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The **Language and Culture Research Centre (LCRC)** is nested within the **Faculty of Arts, Education and Social Sciences** (Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Executive Dean, Professor Nola Alloway) and works in association with the Cairns Institute (Acting Director Professor Sue McGinty), within James Cook University.

Overview

It was again a year of considerable success. A resounding plaudit greeted the Australian Research Council's award of an Australian Laureate Fellowship to Distinguished Professor Alexandra Aikhenvald for the project 'How language shapes the world: a linguistic perspective'. The ARC's citation reads:

Alexandra's Australian Laureate Fellowship will help her further and expand her work in the area of correlations between languages and cultures, and analysing endangered languages in tropical areas (especially Papua New Guinea). It will also be instrumental in strengthening real linguistics within JCU, Australia and worldwide, and creating a multidisciplinary team of researchers working on gender, with a focus on previously undescribed languages.

Just 17 ALFs are awarded by the ARC each year, across every discipline, and across the 38 universities of Australia. This is the first ALF to be awarded to a scholar in linguistics. Besides emolument for the Fellow, an ALF covers two five-year Post-doctoral Research Fellowships and two four-year PhD scholarships, plus funds to cover immersion fieldwork in indigenous communities.

We also received a three-year ARC Discovery Project 'How languages differ, and why?', Chief Investigators Aikhenvald and Dixon, Partner Investigators Willem Adelaar and Lourens de Vries from the Netherlands.

As in previous years, 2012 was notable for the quality and quantity of book publications. Dixon and Aikhenvald each had a monograph published by Oxford University Press. Dr Tian-Qiao Lu had published the monograph he wrote during his two-year Post-doc with us in 2010-12. Rosita Henry published a revision of her PhD thesis. There were also two edited volumes, plus paperback or electronic reissues of previously-published monographs. Details of these, and of forthcoming publications, will be found on pages 10–13. There were also — of course — many papers in leading academic journals, see pages 28–37.

Who'll be at LCRC in 2013

Distinguished Professor Alexandra Aikhenvald is Australian Laureate Fellow and Director of LCRC. She is working on *The art of grammar: a practical guide*, to be published by Oxford University Press. A fieldtrip is planned for September to November, to the Sepik region of Papua New Guinea, for further work with the Manambu and the Gala (Swakap) people. Work is continuing on Arawak languages from the Upper Rio Negro area in Brazil, especially comparative Arawak, and production of dictionary and reading materials in Tariana and Warekena. She is currently working on typology of multiple classifier systems.

Professor R. M. W. (Bob) Dixon, Deputy Director of LCRC, is currently completing a monograph *Making new words: a handbook of morphological derivation in English*. This is a comprehensive study of the ca. 200 prefixes and suffixes which derive new words in today's English. Derivational affixes are arranged in semantic groups, the members of which are contrasted with respect to meaning and function. For each affix there is an account of its genetic origin, phonological form, the semantic range, and the roots it can be attached to (and why). He is also working steadily on a comprehensive thesaurus/dictionary across ten dialects of the North Queensland language Dyirbal.

Post-doctoral Research Fellows

Our intellectual profile is burgeoning with the appointment of four top-class scholars as Post-doctoral Research Fellows. They are employed on ARC Discovery Projects: Aikhenvald/Dixon 'The world through the prism of language: a cross-linguistic view of genders, noun classes and classifiers', 'The grammar of knowledge: a cross-linguistic view of evidentials and epistemics', and 'How languages differ and why', and on Aikhenvald's Australian Laureate Fellowship Project 'How gender shapes the world: a linguistic perspective'.

Angeliki Alvanoudi is completing her PhD 'The social and cognitive dimensions of grammatical genders' at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. In May 2013, she will take up a two-year Post-doctoral Fellowship within the ARC DPs 'The world through the prism of language: a cross-linguistic view of genders, noun classes and classifiers', and 'The grammar of knowledge: a cross-linguistic view of evidentials and epistemics'. She will focus on the expression of gender and other grammatical categories in the Greek spoken by immigrant communities in Queensland.

Dr Simon E. Overall received his PhD in 2008 from the Research Centre for Linguistic Typology, then at La Trobe University, with a thesis on the grammar of Aguaruna. He has taught linguistics at La Trobe University and Otago University, and has published on aspects of the syntax and phonology of Aguaruna. His research focusses on the diachrony of nominalizations and their involvement in discourse and switch-reference, as well as the linguistic situation in the eastern foothills of the Andes. On taking up a three-year Research Fellowship within the ARC DP 'How languages differ and why', in July 2013, he will be working on Candoshi, an isolate of Peru.

Dr Elena Mihás has a PhD from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (2010), 'Essentials of Ashéninka Perené grammar'. Her most recent publications include 'Ideophones in Alto Perené' (*Studies in Language*) and 'Subordination strategies in Ashéninka Perené (Arawak) from Central-Eastern Peru' (*Rivista di Linguistica/Italian Journal of Linguistics*), and a monograph *History, landscape and ritual in narratives of Upper Perené Arawaks from Eastern Peru*. Nebraska University Press. She started a five-year Post-doctoral Research Associate Fellowship within the framework of the ARC ALF Project in December 2012, working on a comprehensive grammar of Ashéninka Perené and the conceptualization of gender, focussing on Amazonia.

Dr Valérie Guérin obtained a PhD from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (2008) for her work on Maṽea, an endangered language of Vanuatu. She has published the monograph *A grammar of Maṽea: An Oceanic language of Vanuatu*. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press. in addition to a *Maṽea Alphabet Book* and a *Maṽea-English-Bislama dictionary*, and a number of papers dealing with Oceanic languages and problems of fieldwork and language documentation. She will start a four-and-a-half-year Post-doctoral Research Associate Fellowship within the framework of the ARC ALF Project in July 2013, working on a comprehensive grammar of a Papuan language from the Sepik area in PNG, with a focus on the conceptualization of gender.

Cairns Institute Visiting Fellow

Dr Gwendolyn Hyslop was awarded a Cairns Institute Visiting Fellowship (June-August 2013). She received her PhD in Linguistics from the University of Oregon in 2011. She is currently a Research Fellow in Linguistics at the College of Asia and the Pacific at the Australian National University. She has worked on several Tibeto-Burman languages and is an expert on the East Bodish languages of Bhutan and Arunachal Pradesh. Publications include articles on tonogenesis, ergativity, historical linguistics, and a forthcoming grammar of Kurtöp with Brill. She is also co-Director of the Bhutan Oral Literature and Language Documentation Projects. She will be working on the revision of her grammar of Kurtöp for publication, and on preparing for fieldwork in the New Ireland Province of PNG.

LCRC Visiting Fellows

Dr Azeb Amha, of the University of Leiden, an expert on Omotic and Cushitic languages, will be a Visiting Fellow at LCRC in April-July 2013. She will be working on various aspects of noun classification systems in Omotic languages, within the framework of the ARC DP 'The world through the prism of language: a cross-linguistic view of genders, noun classes and classifiers'.

Dr Nerida Jarkey, of the University of Sydney, an expert on Japanese and languages of South-east Asia, will be visiting the LCRC in April-June 2013. She will be investigating various aspects of noun categorization devices and other aspects of the grammar of Hmong languages, within the framework of the ARC DP 'The world through the prism of language: a cross-linguistic view of genders, noun classes and classifiers'.

Professor Dr Lourens de Vries is Professor of General Linguistics at the Free University of Amsterdam, and an expert in description, typology and history of Papuan languages of New Guinea, with special focus on the province of Papua. He is a member of the International Consultative Board of LCRC and a Partner Investigator on the ARC DP 'How languages differ, and why' (CIs Dixon and Aikhenvald). He will be visiting LCRC in June-August 2013, working on various aspects of the grammar of Papuan languages.

Dr René van den Berg, Linguistics Consultant of SIL at Ukarumpa, PNG, and member of the International Consultative Board of LCRC is an expert on Austronesian languages. He will be visiting LCRC in July 2013, presenting a lecture and interacting with other members of the Centre.

Adjunct Professor of the Cairns Institute

Professor Kenneth Memson Sumbuk, Professor of Linguistics and Pro-Vice-Chancellor of UPNG, is an expert on the indigenous languages and cultures of the Sepik region, an area of extreme diversity. He is currently revising for publication his PhD thesis 'The Sare language of East Sepik, PNG'.

PhD students

Gerda (Dineke) Schokkin, from the University of Amsterdam, is working on a grammar of Paluai, a previously undocumented Oceanic language of the Manus province of Papua New Guinea.

Sihong Zhang, from Anhui University of Traditional Chinese Medicine, is working on Ersu, a previously undocumented language of south-west China.

Hannah Sarvasy, from Harvard University, is writing a grammar of Nungon, a Papuan language spoken by about 500 people in a remote river valley in the Saruwaged Mountains of PNG.

Mikko Salminen, from Leiden University, is working on a comprehensive grammatical description of Huave, an isolate from Mexico.

Juliane Böttger, from the University of Leipzig, is working on a comprehensive grammatical description of Lele, a previously undescribed language of Manus Province, PNG.

Grant Aiton, from the University of Alberta, is working on the grammar of Aimele, a previously undescribed Papuan language from Western Province, Papua New Guinea.

John Kerby, from Oxford University, is currently working on Sedeq, a Formosan language from Taiwan.

Katarzyna Wojtylak, from Leiden University, will be working on a comprehensive grammar of a Witoto language from Peru/Colombia (starting in February 2013).

Also associated with LCRC is **Daniela Vavrová**, a PhD student in anthropology working on visual anthropology of the Karawari.

Amanda Parsonage, Executive Assistant and Administrative Officer within LCRC, was appointed in December 2012 (she was formerly an administrator at Southern Cross University in Lismore). She provides crucial administrative and other support to the linguistic scholars within the Centre.

Brigitta Flick continues her invaluable work as a Publication Assistant for LCRC.

Other members of the Language and Culture Research Centre:

- **Dr Chia-jung Pan** has successfully completed his PhD on the grammar of Lha'alua (or Saaroa), a critically endangered Austronesian language of Taiwan. He is currently a Research Fellow within the Institute of Linguistics, Academia Sinica, Taiwan, working under the leadership of Professor Elizabeth Zeitoun.
- **Dr William Steed** is a lecturer in linguistics within JCU's Speech Pathology program. In addition to continuing his research on tone sandhi, now focusing on change in tone and tone sandhi, he is working on other projects, including Spanish pronunciation pedagogy and the sociophonetic perception of sexuality.
- **Professor Ton Otto**, Research Leader, People and Societies of the Tropics, within the Cairns Institute, is working on design anthropology, social change, notions of temporality, and agency, with reference to Papua New Guinea and particularly the peoples of Manus Island.
- **Associate Professor Rosita Henry**, anthropologist at the Townsville Campus, is also Research Fellow of the CI. She is currently President of the Australian Anthropological Society. Her research concerns the poetic politics of relationships between people, places and the nation-state in Australia and the Pacific. She is author of numerous articles on the political anthropology of place and performance.
- **Dr Mike Wood** is a Senior Lecturer in Anthropology at the Cairns Campus of James Cook University. For a long time he has worked with Kamula speakers in PNG. He is currently working on three PNG-based projects that concern HIV/AIDS-related issues. He also works with Rosita Henry on a project concerning the history of artefacts collected in the Wet Tropics that surround Cairns. And he is interested in issues to do with climate change and the recent development of carbon credit schemes in PNG.
- **Dr Robin Rodd** is Lecturer in Anthropology at Townsville, and an expert on the ethnography of the Piaroa, a linguistic isolate of Venezuela. His further research interests include ethnopharmacology of psychoactive plants, psychological anthropology, shamanism, systems theory and philosophy of health, and the history and ethnography of Venezuela and Latin America in general. He is currently examining notions of health and healing among Australian ayahuasca drinkers.
- **Dr Pauline Taylor** is Senior Lecturer at the School of Education, currently seconded to [Teaching and Learning Development](#) as Academic Developer, First Year Experience Project. Her background is in applied linguistics. Research interests include Education Policy (equity; language and literacy; Indigenous; performativity; evaluation), Leadership; Teaching and learning, Teacher education, Widening participation in Higher Education, Transitions and First Year Experience and Comparative Education.

- **Dr Reesa Sorin** is Senior Lecturer in Early Childhood Education at JCU Cairns. Her areas of teaching are Early Childhood Education and Arts Education. Her areas of research include: fear and emotional literacy in early childhood; conceptualisations of childhood; art-based methods / multiliteracies for learning, teaching and research in early childhood; scenario-based learning; student mobility and pre-service teacher education. She has researched in Australia and Canada and is currently working on a project where preschoolers in Australia, Singapore, Scotland and Canada share their understandings of their local environments and environmental sustainability through the Arts.
- **Dr Wendy Pearce** is a Senior Lecturer in the Speech Pathology program at Townsville, and was its Head from 2005 until 2009. She has over 20 years experience providing speech pathology services in school and early childhood services in South Australia. She completed her PhD at Flinders University in 2007, titled 'The role of morphosyntax and oral narrative in the differential diagnosis of specific language impairment'. Research interests include the study of language impairments in children, language sampling approaches to assessment and diagnosis, the language skills of Indigenous children and service delivery approaches in early childhood and school contexts.
- **Associate Professor Sean Ulm** holds an ARC Future Fellowship in Archaeology at the Cairns campus. His research focuses on cultural and environmental change in coastal regions of the Pacific Basin over the last 10,000 years. Sean has conducted research in Australia, Honduras, Chile, Papua New Guinea and the Pacific. He has made major contributions to our understanding of coastal life ways and to improving radiocarbon chronologies based on marine materials throughout the Australasian region. His publications include more than 50 articles on the archaeology of Australia, and five books.

Forthcoming Activities

Professor Nicholas Evans, of the ANU, is presenting a seminar on 13 February on 'Positional verbs in Nen (a language from Papua New Guinea)'

Local Workshop on Demonstratives, deictics and shifters
will commence in May and run for several months

We are planning, for mid-year:

Symposium on Linguistic diversity, its nature and development

For details, see our web-site: <https://plone.jcu.edu.au/researchatjcu/research/lcrc>

Grants and Awards

Alexandra Y. Aikhenvald was awarded an **Australian Laureate Fellowship** 'How gender shapes the world: a linguistic perspective', 2012-17.

Project summary: Gender pervades every aspect of life and of living. An understanding of its nature is central to many disciplines. The way gender is articulated shapes the world of individuals, and of the societies they live in. Meanings of genders offer a unique window into how humans construct representations of the world and encode them in their languages. This Australian Laureate Fellowship will advance a novel research program, systematically investigating gender expression and gender socialization across languages and cultures, focusing on Australian immigrant communities and PNG as its strategic neighbour. The cutting-edge program will advance cross-cultural understanding and enhance capacity building within Australia and beyond.

Alexandra Y. Aikhenvald and R. M. W. Dixon obtained an **ARC Discovery Project** 'How languages differ and why', 2013-15. This project involves Prof Dr W. F. H. Adelaar, of the University of Leiden, and Prof Dr Lourens de Vries, of the Free University of Amsterdam, as Partner Investigators.

Project summary: Each language is always in a state of flux. Changes may be due to: the language regularising its internal composition; borrowing words or structural patterns from another language; or developing a new linguistic tool reflecting an important aspect of lifestyle (e.g. polite pronouns which mirror an evolving social hierarchy). This Discovery Project will investigate which linguistic features are most likely to be borrowed, which are most likely to be retained, and the reasons for this. Researchers will examine the nature of linguistic diversity, with special focus on languages of New Guinea, Amazonia and Indigenous northeast Queensland. The results will be significant for understanding inter-ethnic communication, and the nature of human cognition.

The following **Aikhenvald/Dixon ARC Discovery Projects** are continuing:

- 'The grammar of knowledge: a cross linguistic view of evidentials and epistemological expressions', 2011-13. This project involves Profs Anne Storch and Gerrit J. Dimmendaal, of the Univ. of Cologne, as Partner Investigators.
- 'The World Through the Prism of Language: a cross-linguistic study of genders, noun classes and classifiers', 2009-12.

Associate Professor Rosita J Henry, Associate Professor Russell E McGregor, Dr Michael A Wood, Dr Shelley M Greer, and Professor Dr Ton Otto have an ARC Discovery Project *Objects of possession: artefact transactions in the wet tropics of North Queensland, 1870 -2013*

The project's research into artefact collecting will provide Indigenous peoples, museum curators and other community members with important insights into the history of Indigenous cultures in the Wet Tropics region. The project will contribute to the development of innovative ways of presenting Indigenous peoples' connections with their cultural heritage.

Four PhD students at LCRC have each been awarded a fieldwork grant from the **Firebird Foundation for Anthropological Research:**

- **Dineke Schokkin** to undertake further work on the oral literature of the Paluai of the Manus Province, Papua New Guinea (2012)
- **Hannah Sarvasy** to work on Nungon oral literature (2012-13).
- **Sihong Zhang** to work on Shaba Ersu oral literature (2011-13)
- **Mikko Salminen** to work on the oral literature of San Dionísio Huave (2012-13)

Hannah Sarvasy and **Dineke Schokkin** were awarded **JCU School of Arts and Social Sciences funding** to present papers at the Australian Linguistic Society annual conference. **Juliane Böttger, Hannah Sarvasy, Dineke Schokkin** and **Sihong Zhang** were awarded Graduate Research Scheme funding to undertake additional research in their field areas.

Dixon and **Aikhenvald** have an ARC Linkage Grant, *Land, language and heritage* (2011-14), with the Echo Creek Cultural Centre as Partner Organization (with Dr Ernie Grant as co-leader).

A JCU internal grant within the scheme **Collaboration across boundaries**, on 'Linguistic and Biological Diversity in PNG' was awarded to a team of researchers: **Associate Professor Andrew Krockenberger** (Marine and Tropical Biology/TESS), **Aikhenvald, Dixon and Dr Mark Ziembicki** (Marine and Tropical Biology/TESS), with **Hannah Sarvasy** and **Gabriel Porolak** as Associate Investigators, for 2012-13.

Aikhenvald will take up the third portion of her Research Award from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (Germany) at the Institut für Afrikanistik, University of Cologne, February-March 2013. She will present a plenary address on 'Language, diversity and change: a view from north-west Amazonia' at the Annual Symposium of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation at Bamberg, 14-17 March 2013.

New Books — Monographs

with publishers' descriptions

CLASSIFIERS IN KAM-TAI LANGUAGES. A COGNITIVE AND CULTURAL PERSPECTIVE

by Tian-Qiao Lu

Boca-Raton: Universal Publishers, 2012, xvi, 259pp

This monograph describes and analyzes the syntax of classifiers and cultural taxonomy in more than twenty major languages in southern China and Southeast Asia. It provides comprehensive and in-depth data for professional linguists and rudimentary knowledge for postgraduate or undergraduate majors or minors engaged in linguistics. Readers will learn how nouns are categorized in syntax and what cultural factors are involved in such a classification process. This is the first book on Kam-Tai classifiers from both syntactic and sociocultural aspects.

Dr Tian-Qiao (Mike) Lu is Professor, School of Language Sciences, Jiangsu Normal University, China and Associate Fellow, LCRC, James Cook University, Australia.

BASIC LINGUISTIC THEORY, VOL 3: FURTHER GRAMMATICAL TOPICS

by R. M. W. Dixon.

Oxford University Press. 2012. xx, 547 pages (hardback and paperback)

Basic Linguistic Theory is the triumphant outcome of a lifetime's thinking about every aspect and manifestation of language. Its three volumes comprise a one stop introduction for undergraduate and graduate students of linguistics, as well as an accessible guide for those in fields such as literature, classics, psychology, and anthropology who want to know more about the nature of language. The books provide a fundamental characterization of the nature of human languages and a comprehensive guide to their description and analysis. In crystal-clear prose, R. M. W. Dixon describes how to go about doing linguistics.

In **Volume 3** Professor Dixon examines key grammatical topics, each from a cross-linguistic perspective. These are: non-spatial setting (including modalities, perfectives and imperfectives, and the status of the future); number systems; negation; reflexive and reciprocal constructions; pivots, passives, and antipassives; causatives; applicatives; comparative constructions; and questions. He ends with a discussion of language and the world where he argues that the description of any language must include the role it plays for its community of users.

THE LANGUAGES OF THE AMAZON

by Alexandra Y. Aikhenvald

Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012. xxxiii, 466 pages.

This is the first guide and introduction to the languages of Amazonia. These include some of the most fascinating languages in the world, many of them on the verge of extinction. Alexandra Aikhenvald, one of the world's leading experts on the region, provides an account of the more than 300 languages. She sets out their main characteristics, compares their common and unique features, and describes the histories and cultures of the people who speak them. The languages abound in rare features. Most have been in contact with each other for many generations, giving rise to complex patterns of linguistic influence. The author draws on her own extensive field research to tease out and analyse the patterns of their genetic and structural diversity. She shows how these patterns reveal the interrelatedness of language and culture: different kinship systems, for example, have different linguistic correlates. Professor Aikhenvald explains the many unusual features of Amazonian languages, which include evidentials, tones, classifiers, and elaborate positional verbs. She ends the book with a glossary of terms, and a full guide for those readers interested in following up a particular language or linguistic phenomenon. The book is free of esoteric terminology, written in its author's characteristically clear style, and brought vividly to life with numerous accounts of her experience in the region. It may be used as a resource in courses in Latin American studies, Amazonian studies, linguistic typology, and general linguistics, and as reference for linguistic and anthropological research.

PERFORMING PLACE, PRACTISING MEMORIES: ABORIGINAL AUSTRALIANS, HIPPIES AND THE STATE

by Rosita Henry

Oxford: Berhahn Books, 2012.

During the 1970s a wave of 'counter-culture' people moved into rural communities in many parts of Australia. This study focuses in particular on the town of Kuranda in North Queensland and the relationship between the settlers and the local Aboriginal population, concentrating on a number of linked social dramas that portrayed the use of both public and private space. Through their public performances and in their everyday spatial encounters, these people resisted the bureaucratic state but, in the process, they also contributed to the cultivation and propagation of state effects.

Edited Volumes

POSSESSION AND OWNERSHIP: A CROSS-LINGUISTIC TYPOLOGY

edited by Alexandra Y. Aikhenvald and R. M. W. Dixon

Oxford: Oxford University Press. 2013. xii, 319 pages.

Possession and Ownership brings together linguists and anthropologists in a series of crosslinguistic explorations of expressions used to denote possession and ownership, concepts central to most if not all the varied cultures and ideologies of humankind. Possessive noun phrases can be broadly divided into three categories—ownership of property, whole-part relations (such as body and plant parts), and blood and affinal kinship relations. As Professor Aikhenvald shows in her extensive opening essay, the same possessive noun or pronoun phrase is used in English and in many other Indo-European languages to express possession of all three kinds—as in ‘Ann and her husband Henry live in the castle Henry’s father built with his own hands’—but that this is by no means the case in all languages. In some, for example, the grammar expresses the inalienability of consanguineal kinship and sometimes also of sacred or treasured objects. Furthermore the degree to which possession and ownership are conceived as the same (when possession is 100% of the law) differs from one society to another, and this may be reflected in their linguistic expression. Like others in the series this pioneering book will be welcomed equally by linguists and anthropologists.

PERCEPTION AND COGNITION IN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

edited by Alexandra Y. Aikhenvald and Anne Storch

Brill's Studies in Language, Cognition and Culture, volume 3. Leiden: Brill, 2013. xx, 278 pages

The volume focuses on the analysis of various means of expressing perception in cognition, from grammaticalized marking of information source (known as evidentiality) to lexical expressions. The volume consists of ten contributions. The first chapter, 'Linguistic expression of perception and cognition', outlines the major parameters for the analysis of perception and cognition (with a special focus on the cultural role of auditory and visual perception, across the world's languages). Chapters 2-10 focus on in-depth analysis of perception and cognition in a selection of languages, from New Guinea and from Africa.

The volume from our July 2012 International Workshop has now been accepted for publication by Oxford University Press and is due out in late 2013:

THE GRAMMAR OF KNOWLEDGE: A CROSS-LINGUISTIC TYPOLOGY

edited by Alexandra Y. Aikhenvald and R. M. W. Dixon

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- 13 Saying, seeing and knowing among the Karawari of Papua New Guinea: Borut Telban

Paperback and E-book reissues

IMPERATIVES AND COMMANDS

by Alexandra Y. Aikhenvald

Oxford: Oxford University Press. xx, 500 pp.

Hardback edition in 2010. Paperback reissue, with corrections, in 2012.

**WORDS OF OUR COUNTRY: STORIES, PLACE NAMES AND VOCABULARY IN
YIDINY, THE ABORIGINAL LANGUAGE
OF THE CAIRNS-YARRABAH REGION**

compiled and edited by R. M. W. Dixon

University of Queensland Press. xiv, 312 pp.

Paperback edition in 1991. Reissued as an e-book 2012.

New Monograph Series

BRILL'S STUDIES IN LANGUAGE, COGNITION AND CULTURE

Leiden: Brill

Editors Alexandra Y. Aikhenvald, R. M. W. Dixon and N. J. Enfield

This new peer-reviewed book series offers an international forum for high-quality original studies in languages and cultures. It focuses on the interaction between linguistic categories (and their conceptualization), cultural values, and human cognition. Publications in this series will include interdisciplinary studies on language, its meanings and forms, and possible interactions with cognitive and communicational patterns. The series spans cultural and social anthropology, cognitive science and linguistics. The emphasis is on inductive based cross-linguistic and crosscultural studies, with special attention to poorly known areas, such as Lowland Amazonia and the Pacific.

THREE VOLUMES HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED AND FOUR MORE ARE IN PRESS:

Robin Sabino, *Language Contact in the Danish West Indies: Giving Jack His Jacket*, BSLC 1, 360 pp, 2012

Lars Johanson & Martine Robbeets, *Copies versus Cognates in Bound Morphology*, BSLC 2, 470 pp, 2012

Anne Storch & Alexandra Aikhenvald, *Perception and Cognition in Language and Culture*, BSLC 3, 278 pp, 2013

Tomoko Arakaki, *Evidentials in the Shuri Dialect of Luchuan*

Gerrit Dimmendaal, *The Leopard's Spots*

Julianne Maher, *Schooners, Goats & Cassava*

Nancy Dorian, *Linguistic Legacies*

Announcement

Most members of the Language and Culture Research Centre have written (or are writing) a grammar of a language, and many of us are working on typological universals, by inductive generalisations from a well-chosen sample of grammars. We welcome enquiries from similarly oriented scholars (from Australia or from overseas) who would like to consider spending a sabbatical with us. We can provide basic facilities, plus an intellectual ambience of the highest order.

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE RESEARCH CENTRE

The Language and Culture Research Centre promotes interdisciplinary research involving immersion fieldwork, leading to comprehensive documentation of indigenous languages and cultures. This feeds into inductive generalisations concerning human language capacity, and the interaction between parameters of linguistic and cultural behaviour. Our core members are anthropologically-orientated linguists and we maintain a dialogue with anthropologists, sociologists, archeologists, educationalists and other scholars in the humanities, social sciences and relevant natural sciences. LCRC's primary focus is on the autochthonous peoples of New Guinea, Australia, Amazonia, East Asia and South Asia.

We work in terms of basic linguistic theory, the cumulative framework which is employed in most linguistic description, providing anthropologically informed grammars and analyses of languages and language areas. Our work has a sound empirical basis but also shows a firm theoretical orientation, seeking for explanation hand-in-hand with description.

Building on reliable descriptive studies, the LCRC also puts forward inductive generalizations about human languages, cultural practices and cognition. We enquire how a language reflects the environment in which people live, their system of social organization, food production techniques, and the ways in which a community views the world. For instance, groups living in mountainous terrain often have to specify, for any object, whether it is uphill, downhill or at the same level as the speaker. And if there is a chiefly system, a special term of address may be required for speaking to a high chief, and a different term for a minor chief. Why are languages the way they are? We seek scientific explanation and motivation, combining the expertise of linguists, anthropologists and social scientists from other domains.

Another focus of study concerns the ways in which languages influence each other. What kind of words, and meanings, are likely to be borrowed between two languages spoken next to each other, and under what social circumstances? Are some kinds of systems particularly open to diffusion, so that they are likely to spread over all the languages in a geographical area, and are other kinds of systems less likely to be diffused?

LCRC organises International Workshops, regular roundtable meetings, and various events through the year. We reach out to the community, through advising and assisting concerning language renewal and revitalisation.

OUTSTANDING GRAMMARS FROM AUSTRALIA

R. M. W. Dixon is editor for this series, published by LINCOM EUROPA in Munich. His foreword for the second batch of volumes reads as follows:

Beginning from the early 1970s, the Linguistics Department in the Faculty of Arts at the Australian National University was a hot-bed of high-quality linguistic activity. Of the several dozen successful PhD students, more than three-quarters wrote — for their thesis — a comprehensive, theoretically-informed grammar of a language that had not previously been described (or had not been well described). Quite a number of these grammars were published, but a number of first-class studies have until now remained unpublished.

To commence this LINCOM EUROPA series we chose ten outstanding grammars. They cover six Aboriginal languages of Australia, a Papuan language from New Guinea, and an Austronesian languages from the Solomon Islands. In addition, we include Felix Ameka's masterly study of topics in the grammar of Ewe, a Kwa language from Ghana, and Kristina Sands' perceptive account of topics in the grammar of Finnish. Nine of the theses were presented at the ANU, that by Komei Hosokawa in the Research School of Pacific Studies and the other eight in the Faculty of Arts. Melanie Wilkinson had received her undergraduate training in the ANU Faculty of Arts Department, but completed her PhD at the University of Sydney.

The first ten volumes were published in 2011 and 2012 and have been very well received. Encouraged by this, a further four volumes are now being added to the series. They include John Henderson's study of the Australian language Arrernte, a PhD thesis from the University of Western Australia, and Josephine Daguman's grammar of Northern Subanen, an Austronesian language from the Philippines, a PhD thesis from La Trobe University. We are also delighted to publish Nick Piper's MA thesis, from the ANU, which is a high-quality grammar of Meryam Mer, spoken in eastern Torres Strait between Australia and New Guinea.

The full list of the fourteen volumes is:

- Kristina Sands. 2000. Complement clause and grammatical relations in Finnish. PhD thesis, ANU. xiii, 352 pp.
- Komei Hosokawa. 1991. The Yawuru language of West Kimberley: a meaning-based description. PhD thesis, ANU. xxxi, 524 pp.
- Michael Walsh. 1976. The Murinypata language of north-west Australia. PhD thesis, ANU. xiv, 442 pp.
- Deborah Hill. 1992. Longgu grammar. PhD thesis, ANU. xii, 340 pp.
- Graham R. McKay. 1975. Rembarnga, a language of central Arnhem Land. PhD thesis, ANU. xvii, 406 pp.
- Nicholas J. Reid. 1990. Ngan'gityemerri: a language of the Daly River region, Northern Territory of Australia. PhD thesis, ANU. xxii, 456 pp.
- Bronwyn Eather. 1990. A grammar of Nakkara (Central Arnhem Land coast). PhD thesis, ANU. xvi, 498 pp.
- Masayuki Onishi. 1994. A grammar of Motuna (Bougainville, Papua New Guinea). PhD thesis, ANU. xxiii, 565 pp.
- Felix K. Ameka, 1991. Ewe: its grammatical constructions and illocutionary devices. PhD thesis, ANU. xi, 719 pp.
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- John Henderson. 1998. Topics in Eastern and Central Arrernte grammar. PhD thesis, University of Western Australia. xxii, 445 pp.
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What happened at LCRC during 2012

Visiting Fellows

- Professor Andrew Butcher, of Flinders University, Cairns Institute Distinguished Visiting Fellow, February-May 2012
- Prof. Dr. Gerrit J. Dimmendaal, University of Cologne (16-30 July), an expert on Nilo-Saharan, Tima-Katla and numerous other African languages, and Partner Investigator on the ARC DP 'The grammar of knowledge'
- Dr Carola Emkow, MPI Leipzig (29 July-5 August), an expert on Araona (Tacana) starting her work on Benabena, a Papuan language, financed by DoBeS
- Dr Regina Knapp, MPI Leipzig (29 July-5 August), an expert on Benabena culture and language, financed by DoBeS

Seminars

Professor Andrew Butcher (Flinders University), CI Distinguished Visiting Fellow, presented the inaugural seminar of the LCRC, on:

Australian Phonologies and Aboriginal Hearing

Chronic *otitis media* with effusion (OME) causes hearing loss which affects both the low frequency end of the scale (under 500 Hz) and the upper end of the scale (above 4000 Hz). Among the specific consequences of this are difficulties in perceiving fricatives and hearing voicing distinctions among stops. OME develops in the majority of Australian Aboriginal infants within a few weeks of birth. Acoustically the sound systems of Australian Aboriginal languages are strikingly different from the majority of the world's languages. They are lacking both in contrasts which depend on low frequency acoustic cues (high vowels, voiced obstruents) and in contrasts which depend on cues at the high frequency end of the spectrum (fricatives, aspirated stops).

Thus it appears that Aboriginal languages favour sounds whose characteristics exploit precisely that area of hearing ability which is most likely to remain intact in OME. Is this simply a coincidence or is it possible that the phonetics and phonology of Australian languages have evolved to match the auditory input experienced by the speakers?

Professor Dany Adone, Anglistik, Univ of Cologne, and **Elaine Lawurrrpa**, Charles Darwin University presented a seminar on 19 March 2012:

Bimodal Bilingualism At The Top End Of Australia

Most studies on language mixing, code switching and bilingualism concentrate on spoken languages. Studies on language contact between spoken and signed languages are rare.

We examine a case of bimodal bilingualism (speech-sign) with Yolngu people at the Top End of Arnhem Land, Australia. It is well known that Aboriginal people are multilinguals. The Yolngu people involved in this study speak several Yolngu languages as well as Kriol and Aboriginal English. They also use a signing system referred to here as Yolngu Sign Language (YSL). For the hearing community YSL functions as an alternate language used in daily interaction, as well as for cultural purposes. It is also the first language of the deaf members of the community. We discuss the sociolinguistics of YSL taking into account factors such as the ecology of communication in remote Aboriginal communities, Aboriginal culture and conversational style. Then we analyse instances of code-blending that involve the simultaneous production of speech and signs. This study aims at providing a unique window of opportunity onto the nature of bimodal bilingualism in a speech/sign community.

Professor Craig Volker, Professor of Languages, Gifu Shotoku Gakuen University, Gifu, Japan, presented a seminar on 4 April 2012, on

Unserdeutsch / Rabaul Creole German: Genesis and Diaspora

Although 19th century Germany colonised colonies scattered through Africa, China, and the Pacific, and Germans have settled in many other areas over the past three centuries, the only attested example of a German-based creole language is Rabaul Creole German or 'Unserdeutsch'. Created by mixed-race children taken by the Vunapope Catholic Mission, it became a badge of identity for the small Vunapope mixed-race community and a tool for survival under Japanese occupation. Today it is spoken by only a few older persons, most of whom live in Queensland.

Professor Keren Rice of the University of Toronto, presented a seminar on 10 December

On the domain of Middle Voice

Many Athabaskan languages exhibit a construction that I call the activity incorporate construction, meaning 'do X while Y-ing' (e.g., walk around singing ['sing' incorporated], sit laughing ['laugh' incorporated]). This construction is interesting in its morphological marking for valence and voice in some of the languages. In terms of valence, the incorporate is treated as an argument of the verb, with a transitivity morpheme present. In terms of voice, the verb has middle voice marking, like reciprocals, reflexives, and several other constructions. In the first part of the paper, I focus on voice, reviewing the

distribution of middle voice morphology and proposing that middle voice marking occurs when two (or more) items are non-distinct in some way, be they arguments, event particulars, or events.

In the second part I extend the investigation to other Athabaskan languages with activity incorporates but, instead of using transitivity and middle morphology, they mark the activity incorporate as subordinate or leave it unmarked. I propose that this change is related to other shifts. In the first set languages, the transitivity can occur with unaccusative, unergative, and transitive verbs, while in the second set, it is largely restricted to unaccusatives; in the first set middle marking occurs productively with intransitives, but not in the second set. With these shifts, the conditions for the occurrence of the middle are no longer met, and thus the loss of use of middle marking in the activity incorporate construction is not unexpected.

The study shows a previously unrecognized use of middle morphology, and highlights the interdependence of factors in the changes in verb morphology.

International Workshop The Grammar of Knowledge

The Eleventh International Workshop organised by Alexandra Y. Aikhenvald and R. M. W. Dixon was held at the Language and Culture Research Centre, 16 – 21 July 2012, with 16 participants from nine universities (five of them overseas).

Oxford University Press's referees responded promptly, and the volume was accepted by year's end. It contains revised versions of 13 of the 15 presentations. Details are on page 13.

Round-table meetings of LCRC

Meetings of LCRC members, held throughout the year, are open to anyone interested in linguistic topics. Presentations in 2012 were:

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| 6 June | Anne Schwarz 'Interrogatives in Secoya' |
| 13 June | R M W Dixon 'Making new words: some derivational prefixes in English' |
| 20 June | Elena Mihas 'Topics in the grammar of Asheninka Perené' |
| 4 July | Alexandra Y. Aikhenvald. 'A language on the move: the ephemeral nature of linguistic contact in Amazonia' |

- 11 July Dineke Schokkin 'Referring to space in Paluai'
- 25 July Hannah Sarvasy 'Topics in Nungon grammar'
- 1 August Mikko Salminen 'Expression of property concepts in San Dionisio Huave - verbal and nominal morphology'
- 8 August William Steed 'Homo- and Heterogeneity in southern Wu Chinese lexical tone sandhi'

Abstracts are available at the LCRC website:

<https://www.jcu.edu.au/lcrc>

Local Workshop

We jointly pick a topic of general appeal, with a number of people making presentations with respect to a language of which they have first-hand knowledge

'Language and kinship' started on 29 August, with Alexandra Aikhenvald presenting a brief position paper, and members of the Centre contributing presentations on languages and cultures of their expertise:

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| 5 September | Mike Wood — Kamula |
| 12 September | Sihong Zhang — Ersu |
| 26 September | Elena Mihas — Ashéninca Perené |
| 3 October | Hannah Sarvasy — Nungon |
| 10 October | Cassy Nancarrow — Tangkic languages |
| 17 October | Bob Dixon — Dyirbal |
| 24 October | Alexandra Aikhenvald — Tariana |
| 31 October | Rosita Henry — Reciprocal relations: Kinship, friendship and terms of endearment (focus on Western Highlands) |
| | Alan Dench (UWA) — Language and kinship in Panyjima |
| 21 November | Dineke Schokkin and Ton Otto — Language and kinship in Paluai |

Activities of LCRC members in 2012

Professor Alexandra Y. Aikhenvald's major achievement in 2012 was the publication of *The languages of the Amazon*, an accessible survey of salient features of languages spoken in the Amazon basin. She is currently working on *The Art of Grammar: a practical guide* (for Oxford University Press). This is a cumulation of her experience in grammar writing and grammatical analysis.

She undertook a fieldtrip to north-west Amazonia in Brazil as a continuation of her work on Tariana, Baniwa and Warekena, three Arawak languages spoken there. She conducted a teacher-training workshop for the Tariana Indigenous School in Iauaretê, undertook a fieldtrip to the remote village of Santa Terezinha on the Iauarí River (tributary of the Vaupés) working on the Kumandene dialect of Tariana, and conducted a teaching workshop for the Warekena people in the village of Campina on the Xié River (tributary of the Rio Negro), with support from Eneida Silva, from the University of Amazonas.

During the year, she published and prepared for publication papers on language contact, semantics of genders, and mirativity. She has co-edited volumes on *Possession and ownership: a cross-linguistic typology*, on *The grammar of knowledge: a cross-linguistic typology* (both with R. M. W. Dixon), and *Perception and cognition in grammar and culture* (with Anne Storch). She also prepared the Position paper for the local workshop 'Kinship and language'. She continues as a consulting editor, *Studies in Language*, as Associate Editor for the *Journal of language contact*, and as editor for monograph series *Explorations in Linguistic Typology* (Oxford University Press), and *Brill's Studies in Language, Cognition and Culture*. She is Consultant on South American etymologies for the *Oxford English Dictionary*, and member of the Advisory Board of the Institute of Linguistics, Academia Sinica, Taiwan.

Grant Aiton graduated from the University of Alberta in 2012 and received his Master of Science degree in linguistics. His final project for this degree was an examination of the information structure in Lushootseed, a Salishan language from British Columbia. In July, he began his PhD at James Cook University under the supervision of Alexandra Aikhenvald, R. M. W. Dixon, and Michael Wood. He began researching the Papuan language Aimele in August with a three week pilot trip to Lake Campbell in Western Province, Papua New Guinea. Following this, he completed his Confirmation of Candidature in November and began preparations for his primary research trip which is taking place in 2013.

Juliane Böttger successfully completed her PhD confirmation seminar. She undertook a lengthy fieldtrip to the Manus Province of PNG, working on a comprehensive grammatical description of Lele, a previously undescribed

Oceanic language. She has been successful in securing competitive funding from the Graduate Research School at JCU, and has investigated various dialects of Lele, including Nali.

Professor Andrew Butcher spent the period of his Visiting Fellowship at LCRC and CI carrying out further work towards the completion of a book *The Sounds of Australian Languages*, to be submitted to Oxford University Press. He presented the inaugural seminar of LCRC 'Australian phonologies and Aboriginal hearing: is there a connection?'. An abbreviated version of this presentation was subsequently given at the 11th Australian Languages Workshop on 9 March on North Stradbroke Island. He was able to be of particular assistance to Hannah Sarvasy and Dineke Schokkin in advising them on phonetic aspects of their research. In his report, Professor Butcher writes: 'The most important aspect of my Visiting Scholarship has been the renewal of motivation and momentum which has been afforded by this opportunity to study uninterrupted, in an ideal academic environment, surrounded by like-minded scholars and supplied with all necessary material resources'.

Professor R. M. W. Dixon completed Volume 3, *Further grammatical topics*, of his comprehensive three-volume monograph, *Basic linguistic theory*. This has ten chapters: Non-spatial setting; Number systems; Negation; Reflexive and reciprocal constructions; Pivots, passives and antipassives; Causatives; Applicatives; Comparative constructions; Questions; and, finally, Language and the world — explanation now and needed. He also made excellent progress with a study of derivational processes in English word formation, a monograph to be called *Making new words: A handbook of morphological derivation in English*. And he continued work on languages from his three field sites — Dyirbal, Yidiñ, Fijian and Jarawara. Work is well advanced on a volume of texts in Dyirbal, plus a comprehensive dictionary/thesaurus of that language.

He continued as co-editor of the OUP series *Explorations in Linguistic Typology* and *Brill's Studies in Language, Cognition and Culture* and as a member of the editorial board for *Anthropological Linguistics* and for the *Italian Journal of Linguistics*.

John Kerby commenced his PhD in May 2012. He successfully completed his confirmation seminar, and is currently undertaking an extensive period of fieldwork in Taiwan, working on a grammar of Sedeq, an endangered Formosan language.

Dr Elena Mihas spent 2012 at LCRC as part of her two-year Post-doctoral Fellowship on ARC DP 'The grammar of knowledge'. She undertook a fine-grained analysis of number of topics of Ashéninka Perené grammar (including subordination strategies, expression of information-source meanings, nominal

temporal morphology, and ideophones) and worked with the native community on the text collection project, to be published by the Nebraska University Press. She presented a paper on 'Expression of information-source meanings in Ashéninka Perené (Arawak)' at the International Workshop on Grammar of Knowledge, at LCRC. In April-May 2012, she undertook fieldwork research in Chanchamayo Province, Peru (supported by a grant from the Firebird Foundation for Anthropological Research). At the end of the year, her original 2-year Fellowship was replaced by a new 5-year one, within the Australian Laureate Fellowship Project.

Dr Chia-jung Pan's PhD thesis 'A grammar of Lha'alua, an Austronesian language from Taiwan' (supervisors A Y Aikhenvald, R M W Dixon and Elizabeth Zeitoun), has been approved. He is a Post-doctoral Research Fellow at the Institute of Linguistics, Academia Sinica, Taiwan. Currently, he is continuing his research into the Saaroa language and investigating its genetic and areal relations with neighbouring Tsou and Kananavu languages. His conference presentations include: Adjectives in Formosan languages revisited: Lha'alua, Tsou and beyond', paper presented at the Fifth Austronesian and Papuan Languages and Linguistics conference, SOAS, University of London, 4-5 May, 2012; 'Adjectives' in Lha'alua and Tsou: a comparative study, paper presented at the 2012 National Conference on Linguistics, Southern Taiwan University, 23-24 May, 2012; 'The grammar of knowledge in Lha'alua, paper presented at the International Workshop 'The Grammar of Knowledge', Language and Culture Research Centre/SASS, the Cairns Institute, James Cook University, 16-21 July, 2012 and 'Reported evidentials in Saaroa, Kananavu, and Tsou', paper presented at the Workshop on A Typological Study of Austronesian Languages in Taiwan and their Revitalization, Institute of Linguistics, Academia Sinica, Taiwan, 1-2 December, 2012. He also presented an invited talk 'Versatile case in Saaroa', at the Graduate Institute of Linguistics, National Tsing Hua University (Prof. Liao's seminar: Topics in Austronesian Morphosyntax), Taiwan, 12 December, 2012.

Wendy Pearce was successful in receiving CRIG funding of \$10,000 for a pilot project to explore how Indigenous and non-Indigenous children in their Prep school year tell stories in response to three different elicitation procedures. However, implementation has been delayed due to slow processing of the ethics application by the Queensland Education Department. In the meantime, analysis and reporting of data from another project continued: 'Description of the language abilities of Indigenous Australian children'. In June she presented at the Speech Pathology Australia National Conference in Hobart on the topic: 'Semantic roles in the oral narratives of [urban] Indigenous Australian children'. Three Honours student projects progressed well during 2012: two are now completed ('First time mothers' knowledge and beliefs regarding early

communication development', and 'Narrative language in Indigenous Australian children') and one is still in progress ('A description of the phonology of six, 8-year-old Indigenous Australian children in Townsville'). She also steered a clinical project funded by Health Workforce Australia to purchase resources and prepare an orientation guide for speech pathology student placements at Shalom Christian College. This task highlighted the limited literature available to guide diagnostic assessment and intervention practices for Indigenous Australian children with speech and/or language difficulties (due to difference or disorder).

Mikko Salminen is currently completing his second fieldwork period in San Dionisio del Mar. He is also working on his Oral Literature project from Firebird Foundation for Anthropological Research, together with two local team members. In 2012, he attended the V. Coloquio de Lenguas Otomangues and the XXXIVe Colloque International de Linguistique Fonctionnelle in Oaxaca de Juárez, Mexico, as well as the Seminario de Complejidad Sintáctica and the XII. Encuentro Internacional de Lingüística del Noroeste in Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico, and presented papers which were very well received.

Hannah Sarvasy Between 2011 and 2012, Hannah Sarvasy completed 7 months of immersion fieldwork on the Nungon language in Towet village, Saruwaged Mountains, Morobe Province, Papua New Guinea. She also spent two weeks at the Summer Institute of Linguistics campus in Ukarumpa, Eastern Highlands, performing archival research into Papuan languages spoken near Nungon. Since her return to Cairns, she has been working to analyze over seven hours of transcribed texts in Nungon and write up the grammar. In December, she presented a paper on birth-order term borrowing at the Australian Linguistic Society annual conference in Perth. In 2013, she plans to finish a side project sponsored by the Firebird Foundation documenting traditional Nungon music and storytelling. She has submitted a number of papers to scholarly refereed outlets, and presented the following talks: 'What the Texts Don't Tell You: Participant Observation in the Saruwaged Mountains, P.N.G.' Summer Institute of Linguistics Synergy lecture series, Ukarumpa, P.N.G.; 'Introduction to Anthropological Linguistics', Guest lecture in Anthropology 1001: Human Diversity in a Global Perspective, JCU, Cairns, and 'Birth-Order Term Borrowing As Evidence for Historical Interaction Patterns in the Saruwaged Mountains.' Australian Linguistic Society annual conference, Perth.

Dineke Schokkin completed a first draft of her PhD thesis on the Paluai language of Baluan Island, Manus Province, PNG. In June and July, she gave talks at two conferences, which were well received; one of them led to the invitation to write a short grammatical sketch on Paluai for an edited volume, *The languages and linguistics of the island Pacific*. Both papers were rewritten as journal articles, of which one is accepted and the other still under review.

From August to November, she went on a second fieldtrip to Baluan Island, which was completed successfully. Currently, she is working on the final draft of her thesis.

Dr Anne Schwarz completed her three-year Post-doctoral Fellowship within LCRC. Her field research spanned a total of nine months in the Sucumbios province in the north-eastern Amazonian region of Ecuador. She has prepared parts of a grammatical description of Ecuadorian Siona/Secoya, an electronic dictionary, a text corpus based on digitally aligned audio/video recordings. A video DVD for community purposes has been stored with the Firebird Foundation and the Archive for Ecuadorian Languages maintained by FLACSO, Ecuador.

Dr Reesa Sorin's research in 2012 focussed on using arts-based methods to determine and enhance children's understandings of local and global environments. She also continued some work in scenario-based learning and preservice teacher education.

William Steed took up a teaching and research position as lecturer in linguistics within JCU's Speech Pathology program. In addition to continuing his research on tone sandhi, now focusing on change in tone and tone sandhi, he is working on other projects, including Spanish pronunciation pedagogy and the sociophonetic perception of sexuality.

Sean Ulm's research activities in 2012 coalesced around four major themes. (1) Work commenced on an ARC Discovery Project in collaboration with the Kaiadilt Aboriginal community in the South Wellesley Islands in the southern Gulf of Carpentaria to build an understanding of the relationships between environmental change and cultural change using advanced studies of archaeological and palaeoenvironmental sequences. The other research team leaders on the project are Patrick Moss (University of Queensland), Craig Sloss (Queensland University of Technology) and Lynley Wallis (Wallis Heritage Consulting). (2) Analyses continued on the archaeological assemblages from Caution Bay in southern PNG in collaboration with Ian McNiven and Bruno David (Monash University) and other colleagues where new evidence for Lapita settlement challenges long-held ideas about the migration of Lapita peoples in the region in the last 3000 years. (3) Collaborative work continued with Fiona Petchey (University of Waikato) into improving the accuracy of radiocarbon dating in the tropics with studies published for both the Bismarck Sea and southern PNG coastline. (4) Finally, collaborative work commenced with the Dingaál Aboriginal community and Ian McNiven (Monash University) and Matthew Felgate (University of Auckland) into investigating possible voyaging of ceramic-using people across the Coral Sea to Lizard Island off Cooktown.

Daniela Vavrová spent a year of fieldwork in the small village of Ambonwari, East Sepik Province, PNG (December 2010 - December 2011), and then started writing her PhD thesis, digitalising the data collected in the field, and processing her audiovisual material. In 2012 she had two presentations at the Australian Anthropological Society (AAS) Conference in Brisbane: Currently, she is in Canberra as a Visiting Fellow at the ANU, Research School of Humanities and Arts. Her PhD project and other works are at <http://rachel.reflectangulo.net/>

Sihong Zhang continues to focus on his thesis—*A comprehensive grammar of Ersu*, a previously under-documented Tibeto-Burman language spoken in the southwest of Sichuan Province, China. He presented three papers at international conferences in 2012: Adjectives in Ersu, paper presented at the 14th China's International Conference on Contemporary Linguistics, May 10-11, 2012. Xi'an: Xi'an International Studies University; Classifiers in Ersu, paper presented at the 13th International Symposium on Chinese Languages and Linguistics, June 1-3, 2012. Taipei: Taiwan Normal University; and Evidentiality in Ersu, paper presented at the 11th International Workshop on Linguistic Typology, July 16-21, 2012. Cairns: The Cairns Institute, James Cook University. All have received highly positive comments.

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'ANTHROPOLOGICAL LINGUISTICS' COURSE

The second/third year undergraduate course AN2009 Anthropological Linguistics, will be taught at the Cairns Campus during the second semester 2013 by **Cassy Nancarrow**.

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Rare Honour for Professor Anvita Abbi

We are delighted to report that Professor Anvita Abbi (Professor of Linguistics, JNU, New Delhi), a Cairns Institute Distinguished Visiting Fellow with us in 2010 received the Padma Shri, the fourth highest civilian award in India, in recognition of her contributions to the Indian society, in the category of 'Education and Literature.' This award to Prof. Abbi comes after years of her work on the lesser-known languages of India, including languages of many marginalized and tribal communities.

Publications by past and present members of LCRC

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