pp. 555- 574. Malden, MA: Blackwells.
- 2010b Language, homo-masculinity and gay sexual cinema. in Queering Paradigms. Burkhardt Scherer, ed. pp 241-265. Oxford: Peter Lang.
- 2010c (with Samuel Colon) Gay men, language and AIDS. in Gainesville: University Press of Florida.
- 2009a Beyond the knowledge/action divide: Studying Race, Gender and Social Justice in American University's Department of Anthropology. (with Audrey, Cooper, Elijah Edelman, Kathleen J. Grant, Noor Johnson, Khari LaMarca, and Michelle Marzullo in A Twenty-First Century Approach to Teaching Social Justice. Richard Gregory Johnson III, ed. pp.55-74. New York City: Peter Lang.
- 2009b Professional baseball, urban restructuring, and (changing) gay geographies in Washington DC. in Out in Public. Ellen Lewin and William Leap, eds. pp. 202-221. Malden MA: Wiley-Blackwell.
- 2008a Queering gay men's English. in Language and Gender Research Methodologies. Kate Harrington, Lia Litosseliti, Helen Sauntson, and Jane Sunderland, eds. pp. 408-429. Basingstoke: Palgrave.
- 2008b "The true thing that binds us": Globalization, language pluralism and Gay Men's English. in The Impact of Globalization on the United States. Michelle Bertho ed. pp. 183-210. Westport CT: Praeger Publishers.
- 2007 (with Liz Morrish) Sex talk: Language, desire, identity and beyond. in Language, Sexualities, and Desires: Cross-Cultural Perspectives. Helen Sauntson and Sakis Kyratzsis. 17-40. London: Palgrave Press.
- 2005 "Finding the Centre: Claiming gay space in Cape Town, South Africa." in Performing Queer: Shaping Sexualities

- 1992-2004. Mikki van Zyl and Melissa Steyn, eds. pp. 235-266. Cape Town: Kwela Press.
- 2004a Globalization and "new" articulations of same-sex desire with Tom Boellstorff) in Speaking in Queer Tongues. William Leap and Tom Boellstorff, eds. p. 1-22. Urbana: University of Illinois Press.
- 2004b Language and Women's place: Blueprinting studies of gay men's English." In Language and Women's Place: Text and Commentaries) by. Robin Tolmach Lakoff. Revised and expanded edition, edited by Mary Bucholtz) pp. 277-282. New York City: Oxford University Press.
- 2004c Language, belonging and (homo)sexual citizenship in Cape Town, South Africa. in Speaking in Queer Tongues. William Leap and Tom Boellstorff, eds. p. 134-162. Urbana: University of Illinois Press.
- 2003 Language and gendered modernity. in The Handbook of Language and Gender. Janet Holmes and Miriam Meyerhoff, eds. pp. 401-422. London: Blackwell's.
- 2002a Not exactly in support of a queer linguistics. in Language and Sexuality: Contested Meaning in Theory and Practice. Katherine Campbell, Sarah Roberts and Andrew Wong, eds. pp. 45-64. Stanford: Center for the Study of Language and Information.
- 2002b *Strangers on a train*: Sexual citizenship and the politics of public transportation in apartheid Cape Town. in Queer Globalizations: Citizenship and the Afterlife of Colonialism. Arnaldo Cruz-Malave and Martin Manalansan IV, eds. pp. 219-235. New York City: New York University Press.
- 2002c Studying lesbian and gay languages: Vocabulary, text-making and beyond. in Out in Theory: The Emergence of Lesbian and Gay Anthropology. Ellen Lewin and William L. Leap, eds. pp. 128-154. Urbana: University of Illinois Press.
- 1999a Anticipating queer theory. in Theorizing the Americanist Tradition. Regna Darnell and Lisa Valentine, eds. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.
- 1999b Language, socialization and silence in gay adolescence. In Reinventing Identities: From Category to Practice in Language and Gender Research. Mary Bucholtz, Anita Liang, and Laurel Sutton, eds. pp. 259-272. New York City: Cambridge University Press.
- 1998a Introduction. in Public Sex/Gay Space. William Leap, ed. pp. 1-27. New York City: Columbia University Press.
- 1998b Sex in private places: Gender, erotics and detachment in two urban locales. in Public Sex/Gay Space. William Leap, ed. pp.115-140. New York City: Columbia University Press.

- 1997 Performativity in three Gay English texts. in Queerly Phrased: Lesbian, Gay and Transgendered Languages. Anna Livia and Kira Hall, eds. pp. 310-325. New York City: Oxford University Press.
- 1995a Introduction. in Beyond the Lavender Lexicon. William Leap, ed. Pp. vi-xix. Newark NJ: Gordon and Breach.
- 1995b Talking about AIDS: Linguistic perspectives on non-neutral discourse. in Culture and Sexual Risk: Anthropological Perspectives on AIDS. Han ten Brummelhuis and Gilbert Herdt, eds. New York City: Gordon and Breach.
- 1992 American Indian English. in Teaching American Indian Students. Jon Reyhner, ed. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press.
- 1990 Language and AIDS. in Culture and AIDS. Douglas Feldman, ed. New York City: Praeger Press.
- 1989 Written Ute English: Texture, construction and point of view. in Proceedings of the 1989 Native American Languages Issues Conference. Billings MT: Eastern Montana College School of Education.
- 1988 "Snakes never sleep": The significance of Ute English non-sequitor responses to standard English questions. in Papers from the Eighth Annual American Indian Languages Issues Conference. Phoenix: Indian Education Office, Arizona State Department of Education.
- 1988 Assumptions and strategies guiding mathematics problem-solving by Ute Indian students. in Language Perspectives on Mathematics Learning. Rodney Cocking and Jose Mestre, eds. New York City: Erlbaum and Associates Press.
- 1987 Tribally controlled culture change: The Northern Ute language renewal project. in Anthropological Praxis: Translating Knowledge into Action. Robert M. Wulff and Shirley J. Fiske, eds. Boulder: Westview Press.
- 1983 Contrastive studies in writing: English and American Indian languages. in Annual Review of Applied Linguistics III. Robert Kaplan, ed. Rowley: Newbury House.
- 1982 Indian English in the U.S. Southwest: Retrospect and prospect. in Bilingualism and Language Pluralism: Spanish, English and Native American Languages. Elizabeth Brandt, Florence Barkin and Jacob Ornstein-Galicia, eds. New York City: Teachers' College Press.
- 1982 Introduction: Facts about Ute. in The Way the Ute Speak. Fort Duchesne: Ute Language Project, Education Division, Uintah and Ouray Tribe of Ute Indians.
- 1982 Language pluralism in a southwestern pueblo: (More) comments on Isletan English. in Bilingualism in the Southwest (2nd edition, revised). Paul Turner, ed. Tucson: University of Arizona Press.

- 1982 Roles for the linguist in American Indian language education. in Language Renewal among American Indian Tribes. Robert St. Clair and William Leap, eds. Rosslyn: National Clearinghouse for Bilingual Education.
- 1982 The study of American Indian English: Status and direction of inquiry. in Essays on Native American English. Guillermo Bartelt, Susan Penfield-Jasper, and Bates Hoffer, eds. San Antonio: Trinity University Press.
- 1981 American Indian languages. in Language in the U.S.A. Charles Ferguson and Shirley Brice Heath, eds. New York City: Cambridge University Press.
- 1981 American Indian language maintenance. in Annual Review of Anthropology. Palo Alto: Annual Reviews, Inc.
- 1981 Language maintenance and language revival: Research at the request of the Tribes. in Anthropological Careers: Perspectives on Research, Employment and Training. Ruth Landman, ed. Washington, DC: Anthropological Society of Washington.
- 1980 Cleft and pseudo-cleft in Tewa English. in Speaking, Singing and Writing: Proceedings of the VIIIth Southwest Languages and Linguistics Workshop. Florence Barkin and Elizabeth Brandt, eds. Tempe: Arizona State University Papers in Anthropology and Archeology.
- 1978 American Indian English and its implication for bilingual education. in International Dimensions of Bilingual Education. James Alatis, ed. Washington, DC: Georgetown University Roundtable in Linguistics. Reprinted (1985) in Dialects and Language Variation. Allen, Harold B. and Michael D. Linn, eds. New York City: Academic Press.
- 1977 "Fishing" in evolutionary perspective: Language data and their implications. in Those who live from the sea: Studies in Maritime Anthropology. M. Estellie Smith, ed. American Ethnological Society. Seattle: University of Washington Press.
- 1977 On consonant simplification in Isletan English and else where. in Studies in Southwestern Indian English. William Leap, ed. San Antonio: Trinity University Press.
- 1977 The Ponca alphabet. in The Ponca World. Oklahoma City: Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission and the Ponca Tribe.
- 1974 Ethnics, emics and the "new" ideology: The identity potential of American Indian English. in Social and Cultural Identity. Thomas Fitzgerald, ed. Proceedings of the Southern Anthropological Society No. 8, Athens: University of Georgia Press.
- 1974 The grammatical structure of Native American English: The evidence from Isleta. in Southwest Areal Linguistics. Garland Bills, ed. San Diego: Institute for Cultural

Pluralism.

- 1973 Language pluralism in a southwestern Indian pueblo: Some comments on Isletan English. in Bilingualism in the Southwest. Paul Turner, ed. Tucson: University of Arizona Press.

Articles in Refereed Journals (selected)

- 2015 Review essay: Ehrlich, Susan, et al. The Handbook of Language, Gender and Sexuality (2nd ed.) Journal of Language and Sexuality 4(1):174-182.
- 2013a Commentary II: Queering language and sexuality. Discourse and Society (special issue -- *Queer Linguistics*, Heiko Motschenbacher and Martin Stegu, eds.) 24 (5):643-648.
- 2013b En torno a un cierta "negative lavender a expresar(se)." deSignis (Estudios Queer Semiotica y Politicas de la Sexualidad) 19: 35-46.
- 2013c Review of *Tacit Subjects: Belonging and Same-Sex Desire among Dominican Immigrant Men* (Decena.) American Ethnologist 40(3): 590-591.
- 2012 Introducing a new journal in language and sexuality studies. (with Heiko Motschenbacher) Journal of Language and Sexuality, 1 (1): 1-14.
- 2011a Language and the audience reception of gay pornography. Journal of Homosexuality (special issue--*Language Matters*, William Leap and Denis Provencher, eds.) 58 (6-7): 932-952
- 2011b Language matters: An introduction (with Denis Provencher.) Journal of Homosexuality (special issue--*Language Matters* William Leap and Denis Provencher, eds.) 58 (6-7): 709 -718.
- 2010a Homophobia as moral geography. Gender and Language (Special issue -- *Language and Homophobia*, William Leap, ed.) 4(2):187-220.
- 2010b Introducing the special issue. Gender and Language (Special issue - *Language and Homophobia*, William Leap, ed.) 4(2):179-186.
- 2007 Queering the disaster: A Presidential session. (with Ellen Lewin and Natasha Wilson). *North American Dialogues*, 10(2):11-14.
- 2004 "Marriage," "Family" and Same-Sex Marriage: Are We Addressing the Right Questions? Anthropology Newsletter, 45(6): 6.
- 1996 Representation, subjectivity and ethics in urban gay ethnography (with Alan Hersker). *City and Society*, 12: 142-147.

Editor of Special Issues of Refereed Journals

- 2011 Journal of Homosexuality (*Language Matters* - co-edited with Denis Provencher.) 58(6-7): 709-990.
- 2010 Gender and Language (*Language and Homophobia.*) 4(2): 179-335.
- 1993 Practicing Anthropology (*AIDS Outreach Education and Prevention: Anthropological Contributions* - co-edited with Kathleen O'Connor.) 15 (4): 3-72.
- 1991 Journal of Sex Research (*Anthropology, AIDS and Sexuality* [co-edited with Gilbert Herdt and Melanie Sovine] 28(2): 167-346.
- 1988 Human Organization (*American Indian Language Renewal*)47: 283-330.

Cofounder and senior editor, Journal of Language and Sexuality (www.benjamins.com/#catalog/journals/jls)

Conference Organization

- 1993 and continuing. Conference coordinator, American University Conference on Lavender Languages and Linguistics, Washington DC.
www.american.edu/cas/anthropology/lavender-languages

Contracts and Grants (selected):

- 2013 MOU with Peace Corps to create a Masters International (MI) track with the MA in Public Anthropology, Department of Anthropology, College of Arts and Sciences, American University
- 2004 (with Thomas Husted and Fred Jacobs) Pilot Project, to explore the feasibility of a MA in Applied Social Science, Council on Graduate Schools/Ford Foundation.
- 1998-99 Overseas Scholar Research Fellowship. Human Sciences Research Council, Pretoria, South Africa.
- 1979-1981 (Co-directed with Charles McNett) Dimensions of math avoidance among elementary school aged Indian students National Institute of Education Teaching and Learning Program, grant number NIE-G-79-0086.
- 1977-1979 (Co-directed with Walt Wolfram) Variability in the English of two Indian communities and its effects on reading and writing. National Institute of Education, grant number NIE-G-77-006.

Supervision of Doctoral Dissertations

36 doctoral dissertation projects chaired since 1970:

- 2015 Charnaka (Nikki) Lane
In The Life, On The Scene: The Spatial and Discursive Practices of Black Queer Women in Washington DC
- 2015 Aaron Theodore Samuel
Performing Thirunangai: Activism, Development, and Normative Citizenship in Tamil Transgender Performances
- 2014 Jennifer Bryan Delfino
Negotiating Achievements: Language and Schooling Experiences Among African American Preadolescents
- 2013 Nell Haynes
Unboliviable Brawls: Gender, Globalization and Authenticity in Bolivian Lucha Libre
- 2013 Michelle Marzullo
The Marrying Times: Progressive Marriage under Neoliberalism
- 2013 Deborah Murphy
Disability and Deservedness: The Lived Experience of Wounded, Ill and Injured Members of the U.S. Armed Forces at a Military Medical Facility
- 2012 Anoosh Khan
Contesting Subjectivities, Negotiating Agency, and Re-defining Boundaries: The Ideological Subject Formation and Positioning of Pakhtun Women
- 2012 Elijah Edelman
Articulating Bodies in Tapestries of Space: Mapping Ethnographies of Trans Social and Political Coalitions in Washington DC
- 2011 Audrey Cooper
Overcoming the "Backward Body": How State Institutions, Language and Embodiment Shape Deaf Education in Contemporary South Viet Nam.
- 2010 Dylan Kerrigan
The Accumulation of Capital and the Shifting Construction of Difference: Examining the Relations of Colonialism, Post-Colonialism and Neo-Colonialism in Trinidad.
- 2009 Michelle Carnes
Do It for Your Sistas: Black Same-sex Desiring Women's Performance Parties in Washington DC
- 2008 Kathleen J. Grant
Fear in the Tellin': The Silence, Suffering and Survival of Deaf Professional Women
- 2008 Maria Viteri-Burbino
Seeking a Relevant Queerness: Negotiations of Sexual, Racial and National Identity Amongst the Latino Immigrant

Community in Washington DC

- 2006 Mumbua Musilla
Border Pedagogy, Social reproduction and Structures of Feeling: Explaining Success in a Slum School - Apollo School, Nairobi, Kenya
- 2005 Marina Amat
Newcomer Stories in the Washington DC Area: Toward a Self-Definition of Refugee
- 2003 Deborah Taub
Signs and Signifiers: Flexible Categorizations of Autism
- 2003 Christa Craven
Expectations of Motherhood: Citizenship and Political Mobilization for Midwifery in Virginia
- 2003 Mindy Michels
Where the Girls Were: The Geographies of Lesbian Experience in Washington DC during the Late 1960's and 1970's
- 2002 Alan Hersker
The Landscape Within: Citizenship, Locale and the Construction of Place in Dupont Circle.
- 2000 Holly Barker
Women's Narratives of Radiation Sickness in the Marshall Islands.
- 1999 Jessica Skolnikoff
Culture, Learning Disabilities, and Life Story Narratives of Successful Learning Disabled College Graduates
- 1998 Mary Packard-Winkler
Sexuality, AIDS, and Middle-Class Married Women in Bangkok, Thailand.
- 1995 Ruth Zila Morgan
An Anthropological Discourse Analysis of a Deaf Namibian Refugee's Life Story
- 1995 Donna Penn Towns
The Impact of Structural Hypocrisy on the School Performance of Young African America Males: A Case Study in a District of Columbia Elementary School
- 1994 Jill Wittmer
Living Our Lives: Lesbian Culture and History in Washington DC
- 1994 Jack Rasmussen
Crested Butte: Interpreting Art as Linguistics Discourse.
- 1994 Jiang Xi-Xiang
Learning Chinese in a Chinese Community School.
- 1993 Michelle Lewis [Renaud]
AIDS, Gender and Behavior Change: Women's Responses to the Pandemic in Urban Senegal.

- 1988 Laura Laylin
Role and Reference Grammar in Southern Tiwa.
- 1987 Simon Carmel
A Study of Deaf Culture in an American Urban Deaf Community.
- 1987 Signithia Fordham
Black Students' School Success as Related to Fictive Kinship in Washington, DC.
- 1987 Ann Renker
Rethinking Noun and Verb: An Investigation of AUX in a Southern Wakashan Language.
- 1984 Robert Baker
North American Indian Arts: A New Interpretation.
- 1978 Steven O. Stout
Sociolinguistic Aspects of English Diversity among Elementary aged Students from Laguna Pueblo, New Mexico.
- 1977 Ann Marie Zaharlick
Picuris Syntax.
- 1976 James V. Conrad
Boundary Maintenance and Subcultural Lexical Codes: Language as a Defensive Strategy.