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**EDUCATION:**

Ph.D., Anthropology, November 2001, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN,  
M.A., Anthropology, June 1996, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN  
B.A., American Culture, June 1993, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, Department Honors

**EMPLOYMENT:**

2010-Present Assistant to the Chair, Department of Anthropology  
2009-Present Associate Professor, Anthropology, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI  
2010-11 Acting Director, CIC-American Indian Studies Consortium  
2009 Acting Director, American Indian Studies Program  
2002-2009 Assistant Professor, Anthropology, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI  
2000-2002 Visiting Lecturer, Anthropology, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI  
1999-2000 Research Assistant, American Indian Studies Research Institute, Indiana University  
Spring 1999 Instructor, Anthropology, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis, IN  
1996-1999 Curriculum Coordinator, *Hoteja* (New Voice): Improving Humanities Curriculum at Fort Belknap College. Collaborative Native language project between Fort Belknap College and Indiana University. Funded through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).  
Fall 1996 Instructor, Fort Belknap College, Harlem MT

**RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS:**

American Indian Communities; Indigenous Languages and Literacy; Language Obsolescence and Language Pedagogy; Ethnohistory

**PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS:**

**BOOKS:**

\*Morgan, Mindy J. *The Bearer of this Letter: Language Ideologies, Literacy Practices, and the Fort Belknap Indian Community*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2009

**JOURNAL/EDITED VOLUME ARTICLES:**

- \*Morgan, Mindy J. "Acts of Inscription: Language and Dialogism in the Archives" in *Transforming Ethnohistories*, Sebastian Braun, ed. University of Oklahoma Press, *under review*
- \*Morgan, Mindy J. "Multilingual Pasts and Futures: An Examination of Language Shift at Fort Belknap Reservation, Montana" in *Speaking of Endangered Languages: Issues in Revitalization*. Anne Marie Goodfellow, ed. Newcastle: Cambridge Scholars Publishing (2009), pp. 25-46.
- \*Morgan, Mindy J., "'This Piece of Authentic Work that Many a Novice has Failed to Get': Critiquing Anthropological Knowledge in the Montana Writers' Project." *Histories of Anthropology* 2008, Volume 4: 83-105.
- \*Morgan, Mindy J., and Helen Roy, "Indigenous Languages and Research Universities: Reconciling Worldviews and Ideologies" *Canadian Journal of Native Education*, Theme Issue: Indigenous Knowledges and the University, Spring/Summer 2008: 232-47.

- \*Morgan, Mindy J., "Redefining the Ojibwe Classroom: Indigenous Language Programs within Large Research Universities." *Anthropology and Education Quarterly*, Theme Issue: Indigenous Epistemologies and Education 2005, 36(1): 98-103.
- \*Morgan, Mindy J., "Constructions and Contestations of the Authoritative Voice: Native American Communities and the Federal Writers' Project, 1935-41." *American Indian Quarterly* 2005, 29(1 & 2): 56-83.

**OTHER PUBLICATIONS:**

- Morgan, Mindy J., "Commentary" In *Indigenous Educational Models for Contemporary Practice: In Our Mothers Voice II*, Maenette Benham, ed. New York: Routledge, 2008: 209-213.
- Morgan, Mindy J., "Perspectives and Social Responsibility in Anthropology." *Research Integrity Newsletter: Objectivity and Conflict of Interest*, Michigan State University, Office of the Graduate School 2007, 10(1):6-8.
- Morgan, Mindy J., Review of Albert White Hat "Reading and Writing the Lakota Language." *Ethnohistory* 2001, 48 (1-2): 359-361.
- Morgan, Mindy J., "A Blessing or an Offering: Incorporating Culture into the Tribal College." In *Interpreting Cultures: A Symposium*, Mindy J. Morgan and Paula L. Wagoner, eds. Bloomington, IN: Department of Anthropology, Indiana University, 1999.
- Parks, Douglas, Mindy Morgan, and Selena Ditmar *Nakoda Verb Paradigm Book*, Published as part of the NEH-funded *Hoteja* curriculum project for Fort Belknap College, 1998.

**RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS:**

- 2012 Fulbright Scholar Award for teaching, University of Zadar, Croatia
- 2007 Awarded Global Studies in the Arts and Humanities Think-Tank Initiative, College of Arts and Letters, MSU for "The Global Script of Indigenous Identities: Local Literacies, Oral Languages, and the Written Word" with Rocio Quispe-Agnoli and Eduardo Guizar-Alvarez. (\$2,000.00 individual, \$7,500.00 for Fall symposium)
- 2005 Awarded IRGP Small Grants for project entitled, "The Bearer of this Letter: English Language Documents and Responses to Regulation on the Fort Belknap Reservation, 1887-1935" (\$17,996.00)
- 2004 Awarded National Endowment for Humanities Summer Stipend Fellowship for project entitled, "Petitions and Passes: Responses to Regulation on the Fort Belknap Reservation, 1887-1921." (\$5,000.00)
- 2003 Awarded Center for Great Lakes Culture MSU Faculty Fellowship for project entitled, "Ojibwe In and Out of the Classroom: Models for Indigenous Language Programs within the University System." (\$8,000.00)
- 2000 Pre-dissertation Fellowship in American Indian Studies, Michigan State University. (\$20,000.00)
- 1996 Phillips Fund for Native American Research, American Philosophical Society for project entitled, "Schools as Contested Space: an Ethnohistorical study of Schooling on Ft. Belknap Reservation." (\$1,200.00)

**TEACHING:**

**UNDERGRADUATE COURSES:**

- ANP 201 Socio-Cultural Anthropology  
ISS 210 Individual and Society  
ANP 420 Language and Culture  
ANP 433 Contemporary American Indian Communities  
ANP 411 American Indian Ethnography

ANP 491 Contemporary Issues in American Indian Languages

**GRADUATE COURSES:**

ANP 855 Historical Roots of Contemporary Anthropological Theory

ANP 820 Language and Cultural Meaning

**TEACHING AWARDS AND PROGRAMMATIC GRANTS:**

- 2008-9 Member of College of Arts and Letters Teaching Commons (\$2,000.00)
- 2008 Excellence in Teaching Award, Graduate Student Association, Department of Anthropology, Michigan State University
- 2004 Lilly Endowed Teaching Fellowship, Michigan State University. (Course Release, approx. \$7,500.00)
- 2003 Michigan Humanities Council Quick Grant for “Maawanjidadaa Minokamig Shangeng (Gathering together for a Spring Feast)” (\$500.00)
- 2002 Fellow for Hewlett Project for Assessing Student Learning Outcomes in Integrative Studies, Michigan State University. (\$6,000.00)

**INVITED PRESENTATIONS:**

- 2008 “Please Remember that I, too, am an Indian’: Locating Native Voices in the Federal Writers’ Project.” *Art, Culture, and Government: The New Deal at 75*, Library of Congress, March 13-18.
- 2008 “Distinctive Features: Planning a Community Based Orthography.” University of Michigan--Flint, March 24.
- 2005 Lannan Summer Institute for Teachers in Tribal Colleges at the Newberry Library, July 15-16.
- 2005 Invited Speaker, First Annual Native American Law Students Association (NALSA) Luncheon, April.

**PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS (PEER-REVIEWED ABSTRACTS):**

- 2011 “Workers into Warriors: Transforming the Discursive Space of Indians at Work, 1940-42” with Hannah Selig, American Folklore Society Meetings, Bloomington, IN, October.
- 2011 “Working from the Margins: Documenting American Indian Participation in the New Deal” MSU-CIC Mid-Career Faculty Workshop on Race and Ethnicity: Making the Periphery Central, MSU, June 20-24th
- 2010 “Rewriting Textual Authority: Exploring Uses of Texts within Indigenous Language Programs” American Anthropological Association Meetings, New Orleans, LA, November
- 2010 “The Language of Confinement: Understanding the Role of Bureaucratic Discourse and Language Shift among American Indian Communities” American Society for Ethnohistory Meetings, Ottawa, ON, October
- 2009 “Voices of Policy and Protest: Indigenous Writers in *Indians at Work*” North American Indigenous Studies Association Meetings, May 21-24, Minneapolis, MN
- 2008 “Distinctive Features: Orthographic Representation and Challenges to Linguistic Authority within the Fort Belknap Assiniboine Community” CASCA Annual Meeting, Ottawa, ON, May
- 2007 “One Language, One Nation: Historical Language Ideologies and the Limits of Nationalist Language Rhetorics” American Society for Ethnohistory Meetings, Tulsa, OK, November
- 2007 “Speaking Globally but Ignoring the Local: Endangered Language Rhetorics and Problems of Regional Language Planning” CASCA/AES Annual Meeting, Toronto, ON, May
- 2006 “(Re)imagining the Ethnographic Encounter: Critiquing Anthropological Knowledge in the Montana Writers’ Project” American Society for Ethnohistory Meetings, Williamsburg, VA, November
- 2005 “Linking Classroom and Community: Using Technology in University-Level Indigenous Language Programs” American Anthropological Association Meetings, Washington, D.C., December

- 2004 “‘The letter is in the form of a petition’: English Language Documents and Responses to Regulation on the Fort Belknap Reservation, 1887-1921” American Society for Ethnohistory Meetings, Chicago, IL, October
- 2003 “‘This Piece of Authentic Work that Many a Novice has Failed to Get’: Construction and Contestation of “Tradition” in the Montana Writers’ Project, 1935-41” American Anthropological Association Meetings, Chicago, IL, November
- 2002 “‘Language is the root of our culture’: Appropriations and Uses of Boasian Thought in Contemporary Native Language Programs” American Anthropological Association Meetings, New Orleans, LA, November
- 2002 “Transitions and Translations: The Federal Writers’ Project on the Fort Belknap Reservation” American Society for Ethnohistory Meetings, Quebec City, Quebec, October
- 2001 “Institutionalizing Language: The Campaign against Native Language Literacy in the Schools” CIC-American Indian Studies Graduate Student Conference, Minneapolis, MN, April
- 2000 “Creating Boundaries: Uses of Literacy in the Early Reservation Era” American Society for Ethnohistory Meetings, London, ON, October
- 2000 “Designing Multi-Media Language Lessons: A Modular Approach” Poster Session Stabilizing Indigenous Languages Conference, Toronto, ON, May
- 2000 “Literacy and Tradition: Re-transcribing Culture for a New Generation” Central States Anthropological Association Meetings, Bloomington, IN, April
- 1999 “The Language of the Land: Investigating the Connections between Native North American Languages and Geography” American Anthropological Association Meetings, Chicago, IL, November
- 1998 “Writing History: Creating a Literacy Tradition in Native Language Vernacular” Society for Ethnohistory Meetings, Minneapolis, MN, November
- 1998 “Lessons in and from the Field: Teaching Anthropology at a Tribal College” Central States Anthropological Association Meetings, Kansas City, MO, April
- 1994 “It has Nothing to do with Gender: Men’s and Women’s Speech in Lakota” Invited Session, American Anthropological Association, Atlanta, GA, December

**PANEL ORGANIZATION/CHAIR FOR PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS:**

- 2011 Co-Organizer, Symposium and Workshop, “MSU-CIC Mid-Career Faculty Workshop on Race and Ethnicity: Making the Periphery Central,” MSU, June 20-24th
- 2008 Co-Organizer, Symposium, “The Global Script of Indigenous Identities: Local Literacies, Oral Languages, and the Written Word,” MSU, October 30-31.
- 2008 Chair/Discussant, Panel, “Revisiting, Revising, and Re-imagining the Indian New Deal Era,” Native American and Indigenous Studies Meetings, Athens, GA, April
- 2007 Organizer, Panel, “Beyond Dichotomizing Discourses: Indigenous Persistence, Conflict and Creativity within Historically Created Contexts” American Society for Ethnohistory Meetings, Tulsa, OK, November
- 2007 Organizer, Panel, “Rethinking the Rural: Regional Studies and American Indian/First Nations Communities CASCA/AES Meetings, Toronto, ON, May
- 2006 Chair, “Encounters, Histories, and Exchanges: Ethnohistorical Perspectives on Knowledge, Power, and Representation” American Society for Ethnohistory Meetings, Williamsburg, VA, November
- 2004 Co-organizer, panel “Ethnohistory as a Collaborative Practice: Connecting Scholars and Contemporary Communities,” American Society for Ethnohistory Meetings, Chicago, IL, October
- 2003 Organizer, panel “Traditionalizing Discourses: Further Considerations regarding Genre, Intertextuality, and Speech Events in Native North America,” American Anthropological Association Meetings, Chicago, IL, November
- 2000 Co-organizer, panel “Inscribing Histories: Uses of Narrative and Text in American Indian Studies,” Central States Anthropological Society Meetings, Bloomington, IN, April

- 1998 Co-organizer, Symposium “Interpreting Cultures: Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Publication of Clifford Geertz’s *The Interpretation of Cultures* and the 50th Anniversary of the IU Department of Anthropology,” Bloomington, IN, April

**COLLOQUIUM AND SYMPOSIUM PRESENTATIONS (NON-REVIEWED ABSTRACTS):**

- 2007 “God Praised in a New Tongue: Language Ideologies among the Rocky Mountain Missions, 1890-1940” Religion and US Culture Colloquium, Michigan State University, March
- 2006 “Intersections and/of Power: Indigenous Languages and the University System” Symposium in honor of David Dwyer, Michigan State University, October
- 2005-6 “Objectivity in Research,” Invited Speaker for Graduate School Series, *Responsible Conduct of Research Workshops*, Nov. 2006, Feb. & Nov. 2005.
- 2005 “Creating Language Destinations for Indigenous Language Programs” American Indian Studies Program Fall Symposium, *Indigenous Language Revitalization and the Role of the Research University*, Michigan State University, October
- 2005 “Looking for ‘Authenticity’: Native Communities and the Federal Writers’ Project, 1935-41.” First Tuesdays Lecture Series, Nokomis Learning Center, Okemos, MI, January
- 2004 “Ojibwe In and Out of the Classroom: Models for Indigenous Language Programs within the University System” Center for Great Lakes Culture and University Library Colloquia Series, Michigan State University, March
- 2003 “Why Anthropologists Need Archives” Presentation for Anthropology Brown Bag Series, Michigan State University, October
- 2003 “Language and the Ties that Bind: Understanding the Importance of Heritage Language Programs in Contemporary Native Communities” Winter Colloquium Series, Institute for Children, Youth and Families, Michigan State University, April
- 2001 “Alternating Literacies: Cultural Meaning and the Paradox of Literacy within a Native North American Community” Department of Anthropology Colloquium, Michigan State University, January
- 1998 “A Blessing or an Offering: Incorporating Culture into the Tribal College” Presented at the symposium, “Interpreting Cultures: Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Publication of Clifford Geertz’s *The Interpretation of Cultures* and the 50th Anniversary of the IU Department of Anthropology,” Bloomington, IN, April

**UNIVERSITY SERVICE AND OUTREACH:**

- 2010-11 Associate Chairs Advisory Committee regarding College Specializations
- 2006-07 Search Committee for 201/202 Faculty Positions for New Residential in the Arts and Humanities
- 2005-07 Member of Advisory Board for the Faculty and Organizational Development, Organized by the Office of the Provost, Michigan State University.
- 2005-06 Member of New Program Curriculum for New Residential College in the Arts and Humanities. Subcommittee for World Language Proficiency requirement
- 2005 Selection Committee for Alumni Distinguished Scholarship Competition. Honors College, MSU
- 2004 Member of Integrative Studies Planning committee, Organized by the Office of the Provost, Michigan State University. Committee charged with investigating the implications of proposed centralization of Integrative Studies centers.
- 2003 Member of Committee to address teaching first year students, Organized by the Dean of Undergraduate Education, Office of the Provost, Michigan State University.
- 2001-2008 Chair of Language Committee for American Indian Studies Program at Michigan State University.

**DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

2011 Chair of Undergraduate Curriculum Committee  
2010-11 Assistant to the Chair  
2009 Search Committee for Linguistic Anthropology position  
Colloquium Committee  
2004-08 Advisory Committee member. Voted on by faculty for a two-year  
appointment. Re-elected Fall 2006.  
2002-04 Graduate Curriculum Committee member  
2001-02 Admissions Committee member

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE, SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS:**

2009 NEH Summer Stipends selection panel (Anthropology and Folklore)  
2008-09 Manuscript Reviewer for American Anthropologist, Journal of Linguistic Anthropology,  
Museum Anthropology  
Summer 2005 Selected Participant in NSF Short-Course in Research Methods, Text Analysis,  
Beaufort, North Carolina  
Summer 1999 Native Language Teachers' Workshop, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN  
Summer 1996 Participant in Multimedia Workshop for Endangered Languages, University of  
Iowa, Iowa City, IA

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:**

American Anthropological Association, The Canadian Anthropology Society, American  
Society for Ethnohistory, Council for Anthropology and Education, Society for Linguistic  
Anthropology