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### Education

1992 University of Delaware Ph.D., Linguistics  
Dissertation: *Re-reading Franz Boas: Intertextuality, Discontinuities, and Strategies in the History of Modern Linguistics.*

1985 West Virginia University M.A., ESL/German  
Thesis: *Nick Adams: Writing as Establishment in the World.*

### Employment

August 2016- to present	Lecturer	Department of World Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics West Virginia University
January 2016- to present	Lecturer	Intensive English Program West Virginia University
October 2008- October 2016	Assistant Coordinator	Morgantown History Museum Morgantown, West Virginia
March 2000- December 2004	Translator, Editor, Writer, and Independent Scholar	German-English Language Services, LLC Morgantown, West Virginia
August 1995- May 1998	Visiting Lecturer	Department of English, West Virginia University
January 1995- May 1995	Faculty Associate	Department of English, Arizona State University
April 1994- May 1994	Faculty Associate	Department of Foreign Languages, Arizona State University
January 1991- December 1994	Faculty Associate	American Studies Program, Arizona State University-West

June 1989- December 1990	Instructor	Department of Linguistics, University of Delaware
September 1988- May 1989	Lecturer	Department of Foreign Languages and Literature, University of Delaware
June 1988- August 1988	Faculty	English Language Institute, University of Delaware
September 1985- May 1988	Graduate Teaching Assistant	Department of Linguistics, University of Delaware
August 1984- June 1985	Instructor	Intensive English Program, West Virginia University
August 1983- May 1985	Graduate Teaching Assistant	Department of Foreign Languages, West Virginia University

### **Areas of Interest**

Dialectology  
General Linguistics  
History of Linguistics  
Semantics  
Semiotics

### **Scholarly Publications**

#### Articles

Mackert, Michael. 2004. Franz Boas. *Encyclopedia of Linguistics*, 2 vols. ed. by Philipp Strazny. New York: Fitzroy Dearborn.

Mackert, Michael. 1999a. Franz Boas' Early Northwest Coast Alphabet. *Historiographia Linguistica* 26.273-294.

Mackert, Michael. 1999b. Horatio Hale's Grammatical Sketch of Tsihaili-Selish. *History of Linguistics 1996. Selected Papers from the Seventh International Conference on the History of the Language Sciences, Oxford, Sept. 12-17, 1996*, vol. 1 ed. by David Cram, Andrew Linn, and Elke Nowak, 139-146. Philadelphia: John Benjamins.

- Mackert, Michael. 1999c. Horatio Hale's Grammatical Sketches of Native Languages of the American Northwest: The Case of Tsihaili-Selish. *Languages Different in All Their Sounds: Descriptive Approaches to American Languages 1500-1900* ed. by Elke Nowak, 155-173. Münster: Nodus.
- Mackert, Michael. 1999d. Die Hettinger Mundart. *1225 Jahre Hettingen* ed. by Heimatverein Hettingen, 128-135. Buchen-Walldürn: Druckerei Odenwälder.
- Mackert, Michael. 1996. The First Grammatical Sketch of Nimipu'timt (Nez Perce). ... and the Word Was God. *Missionary Linguistics and Missionary Grammars* ed. by Even Hovdhaugen, 45-76. Münster: Nodus.
- Mackert, Michael. 1995. The Hale-Boas Debate on the Origin and Classification of Languages. *History of Linguistics 1993. Papers from the Sixth International Conference on the History of the Language Sciences, Washington, D.C. Aug. 9-14, 1993* ed. by Kurt R. Jankowsky, 291-298. Philadelphia: John Benjamins.
- Mackert, Michael. 1994a. Horatio Hale and the Great United States Exploring Expedition. *Anthropological Linguistics* 36.1-26.
- Mackert, Michael. 1994b. Franz Boas' Theory of Phonetics. *Historiographia Linguistica* 21.353-386.
- Mackert, Michael. 1993a. Interpretation, Authorial Intention, and Representation: Reflections on the Historiography of Linguistics. *Language Sciences* 15.39-52.
- Mackert, Michael. 1993b. The Roots of Franz Boas' View of Linguistic Categories as a Window to the Human Mind. *Historiographia Linguistica* 20.331-351.
- Mackert, Michael. 1992. The Role of Acoustics and Apperception in Franz Boas' Theory of Phonetics. *Diversions of Galway. Papers on the History of Linguistics from the Fifth International Conference on the History of the Language Sciences, Galway, Ireland, Sept. 1-6, 1991* ed. by Anders Ahlqvist, 251-259. Philadelphia: John Benjamins.
- Mackert, Michael. 1988. A Bakhtinian Critique of Mainstream Sociolinguistics and the Concept of Utterance in the West. *Delaware Working Papers in Linguistics* 2.14-30.

#### Books Edited

- Michael Mackert, ed. 2004. *Baulandort Hettingen – Seine Mundart, Traditionen und Überlieferungen*. [Manuscript transcription, editing, and introduction]. Buchen: Druckerei Odenwälder.

### Invited Reviews

Mackert, Michael. 2004. Metahistoriography, Narrativism, and the Historiography of Linguistics. Review of *Historiographie und Narration. Metahistoriographische Aspekte der Wissenschaftsgeschichtsschreibung der Linguistik* by Peter Schmitter. Seoul: Sowadalmmedia/Tübingen: Narr (i.K.), 2003. *Beiträge zur Geschichte der Sprachwissenschaft* 13:2.17-25.

Mackert, Michael. 2001a. *The Emergence of the Modern Language Sciences: Studies on the Transition from Historical-Comparative to Structural Linguistics in Honour of E. F. K. Koerner*, Vol. I: *Historiographical Perspectives*, Vol. II: *Methodological Perspectives and Applications* ed. by Sheila Embleton, John E. Joseph, and Hans-Josef Niederehe. Philadelphia/Amsterdam: John Benjamins, 1999. *Journal of Linguistics* 37.597-606.

Mackert, Michael. 2001b. *Linguistic Historiography* by E. F. Konrad Koerner. Philadelphia: John Benjamins, 1999. *Journal of Linguistics* 37.215-219.

Mackert, Michael. 1999a. *And Along Came Boas: Continuity and Revolution in Americanist Anthropology* by Regna Darnell. Philadelphia: John Benjamins, 1998. *Historiographia Linguistica* 26.429-435.

Mackert, Michael. 1999b. *History of Linguistics*, Vol. III: *Renaissance and Early Modern Europe* ed. by Giulio Lepschy, Vol IV: *Nineteenth Century Linguistics* by Anna Morpurgo Davies. London: Longman, 1998. *Journal of Linguistics* 35.630-634.

### Translations

Friedrich Waismann. 2003. *The Voices of Wittgenstein: The Vienna Circle* ed. by Gordon Baker, trans. by Gordon Baker, Michael Mackert, John Connolly, and Vasilis Politis. London: Routledge. [Translated part: Notebook I, pages 84-175.]

### **Conference Papers and Presentations**

*Horatio Hale's Grammar of "The Poetic Dialect of English"*. Paper presented at the meeting of the North American Association for the History of the Language Sciences, subsession of the meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Washington, D.C., Jan. 5, 2001.

*Franz Boas' Early Linguistic Fieldwork in British Columbia*. Paper presented at the 8th International Conference on the History of Language Sciences, Ecole Normale Supérieure de Fontenay/Saint-Cloud, Fontenay aux Roses, France, Sept. 14-19, 1999.

*Franz Boas' Early Northwest Coast Alphabet*. Paper presented at the meeting of the North American Association for the History of the Language Sciences, subsession of the meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, New York City, Jan. 9, 1998.

*Horatio Hale's Grammatical Sketches of Native Languages of the American Northwest: The Case of Tsihailish-Selish.* Paper presented at the 7th International Conference on the History of Linguistics, Oxford, Great Britain, Sept. 12-17, 1996.

*Asa Bowen Smith's Grammatical Sketch of Nez Perce (1841).* Paper presented at the meeting of the North American Association for the History of the Language Sciences, subsession of the meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, San Diego, Jan. 5, 1996.

*John Pickering's "Uniform Orthography" and the Early Study of Nez Perce.* Paper presented at the meeting of the North American Association for the History of the Language Sciences, subsession of the meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, New Orleans, Jan. 7, 1995.

*The First Grammatical Sketch of Nimpit:ítmt (Nez Perce).* Invited lecture. Colloquium on the History and Historiography of Missionary Grammars, Oslo, Norway, Sept. 10-11, 1994.

*Horatio Hale's Linguistic Ethnology.* Paper presented at the meeting of the North American Association for the History of the Language Sciences, subsession of the meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Boston, Jan. 8, 1994.

*The Hale-Boas Debate on the Origin and Classification of Languages.* Paper presented at the 6th International Conference on the History of the Language Sciences, Washington, D.C., Aug. 9-14, 1993.

*Disunities and Strategies in Franz Boas' Discourse on the Classification of Native American Languages.* Paper presented at the 38th Annual Conference of the International Linguistic Association, New York, April 16-18, 1993.

*Horatio Hale and the Great U.S. Exploring Expedition: A Neglected Chapter in the History of American Linguistics.* Paper presented at the meeting of the North American Association for the History of the Language Sciences, subsession of the meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Los Angeles, Jan. 9, 1993.

*Form and Material in Heymann Steinthal's Semiotics of Language and Art.* Paper presented at the meeting of the North American Association for the History of the Language Sciences, subsession of the meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Philadelphia, Jan. 11, 1992.

*In Search of the Inner Form of Language: The Roots of Franz Boas' View of Linguistic Categories as a Window to the Human Mind.* Paper presented at the meeting of the North American Association for the History of the Language Sciences, subsession of the meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Chicago, Jan. 4, 1991.

*The Role of Acoustics and Apperception in Franz Boas' Theory of Phonetics.* Paper presented at the 5th International Conference on the History of the Language Sciences, Galway, Ireland, Sept. 1-6, 1990.

*Settlement Patterns and American English Dialects.* Special Topics Lecture given at the English Language Institute, University of Delaware, August 12, 1988.

### **Unpublished Manuscripts**

Mackert, Michael. Biographical Sketch of Franz Boas. Prepared for the *Biographical Dictionary of Western Linguistics*.

Mackert, Michael. Biographical Sketch of John Wesley Powell. Prepared for the *Biographical Dictionary of Western Linguistics*.

Mackert, Michael. Biographical Sketch of Horatio Hale. Prepared for the *Biographical Dictionary of Western Linguistics*.

Mackert, Michael. Biographical Sketch of John Pickering. Prepared for the *Biographical Dictionary of Western Linguistics*.

### **Scholarly Service**

Member of the Advisory Editorial Board of the journal "Beiträge zur Geschichte der Sprachwissenschaft." January 2003-December 2009.

Editor of the Newsletter of the North American Association for the History of the Language Sciences. January 2001 to January 2003.

Secretary of the North American Association for the History of the Language Sciences. January 2001 to January 2003.

Chairperson of session at the meeting of the North American Association for the History of the Language Sciences, subsession of the meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, San Diego, Jan. 5, 1996.

Acting editor of the Newsletter of the North American Association for the History of the Language Sciences. January 1994 to August 1994.

Chairperson of session at the VI International Conference on the History of the Language Sciences, Washington, D.C., August 11, 1993.

Chairperson of the Nominating Committee of the North American Association for the History of the Language Sciences. January 1993 to January 1998.

Reviewer of manuscripts for *Historiographia Linguistica* and for *Beiträge zur Geschichte der Sprachwissenschaft*.

### **Supervisory and Administrative Experience**

AmericCorps Supervisor, Morgantown History Museum/West Virginia Preservation Alliance, September 2014 to August 2015.

Assistant Coordinator, Morgantown History Museum, October 2008 to October 2016.

Administrator/Owner of German-English Language Services, March 2000 to December 2004.

Assistant Teacher Trainer, Foreign Language Methods Lab. Department of Linguistics, University of Delaware. September 1987 to December 1987.

Level Coordinator for Beginning and Intermediate German courses. Department of Linguistics, University of Delaware. September 1986 to May 1987.

### **Selected Professional Projects for German-English Language Services**

#### Editing

Manuscripts for the *Journal of the History of the Earth Sciences Society*. Client: History of the Earth Sciences Society.

#### Translations (German into English)

Bruhns, K., ed., *Alexander von Humboldts Briefe an Carl Friedrich Gauß* (synopsis/translation). Client: History Department, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV, USA.

Website: museum mobile. Client: Audi Forum, Ingolstadt, Germany.

Press releases and exhibition catalogue for *Europartner Nordrhein-Westfalen 2002*. Client: Ergo Unternehmenskommunikation, Cologne, Germany.

#### Writing

Mackert, Michael. 1999b. "West Virginia and Germany Share a Unique Cultural Exchange". *West Virginia University Alumni Magazine* 22:2.31-33. Client: West Virginia University Alumni Magazine, Morgantown, WV, USA.

Mackert, Michael. 1999c. Tearing down the Wall. *West Virginia University Alumni Magazine* 22:2.33. Client: West Virginia University Alumni Magazine, Morgantown, WV, USA.

### **Courses Taught at the University Level**

Advanced Grammar of English (Syntax)

Advanced Grammar of English (ESL)

Applied French Linguistics (Language Acquisition)

Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced Writing (ESL)

Beginning and Intermediate German  
Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced German Conversation  
English in its Social Setting  
History of the English Language  
Introduction to Language  
Introduction to Linguistics  
Metaphors in Popular Culture  
Modern Grammar of English  
Multidisciplinary Reading/Translation Course (German to English)  
Poetry and Drama (English)  
Rhetoric and Composition (English)  
Science Fiction and Fantasy (English)

### **Selected Projects Completed for the Morgantown History Museum**

#### Exhibits Researched, Designed, and Installed

*Morgantown: 104 Years of Wild Blue Yonderin. Exploring the History of Local Aviation.*  
2014.

*Flatboat Project Exhibit, 2012.*

#### Successful Applications

*Museum Assessment Program.* The Institute of Museum and Library Services and the American Alliance of Museums, 2015.

*Hometown Teams.* Smithsonian Traveling Exhibit. Sponsored by the West Virginia Humanities Council, 2013.

*The Way We Worked.* Smithsonian Traveling Exhibit. Sponsored by the West Virginia Humanities Council, 2011.