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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Theoretical

- Semantics and its interfaces, morphology, modality, definiteness, nominal semantics

Methodology

- Fieldwork

Language areas

- Hmong-Mien, Algonquian, Eastern Polynesian, Semitic, North American languages

EDUCATION

Degrees

2023-present **PhD**, Linguistics. Rutgers University. Started: Fall 2023.
2023 **MS**, Theoretical Linguistics. Georgetown University.
2021 **BA**, Linguistics, Global Studies. University of Minnesota–Twin Cities.
Minor, Asian and Middle Eastern Studies.

Other Academic Experience & Certifications

2025 European Summer School in Logic, Language, and Information (ESSLLI) - 2 week participant. July 28-Aug 8. Ruhr Universität-Bochum, Bochum, Germany.
2024 CoLang - 4 week participant. June 2024.
Workshops on Collaborative Language Training at Arizona State University.
Cook Islands Maori NLP practicum at Scottsdale Community College, AZ.
2023 CITI Program - Research Training
Basic Course in Social and Behavioral Responsible Conduct of Research.
Basic Course in Social and Behavioral Research Investigators & Key Personnel.
2022 ITT International TEFL and TESOL Ltd.

CONTRACT POSITIONS

2024–present Independent contractor - Cook Islands Māori linguist, Dartmouth University.

TUTORING & CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT

2021–2023 (Standard) Arabic Language Tutor - ARC, Georgetown University.
2018–2021 Classroom Support (Team Lead) - CLA Language Center, University of Minnesota.

PRESENTATIONS

Peer-reviewed Conference Presentations

2026 “The semantics of White Hmong (in)definiteness.” **[Poster]**. *TripleA*. May 12-15.
Vancouver, Canada.

“Anaphora and R-expression Interaction.” **[Talk]**. Rules and Exceptions in Anaphoric Processing (RED). May 21-22. Braşov, Romania.

“Variation of w~v in Cook Islands Māori: A statistical approach.” **[Talk]**. *The 33rd Annual Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association*, special Te reo Māori session. Wellington, New Zealand.

Sally Akevai Nicholas, Rolando Coto-Solano, **Quartz Colvin**, Gwendolyn Tait, Violet King. “Using Automatic Speech Recognition for documentation of Cook Island Māori. **[Talk]**. *The 33rd Annual Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association*, special Te reo Māori session. Wellington, New Zealand.

Ake Nicholas, Rolando Coto Solano, Jean Tekura Mason, Gwendolyn Tait, Violet King, **Quartz Colvin**, Freya Scott, Peter Nicholas. "A dictionary of the function words of Māori 'Avaiki Nui and some ongoing orthographic tensions in “paradise”". *Annual Conference of the Linguistic Society of New Zealand 2026 (NZLingSoc2026)*. December 7-8. Wellington, New Zealand.

2025 “The Cheyenne Potential, Irrealis and Conditional Modes.” **[Poster]**. Mid-Atlantic Colloquium of Studies in Meaning (MACSIM 11). John Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, USA.

“A cover analysis of the plural classifier in Hmong.” **[Talk]**. Sinn und Bedeutung. Goethe University Frankfurt, Frankfurt, Germany.

“The semantics of Hmong indefinites.” **[Talk]**. International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics. Universität Bern, Bern, Switzerland.

“The syntax of White Hmong reciprocals and reflexives.” **[Poster]**. Mismatches in Anaphoric Relations. Universität Graz, Graz, Austria.

2024 “The Cheyenne Potential, Irrealis and Conditional Modes.” **[Poster]**. Semantics of Under-represented Languages of the Americas. Federal University of Santa Catarina, Florianópolis, Brazil.

Other Presentations

2026 “Anaphora and R-expression interaction: Insights from Hmong.” *RULing 2026*.

“Vowel epenthesis in Cheyenne verb initials.” *Language at Crossroads*. Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, USA.

2025 “The semantics of Hmong (in)definiteness.” *RULing 2025*.

2023 “The Igbo [kə] Complementizer” Field Methods poster session, Georgetown University.

PUBLICATIONS

Quartz Colvin. "White Hmong Reciprocals and Reflexives." To appear in *RED-2025 Proceedings, Mismatches in Anaphoric Relations*, University Library Graz.

Quartz Colvin. "A cover analysis of the plural classifier in Hmong." In: Sebastian Walter, Lennart Fritzsche, Kurt Erbach, Cécile Meier, and Manfred Sailer (eds.), *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 30*. Frankfurt: Goethe University Frankfurt, 221–231.

Avelino, G., Balihaxi, M., **Colvin, Q.**, Czarnecki, V., Joo, H., Wang, C., Zobarlar, U., Jardine, A. & McCollum, A., (2025) "Editors' Note", *Proceedings of the Annual Meetings on Phonology* 1(1). doi: <https://doi.org/10.7275/amphonology.3007>

Under review Quartz Colvin. "Anaphora and R-expression Interaction." To appear in *RED-2026*, University Library Graz.

Quartz Colvin. "The Cheyenne Potential, Irrealis and Conditional Modes." To appear in *Proceedings of Semantics of Under-represented Languages of the Americas*.

Quartz Colvin. "Variation of w-v in Cook Islands Māori: A statistical approach." To appear in *Te Reo*.

Sally Akevai Nicholas, Rolando Coto-Solano, **Quartz Colvin**, Gwendolyn Tait, Violet King. "Using Automatic Speech Recognition for documentation of Cook Islands Māori." To appear in *Te Reo*.

Under contract

"Phonological domains in Algonquian and other morphologically complex languages."

Includes eight invited chapters on Algonquian languages and five invited chapters on other morphologically complex languages. Oxford University Press.

Contributor for the following chapters:

"Insights from Algonquian", "Theoretical Insights", "Cheyenne"

TEACHING

2026	Exploring Language Introduction to Linguistic Theory	[instructor; asynchronous; Fall 2026] [instructor; Spring 2026]
2025	Introduction to Linguistic Theory	[TA; Fall 2025]

AWARDS

2020	<i>Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowship</i> FLAS was received for intensive Arabic study at the University of Illinois.
2019	<i>Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowship</i> FLAS was received for intensive Arabic study at the University of Minnesota.

SERVICE

Service to Rutgers University

- 2025–2026 Vice President, Linguistics Graduate Students Association (LGSA).
2026–2027 President, Linguistics Graduate Students Association (LGSA).
2024 Member, Annual Meeting on Phonology organizing committee (AMP 2024),
Department of Linguistics, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ,
November 1–3, 2024.
2024–present Editor, Department newsletter (SNARL)
2023–2026 Organizer, Syntactic Theory at Rutgers (ST@R)

External involvement

- 2023– Member, Algonquian Prosodic Structure working group (Organized by Dr. Natalie
Weber, Yale University)

FIELDWORK

- 2026–present Banjara Boli, New Brunswick, NJ, began in a field methods course.
2025 Yemba, New Brunswick, NJ, in a field methods course.
2024 Māori (Cook Islands Māori), Scottsdale, AZ, in an NLP practicum course.
2023 Igbo (Orlu), Washington, DC, in a field methods course.
2022–present Hmong (White Hmong), ongoing independent elicitation.
2020 Darija (Moroccan Colloquial Arabic), Fez, Morocco
Ojibwe (SW Ojibwe), Minneapolis, MN, in a field methods course.

MEMBERSHIPS

- 2024 Student member, Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas
2023 Student member, Linguistic Society of America.

SKILLS

Languages

- Fluent: English (native language)
- Intermediate: Spanish, Modern Standard Arabic, French, Portuguese
- Beginner: German, ASL, Sanskrit, Cook Islands Māori (Eastern Polynesian), Unkechaug (Algonquian)

Programming & Markup languages

- LaTeX, R, Python

Software

- Praat, ELAN, OT-Help, OT-Soft, FLEx, DB Browser, Audacity, XFST
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