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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Historical phonology, Chinese language, Chinese dialects, Tibeto-Burman languages, Sino-Tibetan comparison, Chinese characters, Asian writing systems

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Chinese Language, University of California at Berkeley, December 1998
Dissertation: “The Medial Systems of Old Chinese and Proto-Sino-Tibetan”
Committee: Pang-Hsin Ting (chair), H. Samuel Cheung, James A. Matisoff
M.A., East Asian Languages, University of California at Berkeley, December 1992
Thesis: “Notes on Consonant Cluster Endings in Archaic Chinese: A Preliminary Reexamination of the *Ge*, *Ji*, and *Yuan* Rhyme Groups”
A.B., Mathematics, Harvard College, June 1988; Phi Beta Kappa

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2009-present Professor, University of Washington, Dept. of Asian Languages and Literature
2006-2019 Associate Professor, University of Washington, Dept. of Asian Languages and Literature
1999-2006 Assistant Professor, University of Washington, Dept. of Asian Languages and Literature
2001-2002 Research Associate, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
2001-present Adjunct Professor, University of Washington, Dept. of Linguistics
1998-1999 Visiting Lecturer, University of Washington, Dept. of Asian Languages and Literature

PUBLICATIONS

- 2019 (in press) The cognitive role of semantic classifiers in modern Chinese writing as reflected in neogram creation. *Seen not heard: composition, iconicity, and the classifier systems of logosyllabic scripts*. (Oriental Institute Seminar Series, 14). Chicago: The Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago.
- 2019 Review of Kornicki, *Languages, Scripts, and Chinese Texts in East Asia*. *H-Net Reviews in the Humanities and Social Sciences*. <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=52015>
- 2019 *Sinography: The borrowing and adaptation of the Chinese script*. Leiden: Brill.
- 2019 Review of Jacobowitz, *Writing technology in Meiji Japan: A media history of modern Japanese literature and visual culture*. *Pacific Affairs* 92.1: 149–151.
- 2019 Additional evidence from *Hwunmincengumenhay* explaining Sin Swukcwu’s use of the letter 𐄀 <f> to represent the entering-tone coda of the *Yào* 藥 rime. *Festschrift in honor*

- of Prof. Ting Pang-Hsin. Hong Kong: Center for Chinese Linguistics, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, 876–887.
- 2017 Fuzzy word identification: the case of ‘𠄎’ in the oracle bone inscriptions (Zìcí de móhú biànshí: yǐ jiǎgǔwén ‘𠄎’ zì wéi lì 字詞的模糊辨識：以甲骨文「𠄎」字為例). *Gǔ wénzì yǔ Hànyǔ lìshǐ bǐjiào yīnyùnxué* 古文字與漢語歷史比較音韻學, ed. by Haeree Park and Shaoxuan Cheng, Shanghai: Fudan University Press, 265–288. [In Chinese.]
- 2017 The Sinitic languages: phonology. *The Sino-Tibetan Languages*, 2nd edition, ed. by Graham Thurgood and Randy J. LaPolla. London, New York: Routledge, 85–113.
- 2017 *Encyclopedia of Chinese Language and Linguistics*, 5 volumes, ed. by Rint Sybesma, Wolfgang Behr, Yueguo Gu, Zev Handel, C.-T. James Huang, and James Myers. Leiden: Brill. [Associate Editor]
- 2017 Chinese characters. *Encyclopedia of Chinese Language and Linguistics*, ed. by Rint Sybesma et al. Leiden: Brill, vol. 1: 435–438.
- 2017 Chinese loanwords in English. *Encyclopedia of Chinese Language and Linguistics*, ed. by Rint Sybesma et al. Leiden: Brill, vol. 1: 546–550.
- 2017 Dialect diversification, major trends. *Encyclopedia of Chinese Language and Linguistics*, ed. by Rint Sybesma et al. Leiden: Brill, vol. 2: 54–61.
- 2017 Fifth tone. *Encyclopedia of Chinese Language and Linguistics*, ed. by Rint Sybesma et al. Leiden: Brill, vol. 2: 231–233.
- 2017 Non-IPA symbols in IPA transcriptions in China. *Encyclopedia of Chinese Language and Linguistics*, ed. by Rint Sybesma et al. Leiden: Brill, vol. 3: 187–188.
- 2017 Palatalization. *Encyclopedia of Chinese Language and Linguistics*, ed. by Rint Sybesma et al. Leiden: Brill, vol. 3: 317–322.
- 2017 Phonology, overview. *Encyclopedia of Chinese Language and Linguistics*, ed. by Rint Sybesma et al. Leiden: Brill, vol. 3: 413–415.
- 2017 Rime group. *Encyclopedia of Chinese Language and Linguistics*, ed. by Rint Sybesma et al. Leiden: Brill, vol. 3: 608–609.
- 2017 Zodiac. *Encyclopedia of Chinese Language and Linguistics*, ed. by Rint Sybesma et al. Leiden: Brill, vol. 4: 724–729.
- 2016 Does Xǔ Shèn’s *huìyì* category reflect historical reality? An argument for the existence of compound graphs lacking phonophorics. *New Horizons in the Study of Chinese: Dialectology, Grammar, and Philology—Studies in Honor of Professor Anne Yue*, ed. by Pang-hsin Ting, Samuel Hung-nin Cheung, Sze-Wing Tang and Andy Chin. Hong Kong: T.T. Ng Chinese Language Research Centre, Institute of Chinese Studies, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, 581–598.
- 2016 Learn to Read Korean: An Introduction to *Hangul* 한글. *Proceedings of the 7th International Particle Accelerator Conference (IPAC’16)*, Busan, May 2016, paper THEA01, 3207–3212. (Also available at <http://www.ipac16.org/proceedings/index.html>, link “THEA”.)
- 2015 Logography and the classification of writing systems: a response to Unger. *Scripta* 7: 109–151.
- 2015 The classification of Chinese: Sinitic (the Chinese language family). *Oxford handbook of Chinese linguistics*, ed. by Chaofen Sun and William S.-Y. Wang. New York: Oxford University Press, 34–44.

- 2015 Old Chinese phonology. *Oxford handbook of Chinese linguistics*, ed. by Chaofen Sun and William S.-Y. Wang. New York: Oxford University Press, 68–79.
- 2015 The Role of the Comparative Method: Rejoinder to Chen Zhongmin’s Rejoinder (Huíyìng Chén Zhōngmǐn duìyú ‘Lìshǐ bǐjiàofǎ hé lìshǐ céngcǐ fēnxīfǎ’ de huíyìng 回应 陈忠敏对于《历史比较法和层次分析法》的回应). *Yuyanxue Luncong* 51: 329–339. [In Chinese.]
- 2014 Historical phonology of Chinese. *Handbook of Chinese linguistics*, ed. by James C.-T. Huang, Y.-H. Audrey Li, Andrew Simpson. Chichester, UK: Wiley-Blackwell, 576–598.
- 2014 Why did Sin Sukju transcribe the coda of the Yào 藥 rhyme of 15th-century Guānhuà with the letter ㄲ <f>? *Studies in Chinese and Sino-Tibetan Linguistics: Dialect, Phonology, Transcription and Text*, ed. by Richard VanNess Simmons and Newell Ann Van Auken, 293–308. Taipei: Institute of Linguistics, Academia Sinica.
- 2013 Fuzzy word identification: A case study from the oracle bone inscriptions. *Bulletin of Chinese Linguistics* 7.2: 1–27. [Note: actual publication date was August 2014.]
- 2013 Can a logographic script be simplified? Lessons from the 20th century Chinese writing reform informed by recent psycholinguistic research. *Scripta* 5: 21–66.
- 2012 Lìshǐ bǐjiàofǎ hé céngcǐ fēnxīfǎ 历史比较法和层次分析法 [The role of the comparative method and stratum analysis in the reconstruction of Chinese dialect history]. *Yuyanxue Luncong* 语言学论丛 45: 277–335. [In Chinese; co-authored with Akitani Hiroyuki].
- 2012 Review of Ratliff, *Hmong–Mien language history*. *Diachronica* 29.3: 385–398.
- 2012 Valence-changing prefixes and voicing alternation in Old Chinese and Proto-Sino-Tibetan: Reconstructing *s- and *N- prefixes. *Language and Linguistics* 13.1: 61–81.
- 2011 Review of de Voogt, *The idea of writing: Play and complexity*. *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 131.3: 494–496.
- 2011 Etymology consultant for Chinese and other East Asian languages. *American Heritage Dictionary* 5th edition. Boston: Houghton Mifflin.
- 2011 Report: The International Symposium on Sino-Tibetan Comparative Studies in the 21st Century. *Journal of Chinese Linguistics* 39.1: 277–290.
- 2010 Old Chinese and Min. *Chûgokugo Gaku* 257: 34–68.
- 2010 Review of Akitani, *Mǐnběi-qū sān xiàn shì fāngyán yánjiū* 闽北区三县市方言研究 [Studies on Northern Min Dialects: Shipi, Zhenqian, and Dikou]. *Yuyanxue Luncong* 语言学论丛 42: 380–407.
- 2010 Competing methodologies of Chinese dialect fieldwork, and their implications for the study of the history of the Northern Min dialects. *Studies in honor of Jerry Norman*, ed. by W. South Coblin and Anne O. Yue-Hashimoto. Hong Kong: The Ng Tor-tai Chinese Language Research Centre, Institute of Chinese Studies, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, 13–39.
- 2009 *Old Chinese medials and their Sino-Tibetan origins: a comparative study* (Language and Linguistics Monograph Series, A18). Taipei: Institute of Linguistics, Academia Sinica.
- 2009 Towards a comparative study of sinographic writing strategies in Korean, Japanese, and Vietnamese. *Scripta* 1: 89–125.

- 2009 Reflections on the historical origin of the Northern Min softened initials. [In Chinese] *Language and Linguistics* 10.1: 1–16.
- 2008 What is Sino-Tibetan? Snapshot of a field and a language family in flux. *Language and Linguistics Compass* 2.3: 422–441.
- 2008 Comments on Chinese comparanda found throughout in Matisoff, James A. 2008. *The Tibeto-Burman reproductive system: toward an etymological thesaurus*. University of California publications in linguistics 140. Berkeley: University of California Press.
- 2007 Notes on Old Chinese bilabial dissimilation, with reference to *yì* 邑 ‘city’ and *yōng* 隄 ‘moat’. *Linguistic studies in Chinese and neighboring languages: Festschrift in honor of Professor Pang-Hsin Ting on his 70th birthday*, ed. by Dah-an Ho et al. Taipei: Institute of Linguistics, Academia Sinica, 1013–1033.
- 2006 Review of Branner, *The Chinese rime tables: linguistic philosophy and historical-comparative phonology*. *Phonology* 23.3: 454–458.
- 2004 Methodological considerations in the application of Tibeto-Burman comparison to the reconstruction of Old Chinese. *Studies on Sino-Tibetan languages: papers in honor of Professor Hwang-cherng Gong on his seventieth birthday*, ed. by Ying-chin Lin et al. Taipei: Institute of Linguistics, Academia Sinica, 603–620.
- 2004 Tone values of the Northern Min dialects and a reconstruction of “softened initials”. *Fangyan* 2004.1: 54–75. [Chinese translation by Baoxian Chen of 2003 *Language and Linguistics* article.]
- 2004 The *-i-/*-ji- distinction in the Old Chinese reconstruction system of Li Fang-kuei. *Journal of Chinese Linguistics* 32.2: 179–199.
- 2004 Review of *A study of Sangkong*. *Linguistics of the Tibeto-Burman Area* 27.1: 111–142.
- 2004 The use of *jin* 今, *yi* 翌, and *lai* 來 as time demonstratives with *ganzhi* dates in the oracle-bone inscriptions. *Meaning and form: Essays in Pre-Modern Chinese grammar*, ed. by K. Takashima and S. Jiang. LINCOM Studies in Asian Linguistics 55. München: Lincom Europe, 57–75.
- 2003 Review of *A study of Rouruo*. *Linguistics of the Tibeto-Burman Area* 26.1: 141–161.
- 2003 A concise introduction to Old Chinese phonology. Appendix to the *Handbook of Tibeto-Burman phonology: system and philosophy of Sino-Tibetan reconstruction*, by James A. Matisoff. Berkeley: University of California Press, 543–574.
- 2003 Ingush inflectional verb morphology: a synchronic classification and historical analysis with comparison to Chechen. In: *Current trends in Caucasian, East European and Inner Asian linguistics: Papers in honor of Howard I. Aronson*. (Current Issues in Linguistic Theory, 246.), ed. by Dee Ann Holisky and Kevin Tuite. Amsterdam/Philadelphia: John Benjamins, 123–175.
- 2003 Northern Min tone values and the reconstruction of “softened initials”. *Language and Linguistics* 4.1: 47–84.
- 2002 Proto-Lolo-Burmese velar clusters and the origin of Lisu palatal sibilants. *Linguistics of the Tibeto-Burman Area* 25.1: 95–112.
- 2002 Rethinking the medials of Old Chinese: Where are the *r*’s? *Cahiers de Linguistique Asie Orientale* 31.1: 3–32.

- 2001 Review of Simmons: *Chinese Dialect Classification: A comparative approach to Harngjou, Old Jintarn, and Common Northern Wu*. *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 121.4: 658–660.
- 1996 Introduction to *Phonological inventories of Tibeto-Burman languages* (STEDT Monograph #3), ed. by Ju Namkung. Berkeley: Center for Southeast Asia Studies, University of California, ix–xxiii.
- 1994 Review of A dictionary of the northern dialect of Lisu (China and Southeast Asia). *Linguistics of the Tibeto-Burman Area* 17.1: 141–154.

PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 Discussant on panel “Embodied Texts: Rescripting Modern Japanese Literature and Media History”. Association for Asian Studies, Washington D.C., March 23.
- 2017 The hidden influence of Chinese characters and words on Korean vocabulary and writing. Invited speaker, the 71st *Societas Koreana* lecture meeting. Academy of Korean Studies, Seoul, October 19.
- The cognitive role of semantic classifiers in modern Chinese writing as reflected in neogram creation. Renowned foreign scholar invited presentation. The Center for Language Research, Seoul National University. Seoul, October 17.
- Sino-Japanese and Sumero-Akkadian: towards a general theory of how linguistic typology and cognitive universals shape script borrowing. Renowned foreign scholar invited presentation. The Center for Language Research, Seoul National University. Seoul, October 16.
- Korean, Chinese, Japanese—historical and cultural interconnections between the three East Asian languages. Invited roundtable discussant for the 20th Anniversary Forum Series of the Graduate School of Translation and Interpretation, Ewha Womans University. Seoul, October 13.
- Information management at the level of the word: graphs and early lexicons. Invited presentation, A Literary History of Information Management in China. University of Virginia, May 13-14.
- The cognitive role of semantic classifiers in modern Chinese writing as reflected in neogram creation. Invited presentation, Seen Not Heard: Composition, Iconicity, and the Classifier Systems of Logosyllabic Scripts. Chicago, March 2-3.
- 2016 Comparing Sino-Japanese and Sumero-Akkadian: Towards a theory of how linguistic typology and cognitive universals shape script borrowing. University of Washington Department of Linguistics Colloquium invited talk, Seattle, April 2.
- Duoxu tonal developments in Tibeto-Burman context. Fourth International Workshop on Sino-Tibetan Languages of Southwest China, Seattle, September 8-10.
- Learn to Read Korean: An Introduction to *Hangul* 한글. Invited presentation, 7th International Particle Accelerator Conference (IPAC’16), Busan, May 12. (Video and slides available at <http://www.ipac16.org/scientific-program/entertainment-talk.html>.)
- Discussant on panel “Orthodoxy, Invention, and Appropriation in 17th- and 18th-Century Nôm Texts”. Association for Asian Studies, Seattle, April 1.

- 2014 The role of semantic classifiers in modern Chinese writing: an investigation of categories reflected in neography. *Idea of Writing*. Leiden, October 24-25.
 Is “Logographic” a meaningful or useful category for the classification of writing systems? A Response to Unger. *Scripta 2014* (Seventh International Conference of the Hunmin jeongeum Society). Seoul, October 11.
 Controversies and conundrums in the reconstruction of Proto-Sino-Tibetan. Workshop on Advanced Linguistics: Language Change. Taipei, July 14-24.
- 2013 Fricativization of high vowels and glides in Ersu, Lizu, and related languages. 3rd Workshop on the Sino-Tibetan languages of Sichuan. Paris, September 2-4. [Co-authored with Katia Chirkova]
 Diachronic developments of voiceless nasals in Ersu, Lizu and related languages. 46th International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics. Dartmouth, August 8-10. [Co-authored with Katia Chirkova]
 Another look at Jerry Norman’s Chinese / Austroasiatic proposals in light of recent developments in the field. Jerry Norman Memorial Workshop. Seattle, June 28-29.
 Linguistic evidence relates languages, archeological evidence relates cultures, genetic evidence relates populations: implications for STAN and related hypotheses. Invited presentation, 23rd Meeting of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society. Bangkok, May 29-31.
- 2012 Can a logographic script be meaningfully simplified and remain logographic? Lessons from the 20th century Chinese writing reform informed by recent psycholinguistic research. *Scripta 2012* (Fifth International Conference of the Hunmin jeongeum Society). Seoul, October 9.
 Words, word families, and obi characters: the case for fuzzy identification. 222nd Meeting of the American Oriental Society. Boston, March 16-19.
 Chinese characters and Chinese language: beyond the tattoo. Invited presentation to the University of Washington Catalysts. University of Washington, Seattle. January 11.
- 2011 Words, word families, and OBI characters: the case for fuzzy identification. Invited presentation for Shang Archeology: Achievements, Directions & Dead-ends: a Festtag for David Keightley in Celebration of 80 Sui. University of California, Berkeley. October 1.
 The interplay of graphic complexity and systemic complexity: government-led 20th century script reform in China. The Idea of Writing Conference. Università Ca' Foscari, Venice. September 12.
 An overview of the Sino-Tibetan languages and their role in the reconstruction of Old Chinese. Invited lecture, Chinese Studies Institute, Korea University, Seoul. September 2.
- 2010 The comparative method and the stratum analysis method [in Chinese]. Workshop of the Kansai Branch of the Japanese Society of Chinese Linguistics. Kansai University, Osaka, July 11.

Valence-changing prefixes and voicing alternation in Old Chinese and Proto-Sino-Tibetan. 17th Meeting of the East Eurasia Linguistics Circle. Aoyama Gakuin University, Tokyo, July 4.

Valence-changing prefixes and voicing alternation in Old Chinese and Proto-Sino-Tibetan: where are the nasals and where are the sibilants? International Symposium on Sino-Tibetan Comparative Studies in the 21st Century. Institute of Linguistics, Academia Sinica. Taipei, June 24-25.

English words with Chinese etymologies: a peregrination through the American Heritage Dictionary. University of Washington Department of Asian Languages & Literature Colloquium. May 27.

The influence of linguistic typology on the adoption of Chinese characters for written Japanese, Korean, and Vietnamese. University of Washington Department of Linguistics Colloquium invited talk, Seattle, April 2.

English words with Chinese origins: an etymological journey. Invited presentation for the colloquium “A whole afternoon of Chinese linguistics”, University of Leiden. March 16.

- 2009 Revising Chinese Etymologies: A Lexicographic Journey through the *American Heritage Dictionary*. Invited presentation for the Arizona State University Confucius Institute, Arizona State University School of International Letters & Cultures, Tempe. November 6.

Competing methodologies of Chinese dialect fieldwork, and their implications for the study of the history of the Northern Min dialects. 17th Annual Meeting of International Association of Chinese Linguistics. Paris, July 2-4.

- 2008 Preliminary remarks on the influence of linguistic typology on Asian sinography. 2008 Annual Meeting of the American Oriental Society Western Branch. Portland, October 24-25.

Towards a comparative study of sinographic writing strategies in Korean, Japanese, and Vietnamese. Scripta 2008 (First International Conference of the Hunmin jeongeum Society). Seoul, October 9-10.

Linguistic typology and the adaptation of Chinese writing to the indigenous languages of Vietnam, Korea, and Japan: a preliminary investigation. 41st International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics. London, September 18-21.

English words with Chinese etymologies 論漢語來源的英語詞. Invited presentation for Colloquium Series on Chinese Dialects and Regional Culture, Hanyang University, Hanyang University, Seoul. May 6.

- 2007 A brief overview of the Baxter and Baxter-Sagart systems of Old Chinese. Invited presentation for The First International Symposium on Chinese Regional Culture and Language, Hanyang University, Seoul. November 30.

Old Chinese reconstruction: methodological issues and practical application to the interpretation of manuscript texts. Invited presentation for China Before Print Workshop, University of Chicago. February 16.

- 2006 Sorting through competing reconstructions of Old Chinese. Invited presentation at special workshop “The Current State of ST/TB Reconstruction”. 39th International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics. Seattle, September 14-17.
- 2005 The etymology of *yì* ‘city’ and *yōng* ‘moat’. Symposium on Old Chinese. Shanghai, December 12-17.
- Did *yōng* ‘moat’ end in *-m*?. Invited presentation. Institute of Linguistics, Academia Sinica, Taiwan. December 11.
- Invited chair for session on “Origin of Language / Phylogenetics”. Ninth Annual Chinese-American Frontiers of Science Symposium. Xiamen, November 2-4.
- The etymology of *yì* ‘city’ and *yōng* ‘moat’. 38th International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics. Xiamen, October 28-31.
- Examples of text recitations in the old reading tradition of Xingtian Township, Wuyishan County, Fujian [in Chinese]. 9th International Min Dialects Conference, Fuzhou, October 25-27.
- Reconstructing the pronunciation of Old Chinese - and beyond. University of Washington Department of Asian Languages and Literature colloquium. February 22.
- 2004 Excavating the dawn: a case study of the origins of the ancient Chinese lexicon. University of Washington Department of Linguistics Colloquium. December 3.
- “Dawn” words in Old Chinese: a case study of the Old Chinese lexicon. 37th International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics. Lund, October 1-3.
- The application of Old Chinese phonology to textual problems: degrees of (un)certainity. Invited keynote address: 2004 University of Washington Asian Languages and Literature Graduate Student Colloquium in Asian Studies. Seattle, May 22.
- 2003 Northern Min tone values and the reconstruction of softened initials [in Chinese]. 8th International Min Dialects Conference, Haikou, November 9-13.
- Methodological considerations in Old Chinese and Middle Chinese. Symposium on Middle Chinese and Old Chinese phonology. Chicago, May 10.
- Examples of text recitations in the old reading tradition of Xingtian Township, Wuyishan County, Fujian. Meeting of the American Oriental Society. Nashville, April 4-7.
- Dialects, orthographies, business, and technology: The Chinese linguistic conundrum. Presentation at symposium Beyond the grove of academe: Asian languages, public policy, and the public interest. Seattle, March 13.
- Issues in Old Chinese reconstruction: methodology and practical application. Invited talk, Cornell University Department of Asian Studies. March 7.
- The reconstruction of “softened initials” in the Northern Min dialects of Chinese based on tone pitch patterns. University of Washington Department of Linguistics Colloquium invited talk, Seattle, January 10.

- 2002 Methodological considerations in comparative Sino-Tibetan and the reconstruction of Old Chinese pronunciation. 35th International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics. Tempe, November 7-10.
 Chinese dialect fieldwork. University of Washington Department of Asian Languages and Literature colloquium. October 23.
 Northern Min tone values and the reconstruction of “softened initials”. (Young Scholar Award finalist.) 11th International Association of Chinese Linguistics conference, Nagoya, August 20-22.
 The *-i-/*-ji- distinction in the Old Chinese reconstruction system of Li Fang-kuei. Li Fang-Kuei Centennial Symposium, Seattle, August 15-17.
 Fieldwork in Fujian province: process and results. Hong Kong University Linguistics Seminar, April 30.
- 2001 Proto-Lolo-Burmese velar clusters and the origin of Lisu palatal sibilants. 34th International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics. Kunming, October 24-28.
 The use of *Jīn*, *Yì*, and *Lái* as time words with *gānzhī* dates in the oracle bone inscriptions. 4th International Conference on Classical Chinese Grammar. Vancouver, August 15-17.
- 2000 The problem of medial *yod* in Chinese/Tibeto-Burman comparisons and the monophthongization of glide + vowel sequences in Early Old Chinese. 9th International Conference on Chinese Linguistics. Singapore, June 26-28.
- 1999 Rethinking the medials of Old Chinese: Where are the *r*'s? 32nd International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics. Urbana-Champaign, October 28-31.
- 1997 A snake in the grass: an exploration of a slippery Sino-Tibetan etymon. 30th International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics. Beijing, August 24-28.
 The role of ablaut in the Ingush verbal system. 10th International Conference on non-Slavic languages of the former Soviet Union. Chicago, May 8-11.
- 1995 Issues in the periodicization of Old Chinese. 29th International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics. Leiden, October 10-13.
- 1992 Notes on consonant cluster endings in Archaic Chinese. 25th International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics. Berkeley, October 14-18.