David Inman

Curriculum Vitae

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Academic employment

2025–present **University of California, Irvine**
Assistant professor, Language Science

2025 **Université Côte d'Azur**
Post-doctoral fellow

2023–2024 **University of Tübingen**
DFG Center for Advanced Studies "Words, Bones, Genes, Tools"
Post-doctoral fellow

2019–2023 **University of Zurich**
Swiss National Science Foundation grant "Out of Asia"
Post-doctoral fellow

Education

2013–2019 **Doctor of Philosophy in Linguistics**, *University of Washington, Seattle*

2005–2008 **Bachelor of Science in Computer Science**, *University of Texas at Austin*

2005–2008 **Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics**, *University of Texas at Austin*

Grants and funding

2024 Jacobs Research Funds award for Nuuchahnulth documentation *with Henry Kammler and Adam Werle.*

2022 University of Zurich Graduate Campus grant: Workshop "New Results and Methods in Reconstructing Population History" *with Peter Ranacher, Anna Graff, and Masaomi Hatakeyama.*

2018 Excellence in Linguistic Research Graduate Award, University of Washington.

2018 Nuuchahnulth Field Research Support Award.

2016 Foreign Language and Area Studies in Nuuchahnulth.

Publications

2025 Marine Vuillermet, **David Inman**, Natalia Chousou-Polydouri, Kellen Parker van Dam, Shelece Easterday, and Françoise Rose. Is there a typological profile of isolates? In Iker Salaberri, Dorota Krajewska, Ekaitz Santazilia, and Eneko Zuloaga, editors, *Investigating Language Isolates: Typological and diachronic perspectives*, volume 135 of *Typological Studies in Language*, pages 22–47. John Benjamins, 2025.

2025 **David Inman**, Natalia Chousou-Polydouri, Marine Vuillermet, Kellen Parker van Dam, Shelece Easterday, Françoise Rose, Alena Witzlack-Makarevich, Kevin Baetscher, Oscar Cocaud-Degrève, Anna Graff, Selma Hardegger, Thomas C. Huber, Tai Hong, Diana Krasovskaya, Raphaël Luffroy, Nora Muheim, André Müller, Alexandra Nogina, David Timothy Perrot, Melvin Steiger, and Balthasar Bickel. The Areal Typology of Languages of the Americas (ATLAs) database. *Scientific Data*, 12(1):933, Jun 2025.

2025 **David Inman** and Marine Vuillermet. Singular-plural verb stem alternation: uncovering global and local drivers of typological variation. *Linguistic Typology*, 29(1):81–125, 2025.

2025 Anna Graff, Natalia Chousou-Polydouri, **David Inman**, Hedvig Skirgård, Marc Lischka, Taras Zakharko, Chiara Barbieri, and Balthasar Bickel. Curating global datasets of structural linguistic features for independence. *Scientific Data*, 12(1):106, 2025.

2025 Joshua Birchall, **David Inman**, and Marcelina Oro Waram Xijein. Verbal number in Wari'. *International Journal of American Linguistics*, 91(3):373–392, 2025.

2024 **David Inman**, Alena Witzlack-Makarevich, Natalia Chousou-Polydouri, and Melvin Steiger. Alignment everywhere all at once: Applying the late aggregation principle to a typological database of argument marking. *Journal of Language Modelling*, 12(2):287–347, Dec. 2024.

2023 Natalia Chousou-Polydouri, **David Inman**, Thomas C. Huber, and Balthasar Bickel. Multivariate coding for possession: methodology and preliminary results. *Linguistics*, 61(6):1365–1402, 2023.

2021 **David Inman**. The exponence and development of plurals in Nuuchahnulth. *International Conference on Salish and Neighbouring Languages*, 2021.

2018 **David Inman**. The representation of predicates at the syntactic-semantic boundary in Nuuchahnulth. *International Conference on Salish and Neighbouring Languages*, 2018.

2017 Gina-Anne Levow, Emily M Bender, Patrick Littell, Kristen Howell, Shobhana Chelliah, Joshua Crowgey, Dan Garrette, Jeff Good, Sharon Hargus, **David Inman**, Michael Maxwell, Michael Tjalve, and Fei Xia. STREAMLInED challenges: Aligning research interests with shared tasks. *ComputEL-2*, page 39, 2017.

2014 **David Inman** and Ruth Morrison. Negation in Nanti: Syntactic evidence for head and dependent negators. In Stefan Müller, editor, *Proceedings of the 21st International Conference on Head-Driven Phrase Structure Grammar, University at Buffalo*, pages 103–113, Stanford, CA, 2014. CSLI Publications.

Dissertation

2019 **David Inman**. *Multi-predicate Constructions in Nuuchahnulth.* University of Washington doctoral dissertation.

In press

David Inman. Complex clausal predicates in Nuuchahnulth.

In review

David Inman and Adam Werle. Nuuchahnulth proper names.

Conference presentations

2025 **David Inman**, Natalia Chousou-Polydouri, Nico Neureiter, Chiara Barbieri, Epifanía Arango, and Balthasar Bickel. A Bayesian analysis of linguistic areas in the Americas. *Uncovering the Past with Linguistic Data: Methodological, Typological, and Area-Specific Studies*, in Riga, Latvia.

2025 Natalia Chousou-Polydouri and **David Inman**. Investigating possession and iconicity with the ATLAs Possession Module. *Exploring Possession Across Indigenous Central and South America: Expanding Perspectives Through Underdescribed Languages*, in Warsaw, Poland.

2024 **David Inman**. The semantics of event cooridnation as predictor of semantic variation: Exploring data from Nuuchahnulth and Uyghur. *Societas Linguistica Europaea*, in Helsinki, Finland.

2022 **David Inman** and Marine Vuillermet. Singular-plural stem alternation. *Societas Linguistica Europaea*, in Bucharest, Romania.

2021 **David Inman**. Coargument sensitivity in the Pacific Northwest: A pilot empirical study. *The 56th International Conference on Salish and Neighbouring Languages.*

2021 Natalia Chousou-Polydouri, Kellen Parker van Dam, **David Inman**, Marine Vuillermet, Shelece Easterday and Françoise Rose. Is there a typological profile of isolates? *Societas Linguistica Europaea.*

2021 Natalia Chousou-Polydouri, Kellen Parker van Dam, **David Inman**, Marine Vuillermet, Shelece Easterday and Françoise Rose. Mapping linguistic areas: a preliminary case study in South America. *The biennial conference of the Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America (SALSA).*

2019 **David Inman**. The development of adpositions in Nuuchahnulth. *The Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas*, in New York, United States.

2018 **David Inman**. Second Position Effects in Suffixes and Clitics in Nuuchahnulth. *3rd International colloquium on the typology of Amerindian languages*, in Lima, Peru.

2018 **David Inman**. Reexamining the Nuuchahnulth article. *Syntax of the World's Languages 8*, in Paris, France.

2016 **David Inman** and Adam Werle. Word categories in Westcoast. *The 51st International Conference on Salish and Neighbouring Languages*, at the Tla'amin First Nation, in Canada.

2016 **David Inman** and Adam Werle. Westcoast (South Wakashan) terms and notations. *The 51st International Conference on Salish and Neighbouring Languages*, at the Tla'amin First Nation, in Canada.

2015 **David Inman**. Pronoun Incorporation in Matsigenka. *22nd International Conference on Head-Driven Phrase Structure Grammar*, at Nanyang Technical University, in Singapore.

Invited Presentations

2025 **David Inman**. Modeling obstruent evolution. *Indo-European Studies seminar series* at the University of California, Los Angeles.

2025 **David Inman**. Typology, diachrony, and computational grammars. *2025 DELPH-IN Summit*, in Amsterdam.

2025 **David Inman**. Complex predicates at the limit: Multi-event coordination and biverbal stems in Nuuchahnulth. *Final conference of the ComPLETE project.*

2025 **David Inman** and Adam Werle. The Wakashan Glossing Rules. *Fourth annual meeting of the Wakashan Language Circle.*

2024 **David Inman** and Adam Werle. Nuuchahnulth proper names. *Third annual meeting of the Wakashan Language Circle.*

2023 **David Inman**. Linguistic traces of population contact. *Human diversity interdisciplinary seminar series*, at the University of Turku, in Finland.

2023 **David Inman**. An introduction to ATLAs: Designing a database for language contact. *New Results and Methods in Reconstructing Population History*, at the University of Zurich, in Switzerland.

2023 **David Inman**. Plurals in Wakashan. *First annual meeting of the Wakashan Language Circle.*

2022 **David Inman**. Multi-predicate constructions in Nuuchahnulth. *ComPLETE conference*, in Mainz, Germany.

2021 **David Inman**. Conceptual Interdependence in Language Description, Typology, and NLP. *ACL Special Interest Group on Typology.*

2018 **David Inman**. Documenting Clause Structure in Nuuchahnulth. *2017 Workshop on the Documentation and Revitalization of Highly Endangered Languages* at the University of Washington, in the United States.

2017 **David Inman**. The Curious Case of Suffix Verbs in Nuuchahnulth. *2017 DELPH-IN Summit*, in Oslo, Norway.

2017 **David Inman**. Events and Entities: Appropriateness of separately categorizing events from entities in the MRS. *2017 DELPH-IN Summit*, in Oslo, Norway.

2015 **David Inman**. My (pro)Noun needs your Verb: Temporal Pronouns in Nanti. *2015 DELPH-IN Summit*, in Singapore.

Teaching

UC Irvine	**2026**	Introduction to programming for language science
	2026	Introduction to syntax
	2026	Introduction to typology
Universität	**2021**	Typologies of linguistic structures
Zürich	**2021**	Structures in language families and language areas
	2020	Typologies of linguistic structures
	2020	Elicitation techniques
University of	**2019**	Basics for computational linguistics
Washington	**2017**	Basics for computational linguistics

	2016 Introduction to computational linguistics
	2016 Introduction to linguistics
	2015 Fundamentals of grammar
	2014 Introduction to computational linguistics
Teaching	Advanced statistical methods (*2019, 2017, 2016*)
Assistant	Natural language processing systems and applications (*2019, 2017, 2016*)
(University of	Deep processing (*2018, 2017, 2015*)
Washington)	Shallow processing techniques for NLP (*2018, 2016, 2015*)
	Introduction to computational linguistics (*2017, 2016, 2014*)
	Introduction to linguistics (*2015, 2014, 2013*)

Other Departmental Positions

2017–2018	Developed grading automation for the UW Master's in Computational Linguistics program. (Research Assistant and Staff Assistant)
2015–2017	Lead TA for the University of Washington Linguistics Department.

Awards

2022	Third prize in Best Conference Papers by starting post-doctoral researchers, Societas Linguistica Europaea.

Non-academic Positions

2025–present	Wordshare Project, co-editor
2023–present	Tashii-Texela Langauge Society, founding member

Service

2025	Reviewer: Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas.
2024	Reviewer: Wakashan Papers, Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas, Open Linguistics.
2023	Workshop organizer: "New Results and Methods in Reconstructing Population History" *with Peter Ranacher, Anna Graff, and Masaomi Hatakeyama*
2020, 2018	Reviewer: COLING.
2016	Member: Northwest Conference in Linguistics organizing committee.
2016	Reviewer: Northwest Conference in Linguistics.
2014–2015	Treasurer: Linguistics Society at the University of Washington.

Industry Experience

2012–2013	Systems Analyst, Golder Associates
2009–2012	Software Development Engineer in Test, Microsoft
2008, 2009	Software Development Intern at Amazon.com

Skills

Languages	English (native), Spanish (advanced), Nuuchahnulth (intermediate-advanced), German (intermediate), Finnish (beginner)
Coding	Python, R, C#, Java, Unix