

## MELODY ANN ROSS

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### EDUCATION

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#### **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

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

*East Timor, Ministry of Education*

2014 – 2015, \$37,223

#### **East-West Center Education Program Student Affiliate**

*Honolulu, HI*

2015 – 2016, 2016 – 2017

### AWARDS, HONORS, AND GRANTS

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#### **Universität Duisburg-Essen Qualitätsverbesserung Projekt**

*Supervising two RAs in the production of curricular and professional development materials*

2021, €5,207

#### **Bilinski Educational Foundation Dissertation Award**

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

2016 – 2017, \$25,000

#### **University of Hawai'i Department of Linguistics Endowment Fund**

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

2016, \$100

#### **University of Hawai'i Department of Linguistics Travel Grant**

*To Orlando, FL: Annual Conference of the American Association of Applied Linguistics*

2016, \$1,033

**University of Hawai‘i Department of Linguistics Travel Grant**

*To Honolulu, HI: 4th International Conference Language Documentation and Conservation*  
2015, \$1,800

**University of Hawai‘i Department of Linguistics Travel Grant**

*To Bangkok, Thailand: 4th International Conference on Language and Education*  
2013, \$1,750

**Bilinski Educational Foundation Research Grant**

*Educational Policy and Language Attitudes; Preliminary Investigation into Language Attitudes of Baikeno, Galolen and Fataluku Speakers in Dili*  
2013, \$3,264

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

*Waima‘a Documentation Project*  
2012, \$2,500

**University of Hawai‘i Graduate Student Organization Award**

*Waima‘a Documentation Project*  
2012, \$521

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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**Language and Education**

2021-2022, *Lecturer*  
Ruhr-Universität Bochum

**Areas and Approaches II: Phonetics & Phonology**

2021-2022, *Lecturer*  
Universität Duisburg-Essen

**Language Policy and Planning**

2021-2022, *Lecturer*  
Universität Duisburg-Essen

**Language Attitudes and Ideologies**

2021, *Lecturer*  
Universität Duisburg-Essen

**Areas and Approaches II: Morphology & Syntax**

2020-2021, *Lecturer*  
Universität Duisburg-Essen

**Master of Indigenous Languages Education**

2018-2020, *Tutor*  
Coordinator: Denise Angelo; University of Sydney, Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme

**Adult Migrant English Program**

2018, *Tutor*  
Coordinator: Shirley Singh, Navitas English

**LING 2106/6311: Language and Social Interaction**

2018, *Marker, Tutor*

Course convener: Dr. Suzanne Eggins, Lecturer: Dr. Diana Slade, The Australian National University

**LING 2021/6021: Cross-cultural Communication**

2018, *Marker*

Course convener and Lecturer: Dr. Carmel O'Shannessy, The Australian National University

**LING 1002/6002: Language and Society**

2017, *Marker, Tutor*

Course convener and Lecturer: Dr. Carmel O'Shannessy, The Australian National University

**LING 2020/6020: Structure of English**

2017, *Marker*

Course convener: Dr. Jane Simpson; Lecturer: Denise Angelo, The Australian National University

**Conversational English: All Levels**

2014 – 2016, *Coordinating Teacher*

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

**Practice Makes Perfect: Advanced English Writing Course**

2014 – 2015, *Instructor*

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

**LING 150: Language in Hawai'i and the Pacific**

2014, *Lecturer*

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

**LING 102: Introduction to the Study of Language**

2011 – 2015, *Lecturer*

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

**UGS 001: Freshman Interest Group Seminar**

2009, *Lecturer*

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

**STRUCTURED RESEARCH**

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**Wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin**

PI: Dr. Isabella Buchstaller, *Political aspects of the urban linguistic landscape*

2020-current, Essen, Germany (UDE)

**Researcher**

PI: Dr. Rosie Billington, *Sound Systems of the Languages of Vanuatu*

2020, Melbourne, Australia (UoM)

**Researcher**

PI: Dr. Alan Rumsey, *Ku Waru Child Language Acquisition Documentation Project*  
2018-2020, Canberra, Australia (ANU)

**Researcher**

PI: Dr. Julia Miller, data manager, *Centre of Excellence for the Dynamics of Language*  
2018-2020, Canberra, Australia (ANU)

**Researcher**

Dr. Ralph Lawton, Dr. Andrew Pawley, *Kiriwinan-English Dictionary; A multi-decade, 20,000-entry opus*  
2018-2020, Canberra, Australia (ANU)

**Primary Investigator**

*Attitudes toward Tetun Dili, a Creole Language of East Timor*  
2015 – 2017, Dili, Timor-Leste (UHM)

**Researcher**

PI: Dr. Andrea Berez, *Pilot Project to Assess the Impact of Language Documentation Technologies in Papua New Guinea: Perspectives from Family, Village, and University*  
2013, Goroka, Papua New Guinea (UHM)

**Primary Investigator**

*Educational Policy and Language Attitudes; Preliminary Investigation into Language Attitudes of Baikeno, Galolen and Fataluku Speakers in Dili*  
2013, Dili, Timor-Leste (UHM)

**Primary Investigator**

*Phoneme Acquisition in Waima'a, an Endangered Language of Baucau, Timor-Leste*  
2012, Baucau, Timor-Leste (UHM)

**Researcher**

Dr. Patience Epps, *The Dynamics of Hunter-Gatherer Language Change in NW Amazonia*  
2008 – 2010, Austin, TX (UT)

**ADMINISTRATIVE & ADVISING EXPERIENCE**

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**Program Sheet Assistant**

2011 – 2015

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**

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. Organized relevant educational activities and provided personalized academic plans for a diverse group of students.

## **Graduation and Advising Coordinator (Administrative Associate)**

2007 – 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**

Buchstaller, Isabelle, Małgorzata Fabiszak, & Melody Ann Ross, eds. To appear. *Time-space (dis-)continuities in the linguistic landscape: Studies in the symbolic (re-)appropriation of public space*. Routledge.

Ross, Melody. To appear. "Disempowering": Global development ideologies and the expression of attitudes toward Timor-Leste's language situation. *Language Policy, Multilingualism, and Social Justice in Asia-Pacific: Inequalities, Ideologies, and Transformative Practices*. Eds. Prem Phyak, Michelle Gu, & Angel Lin. Springer.

Ross, Melody. To appear. Politics in the Linguistic Landscape of Dili, Timor-Leste. *Time-space (dis-)continuities in the linguistic landscape: Studies in the symbolic (re-)appropriation of public space*, Eds. Isabelle Buchstaller, Małgorzata Fabiszak, Melody Ann Ross. Routledge.

Ross, Melody. 2018. Attitudes Toward Tetun Dili. *New Research on Timor-Leste: Proceedings of the 5<sup>th</sup> Timor-Leste Studies Association Conference 2017*, Hawthorn: Swinburne Press.

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, James Grama, and Felix Maia. In prep. Illustrations of the IPA: Tetun Dili. For submission to: *Journal of the IPA*.

Ross, Melody. Data in prep. The State of Language Documentation in Timor-Leste. For submission to: *Language Documentation and Conservation*.

Ross, Melody. Data in prep. Stranger Kings have happened: The past and future of Chinese language(s) in the Linguistic Landscape of Dili, Timor-Leste. For submission to: *Linguistic Landscapes*.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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### ***Conference Presentations***

Sociolinguistic Symposium 24, University of Ghent

2022 – *Politics in the Linguistic Landscape of Dili, Timor-Leste*

Sociolinguistic Symposium 22, University of Ghent

2022 – *“Disempowering”: Global development ideologies and the expression of attitudes toward Timor-Leste’s language situation*

Sociolinguistic Symposium 22, University of Ghent

2022 – *Talking about ourselves; Self-referential location information in the linguistic landscape of Dili, Timor-Leste*, with Hannah Sawall and Pascal Nabers

Sociolinguistic Symposium 22, University of Auckland

2018 – *“Not constitutionalised... or whatever” Situating Language Attitudes and Language Ideologies*

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

2017 – *Attitudes Toward Tetun Dili*

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

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

4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Language Documentation & Conservation, Honolulu, HI

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

14<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Language and Social Psychology, Honolulu, HI

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

2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Heritage/Community Languages, UCLA

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

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

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

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

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

Workshop on the Languages of Melanesia 2013, Canberra, Australia

2013 – *Investigation of Phoneme Loss in Waima’a*

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

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

Undergraduate Research Week, The University of Texas

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

### ***Workshops***

Language Analysis and Experimentation Laboratory Workshop Series

2014, *Presenter*

Workshop title: *Choosing Field Equipment*

Language Documentation Training Center – Basic Course

2011 – 2013, *Mentor*

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

Language Documentation Training Center – Advanced Course

2012, *Mentor*

Languages: Samawa (Indonesia)

### ***Invited Speaker***

Centre of Excellence for the Dynamics of Language Friday Seminar Series

2018

Seminar title: *Attitudes Toward Tetun Dili*

Uma Amerika at UNTL Coffee Chats

2017

Seminar title: *Social Attitudes Toward Tetun Dili*

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

2016

Seminar title: *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

2015

Paper title: *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

2015

Workshop title: *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

2016, 2015, *Independent International Expert*

3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Language Documentation & Conservation, University of Hawai'i

2013, *Student Steering Committee Member*

16<sup>th</sup> Annual Language, Literature & Linguistics Conference, University of Hawai'i

2012, *Organizing Committee Co-Chair*

## **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

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National Tertiary Education Union

2019-2020 – *Delegate*, College of Arts & Social Sciences, Australia National University

Timor-Leste Studies Association

2017 – *Conference Proceedings Paper Reviewer*

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

2017 – *Session Moderator*

East-West Center 17<sup>th</sup> International Graduate Student Conference, Honolulu

2017 – *Abstract Reviewer*

4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Language Documentation & Conservation, Honolulu

2015 – *Session Moderator*

Linguistics Society of Hawai‘i, Honolulu

2011 – 2017, *Member*

2012 – 2013, *President*

15<sup>th</sup> Annual Language, Literature & Linguistics Conference, Honolulu

2011 – *Session Moderator*

2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Language Documentation & Conservation, Honolulu

2011 – *Volunteer*

7<sup>th</sup> International Conference and Workshops on Technology and Chinese Language Teaching in the 21st Century, Honolulu

2011 – *Volunteer*

## **LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

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**English** *Native*

**German** *B1*

**Spanish** *B2*

**Tetun Dili** *Proficient*