New Appointments at ANU Linguistics

Three postdoctoral positions have been filled at the ANU/CoeDL. Don Daniels (currently finishing his PhD at University of California, Santa Barbara) will be starting in August to do a description and reconstruction of the Minjin family of Madang Province, Papua New Guinea. Danielle Barth (currently finishing her PhD at University of Oregon) will be starting in October, where she will be exploring patterns of language use relating to social cognition in a multilingual corpus, concentrating on inter- and intra-language variation. Her fieldsite is at Matukar, Papua New Guinea. Hannah Sarvasy (currently at UCLA) is joining Alan Rumsey on a project involving language acquisition in Papua New Guinea.

We are also delighted to announce that Dr Susy Macqueen will be joining the School of Literature, Languages and Linguistics, ANU, as coordinator of the Applied Linguistics program in 2016.

Future Format for Newsletter

As of May 2015 the linguistics news of the two ANU colleges (College of Arts and Social Sciences, and College of Asia and the Pacific) will be combined in a single newsletter. This edition is somewhat a trial, and the news coverage of the two colleges may appear imbalanced. We are currently in the process of smoothing over the process, so thank you for your patience and understanding in the meanwhile. The call out for August news items will be made by the incoming editor Charlotte van Tongeren to linguists at both colleges. Please send news items directly to Charlotte at Charlotte.van.Tongeren@anu.edu.au. Eri will return to the role in 2016 upon returning from her fieldwork in Papua New Guinea.
Visitors During May through August

ANU linguistics will be hosting numerous visitors throughout the months of May through to August. Further details of the talks and workshops will be made as they come up. Please make our guests feel welcome.

Dr Jose Esteban Hernandez, Modern Languages, University of Texas Pan American, Edinburg, Texas. Dates: 5 April - 30 May 2015.

Dr Simon Musgrave, Monash University, Dates: late May 2015

Dr Alec Coupe, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore Dates: 1 June - 15 July

Dr Jock Onn WONG, Centre for English Language Communication, National University of Singapore. Dates: 8 June - 11 July 2015.


Dr Annabelle Mooney, Dept of Media Culture and Language University of Roehampton, London UK. Dates: 21 June - 4 August 2015.

Professor Alan THOMAS, Department of Philosophy, Tilburg University. Dates: 22 June - 20 August 2015.

Professor William McGregor, Aarhus University, Dates: late June - late August 2015

Dr Maia Ponsonnet, Dates: 31st July and 7th August

PhD Submission

Greg Dickson has just submitted his PhD thesis. Titled "Marra and Kriol: the loss and maintenance of knowledge across a language shift boundary". Greg’s thesis incorporates documentation of the endangered Marra language of the Northern Territory and considers cultural and lexical knowledge of Kriol speakers to investigate what happens when a language falls out of use. Congratulations Greg!

New Course

A new course, Advanced Forensic Linguistics: Forensic Voice/Text Comparison (LING3028) will be offered in S2 of 2015 by Shun Ishihara.

Fieldwork Collective

The School of Culture, History, and Language has combined it’s collective fieldwork equipment with that of the ARC Centre of Excellence. There is now a fieldwork collective in the woks with a shared calendar that displays who is away on fieldwork when and for how long. More information forthcoming.
Recent Publications and Grants


Congratulations to Yuko Kinoshi-ta and Shun Ishihara who were awarded with a research grant (£1,500) from the International Association for Forensic Phonetics and Acoustics Research Grant to work on Vietnamese and Vietnamese English.

Workshops and Presentations

A productive working bee was held on 1 May at ANU to begin steps towards creating a corpus of contact language materials. This has resulted in plans for future collaboration and a discussion paper which can be obtained from Jane Simpson (jane.simpson@anu.edu.au).

Paul Sidwell has been invited to attend the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology (Leipzig) closing conference “Diversity Linguistics: Retrospect and Prospects” May 1-3. He will present his paper “A comprehensive phylogenetic analysis of the Austroasiatic languages”. Later the same month Paul will also attend the 25th Annual Meeting of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society (SEALS) at the Mae Khao campus of Payap University in Chiang Mai, Thailand, from May 27-29.

Simon Greenhill is co-organising the historical linguistics conference held in Jena in June, along with Russell Gray and Lisa Matisoo-Smith. The conference is titled “Integrating inferences about our past : new findings and current issues in the peopling of the Pacific and South East Asia”, and will be running at the Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History between June 22nd-23rd. Bethwyn Evans will also be presenting at Jena.

International Symposium: “Global English, Minimal English: Towards Better Intercultural Communication” will be held between July 2nd-3rd at the HRC Conference Room, A.D. Hope Building, at The Australian National University (website). Registration is now open. There is no charge but places are limited.

Organisers: Anna Wierzbicka (ANU), Zhengdao Ye (ANU) and Cliff Goddard (Griffith University). Sponsored by the Humanities Research Centre, ANU
Call for Workshop Papers

Call for papers for a workshop “Variation and asymmetries in case-marking”
31 July 2015
Venue: Australian National University, ARC Centre of Excellence for the Dynamics of Language

Featured speakers: Carmel O’Shannessy, University of Michigan, and Bill McGregor, Aarhus University

The workshop aims to bring together linguists working on morphology and syntax in languages with case-marking in order to share ideas on factors contributing to variation in expression of case-marking, asymmetries in case-marking and methods for analysing this variation.

Papers
We welcome work-in progress papers and discussions
- 20 minutes (presentation) + 10 minutes (question time)
- OR
- Panel discussion proposals: 60 minutes

Please e-mail Jane Simpson [jane.simpson@anu.edu.au] to discuss participation in this workshop.

Submission deadline: 22 June 2015

Workshop sponsors:
Research School of Humanities and the Arts, College of Arts and Social Sciences, ARC Centre of Excellence for the Dynamics of Language

Fieldwork News

Mark Donohue had been in Hong Kong as his Kathmandu-based field trip was delayed due to the recent earthquake that struck the capital of Nepal. He has been using his time in Hong Kong to speak with the Nepalese and Bhutanese community based there.

From December 2014 to April 2015 Kate Naitoro went on her first PhD field trip to the Solomon Islands. A brief summary could be as follows: 129 days, 10 speakers, 6 languages, lots of data, even more questions. Kate’s project is a comparative study examining transitive morphology in the Southeast Solomonic languages, and on this trip Kate collected data from ‘Are’are, Lau, Kwalo, Marau, Gari and Bi-rao. During this time she went to four different sites. The original plan was to visit more sites, but due to time and the costs involved in travel, Kate spent most of her time in Hauporo village on Malaita and in the capital Honiara on Guadalcanal.

Call for participants: June methods masterclass with Miriam Meyerhoff and Steven Bird

The ARC Laureate project The Wellsprings of Linguistic Diversity is hosting a week of masterclasses with Professor Miriam Meyerhoff (Victoria University of Wellington) and Dr Steven Bird. We would like to extend an invitation to interested students who would like to participate in the masterclasses. The masterclasses are not-for-credit and are targeted towards advanced linguistics HDR students, with appropriate sociolinguistics academic backgrounds. Participants in these masterclass sessions will need to bring their own laptop computers.

For more details: [link]
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The Asia-Pacific is the most complex and varied linguistic landscape in the world, with three thousand of the world's 7,000 languages. Many are endangered and in coming decades the region is confronting an epochal narrowing of the human knowledge base through language loss.

Linguistics in the College of Asia and the Pacific promotes the study of this linguistic diversity in its fullest sense, including documentation and description - producing grammars, dictionaries and collections of textual materials, usually from on-site fieldwork – work that is equally important for small speech communities themselves.

Minority languages researched in the department cover sites ranging from Vanuatu, New Caledonia, PNG, Australia, Indonesia, Timor Leste, the Philippines, Taiwan, India and Japan. Other research focuses on national languages of the region, such as Japanese and Indonesian.

Our postgraduate training aims to produce descriptive linguists of the highest quality. We teach into all levels, including undergraduate courses in Japanese, Indonesian, Linguistics and Pacific Studies, Master's Courses in Linguistics and Applied Japanese Linguistics, and advanced doctoral training. We co-host Paradisec, a digital archive dedicated to recordings of languages and cultures of the Pacific. We also publish the monograph series Pacific Linguistics, which has produced over 600 publications.

Coming up...

Seminar: Subparadigmacity
- Dr. Mark Donohue (link)
  June 5
  11:00am - 12:30pm
  Seminar Room A
  HC Coombs Building

Seminar: *his I tell ya, brother: the mutual dependence of kinship and pragmatics.* - Dr. Alice Gaby (link)
  June 12
  3:30pm - 5:00pm
  Engma Room, CoeDL
  HC Coombs Building

Workshop: June Methods Masterclass - Prof/ Miriam Meyerhoff
  June 15 - 19
  Mornings to noon
  Location TBA

Workshop: Aikuma Workshop - Steven Bird
  June 16
  9:30am - 5:30pm
  Location TBA

The best form of transport in Malaita, Solomon Islands. Photo: Kate Naitoro