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EDUCATION

1983 Ph.D, Linguistics
University of California, San Diego

1978 B.S., Linguistics
Georgetown University
Washington, DC

POSITIONS

October 2014 – present Dean, Division of the Social Sciences
University of California, San Diego

January 2014 – September 2014 Interim Vice Chancellor, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
University of California, San Diego

July 2013 - present Sanford I. Berman Endowed Chair in Language
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September 2008 – December 2013 Associate Dean and Faculty Equity Advisor,
Division of Social Sciences
University of California, San Diego

July 1998 – present Professor
Department of Communication
University of California, San Diego

July 1988 – June 1998 Associate Professor,
Department of Communication
University of California, San Diego

July 1983 – June 1988 Assistant Professor,
Department of Communication
University of California, San Diego

January 1983 – July 1983 Acting Assistant Professor,
Department of Communication
University of California, San Diego

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2016 Honorary Doctorate Degree
Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, PA
- 2015 Honorary Doctorate Degree
The University of Haifa
Haifa, Israel
- 2013 Academic Writing Residency
The Bellagio Center
The Rockefeller Foundation
Bellagio, Italy
- 2012 Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science
(AAAS)
- 2011 Fellow, Linguistic Society of America (LSA)
- 2010 John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Fellowship Award
- 2008 Faculty Research Lecturer Award
Divisions of the Arts/Humanities and Social Sciences
Academic Senate, University of California, San Diego
- 2006 Edward Lyon Founder's Award
For Exceptional Professional Contributions toward
Educating Deaf People
Rochester School for the Deaf, New York
- 2006 Edward Allen Fay Award (with Tom Humphries)
For Significant Publications
Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools
and Programs for the Deaf
- 2004 Laurent Clerc Cultural Fund Award (with Tom Humphries)
For Distinguished Service
Gallaudet University, Washington, DC
- 2000 Fulbright Distinguished American Scholar Award
Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand
- 1993 Offered Fellowship (declined)
Center for Advanced Studies in the Behavioral Sciences
Stanford University
- 1992 John D. Simon Guggenheim Fellowship Award
- 1990 Outstanding Faculty Award, Community Service
Chancellor's Associates
University of California, San Diego

EXTRAMURAL FUNDING

- 2016-2019 National Science Foundation Collaborative Network
Participant: *The Role of Gesture in Mathematics and Science Learning: From Research to Practice*
(with Susan Goldin-Meadow, Principal Investigator)
- 2009-2014 National Science Foundation, Science of Learning Center in Visual Language and Visual Learning
Co-Principal Investigator: *The Role of Gesture in Learning*
(with Susan Goldin-Meadow)
- 2009-2014 *Renewal*, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders, National Institutes of Health
Principal Investigator: *The Emergence of Grammar in a New Sign Language* (with Mark Aronoff, Irit Meir & Wendy Sandler)
- 2003-2008 National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders, National Institutes of Health
Principal Investigator: *The Emergence of Grammar in a New Sign Language* (with Mark Aronoff, Irit Meir & Wendy Sandler)
- 2001-2004 US-Israel Binational Science Foundation
Co-Investigator: *A Natural Language of the Deaf and Hearing: Abu Shara Bedouin Sign Language*
(with Mark Aronoff, Irit Meir & Wendy Sandler)
- 1996-1998 National Science Foundation
Principal Investigator: *Foreign Vocabulary in Sign Languages*
- 1993-1996 U.S. Department of Education
Co-Principal Investigator: *Deaf Students as Readers & Writers: A Mixed-Mode Research Approach*
(with Claire Ramsey)
- 1992-1994 Spencer Foundation
Co-Principal Investigator: *The Teaching of Writing to Young Deaf Children*
(with Claire Ramsey)

BOOKS

Padden, C. & T. Humphries (2005) *Inside Deaf Culture*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.

Japanese translation: (2009) *Inside Deaf Culture*. Tokyo, Japan: Akashi Shoten Publishing.

Humphries, T. and C. Padden (1992, 2004) *Learning American Sign Language*, Second Edition. Boston: Allyn & Bacon.

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Korean translation: (2014) *Deaf in America: Voices from a Culture*. Paju-Si, Korea: Kyoyookkwahaksa Publishing.

Japanese translation: (2003) *Deaf in America: Voices from a Culture*. Tokyo, Japan: Sho-bun-sha Publishing.

German translation: (1991) *Gehörlose: Eine Kultur bingt sich zur Sprache*. Zentrum für Deutsche Gebärdensprache und Kommunikation Gehörloser. Hamburg: Signum-Verlag.

Padden, C. (1988) *Interaction of Morphology and Syntax in American Sign Language*. Outstanding Dissertations in Linguistics, Series IV. New York: Garland Press.

Reissued: (in press) *Interaction of Morphology and Syntax in American Sign Language*, London: Routledge Press.

Humphries, T., C. Padden and T. O'Rourke (1980) *A Basic Course in American Sign Language*. Silver Spring, MD: TJ Publishers, Inc.

JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

Hwang, S., Tomita, N., Morgan, H., Ergin, R., Ilkbasaran, D., Seegers, S., Lepic, R. & C. Padden (to appear) Of the body and the hands: Patterned iconicity for semantic categories. *Language and Cognition*.

Meir, I., Aronoff, M., Börstell, C., Hwang, S., Ilkbasaran, D., Kastner, I., Lepic, R., Lifshitz, A., Padden, C. & W. Sandler (to appear) The effect of being human and the basis of grammatical word order: Insights from novel communication systems and young sign languages. *Cognition*.

Padden, C. (2015) Methods of research on sign language grammars. In E. Orfanidou, B. Woll & G. Morgan (Eds.) *Research Methods in Sign Language Studies: A Practical Guide*. (pp. 141-155). Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell.

Padden, C. (2015) Communication. In B. Reiss, R. Adams & D. Serlin (Eds.) *Keywords in Disability Studies*. (pp. 43-45). New York: New York University Press.

Padden, C., Hwang, S., Lepic, R., & S. Seegers (2014) Tools for language: Patterned iconicity in sign language nouns and verbs. *Topics in Cognitive Science*, 7, 81-94.

Sandler, W., Meir, I., Padden, C. & M. Aronoff (2014) Language emergence: Al-Sayyid Bedouin Sign Language. In N. Enfield, J. Sidnell & P. Kockelman (Eds.) *Cambridge Handbook of Linguistic Anthropology*. (pp. 250-284). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Humphries, T., Kushalnagar, P., Mathur, G., Napoli, D.J., Padden, C., Rathmann, C. (2014) Ensuring language acquisition for deaf children: What linguists can do. *Language*, 90(2), 31-52.

Padden, C., Hwang, S., Lepic, Ryan, Seegers, S., and T. Sampson (2013) Patterned iconicity in a new sign language. *Gesture*, 13:3, 287-308.

Meir, I., Israel, A., Sandler, W., Padden, C. and Aronoff, M. (2013) The influence of community on language structure: Evidence from two young sign languages. *Linguistic Variation*, 12(2), 247-291.

- Meir, I., Padden, C., Sandler, W. & Aronoff, M. (2013) Competing iconicities. *Cognitive Linguistics*, 24, 309-343.
DOI: [10.1515/cog-2013-0010](https://doi.org/10.1515/cog-2013-0010)
- Humphries, T., Kushalnagar, P., Mathru, G., Napoli, D.J., Padden, C., Rathmann, C., & Smith, S. (2012) Language acquisition for deaf children: Reducing the harms of zero tolerance to the use of alternative approaches. *Harm Reduction Journal*, 9:16 DOI:10.1186/1477-7517-9-16
- Goldin-Meadow, S., Shield, A., Lenzen, D., Herzig, M. & Padden, C. (2012) The gestures ASL signers use tell us when they are ready to learn math. *Cognition*, DOI: 10.1016/j.cognition.2012.02.006
- Aronoff, M. & Padden, C. (2011) Sign language verb agreement and the ontology of morphosyntactic categories. *Theoretical Linguistics*, 37(3 /4), 143-151.
- Sandler, W., Meir, I., Dachkovsky, S., Padden, C., & Aronoff, M. (2011). The emergence of complexity in prosody and syntax. *Lingua*, 121, 2014-2033.
- Sandler, W., Aronoff, M., Meir, I. and Padden, C. (2011) The gradual emergence of phonological form in a new language. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*, 29(2),503-543.
- Padden, C., Meir, I., Aronoff, M., & Sandler, W. (2010). The grammar of space in two new sign languages. In D. Brentari (Ed.), *Sign Languages: A Cambridge Language Survey* (pp. 570-592). New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Al-Fityani, K., & Padden, C. (2010). Sign languages in the Arab world. In D. Brentari (Ed.), *Sign languages: A Cambridge language survey* (pp. 433-450). New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Meir, I., Aronoff, M., Sandler, W., & Padden, C. (2010). Sign languages and compounding. In S. Scalise & I. Vogel (Eds.), *Compounding* (pp. 301-322). Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
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- Kushalnagar, P., Mathur, G., Moreland, C., Napoli, D.J., Osterling, W., Padden, C. & Rathmann, C. (2010) Infants and children with hearing loss need early language access. *Journal of Clinical Ethics*, 21(2), 143-154.
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- Al-Fityani, K. & Padden, C. (2010) Sign language geography in the Arab world. In D. Brentari (Ed.), *Sign Languages: A Cambridge Survey*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
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- Padden, C., Meir, I., Sandler, W. and Aronoff, M. (2010) Against all expectations: Encoding subjects and objects in a new language. In D. Gerdts, J. Moore & M. Polinsky, (Eds.) *Hypothesis A/Hypothesis B: Linguistic Explorations in Honor of David M. Perlmutter*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.

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- Meir, I., Padden, C., Aronoff, M. and Sandler, W. (2007) Body as subject. *Journal of Linguistics* 43, 531-563.
- Padden, C. (2007) The decline of Deaf clubs in the US: A treatise on the problem of place. In D. Bauman (Ed.) *Open Your Eyes: Deaf Studies Talking*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.
- Padden, C. (2006) Afterword. In D. Bauman, H. Rose & J. Nelson (Eds.) *Signing the Body Poetic: Essays in ASL Literature*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.
- Padden, C. (2006) Learning fingerspelling twice: Young signing children's acquisition of fingerspelling. In M. Marschark, B. Schick & P. Spencer (Eds.) *Advances in Sign Language Development by Deaf Children*. New York: Oxford University Press.
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- Padden, C. (2000). Review of the book: S. Plann, *A Silent Minority: Deaf Education in Spain, 1550-1835*. *American Historical Review*, 105, 616-617.
- Padden, C., & Ramsey, C. (2000). American Sign Language and reading ability in deaf children. In C. Chamberlain, J. Morford, & R. Mayberry (Eds.), *Language Acquisition by Eye* (pp. 165-189). Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates.
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- Padden, C. (1999). The future of Deaf people. In J. Mann (Ed.), *Proceedings of Deaf Studies VI*. Washington, DC: Gallaudet University Press.
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- Reprinted (2001): Stein, M., Barnett, S., Padden, C., Oppenheim, W., Sedberry, D., Howard, B., Shapiro, H., & Gahagan, S. Parental request to withhold a hearing test in a newborn of deaf parents. *Pediatrics*, 107, 883-887.
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- Padden, C. (1997). Review of the books: S. Gregory, *Deaf Children and their Families*; S. Gregory, J. Bishop & L. Sheldon, *Deaf Young People and their Families*. *Mind, Culture and Activity*, 4(142-145).
- Padden, C. (1996). From the cultural to the bicultural: The modern Deaf community. In I. Parasnis (Ed.), *Cultural and Language Diversity: Reflections on the Deaf Experience* (pp. 79-98). Cambridge, MA: Cambridge University Press.
- Padden, C. (1996). Early bilingual lives of deaf children. In I. Parasnis (Ed.), *Cultural and Language Diversity: Reflections on the Deaf Experience* (pp. 99-116). Cambridge, MA: Cambridge University Press.
- Padden, C. (1993). Lessons to be learned from young deaf orthographers. *Linguistics and Education*, 5, 71-86.
- Padden, C., & Ramsey, C. (1993). Deaf culture and literacy. *American Annals of the Deaf*, 138, 96-99.
- Padden, C. (1992). The linearization of phonological tiers in ASL. In G. Coulter (Ed.), *Issues in Phonology and Phonetics* (Vol. 3, pp. 131-134). New York: Academic Press.
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- Bakhurst, D., & Padden, C. (1991). The Mescheryakov experiment: Soviet work on the education of blind-deaf children. *Learning and Instruction*, 1, 201-215.
- Padden, C. (1991). The acquisition of fingerspelling in deaf children. In P. Siple & S. Fischer (Eds.), *Theoretical Issues in Sign Language Research, Psychology*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Padden, C. (1990). Folk explanation in language survival. In D. Middleton (Ed.), *Collective Remembering* (pp. 190-202). Los Angeles, CA: Sage.
- Reprinted: Padden, C. (2001) Folk explanation in language survival. In L. Bragg (Ed.) *Deaf World: A Historical Reader and Primary Sourcebook*. New York: New York University Press.
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PROCEEDINGS AND REPORTS

- Verhoef, T., Padden C., and Kirby S. (2016). Iconicity, Naturalness And Systematicity In The Emergence Of Sign Language Structure. In S.G. Roberts, C. Cuskley, L. McCrohon, L. Barceló-Coblijn, O. Fehér & T. Verhoef (eds.) *The Evolution of Language: Proceedings of the 11th International Conference (EVLANG11)*. Available online: <http://evolang.org/neworleans/papers/47.html>
- Verhoef, T., de Boer, B., del Giudice, A., Padden, C., & Kirby, S. (2011). Cultural evolution of combinatorial structure in ongoing artificial speech learning experiments. *Center for Research in Language Technical Report*, 23(1), 3-11.
- Verhoef, T., Kirby, S., & Padden, C. (2011). Cultural emergence of combinatorial structure in an artificial whistled language. In L. Carlson, C. Hoelscher & T. Shipley (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 33rd Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society* (pp. 483-488). Austin, TX: Cognitive Science Society.
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- Del Giudice, A., Kirby, S. & Padden, C. (2010) Recreating duality of patterning in the laboratory: A new experimental paradigm for studying emergence of sublexical structure. *Proceedings of the 8th International Conference in Evolution of Language*. Singapore: World Scientific.
- Padden, C. (2009) Iconicity in a new sign language. *Proceedings of the 44th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society*, University of Chicago.
- Padden, C. (2009). History and genetics: Stories of Deaf people. In M. Zurov & K.-B. Günther (Eds.), *Proceedings of the Sixth Deaf History International Conference*. Hamburg, Germany: Signum Verlag.
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RECENT COLLOQUIA, PRESENTATIONS AND SYMPOSIA

- “Iconicity and morphology.” Keynote presenter at FEAST (Formal and Experimental Advances in Sign Language Theory), University of Venice, September 2016.
- “The language-gesture distinction matters for deaf children when solving conservation problems.” (with So-One Hwang, Sharon Seegers & Susan Goldin-Meadow). Paper presented at the 7th Conference of the International Society for Gesture Studies, Paris, France, July 2016.
- “Iconicity, Naturalness and Systematicity in the Emergence of Sign Language Structure.” (with Tessa Verhoef & Simon Kirby). Paper presented at the 11th International Conference of the Evolution of Language (EVOLANG11), New Orleans, LA., March 2016.
- “Genes, language and culture” Invited workshop at the Institute for Society and Genetics, University of California, Los Angeles, November 2013.
- “Patterns created by the body” (with Irit Meir) Invited workshop at the Minerva-Gentner Symposium on Emergent Languages and Cultural Evolution. Nijmegen: Max Planck Institute, June 2013.
- “Co-Evolution of Language and Genes” Invited panel presentation at the American Association for the Advancement of Science Conference, Boston, MA, June 2013.
- “From gesture to new sign language” Invited colloquium presented at the Linguistics Department, University of Chicago, November 2012.
- “Gestural origins of nouns in sign languages” (with Amber Martin and Ann Senghas). Paper presented at the Fifth International Society for Gesture Studies Conference, Lund, Sweden, July 2012.
- “The gestures ASL signers use to tell us when they are ready to learn math” (with Susan Goldin-Meadow, Aaron Shield, Daniel Lenzen & Melissa Herzig), Paper presented at the Fifth International Society for Gesture Studies Conference, Lund, Sweden, July 2012.
- “From gesture to sign language.” Colloquium presented at the Linguistics Department, Chinese University of Hong Kong, May 2012.
- "Do genetic differences affect language evolution?" (with Mark Aronoff) Keynote presenter at a Symposium on Co-Evolution of Culture and Genes, Center for Academic Research and Training in Anthropogeny, UCSD, April 2012.
- "American Sign Language teaching in the context of foreign language teaching" Keynote presenter at the University of California Second Language Acquisition Consortium, UCSD, April 2012.
- “What we learn from sign languages of the world,” Invited campus presentation for the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT, March 2012.
- “From gesture to new sign language.” Invited colloquium for the Program in Cognitive, Linguistic and Psychological Sciences, Brown University, Providence, RI. March 2012.
- “The role of gesture in learning: Clues from signing deaf children.” Keynote presentation at the Visual Learning Summit, UC Davis, November 2011.

- “Gesture, language and sign language.” A public forum for the Faculty Equity Association, Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada. October 2011.
- “Grammar of space.” Invited presenter at the Conference on Complex Sentences in Sign Languages, University of Goettingen, Germany. October 2011.
- “From gesture to language.” Invited colloquium at the Max Planck Institute, Nijmegen, The Netherlands. October 2011.
- “Revisiting Furth (1961): The performance of conservation in young deaf children.” A paper presented with Melissa Herzig and Aaron Shield. The Piaget Society Conference, UC Berkeley, 2011.
- “In search of grammar.” Keynote presented at the Tenth Theoretical Issues in Sign Language Research Conference. West Lafayette, Purdue University, September 2010.
- “The interaction of animacy and word order in human languages: A study of strategies in a novel communication task.” (with Irit Meir, Adi Lifshitz and Deniz Ilkbasaran). Paper presented at the 8th International Conference in Evolution of Language. Utrecht, the Netherlands, April 2010.
- “Recreating duality of patterning in the laboratory: A new experimental paradigm for studying emergence of sublexical structure.” (with Alex del Giudice and Simon Kirby) Paper presented at The 8th International Conference in Evolution of Language. Utrecht, the Netherlands, April 2010.
- “Grammar and the body.” Invited campus presentation at Gallaudet University, Washington, DC, February 2010.
- “Syntax and the body.” Invited presentation at the Max Planck Institute, Nijmegen, The Netherlands, May 2009.
- “The naturalness of sign language.” Keynote presented at the California Association of Educators of the Deaf. San Diego, CA, March 2009.
- “The future of sign languages.” Keynote presented at the Celebration of the Ninetieth Anniversary of the Norwegian Deaf Association. Oslo, Norway, May 2008.
- “Embodied cognition in an emerging sign language.” Keynote presented at the The 44th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society. University of Chicago, April 2008.
- “Embodied cognition in an emerging sign language.” (with Mark Aronoff). Invited presentation at the Center for Behavior, Evolution, and Culture. University of California, Los Angeles, March 2008.
- “Sign languages around the world.” Keynote presented at “Sign Languages, Social Issues/Civil Rights, Creativity,” Swarthmore College, Philadelphia. February 2008.
- “Instrument vs. handling in sign language lexicalization patterns.” (with Mark Aronoff, Irit Meir and Wendy Sandler). A poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Chicago. January 2008.
- “Word order in a spontaneously created new language: The case of Al-Sayyid Bedouin Sign Language.” Invited colloquium, Linguistics Department, University of Texas, Austin. November 2007.
- “The roots of linguistic organization in a new language” (with Mark Aronoff) Invited presentation at the UCSD Project for Explaining the Origins of Humans. La Jolla, The Salk Institute. August 2007.

- “Language ontogeny and language evolution” (with Mark Aronoff), Invited presentation at the Evolutionary Approaches to Culture, Cognition and Communication Research Series. University of St. Andrews, Scotland. August 2007.
- “Sign language geography” Keynote presented at the Symposium about Language and Society (SALSA), University of Texas, Austin, April 2007.
- “The Emergence of Language Structures,” A workshop organized with Maria Polinsky and Robert Kluender, Center for Research in Language and the Kavli Institute for Brain and Mind, UCSD, February 2007.
- “Person Inflection in Sign Languages,” Plenary address at the Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Anaheim, CA, January 2007.
- “Sign language in the Age of Cochlear Implants,” Invited presentation at the Sixth Annual Lecture of the Speech and Hearing Foundation of Massachusetts, Emerson College, Boston, October 2006.
- “Looking for Clauses in a New Language,” Invited presentation at the Workshop on Nascent Languages, Rockefeller Study and Conference Center, Bellagio, Italy, October 2006.
- “New Sign Languages and the Nature of Human Language” Invited colloquium, Psychology Department, University of Wisconsin, Madison, September 2006.
- “History and Genetics: Stories of Deaf People,” Keynote presented at the Deaf History International Conference, Berlin, Germany, July 2006.
- “Inside Deaf Culture,” Invited campus presentation, Rochester Institute of Technology/National Technical Institute for the Deaf, April 2006.
- “Sign Language Teaching in the Age of Cochlear Implants,” Invited public lecture at the Royal Society of Edinburgh, Scotland, February 2006.
- “Home Signs and New Sign Languages: The Effect of Input on Language Acquisition,” Invited colloquium to I-Labs, University of Washington, February 2006.
- “Against All Expectations: Encoding Subjects and Objects in a New Language” Invited colloquium to the Linguistics Department, University of Washington, February 2006.
- “Birth of a Language,” The Walker-Ames Lecture. Invited campus presentation, University of Washington. February 2006.
- “Characteristics of an Emerging Language across Two Generations,” (with W. Sandler) Paper presented at the International Association for the Study of Child Language Conference, Berlin, Germany. May 2005.
- “Argument Structure in a New Language.” Invited colloquium to the Linguistics Department, University of Oregon, Eugene. April 2005.
- “Deaf Communities the World Over: The Present and Future of Deafness.” The Brockington Lecture. Invited campus presentation, Queen’s University, Kingston, Ontario. March 2005.
- “Culture, Deafness and Genetics,” Invited colloquium to the Philosophy Department, Queen’s University, Kingston, Ontario. March 2005.

“Deaf Communities the World Over: The Past and Future of Deafness.” Invited campus presentation, Swarthmore College. November 2004.

“The Problem of Voice,” Invited presentation at the Center for Disability Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. October 2004.

“Argument Structure in a New Sign Language,” Paper presented at the 8th Theoretical Issues in Sign Language Research Conference (with M. Aronoff, I. Meir & W. Sandler). Barcelona, Spain. September 2004.

“The Past as Future” Invited campus presentation in receipt of the Laurent Clerc Cultural Fund Award. (with Tom Humphries). Gallaudet University, Washington, DC. April 2004.

UNIVERSITY-LEVEL SERVICE

Faculty Equity Advisor for the Social Sciences, 2008 - 2013.

Member, UCSD/Salk Institute, Center for Academic Research and Training in Anthropogeny (CARTA), 2008 to present.

Member, Executive Board, Center for Research in Language, UCSD, 2004-2014.

Member, Executive Committee, Program in Human Development, 1994 to 2009. Associate Director, 1994-1998

Elected member for the Social Sciences, Committee on Committees, 2005-2008

Member, Sixth College Provost Search Committee, 2007

Member, Committee on Academic Personnel, 2002-2003.

Member, Task Force on Summer Session, 2000.

Member, Committee on Investigations Involving Human Subjects, 1996-1998

Member, Committee on Educational Policy, 1994 to 1996; Vice-Chair, 1995-1996. Chair, Sub-committee on Course Approvals 1995-1996.

Member, Task Force on Library Access to Undergraduates, 1993

Member, Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum, Third College, 1989 to 1991

Member, Committee on Undergraduate Preparatory and Remedial Education, UCSD, 1986-1989

DEPARTMENT-LEVEL SERVICE

Chair, Recruitment Committee, 2005-2006, Member 2008-2009

Chair, Department of Communication, 1998 – 2001

Department Advisor, Undergraduate Major in Communication, 1994

Chair, Graduate Program in Communication, 1989-1991

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Elected member, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), Section Steering Group for Linguistics and Language Science (Section Z), 2013 to present.

Member, Search Committee for Assistant Director for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences, the National Science Foundation, 2013.

External Examiner, Nippon Foundation: Higher Program in Sign Linguistics and Sign Language Teaching. Center for Sign Linguistics and Deaf Studies, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2011 to present.

Member, Board of Directors. Deaf West Theater, Los Angeles, CA. 2007 to present.

Senior science consultant, National Science Foundation Science of Learning Center: Visual Language and Visual Learning (VL2), Gallaudet University, Washington D.C., 2006 to 2009

Co-Chair, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD), Meeting on Biomedical and Behavioral Research Career Opportunities for Deaf Individuals, October 2002.

Member, Disability Issues Committee. Modern Language Association, 2002-2004.

Member, Board of Trustees, Gallaudet University, Washington, DC 1989-2003. Vice-Chair, 1992-2003.

Member, Committee on Clinical Linguistics, Linguistic Society of America, 1985 -1986; 1988-1989; Chair, 1990-1991.

Member, Board of Directors, Deaf Community Services of San Diego, Inc. 1983 to 1991.