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## EDUCATION

2021: PhD Linguistics, Indiana University Bloomington

2017: MA in Linguistics, Indiana University Bloomington

2010: TESOL Certification, 120 hour course, Phuket, Thailand

2007: B.A. in French, University of Missouri-Columbia, *magna cum laude*

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Linguistic Fieldwork
- Community engagement in research
- Language variation and change
- Syllable structure, tone

## POSITIONS HELD

2023-present: Senior Associate Director of Student Success, Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies, Indiana University

2021-present: Associate Director, Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies Living-Learning Center, Indiana University

## DISSERTATION

**Lotven, S.** (2021). *The Sound Systems of Zophei Dialects and Other Maraic Languages*. Indiana University, Bloomington

## JOURNAL ARTICLES

**Lotven, S.** (2024, forthcoming). Tone in South Central Tibeto-Burman. *Issues in South Central Tibeto-Burman (Kuki-Chin) Linguistics*. *Himalayan Linguistics*.

**Lotven, S.,** Berkson, K., Wamsley, J. C., Danaher, J., Van Bik, K., and Davis, S. (2019). The syllable in Kuki-Chin. *Journal of South Asian Languages and Linguistics*, 6(2). 1-28.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Lotven, S.** & Ajibade, M. (2024, forthcoming). Morphology in Gengbe and Yoruba Ideophones. In C. Green & S. Lotven (Eds.) *The Ghanaian Linguistics Nexus*. Language Science Press.
- Chelliah, S. & **Lotven S.** (2024, forthcoming). From Source to Analysis: A Language Documenter's Guide to Annotating Text. UNT Digital Libraries.
- Lotven, S.** & Sung, Z. (2022) The Lawngtlang Zophei verbal complex. In I. Guha, S. Kidwai, & M. Schwarz (Eds.) *Proceedings of (F)ASAL-10*. (pp. 1-9).
- Berkson, K., Wamsley, J.C., **Lotven, S.**, Chelliah, S., Van Bik, K., Champlin, S., & Sakhong, K. (2023). A developing community of collaboration in Indiana. In B. Murray, M. Brill-Carlat, & M. Höhn. (Eds.) *Migration, Displacement, and Higher Education*. Political Pedagogies. Palgrave Macmillan, Cham.
- Lotven, S.** (2020). Sound System Sketch of a Gengbe Speaker from Batonou. *IULC Working Papers* 20(1). 1-27.
- Lotven, S.** (2020) Some diachronic phonological changes from Proto-Kuki-Chin to Lutuv. *Indiana Working Papers in South Asian Languages and Cultures* 2(1).
- Lotven, S.** (2020) Lexical correspondences between Proto-Kuki-Chin, Hakha Lai, and six Maraic varieties. *Indiana Working Papers in South Asian Languages and Cultures* 2(1).
- Wamsley, J., Sakhong, K., & **Lotven, S.** (2020) Nuitah Zophei Swadesh list. *Indiana Working Papers in South Asian Languages and Cultures* 2(1).
- Lotven, S., & de Jong, K. J. (2020) Ultrasound Imaging of Gengbe Labial-Velar Stops. *Indiana Working Papers in Speech Sound Articulation* 1(1).
- Berkson, K., **S. Lotven**, P.H. Thang, T. Thawngza, Z. Sung, J. Wamsley, F. Tyers, K. Van Bik, S. Kübler, D. Williamson, and M. Anderson. (2019). Building a Common Voice Corpus for Laiholh (Hakha Chin). *Proceedings of the 3rd Workshop on Computational Methods for Endangered Languages: Vol. 2, Article 2*. Available at: <https://scholar.colorado.edu/scil-cmel/vol2/iss1/2>.
- Grano, T. & **Lotven, S.** (2019). Control of logophoric pronouns in Gengbe. In S. Lotven, S. Bongiovanni, P. Weirich, R. Botne, & S. G. Obeng (Eds.), *African Linguistics across the Disciplines: Selected Papers from the 48th Annual Conference on African Linguistics* (pp. 325–337). Berlin: Language Science Press.
- Lotven, S.** & Berkson, K. (2019). The phonetics and phonology of depressor consonants in Gengbe. In E. Clem, P. Jenks, & H. Sande (Eds.), *Theory and Description in African Linguistics: Selected Papers from the 47th Annual Conference on African Linguistics*, (pp. 249–268). Berlin: Language Science Press.

**Lotven, S.** & Berkson, K. (2019) A vowel space comparison of Tlawngrang Zophei and Lawngtlang Zophei. *Indiana Working Papers in South Asian Languages and Cultures* 1(1).

**Lotven, S.,** Par, S. H., Wamsley, J. C., & Berkson, K. (2019). Hnaring Lutuv Swadesh list. *Indiana Working Papers in South Asian Languages and Cultures*, 1(1).

**Lotven, S.,** Sung, Z., Wamsley, J. C., & Berkson, K. (2019). Lawngtlang Zophei Swadesh list. *Indiana Working Papers in South Asian Languages and Cultures*, 1(1).

**Lotven, S.,** & Obeng, S. G. (2018) Nasality and the Gengbe syllable. In S. G. Obeng & C. R. Green (Eds.), *African Linguistics in the 21st Century: Essays in Honor of Paul Newman* (pp.33-46). Köln: Rüdiger Köppe Verlag.

Grano, T., & **Lotven, S.** (2018). Control, logophoricity, and harmonic modality in Gengbe desire reports. In R. Truswell, C. Cummins, C. Heycock, B. Rabern, and H. Rohde *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 21* (pp.481-498). Edinburgh: Edinburgh Research Explorer.

## PRESENTATIONS

**Lotven, S.,** Berkson, K., & Van Bik, K. Vowel Shift in Zophei, an under-resourced Tibeto-Burman language. Poster presentation at the 5<sup>th</sup> Edinburgh Symposium on Historical Phonology. Edinburgh (virtual).

**Lotven, S.** Vowel shift in Zophei. Oral presentation at *Indiana University Linguistics Department Round Robin Research Profiles*. October 2, 2020. Bloomington, IN.

Berkson, K., **Lotven, S.,** & Flego, S. (2019). Typologically rare phonetic and phonological phenomena in undocumented languages in...Indiana? Oral Presentation at the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Midwest Phonetics and Phonology Conference, October 4, 2019, Milwaukee, WI.

**Lotven, S.** & Obeng, S. G. (2019). Nasality and the Gengbe Syllable. Oral Presentation at the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on African Linguistics, May 24, 2019, Vancouver, BC.

Berkson, K., **Lotven, S.,** Thawngza, T., Sung, Z., Wamsley, J., Tyers, F., Van Bik, K., Williamson, D., Anderson, M., Thang, P. H., & Kuebler, S. Building a Common Voice corpus for Laiholh (Hakha Chin). Oral Presentation at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Workshop on Computational Methods for Endangered Languages, February 26, 2019. Honolulu, HI.

Haley, R., **Lotven, S.,** Wamsley, J., & Berkson, K. (2019). Quantity, quality, both or neither? Vowel contrasts in Hakha Chin monophthongs. *The Journal of the Acoustical Society of America*, 145(3), 1928-1928.

Par, S., Berkson, K., & **Lotven, S.** Literacy efforts in Lutuv. Poster presented at IU's *Summer 2019 Undergraduate Research Symposium*, IU Bloomington.

- Sung, Z., **Lotven, S.**, & Berkson, K. The verbal complex in Zophei. Poster presented at IU's *Summer 2019 Undergraduate Research Symposium*, IU Bloomington.
- Hwang, Y., **Lotven, S.**, and Berkson, K. Pitch accent and the three-way laryngeal contrast in North Kyungsang Korean. 177th Meeting of the ASA. May 2019. Louisville, KY. *Journal of the Acoustical Society of America*, 145(3), 1928-1928.)
- Lotven, S.** & Berkson, K. A vowel space comparison of Tlawngrang Zophei and Lawngtlang Zophei. Poster presentation at the 176th Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, November 8, 2018. Victoria, British Columbia.
- Berkson, K., **Lotven, S.**, Wamsley, J., Sung, Z., Thang, P. H., Thawngza, T., de Jong, K. J., Kuebler, S., & Lulich, S. Kuki-Chin languages in Indiana: Investigating typologically rare sounds in a developing community of collaboration. Oral presentation at the 176th Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America. November 8, 2018. Victoria, British Columbia.
- Hwang, Y., **Lotven S.**, & Berkson K. (2018) Pitch accent and the three-way laryngeal contrast in North Kyungsang Korean. Poster Presentation at the 23rd Annual Mid-Continental Phonetics & Phonology Conference, October 5-6, 2018. Evanston, IL.
- Lotven, S.**, & de Jong, K. J. Ultrasound imaging of labial-velar stops in Gengbe. Poster presentation at the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on African Linguistics, March 24, 2018. East Lansing, MI.
- Grano, T., & **Lotven, S.** Logophoricity and coreference constraints in Gengbe attitude reports. Oral Presentation at the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on African Linguistics. March 31, 2017. Bloomington, IN.
- Lotven, S.**, & Berkson K. Ultrasound imaging of [d], [d̥] and [g̃b] in Gengbe. Poster Presentation at the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on African Linguistics. April 1, 2017. Bloomington, IN.
- Grano, T., & **Lotven S.** Control, logophoricity, and harmonic modality in Gengbe desire reports. Oral presentation at Sinn und Bedeutung 21. September 2016. Edinburgh, Scotland.
- Lotven, S.**, & Berkson K. Depressor consonants in Gengbe: A phonological and phonetic survey. Oral Presentation at the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on African Linguistics. March 24, 2016. Berkeley, CA.
- Lotven, S.**, & Berkson, K. The consonant-tone connection in Mina: Do voiced consonants trigger lower tone?. Poster Presentation at the Mid-Continental Phonetics & Phonology Conference (MidPhon). September 11, 2015. Bloomington, IN.

**Lotven, S.** The split margin in Mina loanwords and reduplication. Oral presentation at *IU Linguistics Department Advanced Phonology Presentations*. April 28, 2015. Bloomington, IN.

Nelson, M., Berkson, K., & **Lotven, S.** Phonotactic Frequencies in Marathi: Data from the EMILLE Corpus. 20th Mid-Continental Workshop on Phonetics & Phonology. September 2015. Bloomington, IN.

**Lotven, S.** Tone sandhi as a diagnostic for the morphological status of reduplication in Mina. Oral Presentation at the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on African Linguistics. March 26, 2015. Eugene, OR.

**Lotven, S.** Morphemic fission: The case of Korean *sai-siot*. Poster Presentation at the IU Linguistics Department Alumni Weekend. October 10, 2014. Bloomington, IN.

## INVITED TALKS

Berkson, K., & **Lotven, S.** The Chin Languages Research Project: Collaborative Research and Documentation in Indiana. Invited oral presentation at the Annual meeting of the Linguistics Society of America. January 7, 2022.

**Lotven, S.** Developing annotation conventions for Hakha Lai corpora. Invited oral presentation at the *Society for Endangered and Lesser Known Languages*, November 17, 2021.

**Lotven, S.** Doing field research on tone. Invited oral presentation at *Indiana University-Field Methods*, November 4, 2021. Bloomington, IN.

Berkson, K., & **Lotven, S.** The Chin Languages Research Project: Linguistic diversity in Indiana. Invited oral colloquium presentation at *The Ohio State University*, October 22, 2021

**Lotven, S.** Vowel Shift in Zophei. Invited oral presentation at *California State University, Fullerton-Historical Linguistics*, October 27, 2020

**Lotven, S.** Some diachronic phonological changes from Proto-Kuki-Chin to Lutuv (Lautu). Invited oral presentation at *Indiana University-Field Methods*, April 23, 2020. Bloomington, IN.

## EDITING

2024 (forthcoming): Editor, *The Ghanaian Linguistics Nexus*, with C. Green. Language Science Press

- 2020: Associate Editor, *Indiana Working Papers in South Asian Languages and Linguistics* Vol. 2(1), with K. Berkson (Ed.) and J. Wamsley
- 2019: Associate Editor *Indiana Working Papers in South Asian Languages and Linguistics* Vol. 1(1), with K. Berkson (Ed.) and J. Wamsley
- 2019: Editor, *African Linguistics Across the Disciplines: Selected Papers from the 48th Annual Conference on African Linguistics*, with S. Bongiovanni, P. Weirich, R. Botne, & S. G. Obeng. Language Science Press.
- 2017: Editor, *IULC Working Papers* Vol. 17(1), with K. de Jong (Ed.), P. Weirich, Y. Zhang, & S. Bongiovanni
- 2017: Associate Editor, *IULC Working Papers* Special Volume 17(6): Reissue of Innovations in Linguistic Education, Volume 5, with A. Bunger (Ed.) P. Weirich, Y. Zhang, E. Raynor, A. Parker, and S. Bongiovanni
- 2017: Associate Editor, *IULC Working Papers* Special Volume 17(5): Reissue of Innovations in Linguistic Education, Volume 4, with A. Bunger (Ed.) P. Weirich, Y. Zhang, E. Raynor, A. Parker, and S. Bongiovanni
- 2017: Associate Editor, *IULC Working Papers* Special Volume 17(4): Reissue of Innovations in Linguistic Education, Volume 3, with A. Bunger (Ed.) P. Weirich, Y. Zhang, E. Raynor, A. Parker, and S. Bongiovanni
- 2017: Associate Editor, *IULC Working Papers* Special Volume 17(3): Reissue of Innovations in Linguistic Education, Volume 2, with A. Bunger (Ed.) P. Weirich, Y. Zhang, E. Raynor, A. Parker, and S. Bongiovanni
- 2017: Associate Editor, *IULC Working Papers* Special Volume 17(2): Reissue of Innovations in Linguistic Education, Volume 1, with A. Bunger (Ed.) P. Weirich, Y. Zhang, E. Raynor, A. Parker, and S. Bongiovanni
- 2016: Associate Editor, *IULC Working Papers* Vol. 16(1), with S. Bongiovanni (Ed.), K. de Jong (Ed.), V. Filimonova, P. Weirich, J. Washington, & Y. Zhang.

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

- 2020: **COVID-19 informational materials in Hakha Lai.** Ongoing effort to translate COVID-19-related materials into Hakha Lai. Community organizations pass requests for information on to our team. All materials are hosted online at <https://www.chinlanguages.org> and are disseminated via social media.

2018: Laiholh component of Mozilla's *Common Voice Project*. Available at <https://voice.mozilla.org/cnh>.

2017: Berkson, K. H., Lotven, S., de Jong, K., & Lulich, S. 3D/4D Ultrasound Imaging of Labial Velars. *Open Science Framework resource*. Available at <http://doi.org/10.17605/OSF.IO/XS547>.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### LING-308 Morphology (Assistant Instructor, Indiana University)

- Instructor of Record, responsible for syllabus, assignments, exams, and lecture materials.
- Online, synchronous/asynchronous.
- Contracted: Spring 2021

### APLN-504 Graduate Syntax (Adjunct Instructor, Montclair State University)

- Instructor of Record, responsible for syllabus, assignments, exams, and lecture materials.
- Online, synchronous.
- Semester taught: Fall 2020

### CLLC-L120 Linguistics of Rap (Assistant Instructor, Indiana University)

- Instructor of Record, responsible for syllabus, assignments, exams, and lecture materials
- Course designed and proposed for Collins Living Learning Center's *Politics, Identity, and Resistance* series.
- Semester taught: Fall 2019

### COLL-C103 Language and Religion (Assistant Instructor, Indiana University)

- Focus on pragmatics and religious discourse analysis.
- Responsible for two discussion sections, maintained Canvas site
- Semester taught: Spring 2019

### LING-L654 Field Methods in Linguistics 2 (Instructor's aid, Indiana University)

- Mentored students, working with them closely on individual projects (in Phonetics, Phonology, Morphology, and Syntax) on Hakha Chin and Lautu, which is currently undescribed.
- Semester taught: Spring 2018

### LING-L653 Field Methods in Linguistics 1 (Instructor's aid, Indiana University)

- Responsible for discussion and elicitation in one of the two sections. Instructed students on proper elicitation, data management, and analysis of an under-described language (Hakha Chin)
- Semester taught: Spring 2018

### COLL-P155 Public Oral Communication (Assistant Instructor, Indiana University)

- Focus on rhetoric, hermeneutics, and public speaking
- Discussion section instructor of record, responsible for discussions, activities, grading, and all in-person communications with students (lectures and assignments presented to students online)
- Semesters taught (3): Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Summer 2017 (6 weeks):



COLL-C103 Language and Religion (Instructor's aid, Indiana University)

- Focus on pragmatics and religious discourse analysis.
- Responsible for curating Canvas site, including assignments, scheduling, and test proctoring; hosted in-class discussions with students.
- Semester taught: Summer 2016 (6 weeks)

LING-L203 Intro to Linguistic Analysis (Assistant Instructor, Indiana University)

- Instructor of Record, responsible for syllabus, assignments, exams, and lecture materials
- Course covers linguistic analysis techniques in phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, lexicography, sociolinguistics, and historical linguistics.
- Semesters taught (4): Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Summer 2016 (4 weeks), Fall 2017

2011-2013: English Language Teacher, Hoecheon Elementary, Boseong, S. Korea

- Native English Teacher, responsible for curriculum development and implementation for Kindergarten through Elementary School programs.

2010-2011: English Language Teacher, Fisher's SuperKids, Danang, Vietnam

- Native English Teacher, responsible for curriculum development and implementation for elementary learners of English

2008-2010: Native English Teacher Program Coordinator, E. Bo-Young's Talking Club, Changwon, S. Korea

- Native English teacher, responsible for developing curriculum for native English teachers and implementing activities for elementary through adult learners of English, including English pronunciation courses and practical English workshops.

2004-2005: English Language Assistant, Lycée J.B. Delambre, Amiens, France

- Assistant to High School English teachers, responsible for developing discussion and application materials and assisting in English teaching classrooms.

## **OTHER RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE**

Nov. 2021-Present: Associate Director, Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies Living Learning Center

2021-Present: Hakha Lai Linguistic Consultant for the LUCAH Project (NSF Funded)

2021 Summer/Fall: Stoney Nakota Scribe for the Language Conservancy

2018 Summer: Hakha Chin Research Assistant for Dr. Kelly Berkson

2014-2018: IU East Asian Studies Center, Program Assistant, Bloomington, IN

2015, 2016 Summer: IU Phonetics & Phonology Lab, Graduate Student Lab Manager

## **AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS**

Spring 2019: College of Arts and Sciences Grant-in-Aid for doctoral research

Fall 2018: College Arts and Humanities Institute Travel Award

Fall 2018: College of Arts and Sciences Travel Award

Fall 2018: Research assistantship with Dr. Kenneth J. de Jong (Chair of Linguistics)

Spring 2018: Research assistantship with Dr. Kelly Berkson  
Spring 2015 & Spring 2016: Linguistics Department Travel Award  
Spring 2015: COAS Travel Award  
2014-2015: SOFOKS Fellowship for Korean Studies (Indiana University)  
2013-2014: Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Korean (Indiana University)  
2002-2007: Excellence Award (University of Missouri-Columbia)  
2006: Duane Weise Scholarship (University of Missouri-Columbia)

## **SERVICE**

2021: Linguistics AI Workshop: “Instructors and Students as Resources: Defining Your Role in the Classroom”  
2020-present: Pathways to Cross-Cultural Understanding, Advisory Council  
2019-present: Indiana Working Papers in South Asian Languages and Cultures, Associate Editor  
2020: Classroom Climate Workshop “Cultivating Active Learning Environments in On-Campus and Online Classrooms”  
2019 (Spring): Graduate Student Professionalization Workshop “Building Posters for Academic Conferences”  
2019: Proceedings of the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on African Linguistics, Editor  
2018: Science Sprouts: Speech science for Pre-K, (4 sessions at the Wonder Lab)  
2018: Classroom Climate Workshop “Becoming Comfortable with our Instructor Role”  
2018: Linguistics AI Workshop “Becoming Comfortable with our Instructor Role”  
2017: Classroom Climate Workshop “AIs and Students as Co-Learners”  
2017: Linguistics AI Workshop “A Student-Centered Approach to Linguistic Pedagogy”  
2017: Linguistics AI Workshop (with Ann Bungler) “Designing a Syllabus”  
2017: 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on African Linguistics Conference Organizer  
2016-2017: IULC Working Papers, Editor  
2015-2016: IULC Working Papers, Associate Editor and Secretary

## **LANGUAGES**

Spoken: English, French, Korean  
Studied: Thantlang/Hakha Lai, Zophei (Tlawngrang, Lawngtlang, & Nuitah), Hnaring Lutuv (Lautu), Gengbe, Dompou, Vietnamese, Stoney Nakota, Thai, Italian