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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

2014 – 2015, \$37,223

East-West Center Education Program Student Affiliate

Honolulu, HI

2015 – 2016, 2016 – 2017

AWARDS, HONORS, AND GRANTS

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

Reading the City: Linguistic Landscapes

2022-2023, *Temporary Lecturer*
Ruhr-Universität Bochum

Language and Education

2021-2022, *Temporary 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

2021-2023, *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

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

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 5th 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

Conference Presentations

Sociolinguistic Symposium 24, University of Ghent
2022 – *Politics in the Linguistic Landscape of Dili, Timor-Leste*

Sociolinguistic Symposium 24, University of Ghent
2022 – *“Disempowering”: Global development ideologies and the expression of attitudes toward Timor-Leste’s language situation*

Sociolinguistic Symposium 24, 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

The Linguistic Landscape of Tourism Workshop, Universität Duisburg-Essen
2022 – *The Commodification of Tetun in the Tourist Landscape of Dili, Timor-Leste*

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*

4th International Conference on Language Documentation & Conservation, Honolulu, HI
2015 – *Planning for Assessment in Language Programs: A Practical Tool*

14th International Conference on Language and Social Psychology, Honolulu, HI
2014 – *Portuguese Word Choice in Tetun Dili, a creole language of East Timor*

2nd International Conference on Heritage/Community Languages, UCLA
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
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
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 17th 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: Nauti (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 – *Attitudes Toward Tetun Dili*

Uma Amerika at UNTL Coffee Chats
2017 – *Social Attitudes Toward Tetun Dili*

East-West Center Wednesday Evening Seminar Series: The Migration of Languages
2016 – *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 – *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 – *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*

3rd International Conference on Language Documentation & Conservation, University of Hawai‘i
2013, *Student Steering Committee Member*

16th Annual Language, Literature & Linguistics Conference, University of Hawai'i
2012, *Organizing Committee Co-Chair*

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

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 17th International Graduate Student Conference, Honolulu

2017 – *Abstract Reviewer*

4th International Conference on Language Documentation & Conservation, Honolulu

2015 – *Session Moderator*

Linguistics Society of Hawai'i, Honolulu

2011 – 2017, *Member*

2012 – 2013, *President*

15th Annual Language, Literature & Linguistics Conference, Honolulu

2011 – *Session Moderator*

2nd International Conference on Language Documentation & Conservation, Honolulu

2011 – *Volunteer*

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

2011 – *Volunteer*

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

English *Native*

German *B1*

Spanish *B2*

Tetun Dili *Proficient*

Portuguese *A2*

Tok Pisin *A2*

Bahasa Indonesia *A1*

Italian *A2*

Latin *Studied*

