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## LANGUAGES

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- American Sign Language (ASL)
- Langue des signes québécoise (LSQ)
- British Sign Language (BSL)
- English
- French

## ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

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2024 – 2026	<b>Associate Postdoctoral Fellow</b> Research project: Discursive perspectives in signed interpretation: an analysis of enactments and their functions in signed interpretation as produced by deaf and hearing interpreters. (Funded by Fonds de recherche du Québec – Culture et Société, FRQSC). <b>Supervisor: Dr. Terry Janzen – Department of Linguistics</b>	University of Manitoba
2016 – 2024	<b>Doctorat en linguistique</b> (Ph.D in Linguistics) Thesis project: <i>“Conventionality of gesture and of linguistic sign: the case of mouthings in Quebec Sign Language (LSQ)”</i> . Distinction: excellent. <b>Supervisor: Dr. Anne-Marie Parisot.</b>	UQAM
2013 – 2016	<b>Maîtrise en linguistique</b> (MA in Linguistics) Dissertation project: <i>Description of body representation in Quebec Sign Language (LSQ) amongst Deaf first language and second language signers.</i> <b>Supervisor: Dr. Anne-Marie Parisot.</b>	UQAM
2008 – 2010	<b>Diploma in French</b>	Open University, UK
2006 – 2008	<b>Certificate in Spanish</b>	Open University, UK
2004 – 2007	<b>Diploma in Classical Studies</b> (with specialization in Latin)	Open University, UK
1996 – 1999	<b>BA (Hons) in Theatre Arts, Education and Deaf Studies</b> Graduated with First Class Honours.	University of Reading, UK

## TEACHING EXPERIENCES

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### UNIVERSITY SESSIONAL INSTRUCTOR

Fall 2023	INT1176 – Processus et modèles en contexte d’interprétation français-LSQ (Processes and models in interpreting context)	UQAM
Fall 2023	LSQ4880 – Langue des signes québécoise – communication (avancé)(Quebec Sign Language – advanced communication)	UQAM
Winter 2023	INT 3581 – Interprétation vers la LSQ II (Interpreting from French to Quebec Sign Language II)	UQAM
Fall 2022	INT 2581 – Interprétation vers la LSQ I (Interpreting from French to Quebec Sign Language I)	UQAM
Summer 2022	LSQ 4880 – Langue des signes québécoise - communication (avancé) (Quebec Sign Language – advanced communication)	UQAM
Fall 2021	LIN 4435 – Analyse de la LSQ III (Analyzing Quebec Sign Language III)	UQAM

Winter 2021	LIN 4435 – Analyse de la LSQ III (Analyzing Quebec Sign Language III)	UQAM
Fall 2020	INT 1650 – Traduction français-LSQ (Translating between French and Quebec Sign Language)	UQAM
Winter 2020	LIN 3435 – Analyse de la LSQ II (Analyzing Quebec Sign Language II)	UQAM
Summer 2019	LIN 4580 – Description de la LSQ III (Quebec Sign Language Description III)	UQAM
Winter 2019	LIN 3480 – Description de la LSQ II (Quebec Sign Language Description II)	UQAM
Fall 2018	LIN 1185 – Interprétation visuelle : rôle et problèmes spécifiques (Role and specific issues in visual interpretation)	UQAM
Winter 2018	LIN 1580 – Atelier pratique de l’interprétation gestuelle I (French/Quebec Sign Language interpreting practical workshop I)	UQAM
Winter 2017	LIN 3480 – Description de la langue des signes québécoise II (Quebec Sign Language Description II)	UQAM
Fall 2016	LIN 2480 – Description de la langue des signes québécoise I (Quebec Sign Language Description I)	UQAM

#### COLLEGE SESSIONAL INSTRUCTOR

Fall 2017	Histoire des Sourds (History of Deaf people)	Cégep du Vieux Montréal
Fall 2016	La surdit� d’hier � aujourd’hui (Deaf people from the past to today)	Cégep du Vieux Montr�al
Winter 2016	Les aspects culturels de la surdit� (Aspects of Deaf Culture)	Cégep du Vieux Montr�al
Fall 2015	La surdit� d’hier � aujourd’hui (Deaf people from the past to today)	Cégep du Vieux Montr�al
Fall 2014	La surdit� d’hier � aujourd’hui (Deaf people from the past to today)	Cégep du Vieux Montr�al

#### INVITED TALKS

2023	<b>“Qu’est-ce que fait la bouche ? : Une analyse des comportements morphologiques et pragmatiques de la bouche en LSQ”</b> (What does the mouth do?: An analysis of morphological and pragmatic mouth actions in Quebec Sign Language), Daz Saunders, presented in s�minaire interuniversitaire sur les langues des signes organized by Namur Institute of Language, Text and Transmediality, Universit� de Namur, Belgium.
2018	<b>“Gestes et grammaire : R�flexion sur l’utilisation de l’espace par trois groupes de signeurs LSQ”</b> (Gestures and grammar: reflections on the use of space by three groups of signers of LSQ), <i>Anne-Marie Parisot &amp; Darren Saunders</i> , presented at a scientific debate on « Point de vue et multimodalit� » organized by Namur Institute of Language, Text and Transmediality, Universit� de Namur, Belgium.
2018	<b>“La structure de repr�sentation corporelle comme �l�ment grammatical dans les langues des signes”</b> (Enactment structure as grammatical element in signed languages), <i>Darren Saunders</i> , presented at the symposium: « Changements de perspective et mise en corps : Regards crois�s en linguistique des langues des signes, multimodalit�, art et cognition » organized by l’UMR de Structure formelle du langage, Centre national de la recherche scientifique, Paris, France.

- 2017 **“Les gestes et leurs rôles”** (Gestures and their roles), *Darren Saunders*, presented in LIN1400 course, UQAM.
- 2017 **“Les gestes et leurs rôles”** (Gestures and their roles), *Darren Saunders*, presented in LIN1400 course, UQAM.
- 2017 **“La phonologie de la langue des signes québécoise (LSQ)”** (Phonology of Quebec Sign Language), *Darren Saunders*, presented in LIN1601 course, UQAM.
- 2017 **“La phonologie de la langue des signes québécoise (LSQ)”** (Phonology of Quebec Sign Language), *Darren Saunders*, presented in LIN1601 course, UQAM.
- 2017 **“La distance professionnelle des interprètes”** (Professional distance for interpreters), *Cynthia Benoit & Darren Saunders* – invited by l’Association québécoise des interprètes en langues des signes (AQILS), Montréal, Québec.
- 2015 **“Description des structures de représentation corporelle en LSQ chez les locuteurs L1 et L2”** (Description of enactment structures in Quebec Sign Language amongst first and second language users), *Darren Saunders*, presented in LIN1603 course, UQAM.
- 2015 **“La représentation corporelle en langue des signes québécoise (LSQ)”** (Enactments in Quebec Sign Language), *Darren Saunders*, presented in LIN4580 course, UQAM.

#### CONFERENCES PAPERS

- 2023 **“Mouth actions and blended spaces in Quebec Sign Language (LSQ)”**, *Darren Saunders* – paper presented at 16th International Cognitive Linguistics Conference, Düsseldorf, Germany.
- 2023 **“Stance-taking mouth actions in Quebec Sign Language (LSQ)”**, *Darren Saunders* – paper presented at 16th International Cognitive Linguistics Conference, Düsseldorf, Germany.
- 2018 **“Perspective shift and embodiment markers in signed and spoken discourses”**, *Anne-Marie Parisot & Darren Saunders* – Paper presented at 8th Congress of International Society for Gesture Studies, Cape Town, South Africa.
- 2018 **“Reflections on the integration of gestural and linguistic elements in enactment structures”**, *Darren Saunders* – Paper presented at 8th Congress of International Society for Gesture Studies, Cape Town, South Africa.
- 2017 **“Intersectional and intermodal: Making sexual health information accessible to LGBTQ+ Deaf people”**, *Martin Morris, Darren Saunders & Alex Iantaffi* – Paper presented at World Library and Information Congress, Wrocław, Poland.
- 2017 **“Frequency of enactments and its functions in various discourse types of Quebec Sign Language (LSQ)”**, *Darren Saunders* – Paper presented at 8th International Deaf Academics and Researchers Conference, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 2017 **“Are Deaf Academics’ Successes a Game of Sheer Luck? Exploring Social Responsibilities Within the International Deaf Academia Network”**, *Cynthia Benoit & Darren Saunders* – Paper presented at 8<sup>th</sup> International Deaf Academics and Researchers Conference, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 2016 **“Les besoins de la communication ne sont pas universels : comment pouvons-nous faciliter l’accès pour les personnes sourdes dans le domaine de la santé ?”** (The communication needs are not universal: how can we facilitate access for Deaf people in Health sector), *Darren Saunders, Michel Turgeon & Éric Dubé* – Paper presented at Language and Health: Ethical and Policy Issues Conference, Montréal.
- 2015 **“Rapporter directement en LSQ chez les locuteurs sourds natifs et non natifs”** (Direct reporting in Quebec Sign Language amongst native and non-native Deaf signers), *Darren Saunders* – Paper presented au VocUM : 2<sup>e</sup> colloque multidisciplinaire sur le langage, Montréal.

- 2015 “**Ability to manipulate phonological movement in production tasks in Quebec Sign Language**”, *Anne-Marie Parisot, Stéphanie Luna & Darren Saunders* – Paper presented at International Congress on the Education of the Deaf, Athens, Greece.
- 2015 “**Le discours direct en LSQ : un élément essentiel pour l’enseignement de la LSQ ?**” (Reported discourse in Quebec Sign Language: an essential element for LSQ teaching?), *Darren Saunders* – Paper presented at Colloque sur l’études sourdes dans la francophonie : assises, enjeux et perspectives, in 83<sup>e</sup> Congrès de l’Acfas, Rimouski, Québec.
- 2014 “**Capacité à manipuler l’unité dynamique dans la phonologie de la langue des signes québécoise: Analyse comparée des taux de réussite à des tâches de perception et de production**” (Capacity to manipulate dynamic unit in Quebec Sign Language phonology: comparative analysis of success rates in perception and production tasks), *Anne-Marie Parisot, Stéphanie Luna & Darren Saunders* – Paper presented at 82<sup>e</sup> Congrès de l’Association francophone pour le savoir, Montréal, Québec.
- 2013 “**Body shift and head tilt in three sign languages: American Sign Language, French Sign Language and Quebec Sign Language**”, *Anne-Marie Parisot, Darren Saunders & Karl Szymoniak* – Paper presented at 11<sup>th</sup> conference of Theoretical Issues in Sign Language Research, London, UK.

### CONFERENCES POSTERS

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- 2022 “**An analysis of adverbial and stance-taking mouth actions within and outside of enactments in Quebec Sign Language (LSQ)**”, *Darren Saunders* – poster presented at Sign Café 2, Ragusa, Italy.
- 2016 “**Constructed Action in Quebec Sign Language (LSQ) amongst Deaf first language and second language users**”, *Darren Saunders & Anne-Marie Parisot* – Poster presented at 12<sup>th</sup> Conference of Theoretical Issues in Sign Language Research, Melbourne, Australia.
- 2015 “**Analysis of phonological and morphological movement errors of deaf children in LSQ tasks**”, *Anne-Marie Parisot, Stéphanie Luna & Darren Saunders* – Poster presented at 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Sign Language Acquisition, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
- 2014 “**Non manual component of sign languages and co-verbal of a spoken language: a descriptive account of Head and Body movements**”, *Anne-Marie Parisot, Darren Saunders & Karl Szymoniak* – Poster presented at 6<sup>th</sup> Congress of International Society of Gesture Studies, San Diego, USA.

### PUBLICATIONS

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- Saunders, D. (in preparation). **Morphological and pragmatic mouth actions in Quebec Sign Language.**
- Saunders, D. (in preparation). **Morphological and pragmatic mouth actions in signed language grammar?: A proposal within the cognitive linguistics framework.**
- Saunders, D. et Janzen, T. (in preparation). **Signed Languages.** In J. Bruhn de Garavito et J. Schwieter (Eds.), *Introducing linguistics: Theoretical and applied approaches* (2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.), Cambridge University Press.
- Saunders, D & Parisot, A.-M. (2023). **Insights on the use of narrative perspectives in signed and spoken discourse in Quebec Sign Language, American Sign Language and Quebec French.** In T. Janzen et B. Shaffer (Eds.), *Signed Language and Gesture Research in Cognitive Linguistics*, Berlin: De Gruyter. 243-272.
- Parisot, A.-M. et Saunders, D. (2022). **Character perspective shift sequences and embodiment markers in signed and spoken discourse.** *Languages in Contrast*, 22(2), 259-289.
- Leduc, V., Saunders, D, Youssouf, H & Witcher, P. (2021). **Nos mains qui vibrant – Un texte à huit mains sur une recherche-crédation en musiques sourdes** (Our hands which vibrate – An eight-handed text on research-creation in deaf music), *Revue Canadienne d’études sur le handicap*, 10(2), 93-120..
- Parisot, A.-M. & Saunders, D. (2019). **La représentation corporelle dans le discours signé** (Enactments in signed discourse), *Lidil : Revue de linguistique et de didactique des langues*, 60.

- Saunders, D. (2018). **La langue des signes n'est pas une pantomime !** (Signed language is not a mime!) In special issue: *S'ouvrir à la culture sourde* (Opening up to Deaf Culture), *Relations*, (797), 21-22.
- Saunders, D. (2017). **Rapporter directement en langue des signes québécoise (LSQ) chez les locuteurs sourds natifs et non natifs** (Direct reporting in Quebec Sign Language (LSQ) amongst native and non-native Deaf signers), *ScriptUM : la revue du colloque VocUM*, 2, 41-58.
- Parisot, A.-M. & Saunders, D. (2016). **L'interprétation visuelle : deux têtes pour un chapeau** (Visual interpretation: two heads for one hat). *Entendre*, 12-13.
- Parisot, A.-M, Luna, S. & Saunders, D. (2015). **Ability to manipulate phonological movement in production tasks in Quebec Sign Language**, *Conférence Proceedings of the International Congress on the Education of the Deaf - Athens*.
- Leduc, V., Benoit, C., & Saunders, D. (2015). **Vivre comme entendant...** *Le mouton noir*.

### ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIP

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- 2024 – 2026 Postdoctoral fellowship – \$110,000, Fonds de recherche du Québec – Société et Culture.
- 2019 – 2022 Doctoral scholarship – \$180,000, Pierre Elliot Trudeau Foundation.
- 2016 – 2019 Joseph Armand Bombardier Doctoral Scholarship – \$105,000, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Canada.
- 2016 – 2017 Bourse de l'équipe FRQSC « Surdit , langue des signes et acc s au fran ais » - \$10,000, Groupe de recherche sur la LSQ et le bilinguisme sourd, Universit  du Qu bec   Montr al.
- 2015 – 2016 Bourse de l'équipe FRQSC « Surdit , langue des signes et acc s au fran ais » - \$9,600, Groupe de recherche sur la LSQ et le bilinguisme sourd, Universit  du Qu bec   Montr al.
- 2014 – 2015 Joseph Armand Bombardier Masters Scholarship – \$17,500, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Canada.

### SERVICES TO ACADEMIC COMMUNITY

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- 2023 – **Co-chair of organizing committee** for the inaugural Cognitive Linguistics Association of North America Conference (CLANAC1), June 27-29, 2024, at UQAM, Montr al.
- 2024 **Member of Scientific committee** for the inaugural Cognitive Linguistics Association of North America Conference (CLANAC1).
- 2024 **Member of Scientific committee** for SIGN10 Conference to be held in Trinidad and Tobago.
- 2023 **Integration project team leader** (for sessional instructors of the department of linguistics) on material development for the courses in French-Quebec Sign Language Major Program.
- 2022 – **Board member** of the Sign Language Linguistics Society (SLLS).
- 2021 – 2022 **Member of sub-committee of SLLS** on the creation of the Code of Conduct for delegates to TISLR conferences.
- 2021 **Article reviewer** for Languages in Contrast journal (1 article).
- 2020 **Reviewer** for the book on signed language and gesture research in cognitive linguistics (1 chapter).
- 2020 **Reviewer** for The Canadian Modern Language Review (1 article).
- 2019 – 2022 **Member of Diversity and Inclusion committee**, Pierre Elliot Trudeau Foundation, Montr al, Qu bec.
- 2016 – 2021 **Chair of the organizing committee** for the *10th International Deaf Academics and Researchers Conference*, held online in June 2021.
- 2017 **Member of Scientific Committee** – VocUM 2017 : Langage et mondialisation

2014 – 2015 **Member of Organizing Committee** – Colloque d'Études sourdes dans la francophonie : assises, enjeux et perspectives, dans le cadre de 83<sup>e</sup> Congrès de l'Acfas, Rimouski, Québec.

## MEMBERSHIP

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2024 – Cognitive Linguistics Association of North America  
2024 – Canadian Linguistic Association  
2018 – Institut des sciences cognitives, UQAM.  
2017 – International Cognitive Linguistics Association.  
2014 – International Society for Gesture Studies.  
2013 – Sign Language Linguistics Society.

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

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2017 – **Consultant** on LSQ teaching material and courses, self-employed. Québec.  
2016 – **Sign language in theatre consultant**, self-employed, Montréal, Québec  
2012 – **Research assistant**, Groupe de recherche sur la LSQ et le bilinguisme sourd (Quebec Sign Language and deaf bilingualism Research Group), Université du Québec à Montréal, Montréal, Québec.  
2014 – 2021 **Deaf interpreter** (LSQ/ASL/BSL/IS), self-employed, Montréal, Québec.  
2017 – 2018 **Project leader**, Creation of LSQ teaching methods, plans and materials, Cégep du Vieux-Montréal, Montréal, Québec.  
2011 – 2014 **Online British Sign Language teacher/assessor**, self-employed, Montréal, Québec.  
2005 – 2011 **In-vision TV BSL interpreter**, self-employed, London, UK.  
2003 – 2011 **BSL translator/advisor for TV and Theatre**, self-employed, London, UK  
2003 – 2011 **Teacher, assessor and quality assurance manager for British Sign Language skills and BSL/English interpreting skills**, in collaboration with Royal National Institute for the Deaf, London, UK  
2003 – 2011 **Trainer**, “Train the Trainers” on teaching for British Sign Language teachers, self-employed in collaboration with Royal National Institute for the Deaf, London, UK.  
2003 – 2005 **In-vision TV BSL interpreter** – BBC Broadcast Ltd, London, UK.  
2001 – 2002 **Research project consultant on “Inclusion: what deaf pupils think”** – University of Hertfordshire, Hatfield, UK.  
1999 – 2010 **Sessional Lecturer** – School of Education, University of Reading, Reading, UK.  
1999 – 2000 **Projects coordinator** – Deaf@x Trust, Reading, UK.

## SERVICES TO THE DEAF COMMUNITY

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2019 – **Vice-chair of the Board of Directors** – Service d'interprétation Visuelle et Tacile (SIVET), Montréal, Québec.  
2017 – 2019 **Member of the Board of Directors** – Service d'Interprétation Visuelle et Tactile (SIVET), Montréal, Québec.  
2014 – 2016 **Chair of the Board of Directors** – Coalition Sida des Sourds du Québec, Montréal, Québec.  
2013 – 2014 **Secretary of the Board of Directors** – Coalition Sida des Sourds du Québec, Montréal, Québec.  
2012 – 2013 **Member of the Board of Directors** – Coalition Sida des Sourds du Québec, Québec.