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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Linguistics, 2017

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI

Dissertation Title: Attitudes toward Tetun Dili, A Language of East Timor

TESOL Advanced Certification, 2015

American TESOL Institute

80-hour course on teaching English to speakers of other languages

M.A. Linguistics, 2012

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI

Track: Language Documentation and Conservation; Thesis Topic: Documentation of Waima'a, an Endangered Language of East Timor

B.A. Linguistics, 2007

University of Texas, Austin, TX

Major: Linguistics; Minors: Geology, Classical History

FELLOWSHIPS

William J. Fulbright-Hillary Rodham Clinton Fellowship in Public Policy

East Timor, Ministry of Education

Academic Year 2014-2015

East-West Center Education Program Student Affiliate

Honolulu, HI

Academic Year 2015-2016, 2016-2017

AWARDS, HONORS, AND GRANTS

Bilinski Educational Foundation Dissertation Award

For the dissertation titled: Attitudes toward Tetun Dili: A Language of East Timor

Academic Year 2016-2017, *Recipient*

University of Hawai'i Department of Linguistics Endowment Fund

Transcription Assistant for the dissertation titled: Attitudes toward Tetun Dili: A Language of East Timor

Spring 2016, *Recipient*

University of Hawai‘i Department of Linguistics Travel Grant

To Honolulu, HI: 4th International Conference Language Documentation and Conservation
Fall 2015, Recipient

University of Hawai‘i Department of Linguistics Travel Grant

To Bangkok, Thailand: 4th International Conference on Language and Education
Fall 2013, Recipient

Bilinski Educational Foundation Research Grant

Educational Policy and Language Attitudes; Preliminary Investigation into Language Attitudes of Baikeno, Galolen and Fataluku Speakers in Dili
Spring 2013, Recipient

University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa College of Arts and Sciences Research Grant

Waima‘a Documentation Project
Spring 2012, Recipient

University of Hawai‘i Graduate Student Organization Award

Waima‘a Documentation Project
Fall 2012, Recipient

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

LING 1002/6002: Language and Society

2017, Marker, Substitute Tutor

Course convener: Dr. Carmel O’Shannessy, The Australian National University

LING 2020/6020: Structure of English

2017, Marker

Course convener: Dr. Jane Simpson, The Australian National University

Conversational English: All Levels

Fall 2014 – Summer 2015, Spring 2016, *Coordinating Volunteer Teacher*

National University of Timor-Leste, Dili, Timor-Leste

Practice Makes Perfect: Advanced English Writing Course

Fall 2014 – Summer 2015, *Volunteer Instructor*

National University of Timor-Leste, Center for Peace and Conflict Studies, Dili, Timor-Leste

LING 150: Language in Hawai‘i and the Pacific

Spring 2014, *Lecturer*

University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, Department of Linguistics, Honolulu, HI

LING 102: Introduction to the Study of Language

Fall 2011 – Fall 2013, Fall 2015, *Lecturer*

University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, Department of Linguistics, Honolulu, HI

UGS 001: Freshman Interest Group Seminar

Fall 2009, *Lecturer*

Department of Undergraduate Studies, University of Texas, Austin, TX

STRUCTURED RESEARCH

Primary Investigator

Spring 2015- Fall 2017

Attitudes toward Tetun Dili, a Creole Language of East Timor

Dili, Timor-Leste

Graduate Research Assistant

Summer 2013

Dr. Andrea Berez, *Pilot Project to Assess the Impact of Language Documentation Technologies in Papua New Guinea: Perspectives from Family, Village, and University*

Goroka, Papua New Guinea

Primary Investigator

Summer 2013

Educational Policy and Language Attitudes; Preliminary Investigation into Language Attitudes of Baikeno, Galolen and Fataluku Speakers in Dili

Dili, Timor-Leste

Primary Investigator

Summer 2012

Phoneme Acquisition in Waima'a, an Endangered Language of Baucau, Timor-Leste

Baucau, Timor-Leste

Post-Baccalaureate Research Assistant

Fall 2008 – Summer 2010

Dr. Patience Epps, *The Dynamics of Hunter-Gatherer Language Change in NW Amazonia*

Department of Linguistics, University of Texas, Austin, TX

ADMINISTRATIVE & ADVISING EXPERIENCE

Program Sheet Assistant

Spring 2011 – 2014

Office of the Catalog, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI

Created and maintained degree checksheets and sample four-year plans for every major at the university; these documents were later used to program an automated degree auditing service.

Freshman Interest Group Facilitator

Fall 2009

Office of the Dean of Students, University of Texas, Austin, TX

Convened a discussion and leadership-building group of first-year university students focused on international studies.

Graduation and Advising Coordinator (Administrative Associate)

Spring 2007 – Spring 2010

Office of the Dean, College of Education, University of Texas, Austin, TX

Advised undergraduates in the final semester; certified final audits for each semesters' graduates; created and maintained the College of Education newsletter and listserv; served as the public face of the Office of the Dean by giving presentations and serving on inter-college committees; maintained advising schedule for multiple advisors; fielded phone and email enquiries from parents, students, and members of the public.

PUBLICATIONS

Ross, Melody. 2017. New Research in East Timorese Sociolinguistics. *DOTG Newsletter*, Ed. Janina Pawelz & Christian Wollnik. 02/2017. Köln: Deutsche Osttimor Gesellschaft e.V.

Ross, Melody. 2015. Perceptions of Language Use in East Timor. *University of Hawai'i Working Papers in Linguistics*. Vol. 46:4. Honolulu: HI.

Ross, Melody. 2013. A Preliminary Look at Education and Language Attitudes in Timor-Leste. *The 17th Annual Graduate Student Conference of the College of Languages, Linguistics, and Literature – Engaged Research: Language and Society, University of Hawai'i*. Ed. Jennifer Holdway & Brittany Wilson. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press, 2013.

Ross, Melody. In press. Attitudes Toward Tetun Dili. *New Research on Timor-Leste: Proceedings of the 5th Timor-Leste Studies Association Conference 2017*, Hawthorn: Swinburne Press.

Ross, Melody. In prep. The State of Language Documentation in East Timor. For submission to: *Language Documentation and Conservation*.

Ross, Melody. In prep. Changes: Facing the Strange(r King) in the Linguistic Landscape of Dili, East Timor. For submission to: *Linguistic Landscapes*.

PRESENTATIONS

Conference Presentations

Timor-Leste Studies Association Conference 2017, Dili, Timor-Leste

June 2017 – *Attitudes Toward Tetun Dili*

2016 Annual Conference of the American Association of Applied Linguistics, Orlando, FL

March 2016 – *MTB-MLE in East Timor and Its Bidirectional Relationship with Language Ideologies*

4th International Conference on Language Documentation & Conservation, Honolulu, HI

February 2015 – *Planning for Assessment in Language Programs: A Practical Tool*

14th International Conference on Language and Social Psychology, Honolulu, HI

June 2014 – *Portuguese Word Choice in Tetun Dili, a creole language of East Timor*

2nd International Conference on Heritage/Community Languages, UCLA

March 2014 – *Multilingualism and Mother Tongues in Dili, East Timor*

13th Annual East-West Center International Graduate Student Conference on the Asia Pacific Region, Honolulu, HI

February 2014 - *Mapping and Metalinguistic Knowledge in Dili, Timor-Leste*

4th International Conference on Language and Education: Multilingual Education for All in Asia and the Pacific – Policies, Practices and Processes, Bangkok, Thailand

November 2013 – *Language Attitudes and Multilingual Education in Timor-Leste*

Workshop on the Languages of Melanesia 2013, Canberra, Australia

May 2013 – *Investigation of Phoneme Loss in Waima'a*

The 17th Annual Graduate Student Conference of the College of Languages, Linguistics, and Literature – Engaged Research: Language and Society, University of Hawai'i

April 2013 – *A Preliminary Look at Education and Language Attitudes in Timor-Leste*

Undergraduate Research Week, The University of Texas

April 2010 – *The Dynamics of Hunter-Gatherer Language Change in NW Amazonia*, with Kelsey Neeley, UCSB

Workshops

Language Analysis and Experimentation Laboratory Workshop Series

Spring 2014, *Presenter*

Choosing Field Equipment

Language Documentation Training Center – Basic Course

Spring 2011 – Spring 2012, Spring 2013, *Mentor*

Languages: Naueti (East Timor), Waima'a (East Timor), Tetun Dili (East Timor), Fijian

Language Documentation Training Center – Advanced Course

Fall 2012, *Mentor*

Languages: Samawa (Indonesia)

Invited Speaker

Uma Amerika at UNTL Coffee Chats

July 2017, *Invited Speaker*

Social Attitudes Toward Tetun Dili

East-West Center Wednesday Evening Seminar Series: The Migration of Languages

Fall 2016, Invited Speaker

What is a Linguist? Asking the Right Questions in Research

“Using Active Learning in the English Language Classroom,” A Seminar for English Language Teachers in Timor-Leste; hosted by the National University of Timor Lorosa’e in association with the Timor-Leste English Language Program

Spring 2015, Invited Speaker

Developing Critical Thinking Skills in English Language Learners

Resource Development Workshops; co-hosted by the Timor-Leste National Commission for UNESCO and the Alola Foundation

Spring 2015, Invited Speaker

How to Describe Your Mother Tongue; A 3-Day Course in Basic Linguistics

COMMITTEES

United States Timor-Leste Scholarship Semi-Finalist Selection Committee; in association with American Councils for International Education and the United States Embassy

Spring 2015, Spring 2016, *Independent International Expert*

3rd International Conference on Language Documentation & Conservation, University of Hawai‘i

Spring 2013, *Student Steering Committee Member*

16th Annual Language, Literature & Linguistics Conference, University of Hawai‘i

Spring 2012, *Organizing Committee Co-Chair*

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Timor-Leste Studies Association

2017 – *Conference Proceedings Paper Reviewer*

Timor-Leste Studies Association Conference 2017, Dili, Timor-Leste

June 2017 – *Session Moderator*

East-West Center 17th International Graduate Student Conference, Honolulu, Hawai‘i

Spring 2017, *Abstract Reviewer*

4th International Conference on Language Documentation & Conservation, Honolulu, HI

February 2015 – *Session Moderator*

Linguistics Society of Hawai‘i, Honolulu, Hawai‘i

2011-2017, *Member*

2012-2013, *President*

15th Annual Language, Literature & Linguistics Conference, Honolulu, Hawai‘i

Spring 2011, *Session Moderator*

2nd International Conference on Language Documentation & Conservation, Honolulu, Hawai'i
Spring 2011, *Volunteer*

7th International Conference and Workshops on Technology and Chinese Language Teaching in
the 21st Century (TCLT7), Honolulu, Hawai'i
Spring 2011, *Volunteer*

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

English *Native*

Spanish *Proficient*

Tetun Dili *Proficient*

Portuguese *Intermediate*

Bahasa Indonesia *Elementary*

German, *Elementary*

Italian *Studied*

Tok Pisin *Studied*

Latin *Studied*