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EDUCATION

PhD in Linguistics and English Language 2018-present

University of Edinburgh, Scotland

Supervisors: James Kirby & Patrick Honeybone

MA in Linguistics 2016

Payap University, Thailand

Thesis title: ‘The West Katuic Languages: Comparative Phonology and Diagnostic Tools’

Committee: Larin Adams, Phinnarat Akharawatthanakun & Phanintra Teeranon (Chair)

BA in Foreign Languages and Literatures 2009

University of Delaware, USA

Concentrations: German, Russian & Italian

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Historical phonology, tone and register, Austroasiatic languages (primarily Katuic and Bahnaric)

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Instructor 2016-present

Graduate Department of Linguistics, Payap University

- Teach undergraduate level phonology
- Produce publications based on my own research
- Collaborate in research projects with other instructors who spend a greater proportion of their time on instruction in the classroom

AWARDS

Edinburgh Global Research Scholarship 2018-2021

(University of Edinburgh)

- Academic award covering the cost of international tuition and fees for up to three years
- Awarded to “thirty postgraduate students of outstanding academic merit and research potential”

School of Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences PhD Scholarship 2018-2021

(University of Edinburgh)

- Academic award covering maintenance costs (living expenses) for up to three years
- Awarded to “students with a very good undergraduate degree and, ideally, with a postgraduate degree in a relevant discipline”

PUBLICATIONS

- 2018.** Katuic presyllables and derivational morphology in diachronic perspective. In Ring, Hiram & Felix Rau (eds.), *Papers from the 7th International Conference on Austroasiatic Linguistics* (Journal of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society Special Publication No. 3), 132-156. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press. ([Link](#))
- 2018.** Tone marks as vowel diacritics in two scripts: Repurposing tone marks for non-tonal phenomena in Cado and other Southeast Asian languages. *Writing Systems Research* 10.1. 43-67. (w/ Seth Vitrano-Wilson, Carolyn Miller & Cheung Xaiyavong) ([Link](#))
- 2017.** The historical phonology of Kriang, a Katuic language. *Journal of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society* 10.1. 114-139. ([Link](#))
- 2015.** Vowel height and register assignment in Katuic. *Journal of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society* 8. 56-70. ([Link](#))
- 2015.** Katuic phonological features. *Mon-Khmer Studies* 44. lv-lxvii. (w/ Johanna Conver) ([Link](#))

UNPUBLISHED RESEARCH PROJECTS

- 2016** *EFEO-CNRS-SOAS Word List for Linguistic Fieldwork in Southeast Asia*. (with Frederic Pain, Michel Ferlus, Alexis Michaud & Thị Thu Hà Phạm) ([Link](#)).
- 2016.** *The West Katuic languages: Comparative phonology and diagnostic tools*. (MA thesis, Payap University), ([Link](#))
- 2015.** *A comparative dictionary of Proto-Ta'oi with rime reconstructions*.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2021.** *The East Asian Voicing Shift and its Role in the Origins of Tone and Register*. Presented at the the 95th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Virtual. (w/ Rikker Dockum)
- 2019.** *On the Origin of Rime Laryngealization in Ta'oiq*. Presented at the 8th International Conference on Austroasiatic Linguistics, The Myanmar Center, Faculty of Humanities, Chiang Mai University, Chiang Mai, Thailand.
- 2019.** *The Register Phenomenon across Kuay Dialects: Analysis of the Huffman Katuic Audio Archives*. Presented at the 29th Meeting of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Tokyo, Japan. (w/ James Kirby)
- 2017.** *Katuic Presyllable Vowel Contrasts*. Presented at the 7th International Conference on Austroasiatic Linguistics, Department of Linguistics, Christian-Albrechts Universität zu Kiel, Kiel, Germany, Sept. 29 – Oct. 1, 2017. ([Link](#))
- 2015.** *Vowel Height and Register Assignment in Katuic*. Presented at the 25th Meeting of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society, Payap University, Chiang Mai, Thailand, May 27-29, 2015.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Advisory Board Member

2018-present

Journal of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society

LANGUAGES

Fluent: English

Proficient: Thai, Lao, German

REFERENCES

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