Invited Conference Presentations and Lectures

2. **1981.** “From referential to honorific usage: The case of kinship terminologies.” University of North Carolina: Chapel Hill. (March)
3. **1984a.** “Gullah, that mysterious language variety on the coast of Georgia and South Carolina.” Georgia College, Milledgeville. (January 20)
8. **1986a.** “Pidgins, creoles, and the study of language.” University of Illinois, Urbana, 14 March
10. **1986c.** “Kinship in Europe and Africa: A linguistic point of view.” Instituto Lingwistiko Antiano and the University of Netherlands Antilles, August.
13. **1987c.** “English pidgins: Form and function.” University of Illinois, Urbana, for the International English Fest, 4 May.
14. **1987d.** “Pidginization and creolization: An evolutionary biology analogue.” Northwestern University, 5 May.
16. **1988a.** “Is Black English a barrier to learning.” Atlanta University. (April)
17. **1988b.** “Absence of the copula in Black English: An alternative plausible account.” American Dialect Society meeting, Arlington, Texas (October)
18. **1988c.** “Why grammars are not monolithic.” Dept. of English, University of South Carolina, Columbia. (December)
19. **1989a.** “Creoles and Universal Grammar.” Max Planck Institute, Nijmegen. (March)
20. **1989b.** “On the infinitive in Gullah.” Dept. of Linguistics, University of Chicago. (18 April; Part of 3-speaker round table on infinitives.)
21. **1989c.** “Creoles and Universal Grammar.” Dept. of Linguistics, University of Delaware. (May)
28. **1991a.** “The study of African American speech: What may be gained from it.” Humanities Center, University of Georgia, 5 Nov.

29. **1991b.** “How we delimit nouns and verbs to suit our purposes.” Georgia Technological Institute, 8 Nov.


37. **1992g.** Lingua francas and pidginization in Sub-Saharan Africa.” Indiana University, African Studies Group, 4 November.


41. **1993d.** “Gullah's development: Myths and sociohistorical facts.” In Language Variety in the South II Conference, Auburn University, 1-3 April.

42. **1993e.** “Grammaire Universelle et la genèse des créoles.” University of Freiburg, Germany, 16 June.

43. **1993f.** “Creolization and grammaticization.” University of Cologne, 17 June.

44. **1993g.** “African-American English: What it may teach us.” Kenwood Academy (High School), Chicago, 9 November.


47. **1994c.** “The Founder Principle in creole genesis.” Dept. of Linguistics, Ohio State University, 16 May.


63. 1997i. "What research on creole genesis can contribute to historical linguistics." XIllth International Conference on Historical Linguistics, University of Düsseldorf, 10-17 August 1997.
68. 1998c. "Past and recent population movements in Africa: Their impact on its linguistic landscape." 29th Annual Conference on African Linguistics, Yale University, March 27-29.
70. 1998e. "Creolization as language change." University of Freiburg, Germany, June 19.
71. 1998f. "The ecology of language evolution." University of Munich, Germany, June 23. Also presented at the University of Potsdam, Germany, July 2.
72. 1998g. "Creolization is a social, not a linguistic, process." Conference on Degrees of restructuring in creole languages, Regensburg, Germany, June 24-27.
73. 1998h. "How explanatory is markedness?" University of Düsseldorf, Germany, June 29.
77. 1998l. "The language-as-species trope and its implications for language evolution." NWAVE 27, University of Georgia, October 1-3
79. 1998n. "Language endangerment: What have pride and prestige got to do with it?" When languages collide, Ohio State University, 13-15 November.
98. 2000g. "Languages as species, literally speaking." Max Planck Institute, Leipzig, 25 May.
104. **2001b.** “The speciation of Bantu languages: Lessons from pidgins/creoles.” GIAL, Dallas, Texas, 8 February.

105. **2001c.** “Languages in contact: Products and processes, fruits and consequences, including FAQ’s and IAQ’s (infrequently asked questions).” California State University at Northridge. 23 February.

106. **2001d.** “Rice, sugar, tobacco, and language in the New World.” University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad. 19 March.


111. **2001i.** “Competition and selection in language evolution.” Presented at the meeting of the International Society for History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology, Quinnipiac University, Hamden, Connecticut, July 18-22.


114. **2001l.** “Contact and speciation in language evolution: The case of English.” National Chung Cheng University, Taiwan, 28 September.


116. **2001n.** “Creoles do not have pidgin ancestors: Some geographical and historical evidence.” Department of English Language and Literature, National University of Singapore, 24 October.

117. **2001o.** “Colonization, globalization, and language endangerment.” Professorial lecture, National University of Singapore, 7 November.


119. **2001q.** “Colonization, globalization, and language endangerment.” Hong Kong University, 3 December.

120. **2001r.** “Competition and selection in language evolution.” City University of Hong Kong, 4 December.


123. **2002b.** “What creoles are telling us about language evolution.” MIT, May 2.

124. **2002c.** “Some consequences of thinking of languages as species.” Harvard University, May 8.


127. **2002f.** “Colonization styles and the speciation of English.” Meeting of the International Association of World Englishes, University of Illinois at Urbana-Campaign, October 17-20.

“Genetic creolistics and genetic linguistics: Rethinking language evolution.” Invited plenary paper presented at the annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, 2 January, Atlanta.

“Language shift and loss in creole communities: A comparison with the endangerment of Native American languages.” Ohio State University, Endangerment and Minority Languages and Cultures Working Group, February 28.

“Why Ebonics and most black African languages are surviving globalization.” Ohio State University, Department of African American and African Studies. February 28.


“Why are creoles treated as separate languages?” In the lecture series The Scientific Story of Creation, Aurora University, May 1.


“Globalization and the myth of killer languages: What’s really going on?” Perspectives on Endangerment conference, Evangelische Akademie Tutzing, Germany, November 4-6.

“Indigenized and other colonial Englishes: Lessons in sociohistorical linguistics.” International Doctoral Program in Linguistics (LIPP), University of Munich, October 10.

“Language evolution: The population genetics way.” University of Regensburg’s Study Group on Evolution, November 12.

“Sociohistorical linguistics: What research in genetic creolistics is really telling us.” Afrikanistics Department, University of Cologne, November 14.

“Mythes et faits sur le statut linguistique des créoles.” Cours, Collège de France, November 18.

“L'histoire des langues du monde à la lumière de celle des créoles.” Cours, Collège de France, November 25.

“La mort des langues : ce que nous dit l’émergence des créoles.” Cours, Collège de France, December 2.

“Sociohistorical linguistics: What research in genetic creolistics is really telling us.” Department of Linguistics, University of Oslo, December 4.

“Language evolution: The population genetics way.” Philosophy of Science group, University of Oslo, December 5.

“L’évolution linguistique du point de vue de la génétique des populations.” Cours, Collège de France, December 9.


“Sociohistorical linguistics: The population genetics way.” University of Texas at San Antonio. February 6.

“Language evolution: The population genetics way.” Purdue University, February 20.

“Language evolution: The population genetics way.” University of Georgia, Feb. 27.


“Language evolution vs. the evolution of language.” The Epic of Creation lecture series, Zygon Center for Religion and Science, Chicago, 8 March.
151. **2004g.** "Language evolution: The population genetics way. A re-examination of language evolution from the perspective of creoles, using notions from population genetics." University of Ghent, Belgium, March 24.


155. **2004k.** "Language evolution: The population genetics way." CNRS, Saint-Denis, France. 29 November.


159. **2005d.** "Globalization, colonization, and language vitality." 14th Annual Linguistics Symposium, California State University at Fullerton.

160. **2005e.** "Language acquisition as imperfect replication: What creoles are telling us." This keynote presentation led a day-long workshop on language evolution at the University of Amsterdam, on May 27. The other invited keynote presentation was by Daniel Nettle. All the discussions were responses to these two presentations: mine in the morning and his in the afternoon.

161. **2005f.** "Feature pool, competition, and selection in language evolution." Linguistics Department, University of Cape Town, South Africa. August 10.

162. **2005g.** "Globalization and language endangerment: Perspectives from Africa." Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, Port Elizabeth, South Africa. August 19.


164. **2005i.** "Globalization, colonization, and language vitality: Perspectives from Africa." Chancellor’s Distinguished Lectureship Series, Louisiana State University, September 16.


167. **2006a.** "Globalization and language endangerment: Myths and facts." Wednesday Luncheon Series, Divinity School, University of Chicago, 1 February.


175. 2006i. "Pourquoi les langues africaines n'ont-elles pas survécu dans le Nouveau Monde et dans l'Océan Indien ?" Université de Nice, May 5.


179. 2006m. "Creole vernaculars as natural offspring of Indo-European languages." The University of Bayreuth, Germany, July 6.


190. 2007f. "Speakers, populations, and languages: Some evolutionary perspectives." Public lecture, Humboldt University, Berlin, 1 October.

191. 2007g. "The actuation question and the invisible hand in language evolution." Public lecture, University of Zürich, Switzerland, 2 September.

192. 2007h. "The indigenization of English in North America and Australia." Plenary paper, Meeting of the International Association of World Englishes (IAWE), University of Regensburg, 4-6 October.


198. **2008f.** “Globalization and language endangerment: Africa vs. the Americas.” The Millercomm Lecture Series, Center for Advanced Studies, The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 9 April.

199. **2008g.** “Competition and selection in language evolution.” Linguistics Speaker Series and Language Dynamics Reading Group, Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities, The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 10 April.

200. **2008h.** “Ecology and exaptation all the way in language evolution.” Conference on New Directions in Historical Linguistics, Université Lyon 2, May 12-14.

201. **2008i.** “From inter-idiolectal variation through linguistic diversity to language boundaries.” Us and Them: Modeling Past Genetic, Linguistic, and Cultural Boundaries, Université de Bordeaux 1, May 15-17.


204. **2008l.** “Ecology and exaptation all the way in language evolution.” Instituto de Física Interdisciplinario y Sistemas Complejos, Campus Universidad Illes Balears, Palma de Mallorca, 17 June.


209. **2008r.** “‘Global English’ vs. ‘English as a global language’.” Plenary paper, 47th meeting of the Japanese Association of College English Teachers (JACET), Waseda University, Tokyo, 11-13 September.


211. **2008t.** “Globalization, economic power, business sense, and language practice.” Seminar conducted for the Kansai Association of Corporate Executives, Osaka, Japan, 16 September (all day).

212. **2008u.** “Globalization, uniformity, and cultural diversity.” Seminar conducted for the Kansai Association of Corporate Executives, Osaka, Japan, 17 September (morning).
213. 2008v. “‘Globalization’ and ‘glocalization’.” Seminar for top executives of the Kansai Association of Corporate Executives, Osaka, Japan, 17 September (afternoon).


215. 2009a. “Humans as the ecology of language(s).” The Nexus of Biology and Linguistics, 6th Annual Martin Luther King Day Linguistics Symposium, Ohio State University, 19 January.

216. 2009b. “Humans as the ecology of language(s).” University of Toronto, 20 February.

217. 2009c. “Genetic creolistics and language evolution: Some contributions that creoles can make to linguistics.” Tulane University, 26 February.


222. 2009h. “Les créoles français, ‘c’est ben du français’: classifications linguistiques et idéologiques identitaires.” Keynote address at the conference on Mise en scène des pratiques langagières : le cas du français, Simon Fraser University, 16-17 April.

223. 2009i. “The European colonial expansion: Linguistics winners and losers, where and why.” Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, 29 June.

224. 2009j. Two informal seminars (morning and afternoon) on Globalization and Language Endangerment and on The Ecology of Language, Department of Linguistics, Universidade Federal de Rio de Janeiro, 2 July.


231. 2010c. “Ecology and exaptation all the way in language evolution.” Public lecture, Tsinghua University, Beijing, 28 May.

233. **2010**e. Debate with Francis Paul Heylighen (Vrije Universiteit Brussel) and Roland Terborg (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México) on *Approaches to Linguistic Ecology: Coincidences and Divergences*, Universidad Barcelona, June 3.


235. **2010**g. "Driving forces in English contact linguistics." Symposium on *English as a Contact Language*, University of Zurich, June 7-9.


237. **2010**i. "Genèse des créoles et génétique linguistique." Course given at *Université internationale d'été – Créolité/Créolisation: Etats de la question*, Université de la Réunion, Saint-Denis, June 4-9.


Also presented as a keynote address at the University of Basel, Switzerland, at the JASGIL (Joint Advanced Study Group in Linguistics) meeting, Oct. 22-23.


241. **2010**m. "La Francophonie: A world history of language expansion and contraction since the colonial expansion." Rutgers University, October 28.


258. 2012e. “Explaining variation in speech and language communities.” Department of Social Anthropology & Linguistics, University of Cape Town, SA, 12 September.


260. 2012g. “Globalization and language.” Public lecture, University of Western Cape, SA, 17 September.


263. 2012j. “Languages as communication technology: An evolutionary perspective.” Minnesota Center for Philosophy of Science, 18 October.


267. 2013b. “Language evolution, by exaptation, with the mind leading.” Fifth International Conference in Evolutionary Linguistics, Chinese University of Hong Kong, August 17-19.