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Education

- Ph.D. in Linguistics; University of Texas at Austin 2015
The phonology and inflectional morphology of Chá knyá, Tataltepec de Valdés Chatino, A Zapotecan language.
Anthony C. Woodbury (Chair); Christian T. DiCanio, Nora England, Patience Epps, Scott P. Myers,
and Jeffrey Rasch
- M.A. in Linguistics; University of Texas at Austin 2011
- B.S. in Linguistics & B.A. in Spanish (cum laude); Tulane University 2006

Academic Positions

University of Texas at Austin

- Language Data Curator, Archive of the Indigenous Languages of Latin America 2016–present
- Research Affiliate-Postdoctoral, LILAS-Benson Latin American Studies and Collections 2015–2016
- Graduate Research Assistant, Archive of the Indigenous Languages of Latin America 2010–2014
- Assistant Instructor, Department of Linguistics 2013
- Teaching Assistant, Department of Linguistics 2011, 2013
- Teaching Assistant, Department of Spanish and Portuguese 2008–2010

St. Edward's University

- Adjunct Faculty, Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures 2016

Research Areas

Documentary and descriptive linguistics • Language archiving • Historical linguistics • Morphology • Phonology • Phonetics • Tone • Chatino languages • Zapotecan languages • Comparative Otomanguean linguistics • Language contact

Publications

Journal Articles

- Resubmitted. **Sullivan, J. Ryan.** San Gabriel Mixtepec Zapotec: A Coatecan Language. *International Journal of American Linguistics*.
2016. **Sullivan, J. Ryan.** Reintroducing Tejomulco Chatino. *International Journal of American Linguistics*. Vol. 82, No. 4. Pp. 393–423.

Book Chapters

2016. Stéphanie Villard and **J. Ryan Sullivan**. Language Documentation in two communities with high migration rates. In *Language Documentation and Revitalization in Latin American Contexts*, Gabriela Pérez Báez, Chris Rodgers, and Jorge E. Rosés Labrada, eds. Series *Trends in Linguistics Studies and Monographs*. Berlin: DeGruyter Mouton. Pp. 273–304. [\[table of contents\]](#)

Theses

2015. **Sullivan, J. Ryan**. The Phonology and Inflectional Morphology of Cháʔknyá, Tataltepec de Valdés Chatino, a Zapotecan Language. Ph.D. dissertation. [\[pdf\]](#)
2011. **Sullivan, J. Ryan**. Tataltepec Chatino Verb Classes and Aspect Morphology. M.A. report. [\[pdf\]](#)

Conference Proceedings

2014. **Sullivan, J. Ryan**. El contraste [nt] y [nd] y la duración consonántica en las lenguas chatinas. In *Memorias del VI Congreso Internacional de las Lenguas Indígenas de Latinoamérica*. Archive of the Indigenous Languages of Latin America. [\[pdf\]](#)
2012. **Sullivan, J. Ryan**. Tyaʔa: el clasificador numérico del chatino de Tataltepec de Valdés. In *Memorias del V Congreso Internacional de las Lenguas Indígenas de Latinoamérica*. Archive of the Indigenous Languages of Latin America. [\[pdf\]](#)
2010. **J. Ryan Sullivan** and Anthony C. Woodbury. Los tonos y el sandhi del tono en el chatino de Tataltepec de Valdés. In *Memorias del IV Congreso Internacional de las Lenguas Indígenas de Latinoamérica*. Archive of the Indigenous Languages of Latin America. [\[pdf\]](#)

Reviews

2016. **Sullivan, J. Ryan**. Review of *Valence Changes in Zapotec: Synchrony, diachrony, typology*. Natalie Operstein and Aaron Huey Sonnenschein, eds. LINGUIST List 27.3553. [\[link\]](#)

Edited Volumes

2011. *Proceedings of the Nineteenth Annual Symposium About Language and Society - Austin: Language in the Public Domain*. In Texas Linguistics Forum 54. **Sullivan, J. Ryan**, ed. [\[pdf\]](#)

Digital Resources

- (In curation). **Sullivan, J. Ryan**. *Cháʔknyá: The Sullivan Collection of Tataltepec Chatino*. Archive of the Indigenous Languages of Latin America (AILLA).
- (Various dates). Woodbury, Anthony C., Eric Campbell, Emiliana Cruz, Hilaria Cruz, Justin D. McIntosh, Jeffrey Rasch, **J. Ryan Sullivan** and Stéphanie Villard. *Documentation of Chatino*. Endangered Language Archive (ELAR). [\[link\]](#)
- (Various dates). Woodbury, Anthony C., Eric Campbell, Emiliana Cruz, Hilaria Cruz, Justin D. McIntosh, Jeffrey Rasch, **J. Ryan Sullivan** and Stéphanie Villard. *Chatino Language Documentation Project Collection*. Archive of the Indigenous Languages of Latin America (AILLA). [\[link\]](#)

Pedagogical Resources

2012. **Sullivan, J. Ryan**. Ktyì jì'ìn nu chá' jì'ìn shkichá' jì'ìn chá'kñá jì'ìn Jlo'ò: lista de palabras del chatino de Tataltepec de Valdés.
2009. **Sullivan, J. Ryan**. Lista de palabras-Tataltepec, español, inglés. [\[pdf\]](#)

Popular Writings

2015. Rachel J. Griess, **J. Ryan Sullivan**, Justin D. McIntosh and Stéphanie Villard. Chatting in Chatino. *Life and Letters: College of Liberal Arts Magazine*. [\[link\]](#)
2014. **Sullivan, J. Ryan**. The Indigenous Languages Initiative at the University of Texas. *Portal: The Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies Annual Review*. [\[link\]](#)

Other Manuscripts

2016. **Sullivan, J. Ryan**. Informe del zapoteco de Coatecas Altas del 1911. Ms. [\[pdf\]](#)
2015. **Sullivan, J. Ryan**. A brief report on early 19th century Ixtapan Chatino. Ms. [\[pdf\]](#)
2015. **Sullivan, J. Ryan**. Tataltepec Chatino in Investigaciones sobre el idioma chatino. Ms. [\[pdf\]](#)
2015. **Sullivan, J. Ryan**. Los datos del mixteco de Tututepec en Belmar (1902). Ms. [\[pdf\]](#)

Conference Presentations

All items listed under Conference Proceedings were also given as Conference Presentations.

- (2017/03). Kung, Susan Smythe, **J. Ryan Sullivan** and Herminia Rangel. Exploring the new and improved Archive of the Indigenous Languages of Latin America. To be presented at the *Fifth International Conference on Language Documentation and Conservation (ICLDC 5)*, Honolulu.
2017. **Sullivan, J. Ryan**. Floating and unlinked tones in Chatino. Presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA)*, Austin.
2017. **Sullivan, J. Ryan**. Otomanguean texts in the Project for the Documentation of the Languages of Mesoamerica Collection at the Archive of the Indigenous Languages of Latin America. Presented at the organized session *The Relevance of Language Documentation to the Field of Linguistics: Case studies based on the Terrence Kaufman Collections at the Archive of the Indigenous Languages of Latin America* at the *Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA)*, Austin.
2016. **Sullivan, J. Ryan**. Twentieth century sounds change in Zenzontepec Chatino and Tataltepec Chatino. Presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA)*, Washington, D.C. [\[pdf\]](#), [\[pptx\]](#)
2015. **Sullivan, J. Ryan**. El zapoteco coateco de San Gabriel Mixtepec. Presented at the biennial meeting of the *Conference on the Indigenous Languages of Latin America (CILLA)*, Austin. [\[pdf\]](#)
2014. **Sullivan, J. Ryan**. Consonant duration and the post-nasal voicing contrast in Chatino. Presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA)*, Minneapolis. [\[pdf\]](#)
2013. **Sullivan, J. Ryan**. The tones of Tataltepec Chatino. Presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA)*, Boston. [\[pptx\]](#)
2013. Stéphanie Villard and **J. Ryan Sullivan**. ¿Por qué no das clases de inglés? Obstacles to language revitalization in two Chatino communities. Presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA)*, Boston. [\[pptx\]](#)

2012. Emiliana Cruz and **J. Ryan Sullivan**. Demostrativos próximos y distales: Un estudio comparativo del uso de demostrativos en el chatino de Quiahije y Tataltepec. Presented at the biennial meeting of the *Coloquio sobre Lenguas Otomangues y Vecinas* (COLOV), Oaxaca City.
2012. **Sullivan, J. Ryan**. La mora y el tono en el chatino de Tataltepec de Valdés. Presented at the biennial meeting of the *Coloquio sobre Lenguas Otomangues y Vecinas* (COLOV), Oaxaca City.
2012. **Sullivan, J. Ryan**. From ‘companion’ to numeral classifier in Mixtec. Presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas* (SSILA), Portland. [poster, [pptx](#)]
2011. **Sullivan, J. Ryan**. Tone alignment in San Juan Quiahije Chatino. Presented at the annual meeting of the *Linguistic Society of the Southwest* (LASSO), South Padre Island. [[pdf](#)]
2011. **Sullivan, J. Ryan**. Tataltepec Chatino verb classes and aspect morphology. Presented at the annual meeting of the *Conference on Endangered Languages and Cultures of Native America* (CELCNA), Salt Lake City.

Invited Talks

2016. **Sullivan, J. Ryan**. El zapoteco de San Gabriel Mixtepec: el uso de datos centenarios para conocer un idioma. Keynote presentation at the *Workshop on the Sound Systems of Mexico and Central America*. Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. Mexico City.

Grants and Awards

External Grants

2011. National Science Foundation, Documenting Endangered Languages (NSF-DEL). Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, ‘Doctoral Dissertation Research on Tataltepec de Valdés Chatino (cta)’. PI: Anthony Woodbury. Award Number BCS1065082. \$10,700. [[project description](#)]

Competitive Internal Grants

2014. University of Texas at Austin, Department of Linguistics. Continuing Fellowship.

Teaching

Full-Term Courses

St. Edward’s University (2016)

Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics [Spanish, [syllabus](#)]

The University of Texas at Austin (2008-2013)

Introduction to the Study of Language [[syllabus](#)]

Sound Patterns: Sound to Word [TA]

Phonology I [graduate course, TA]

First-Year Spanish [Spanish, TA]

Short Courses

- (2017). Structure of Chatino. Linguistic Society of America Summer Linguistics Institute. University of Kentucky.
[with Hilaria Cruz]
2016. La fonología y morfología flexional del chatino de Tataltepec de Valdés. Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México & Instituto de Investigaciones Antropológicas. [Spanish, 28-29/03/2016, 12 hours]
2009. Taller del chatino de Tataltepec de Valdés: Introducción de hechos básicos sobre la lengua. Supervisión de Escuelas de Tataltepec de Valdés. [Spanish, 07/2009, 4 hours]

Professional Service

Reviewer for Journals

- Studies in Language 2016
- Language Documentation & Conservation 2016

Reviewer for Conferences

- Linguistic Society of America annual meeting, Austin 2016
- Workshop on the Sound Systems of Mexico and Central America, México 2016
- Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas annual meeting, Austin 2016
- Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas annual meeting, Washington, D.C. 2015
- International Congress on Phonetic Sciences, Glasgow 2015
- Conference on the Indigenous Languages of Latin America, Austin 2015
- Conference on the Indigenous Languages of Latin America, Austin. 2013
- Conference on the Indigenous Languages of Latin America, Austin 2011
- Symposium About Language and Society - Austin, Austin 2011
- Symposium About Language and Society - Austin, Austin 2010

Conference Organizer

- Conference on the Indigenous Languages of Latin America (CILLA 7), Austin. [with Nora England, Justin McIntosh and Kate Mesh] 2015
- Conference on the Indigenous Languages of Latin America (CILLA 6), Austin. [with Nora England and Eric Campbell] 2013
- Conference on the Indigenous Languages of Latin America (CILLA 5), Austin. [with Nora England and Eric Campbell] 2011
- Symposium About Language and Society - Austin 19: Language in the Public Domain (SALSA 19), Austin. [with Gwendolyn Kirk, Quiana Lopez and Max Wartell] 2011

Other Institutional Service

- Institutional Review Board Liaison, Associated Students of Linguistics 2013–2014
- Linguistics Department Representative, Graduate Student Association 2009–2010
- Placement Exam Rater, Department of Spanish and Portuguese 2008

Other Professional Service

Wikipedia User, Wikia, Inc. [editing articles on linguistics and indigenous languages] 2015–2016
Proofreader, The Linguistics Journal 2014–2015

Service in the Wider Community

Spanish-English Medical Interpreter, Seton Healthcare Family 2016
Trainer, Travis County Clerk, Elections Division 2015–2016
Spanish-English Interpreter, American Gateways [non-profit immigration law clinic] 2013
AmeriCorps VISTA Summer Associate, United Cerebral Palsy of Texas & Texas Low Income Housing
Information Service 2008

Languages

Communication

English (native language) • Spanish (near-native) • Brazilian Portuguese (intermediate) • Tataltepec Chatino (beginning) • American Sign Language (beginning)

Direct Research with Native Speakers

Tataltepec Chatino [cta] • Quiahije Eastern Chatino [ctp] • Wolof [wol]

Archival Research on Documents and/or Audio Recordings

Tejomulco Chatino [cta] • Coastal Mixtec [mxt, mtu, mjc, mih] • Coatec Zapotec [zps, zpx] • Ixtapan Eastern Chatino [ctp] • Coatecas Altas Zapotec [zca]

Memberships

Linguistic Society of America (LSA) 2013–present
Society for the Study of Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA) 2011–present
Linguistic Society of the Southwest (LASSO) 2011–2012