

ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ARAWAKAN
AND ARAWAN FAMILIES OF SOUTH AMERICA:
A (SO FAR) UNWRITTEN CHAPTER IN WESTERN AMAZONIAN
LANGUAGE HISTORY

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Hypothesized long-range relationships, no matter how contentious or controversial, are usually anchored to an established set of core data, in the form of proposed etymologies or other presumed evidence, whose existence is accepted by all sides in the debate, with most of the controversy concerning the best interpretation of these patterns. In South America, however, this is seldom the case. This presentation reports on the preliminary results of ongoing investigations on the historical relationships between the Arawakan and Arawan language families. This project offers a more general and systematically construed database of potentially informative and historically significant matches involving languages from both families.

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