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2016 – present Associate Professor, Pomona College (Linguistics & Cognitive Science)
2010 - 2016 Assistant Professor, Pomona College (Linguistics & Cognitive Science)

2010 PhD: Linguistics Georgetown University
Dissertation: Agreement with Subjects in Lubukusu
Committee: Raffaella Zanuttini, Paul Portner, Ruth Kramer, Mark Baker
2008 MS: Linguistics Georgetown University
2004 BA: Intercultural Studies Houghton College
Summa Cum Laude and Valedictorian, Class of 2004

Syntactic theory, morphological theory
Bantu languages, specifically morphology and syntax, and issues relating to agreement,
Case licensing, object marking, and extraction contexts
Documentation and description of understudied languages (using fieldwork
methodologies)
The role of language in understanding core principles of human interaction u

¹Bax, Anna and Michael Diercks. 2012. Information Structure Constraints on Object Marking in Manyika. *Southern African Linguistics and Applied Language Studies* 30.2: 185-202.

Diercks, Michael. 2012. Parameterizing Case: Evidence from Bantu. *Syntax* 15.3: 253-286.

Diercks, Michael. 2011. The morphosyntax of Lubukusu locative inversion and the parameterization of Agree. *Lingua* 121.5: 702-720.

Diercks, Michael. To appear. Locative Inversion. Overview article for the Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Syntax, Second Edition.

Halpert, Claire, and Michael Diercks. To appear. More on *have* and *need*. To appear in the *Selected*

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2014. NSF Collaborative Research Grant. Structure and Tone in Luyia. Collaborative research between Pomona College, University of Missouri, and CASL (University of Maryland). Collaborators include Michael Marlo, Vicki Carstens, Mary Paster, David Odden, Chris Green, Meredith Landman, and Kris Ebarb. Pomona budget: approximately \$63,000. Overall budget: approximately \$485,000.

2013. Pomona College Hirsch Research Initiation Grant, for fieldwork on languages in Kenya and Tanzania. Awarded in February, 2013, for an amount of \$13,205.

2010. NSF doctoral dissertation research improvement grant entitled "Dissertation research on the morphosyntax of Bukusu." Co-Principal Investigator along with the Principal Investigator Paul Portner. (\$11,951)

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¹October 5, 2012. w. Carmen Fought, Karen Eisenhauer, Kaya LeGrand, Chris Leon, Hannah Walhout.

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February 15, 2013. Explaining Social Awkwardness. A presentation for students and families at Pomona Family Weekend.

Nov 2, 2012. Explaining Social Awkwardness. A presentation to Pomona alumni in Washington, DC.

Oct 24, 2012. Getting the Survey Monkey off

Thesis supervision:

External: Ph.D. thesis committee member, Claire Halpert, MIT, 2012
Ph.D. thesis committee member, Kyle Jerro, University of Texas, 2016

Claremont Colleges Undergraduate Theses: Pooja Paul (2011), Arianna Schreiber (2012), Alexander Rhodes (2012), Katie Feller (2013), Martha Johnson (2013), Rebekah Cramerus (2013, Meredith Landman primary), Rodrigo Ranero (2014, Meredith Landman primary), Kaya LeGrand (2015), Emma Manning (2015), Meghana Rao (2016), Cliff Mountjoy-Venning (2016)

Pomona College:

ID1: Language, Culture, and Human Nature (2010), Explaining Social Awkwardness (2012)
LGCS 10: Introduction to Linguistics
LGCS 125: Linguistic Field Methods
LGCS 105: Syntax (first level)
LGCS 118: Social Awkwardness and the Principles of Human Interaction
LGCS 185S: Topics in Syntax (advanced level)

Georgetown University

Phonetics, Introduction to Linguistics

Teaching Assistantship, Georgetown University Linguistics Department. <i>Full tuition and stipend.</i>	2004-2009
Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellow, Summer Cooperative African Languages Institute (SCALI), Indiana University. <i>Full tuition, stipend, and travel stipend.</i>	Summer 2006
Conference travel grants amounting to \$4,000	2008-2009
Linguistic Consultant, Second Language Testing	April 2008
Linguistic Consultant, SIL: Orthography Development	February 2007