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## **EDUCATION**

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- 2006-present PhD student at University of Washington, research focus on second language acquisition, event-related brain potentials and electrophysiology of language, acquisition, production, and processing of agreement.
- 2005-2006 Potsdam University, Germany, Department of Linguistics. Visiting graduate student.
- 2005 MA in Linguistics, University of Washington  
Thesis title: "The second language acquisition of German and the Verb Second parameter: A Generative account of the thematic/nonthematic verb distinction in verb raising to COMP".
- 2002 BA in Linguistics, University of Washington, *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa.

## **GRANTS AND FUNDING**

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"Doctoral dissertation research: The Effects of Syntactic Complexity on Native and Nonnative Agreement Processing: An Event-Related Potentials Investigation," National Science Foundation, 2/15/2010 – 2/14/2012, \$12,000. Co-PI with Lee Osterhout.

UW Graduate and Professional Student Senate travel award for travel to the Generative Approaches to Second Language Acquisition conference (2009). \$225.

Paula Menyuk Travel Award for the Boston University Conference on Language Development (2007). \$300.

UW Graduate School Fund for Excellence and Innovation award for travel to the Second Language Research Forum (2007). \$300.

UW Department of Linguistics Award for Excellence in Graduate Student Research (2007). \$1000.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### **Peer-reviewed publications**

Tanner, D., McLaughlin, J., Osterhout, L., Frenck-Mestre, C., Herschensohn, J. (in prep). Morphosyntactic processes in the early stages of second language acquisition: Evidence from event-related brain potentials.

Pitkänen, I., Osterhout, L., & Tanner, D. (in prep). Use it or lose it: Second language attrition in the brain looks like acquisition in reverse.

McLaughlin, J., Tanner, D., Pitkänen, I., Frenck-Mestre, C., Inoue, K., Valentine, G., & Osterhout, L. (to appear). Brain potentials reveal discrete stages of L2 grammatical learning. *Language Learning*.

Tanner, D. (2008). Agreeing that agreement isn't the problem. In M. Bowles, R. Foote, S. Perpiñán & R. Bhatt (Eds.), *Selected proceedings of the 2007 Second Language Research Forum* (pp. 22-34). Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project. Available online at <http://www.lingref.com/cpp/slr/2007/paper1732.pdf>

### **Proceedings & working papers**

Tanner, D., Osterhout, L., & Herschensohn, J. (2009). Snapshots of grammaticalization: Differential electrophysiological responses to grammatical anomalies with increasing L2 exposure. In J. Chandlee, M. Franchini, S. Lord, and G.-M. Rheiner (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 33rd Boston University Conference on Language Development* (pp. 528-539). Somerville, MA: Cascadilla.

Tanner, D. (2007). Verb second and verbal subclasses in L2 German. In S. Moran (Ed.), *University of Washington Working Papers in Linguistics* (Vol. 26). Seattle, WA.

Tanner, D. (2006). The L2 acquisition of German V2 and the status of verb raising to COMP. In S. K. Chin & A. Fujimori (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 21st Northwest Linguistics Conference* (Vol. 1, pp. 99-112). Vancouver, BC: UBC Occasional Papers in Linguistics.

Tanner, D. (2006). Context insensitive vowel hiatus resolution in Ciyao. In S. Moran (Ed.), *University of Washington Working Papers in Linguistics* (Vol. 25). Seattle, WA.

### **Published abstracts**

Tanner, D., Osterhout, L., & Herschensohn, J. (2009). Electrophysiological responses index grammatical acquisition in second language learners. *Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience*, Supplement, 125.

### **Edited volumes**

Moran, S., Tanner, D., & Scanlon, M. (2009). *Proceedings of the 24th Northwest Linguistics Conference* (UW Working Papers in Linguistics, Vol. 27). Seattle, WA.

## **P R E S E N T A T I O N S**

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### **Refereed conference presentations**

Tanner, Darren, Lee Osterhout and Janet Nicol (2010). Why "The use of cellular telephones are now permitted onboard the aircraft": Electrophysiological measures of complexity in long-distance agreement. Poster to be presented at the Cognitive Neuroscience Society Meeting, Montreal, PQ.

Tanner, Darren, Lee Osterhout and Julia Herschensohn (March 2009). Electrophysiological responses index grammatical acquisition in second language learners. Poster presented at the Cognitive Neuroscience Society Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

Tanner, Darren, Julia Herschensohn and Lee Osterhout (March 2009). Differential learning of L2 German DP/TP: Evidence from ERPs. Paper presented at the 10<sup>th</sup> Generative Approaches to Second Language Acquisition Conference, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (35% acceptance rate).

Tanner, Darren, Lee Osterhout, and Julia Herschensohn (November 2008). Snapshots of grammaticalization: Differential electrophysiological responses to grammatical anomalies with increasing L2 exposure. Paper presented at the Boston University Conference on Language Development. (30% acceptance rate)

- Tanner, Darren (October 2008). Sources of underspecification in L2 inflectional morphology. Paper presented at the Second Language Research Forum, University of Hawaii. (36% acceptance rate)
- Tanner, Darren (July 2008). Missing surface inflection in L2 speech: a performance interface account. Poster presented at the Linguistics Society of America Summer Meeting, The Ohio State University, Columbus.
- Tanner, Darren (November 2007). Underspecification and default agreement in L2 German nominals. Poster presented at the Boston University Conference on Language Development, Boston, MA. (33% acceptance rate)
- Tanner, Darren (October 2007). Agreeing that agreement isn't the problem. Paper presented at the Second Language Research Forum, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- Tanner, Darren (September 2007). Dative at the interface: Case, performance, and interpretable features. Paper presented at the European Second Language Association 17, University of Newcastle, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK. (35% acceptance rate)
- Tanner, Darren (February 2007). Surface deficits without representational deficits in L2 DP morphosyntax. Paper presented at the Northwest Linguistics Conference, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC.
- Tanner, Darren (October 2006). The (non)distinction in thematic/nonthematic verb raising in L2 Verb-second. Paper presented at the Second Language Research Forum, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington.
- Tanner, Darren (March 2005). The L2 acquisition of German V2 and the status of verb raising to COMP. Paper presented at the 21<sup>st</sup> Northwest Linguistics Conference. University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC.
- Herschensohn, Julia, Jeff Stevenson, and Darren Tanner (April 2002). Comprehension and production in child L2 verb morphology. Poster presented at Generative Approaches to Second Language Acquisition, Ottawa, Ontario.

### **Invited talks and colloquia**

*What can ERPs reveal about the early stages of second language acquisition?* University of Washington Linguistics Colloquium, April 3, 2009.

## **AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

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| 2007    | UW Department of Linguistics Award for Excellence in Graduate Student Research   |
| 2005-06 | U.S. Department of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies Academic year Fellowship (Title VI). Fellowship carried out at University of Potsdam, Germany |
| 2002    | Phi Beta Kappa   |
| 2002    | BA <i>summa cum laude</i>  |

## TEACHING

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### Workshops

Linguistics workshop for ESL certification, College of Education, University of Washington, Fall 2006

### Stand-alone courses

Ling 461: Syntax I (.5 quarters total)  
Weeks 5-10, Winter 2004

Ling 449: Second Language Learning (4 quarters total)  
Spring 2005; Summer 2008; Summer 2009; Summer 2010

Ling 400: Survey of Linguistic Methods and Theory (6 quarters total)  
Autumn 2007; Winter 2008; Spring 2008; Autumn 2008; Winter 2009; Spring 2009

### Courses assisted

Ling 200: Introduction to Linguistic Thought (4 quarters total)  
Fall 2003, TA for Prof. Toshiyuki Ogihara; Autumn 2009, TA for Dr. Laura McGarrity; Winter 2010, TA for Prof. Barbara Citko; Spring 2010, TA for Prof. Toshiyuki Ogihara

Ling 100: Fundamentals of Grammar (2 quarters total)  
Fall 2004, TA for Dr. Phillip Markley; Winter 2005, TA for Dr. Phillip Markley

### Guest lectures

*Brain, language, and experimental methods in linguistics.* Guest lectures for Ling400, Autumn 2009.

### Teacher training

*Problem solving in small groups: A brief how-to.* University of Washington Linguistics TA training seminar, September 25, 2009.

*Teaching stand-alone classes: Preparation before the quarter starts.* University of Washington Linguistics TA training seminar, April 17, 2009.

*Using film in lecture.* University of Washington Linguistics TA training seminar, January 16, 2009.

*Unprepared for class? Consequences and strategies.* University of Washington Linguistics TA training seminar, September 19, 2008.

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

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Lead Teaching Assistant for Linguistics, 2008-10

Abstract reviewer for 24<sup>th</sup> Northwest Linguistics Conference, 2008

24<sup>th</sup> Northwest Linguistics Conference organizing committee co-chair, 2008

Editorial review board for UW Working Papers in Linguistics, 2005, 2008

Graduate student mentor, 2004-5, 2006-7

Graduate and Professional Student Senate, Linguistics department senator, 2003-4

## **PROFESSIONAL AND RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS**

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American Association for the Advancement of Science

Cognitive Neuroscience Society

Linguistics Society of America

Neurocognition of Language Lab, Department of Psychology, University of Washington

UW Syntax Roundtable

Linguistics Society at UW, Offices held: social chair