

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## CONTACT

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## EDUCATION

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Ph.D. University of Hawai'i Linguistics (2017)  
M.A. University of North Texas Linguistics (2012)  
B.A. University of North Texas English (2010)

## PRIMARY AREAS OF INTEREST

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Fieldwork, documentation, language endangerment, Austronesian and Kra-Dai languages, comparative linguistics, phonology, metrical stress.

## TEACHING

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THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, LECTURER. FALL 2021–PRESENT  
Current Ling 2008b. Undergraduate. Linguistic argumentation II.  
Ling 4401. Undergraduate. Special topics (typology).

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS, ADJUNCT PROFESSOR. SPRING 2018–SPRING 2021  
2018–21 Ling 4130. Undergraduate. Discovering language data.  
Ling 4070. Undergraduate. History of English.  
Ling 3060. Undergraduate. Principles of language study.  
Ling 4050a. Undergraduate. Morphology and syntax.  
Ling 4050b. Undergraduate. Morphology.  
Ling 4040. Undergraduate. Phonetics and phonology.  
Ling 2040. Undergraduate. Endangered languages.  
Ling 5350. Graduate. Typology.  
Ling 5300. Graduate. Phonology.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT DAVIS, VISITING LECTURER. WINTER 2021  
2021 Lin 151. Undergraduate. Historical linguistics.



- 2014a University of Hawai'i at Mānoa College of Arts and Sciences summer research grant. \$3,000 (May)
- 2014b Bilinski Foundation summer research grant. \$5,000 (June–August)
- 2014c University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Department of Linguistics conference travel grant for a presentation and seminar held at the Linguistics Society of America Annual Conference, January 2014, Minneapolis, Minnesota. \$1,250.

## PUBLICATIONS

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### ARTICLES

- to appear Reconstructing non-contrastive stress in Austronesian and the role of the mora in stress-shift, gemination, and vowel shift. *Diachronica*.
- to appear (with Taraka Rama) Environmental factors affect the evolution of linguistic subgroups in Borneo. *Diachronica*.
- 2021 The historical phonology of Hliboi: a Bidayuh language of Borneo. *Oceanic Linguistics* 60(1): 133–159.
- 2020 Nasalization in Enggano historical phonology. *Oceanic Linguistics* 59(1): 347–365.
- 2019a A second look at Proto-Land Dayak vowels. *Oceanic Linguistics* 58(1): 110–142.
- 2019b A reconstruction of Proto-Segai-Modang. *Oceanic Linguistics* 58(2): 353–385.
- 2018a The subgrouping of the languages of Borneo: an overview. *Borneo Research Bulletin* 48: 330–361.
- 2018b The Barito linkage hypothesis with a note on the position of Basap. *Journal of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society* 11(1): 13–34.
- 2017a Merap historical phonology in the context of a central Bornean linguistic area. *Oceanic Linguistics* 56(1): 143–180.
- 2017b The Western Malayo-Polynesian problem. *Oceanic Linguistics* 56(2): 435–489.
- 2015a On the classification of Kenyah and Kayanic languages. *Oceanic Linguistics* 54(2): 333–357.
- 2015b Penan, Sebop, and Kenyah internal linguistic classification. *Borneo Research Bulletin* 46: 172–193.

### BOOK CHAPTERS

- to appear Onset weight and drift in Austronesian comparative phonology. In *Routledge Handbook of Asian Linguistics*, ed. by Chris Shei. Routledge.
- to appear (with Paul Kroeger) Bornean Linguistic Typology. In *The Oxford guide to the western Austronesian languages*, ed. by K. Alexander Adelaar and Antoinette Schapper. Oxford University Press.
- to appear Internal classification of Malayo-Polynesian. In *The Oxford guide to the western Austronesian languages*, ed. by K. Alexander Adelaar and Antoinette Schapper. Oxford University Press.

- to appear Historical linguistics and linguistic subgroups in Borneo. In *The Oxford guide to the western Austronesian languages*, ed. by K. Alexander Adelaar and Antoinette Schapper. Oxford University Press.
- 2018a Historical linguistics. In *The international encyclopedia of linguistic anthropology*, ed. by James Stanlaw. Wiley-Blackwell.
- 2018b Burushaski. In *Language isolates*, ed. by Lyle Campbell, 117–138. Routledge Language Family Series. New York: Routledge.
- 2017 Reconstructing Proto-Kenyah pronouns and the development of a true five number system. In *Issues in Austronesian historical linguistics*, ed. by Hsiu-chuan Liao, 48–66. JSEALS 10(3), Special Publication no. 1. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press.
- 2016 Sign language endangerment. In *The deaf studies encyclopedia*, ed. by Patrick Boudreault, Genie Gertz, and J. Geoffrey Golson. New York: Sage Publishing.

## AUTHORED BOOKS

- 2014 (with Robert Blust) *A bibliography of the languages of Borneo (and Madagascar)*. Phillips, Maine: Borneo Research Council. (Reviewed by Michael Boutin and Wa ode Nahla Nurhidaya, 2015, *Oceanic Linguistics* 54(1): 317–322 and by K. Alexander Adelaar, 2015, *Bijdragen tot de taal-, land- en volkenkunde* 171(4): 566–570.)

## EDITED BOOKS

- to appear (with Gerawat Nulun Tuan) *The Kelabit-English contemporary dictionary*.

## INVITED REVIEWS

- 2018 Review of Lobel, Jason. 2016. *North Borneo sourcebook. Vocabularies and functors*. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press. In *Oceanic Linguistics* 57(1).

## UNPUBLISHED

- 2017 *The languages of Borneo: a comprehensive classification*. Doctoral dissertation, Department of Linguistics, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. Robert Blust, Chair. <http://ling.hawaii.edu/research-current/publications/dissertations/>
- 2012 *Burushaski case marking, agreement, and implication: an analysis of the Hunza dialect*. Master's thesis, Department of Linguistics and Technical communication, University of North Texas. Sadaf Munshi, Chair.

## PRESENTATIONS AND POSTERS

- 2021a *A conspiracy motivated by foot weight in Austronesian historical phonology*. Paper presented at the 15<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Austronesian Linguistics (15-ICAL, online).
- 2021b *More Austro-Tai Comparisons and Observations on Vowel Correspondences*. Paper accepted for presentation at the 30<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society (SEALS 30, online).

- 2020a *New evidence for Austro-Tai*. Paper presented at the 12<sup>th</sup> annual DFW Metroplex Linguistics Conference, 6 November, 2020, Graduate Institute of Linguistics, Dallas, Texas (online).
- 2020b (with Carly Sommerlot) *Insights into phonological reconstruction from the documentation of previously undescribed languages: Mali and Be-Aye*. Paper presented at the 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, 2–5 January, 2020, New Orleans Louisiana.
- 2020c *Reduplication and root-internal syllabification in Ilokano: no root-internal codas and extra-syllabic root-final consonants*. Poster presented at the 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, 2–5 January, 2020, New Orleans Louisiana.
- 2020d *Applying Theory to the “Alpha-Switch” Problem in Kayan Glottal Epenthesis and Deletion*. Paper accepted for presentation at the 30<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society (SEALS 30), 18–20 May, 2020, Honolulu Hawai‘i. (Cancelled due to COVID-19)
- 2019a (with Taraka Rama) *Bayesian phylogenetic analysis of Bornean languages*. Paper presented at the 11<sup>th</sup> annual DFW Metroplex Linguistics Conference, 8 November, 2019, University of North Texas, Denton.
- 2019b *Iterative feature spreading and the development of Segai-Modang vowel contrasts*. Paper presented at the 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA 26), 24–26 May, 2019, University of Western Ontario, Canada.
- 2019c *Reconstructing metrical structure in Austronesian: a case for moraic onsets*. Paper presented at the Texas Linguistics Society Conference (TLS 2019), 22–24 February, 2019, University of Texas, Austin, Texas.
- 2018a *Iterative feature spreading and the reconstruction of Proto-Segai-Modang (Kalimantan, Indonesia)*. Paper presented at the 10<sup>th</sup> annual DFW Metroplex Linguistics Conference, 9 November, 2018, Texas A&M Commerce.
- 2018b *Proto-Austronesian schwa: phonotactic restrictions and weight phenomena throughout Austronesian*. Paper presented at the 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA 25), 10–12 May, 2018, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan.
- 2018c *Full and reduced vowels in Proto-Land Dayak penultimate syllables: evidence for a Malayic substratum?* Paper presented at the 28<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society (SEALS 28), 17–19 May, 2018, Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages, Kaohsiung, Taiwan.
- 2017 *Barito is a linkage, not a subgroup: new phonological evidence*. Paper presented at the 27<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society (SEALS 27), 11–13 May, 2017, Padang, Indonesia.
- 2016 *A beginner’s guide to Borneo*. Paper presented at the Tuesday Seminar Series, 11 October, 2016, Department of Linguistics, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa.
- 2015a *Reconstructing Proto-Kenyah pronouns and the development of a true five number system*. Paper presented at the 13<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Austronesian Linguistics (13-ICAL), 18–22 July, 2015, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan.

- 2015b *The Western Malayo-Polynesian problem*. Paper presented at the Tuesday Seminar Series, 10 February, 2015, Department of Linguistics, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.
- 2014a (with Kevin Baetscher, Russell Barlow, Amber Camp, Yen-ling Chen, Peter Chong, Meagan Dailey, Tyler Heston, Kenneth Rehg, Bradley Rentz, Nicholas Toler, Stephen Trussel, Aaron Waldrip, and Ya-Chi Yeh) *The endangered Oceanic languages project*. Paper presented at the Tuesday Seminar Series, 9 December, 2014, Department of Linguistics, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.
- 2014b *Designing and implementing the Language Endangerment Index for the Catalogue of Endangered Languages*. Paper presented at the Linguistic Society of America Annual Conference, 2–5 January, 2014, Minneapolis Minnesota.
- 2014c (with Lyle Campbell) *Harnessing global efforts against language loss: the Catalogue of Endangered Languages and the Endangered Languages Project*. Symposium held at the Linguistic Society of America Annual Conference, 2–5 January, 2014, Minneapolis Minnesota.
- 2012 *Participant coding and case in Burushaski: a textual analysis of the Hunza dialect*. Poster presented at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual DFW Metroplex Linguistics Conference, 10 November, 2012. University of Texas at Arlington.

#### INVITED TALKS AND WORKSHOPS

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- 2020a *Tracing the path of constraint movement: The Austronesian binary-foot requirement and word-minimum phenomena*. Invited Plenary talk at the 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA 26), 20–22 August, 2020, National University Singapore. (online)
- 2020b *Applying theory to issues in comparative phonology: Constraint movement and convergence in Malayo-Polynesian*. Invited talk at the 2020 Speaker Series, Department of Linguistics & TESOL, University of Texas at Arlington.
- 2020c *Diverse repairs for word sub-minimality in Austronesian: Motivating drift with theory*. Invited talk at the 18th Spring Workshop on Linguistic Reconstruction, Department of Linguistics, University of California, Berkeley. (Cancelled due to COVID-19)
- 2019a *Language loss in modern Austronesian Societies: political, economic, and human rights, and their importance for language preservation and revitalization*. Invited talk at the International Austronesian Language Revitalization Forum, 29 September–2 October, Palau.
- 2019b (with Sadaf Munshi) Workshop, *Language Documentation Tools and Technology*, hosted by Uzma Anjum at Air University, Islamabad, Pakistan, 8–12 January, 2019.
- 2018a *Resource availability (an Austronesian perspective)*. Presented at the Developing Infrastructure for a Computational Resource on South Asian Languages (CoRSAL) conference, University of North Texas, 1 November, 2018, Denton Texas.

- 2018b Guest lecturer for *LING 592900: Areal Linguistics: Southeast Asia*, taught by Hsiu-chuan Liao at National Tsing Hua University, 8 May, 2018. Topic: The Western Malayo-Polynesian Problem: An Interdisciplinary Approach.
- 2018c Guest lecturer for *LING 592900: Areal Linguistics: Southeast Asia*, taught by Hsiu-chuan Liao at National Tsing Hua University, 15 May, 2018. Topic: Languages of Borneo (with focuses on subgrouping, hunter-gatherers, and phonology).
- 2018d (with Paul Sidwell, Mark Alves, Lawrence Reid, and Pittayawat Joe Pittayaporn) Special Workshop, *The State-of-the-art of Southeast Asian Linguistics*, hosted by Hsiu-chuan Liao at National Tsing Hua University, 22 May, 2018.
- 2018e Guest lecturer for *HSS 330100: Languages of the World, Institute of Linguistics*, taught by Hsiu-chuan Liao at National Tsing Hua University, 24 May, 2018. Topic: Linguistic Fieldwork and Languages of the World.
- 2017a Guest lecturer for *Language in Hawai'i and the Pacific*, taught by Peter Schuelke at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, 12 October, 2017. Topic: Determining relatedness and analyzing similarities between languages.
- 2017b Guest lecturer for *The Languages of Borneo*, taught by Robert Blust at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, 11 October, 2017. Topic: Bornean research today: where we are and where we're going.
- 2017c *Stress shift and vowel inventory expansion in a central Bornean linguistic area*. Presented at the Graduate Institute of Linguistics Colloquium New Series no. 28, National Tsing Hua University, 24 March, 2017, Hsinchu, Taiwan.
- 2016 Guest lecturer for *The Austronesian Languages*, taught by Robert Blust at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, 2 November, 2016. Topic: Results from fieldwork in Borneo with a focus on the syntax of Lebo' Vo'.
- 2015 Guest lecturer for *The Languages of Borneo*, taught by Robert Blust at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, 6 November, 2015. Topic: An overview of previously undescribed languages in eastern Borneo.

## FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

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- 2018 Fieldwork on Segai and Modang languages in East Kalimantan, Indonesia. Five linguistic communities and one month. Field sights at Samarinda, Indonesia.
- 2017 (with Katherine Strong) Fieldwork and documentation undertaken on Kanowit, an endangered language of Sarawak, Malaysia, between May and August 2017. Kanowit town and Kampung Bedil (2°0'15" N 112°09'55" E). Data from this project is stored in the Kaipuleohone Language Archive.
- 2016 Fieldwork on Kajang, Melanau, Müller-Schwaner, Punan, Kenyah, Kayan, Land Dayak, Penan, Malayic, Barito, Tidung, and Tamanic languages in Sarawak, Malaysia, and Kalimantan, Indonesia. 48 linguistic communities and four and a half months. Field sites at Uma Balui

- Liko (3°05'13" N 113°57'48" E), Long Semuang (2°45'48" N 113°54'03" E), Long Liten (2°44'29" N 113°50'12" E), Long Amo (2°41'39" N 113°46'10" E), Long San (3°17'57" N 114°47'02" E), Kampung Bedil (2°05'15" N 112°09'55" E), Samarinda city, Pontianak city, Sarikei city, and Kuching city.
- 2015 Fieldwork on Modang, Segai, Tunjung, Bahau, Müller-Schwaner, Basap, Kelabit, Lun Dayeh, Barito, Kenyah, Sebop, and Penan languages in Sarawak, Malaysia and East Kalimantan, Indonesia. 21 linguistic communities and three and a half months. Field sites at Long San (3°17'57" N 114°47'02" E), Long Beku (3°20'45" N 114°50'11" E), Bario (3°45'03" N 115°27'06" E), Long Jekitan (2°51'37.76" N 114°55'43.65" E), Long Mubui (3°10'36.29" N 115°2'43.65" E), Keraitan (0°54'47.41" N 117°34'24.96" E), Samarinda city, Tenggarong city, Tanjung Redeb city, and Bontang city.
- 2014 Fieldwork on Kenyah and Kayanic languages in Sarawak, Malaysia. Nine linguistic communities and two and a half months. Field sites at Long San (3°17'57" N 114°47'02" E), Long Selatong (3°14'21" N 114°49'09" E), Long Apu (3°08'19" N 114°48'47" E), Long Anap (3°03'42" N 114°49'19" E), Long Palai (3°02'32" N 114°51'01" E), Long Moh (3°03'23" N 115°04'35" E), Long Semiang (3°06'46" N 115°07'37" E), and Lio' Mato (3°10'12" N 115°13'17").

## ARCHIVED MATERIALS

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- 2018 *Modang Wahau and Woq Helaq Wordlist*. Over 800 lexical items from two endangered Modang languages, recorded in Samarinda, Indonesia. [scholarspace.manoa.hawaii.edu/handle/10125/70560](https://scholarspace.manoa.hawaii.edu/handle/10125/70560)
- 2017 (with Katherine Strong) *Serau Tet Kanowit*. Archive from fieldwork undertaken in Sarawak, Malaysia on the endangered Kanowit language. [scholarspace.manoa.hawaii.edu/handle/10125/55865](https://scholarspace.manoa.hawaii.edu/handle/10125/55865)

## SERVICE TO THE FIELD

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### PEER REVIEW

- Manuscript peer review *Oceanic Linguistics*
- Manuscript peer review *Asian Anthropology*
- Manuscript peer review *PLOS ONE*
- Manuscript peer review *Asia-Pacific Linguistics*
- Manuscript peer review *Journal of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society*
- Manuscript peer review *Ereona Journal of Linguistics and Literature*
- Manuscript peer review *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies*
- Manuscript peer review *Written Language and Literacy*
- Manuscript peer review *Social Science Diliman: A Philippine Journal for Society and Change (SSD)*



Abstract peer review *Linguistics Society of America*  
 Abstract peer review *Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association*  
 Abstract peer review *International Conference on Austronesian Linguistics*

## VOLUNTEER

2017a Conference Volunteer, The Fifth International Conference on Language Documentation and Conservation (ICLDC 5).  
 2017b Co-coordinator, Austronesian Circle. University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.  
 2015 Conference Volunteer, The Fourth International Conference on Language Documentation and Conservation (ICLDC 4).  
 2013a Mentor, Language Documentation Training Center (LDTTC). Pangasinan.  
 2013b Conference Volunteer, The Third International Conference on Language Documentation and Conservation (ICLDC 3).

## THESES &amp; DISSERTATIONS

## COMMITTEE MEMBER

current *Agreement in Amarasi: Topics in synchronic and diachronic morphosyntax*. Ph.D. Dissertation, Tamisha L. Tan, Harvard University. Jonathan Bobaljik and Jay Jasanoff, Co-Chairs.  
 2020 *On the syntax of West Kalimantan: Asymmetries and A'-movement in Malayic and Land Dayak languages* Ph.D. Dissertation, Carly Sommerlot, University of Texas at Arlington. Joseph Sabbagh, Chair.

## TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE

software Office, FLEx, ELAN, Saymore, Premier, Praat, Audacity.  
 languages L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Python, R, XML, JSON, SQL.  
 hardware I am familiar with and utilize a wide range of hardware in linguistic documentation, including the use of audio and video equipment and best practices.

## LANGUAGES

## SPOKEN

Standard American English  
 Standard Indonesian

## STUDIED

Lebo' Vo' Kenyah	Uma' Pawe Kenyah
Lepo' Gah Kenyah	Lepo' Sawa Kenyah
Lepo' Laang Kenyah	Lepo' Tau Kenyah
Lepo' Jalan Kenyah	Badeng Kenyah
Uma' Baha Kenyah	Ngorek
Long Naah Kayan	Data Dian Kayan
Balui Liko Kayan	Long Beku Penan

Long Jekitan Penan	Long Mubui Penan
Rejang Penan	Sebop
Bario Kelabit	Kelinjau Modang
Long Bentuk Modang	Mei Lan Modang
Long Na Modang	Wahau Modang
Bahau Saq	Busang
Tunjung	Benuaq
Bakumpai	Kapuas
Ngaju	Aoheng (2 varieties)
Buket	Paser
Gaai	Kelai
Long Gelat Modang	Lebo' Basap
Tawoyan (Taboyan)	Lahanan
Kajaman	Sekapan
Ukit	Punan Bah
Punan Lisum	Punan Aput
Punan Tubu	Beketan
Seputan	Kanowit
Maanyan	Dusun Witu
Bentian	Kendayan (2 varieties)
Ot Danum	Berusu
Merap	Keninjal
Mualang	Ribun
Sanggau	Ambalo
Kalis	Jangkang
Taman	Bekati
Banyadu	Hovongan
Kereho	Golik
Bekati Rara	Simpang
Upper Kapuas Iban	Kantu
Sungkung	Seberuang
Hliboi Bidayuh	Be' Aye'
Dalat Melanau	Long Bawan Lun Dayeh
Sundanese	Eastern Cham
Tetun	Javanese
Cebuano Bisaya	