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His scholarship focuses on language teacher education, multilingualism, language policy, and epistemic justice. He draws on Complex Dynamic Systems Theory and, together with collaborators, Intentional Dynamics Theory to understand how language teaching and learning unfold in context.

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