

# Roslyn Cherie Burns

## Curriculum Vitae

### Education

- 2011-2016 University of California, Berkeley  
Ph.D., Linguistics  
Dissertation Title:  
*New World Mennonite Low German: An Investigation of Changes in Progress*  
Committee: Gary Holland (Chair), Keith Johnson, Thomas Shannon
- 2009-2011 University of California, Berkeley  
M.A., Linguistics
- 2007 Martin Luther Universität Halle-Wittenberg, Lutherstadt-Wittenberg  
Exchange, Landeskunde
- 2006 Universidad de la Rioja  
Exchange, Filología Hispanica
- 2004-2008 Reed College  
B.A., Linguistics

### Publications<sup>1</sup>

- 2016c Mexico: Mennonites in Northern Mexico.  
Invited chapter forthcoming in *Varieties of German Worldwide*  
eds Hans Boas, Ana Deumert, Mark Loudon, and Peter Maitz
- 2016b \*Lechitic Vowel Developments in Eastern Low German  
Submitted to *Annual Workshop on Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics 25*
- 2016a \*The Palatalization Puzzle of Eastern Low German  
Under Revision for the *Interdisciplinary Journal for Germanic Linguistics and Semiotic Analysis*
- 2015 \*The Plautdietsch Vowel Shift Across Space and Time  
*Journal of Linguistic Geography* 3(2): 79-94
- 2015 \**Annual Workshop on Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics: The First Berkeley Meeting*  
edited with Małgorzata Szajbel-Keck and Darya Kavitskaya
- 2013 \*Abo Optional Anti-Agreement.  
*Selected Proceedings of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference on African Linguistics*. 2013:130-140
- 2012 \*Case-Gender Paradigms in North American Mennonite Low German.  
*Interdisciplinary Journal for Germanic Linguistics and Semiotic Analysis*. 17(1):79-101.

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<sup>1</sup>Publications with an asterisks are peer reviewed.

## Presentations

- 2016 Island Hopping: Dialects in the New World Plautdietsch Speech Archipelago  
Germanic Linguistics Annual Conference 22, May 20-22  
Reykjavik, Iceland
- 2016 Paradigm Internal vs External Motivations: The case of Ablaut Classes in Plautdietsch  
With Reem Alattas  
Germanic Linguistics Annual Conference 22, May 20-22  
Reykjavik, Iceland
- 2016 Lechitic Vowel Developments of Posen Low German  
Formal Approaches To Slavic Linguistics 25, May 13-15  
Ithica, New York
- 2016 Feature Inheritance and Formal Patterning of Ablaut in Plautdietsch  
Berkeley Germanic Round Table, April 1-2  
Berkeley, California
- 2016 Mennonite Low German Dialect Diversification in the New World  
Modern Language Association Annual Meeting. Session: (Re)Living Language Change  
Austin, Texas
- 2015 Umlaut or Unlaut: Plautdietsch Vowel Alternations  
Germanic Linguistics Annual Conference 21  
Provo, Utah
- 2015 Giving the Basket and Cultural Exchange. With Christine Vais  
Germanic Linguistics Annual Conference 21  
Provo, Utah
- 2013 In Search of the Missing Link: New and Old World Plautdietsch Long Vowel Innovations  
Germanic Linguistics Annual Conference 19  
Buffalo, New York
- 2013 Lost in Translation? An Analysis of Gothic Gender  
9<sup>th</sup> Biennial Indiana University, Graduate Student Conference in Germanic Studies  
Bloomington, Indiana
- 2012 The Vowel System of Mesoamerican Plautdietsch: A preliminary Analysis.  
University of California, Berkeley: Phonology Forum
- 2012 Palatalization in Eastern Low German Dialects: Inheritance, Contact, or Endogenous?  
Germanic Linguistics Annual Conference 18  
Bloomington, Indiana
- 2012 Eastern German and the Slavic Connection: An Investigation of Consonant Palatalization  
Berkeley Germanic Linguistics Roundtable  
Berkeley, California
- 2012 Abo Optional Anti-Agreement  
Annual Conference on African Linguistics 43  
New Orleans, Louisiana

- 2011 Is Fieldwork without Exoticism Fieldwork at All? With Rachele Delucchi  
University of California, Berkeley: Fieldwork Forum
- 2011 OT in Historical Linguistics: An Account of the Plautdietsch Palatal Sound Shift  
Germanic Linguistics Annual Conference 17  
Austin, Texas
- 2011 A Phonological Sketch of Abo. With Stefanie Fauconnier  
University of California, Berkeley: Phonology Forum
- 2010 Case-Gender Paradigms In North American Mennonite Low German  
Berkeley Germanic Linguistics Roundtable  
Berkeley, California

## Teaching Experience

- Spring 2017     Linguistics 165A: Phonology II  
University of California, Los Angeles Lecturer
- Spring 2017     Linguistics 170: Sociolinguistics  
University of California, Los Angeles Lecturer
- Winter 2016     Linguistics 110: Historical Linguistics  
University of California, Los Angeles Lecturer
- Winter 2016     Linguistics 20: Introduction to Linguistics  
University of California, Los Angeles Lecturer
- Fall 2016        Linguistics 20: Introduction to Linguistics  
University of California, Los Angeles Lecturer
- Spring 2016     Linguistics 5: Language and Linguistics  
Graduate Student Instructor, Professor Richard Rhodes
- Fall 2015        Linguistics 130: Introduction to Comparative and Historical Linguistics  
Graduate Student Instructor, Professor Gary Holland
- Spring 2015     Linguistics 100: Introduction to Linguistic Science  
Graduate Student Instructor, Professor Line Mikkelsen
- Spring 2015     Linguistics 611: Introduction to Linguistics  
Assistant Professor Department of Education, Patten University
- Fall 2014        Linguistics 100: Introduction to Linguistic Science  
Graduate Student Instructor, Professor Susanne Gahl
- Summer 2014    Linguistics 100: Introduction to Linguistic Science  
Acting Instructor and Instructor of Record
- Fall 2013        German 1: Elementary German  
Graduate Student Instructor, Professor Nikolaus Euba
- Spring 2013     Linguistics 115: Phonology and Morphology  
Graduate Student Instructor, Professor Larry Hyman
- Fall 2012        Linguistics 5: Language and Linguistics  
Graduate Student Instructor, Professor Sarah Cutfield
- Spring 2012     Linguistics 100: Introduction to Linguistic Science  
Graduate Student Instructor, Professor Line Mikkelsen
- Fall 2011        Linguistics 130: Introduction to Comparative and Historical Linguistics.  
Graduate Student Instructor, Professor Gary Holland
- Spring 2010     Linguistics 16: The English Vocabulary  
Graduate Student Reader, Professor Richard Rhodes

## Projects

- 2012-Present Mesoamerican Mennonite Low German Project  
Fieldworker and Data Manager, PI Gary Holland
- 2011-2013 Bulgarian as a Living Language  
Data Manager, PI Ronelle Alexander
- 2010-2011 Bankon (Abo) Documentation Project  
Fieldworker and Data Manager, PI Larry Hyman
- 2010-2011 Fresno Mennonite Low German Project  
Fieldworker and Data Manager , PI Lev Michael

## Invited Presentations

- 2016 Plautdietsch Dialects in North America: Perspectives from Acoustic Fieldwork  
Invited by: Dalton Reimer. Fresno Pacific Senior Professional Seminar.
- 2015 The Palatalization Puzzle of Eastern Low German  
Invited by: Professor Thomas Shannon. Presentation to German 290
- 2014 Historical Linguistics: Language Areas and Zones  
Invited by: Professor Susanne Gahl. Presentation to Linguistics 100
- 2013 Plautdietsch in Mexico: Language and Tradition  
Palm Springs Retirement Center
- 2012 Historical Linguistics: The History of English.  
Invited by: Professor Sarah Cutfield. Presentation to Linguistics 5.
- 2012 An Introduction to Grammatical Gender  
Invited by: Professor Line Mikkelsen. Presentation to Linguistics 100.

## Service and Other Experience

- 2013-2014 Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics 23  
Conference Organizer
- 2011-2012 University of California, Berkeley: Linguistics Colloquium  
Student Organizer
- 2010-2011 Berkeley Linguistics Society Annual Conference 37  
Conference Organizer
- 2010 University of California, Berkeley: Linguistics Colloquium  
Student Organizer

## Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

- 2013 Graduate Summer Research Grant, UC Berkeley
- 2013 Dean's Normative Time Fellowship, UC Berkeley
- 2009-2011 Eugene V. Cota-Robles Fellowship, UC Berkeley
- 2007 University Summer Course Grant, Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst