

# LAURA ARNOLD

## EDUCATION

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- Sep 2013–  
Jul 2018 **PhD Linguistics.** Passed, no corrections.  
Linguistics & English Language, University of Edinburgh  
Thesis: *A grammar of Ambel, an Austronesian language of Raja Ampat, west New Guinea.*  
Supervisors: Bert Remijnsen, Caroline Heycock, Rob Truswell  
Examiners: Nikolas Gisborne, Nikolaus Himmelmann, Marian Klamer
- Sep 2011–  
Aug 2012 **MSc by Research Linguistics.** Distinction: Grade A1.  
Linguistics & English Language, University of Edinburgh  
Dissertation: *Investigations in item stability: In pursuit of the optimal meaning list for use in the initial stages of the comparative method.*  
Supervisors: Ronnie Cann, Patrick Honeybone
- Sep 2005–  
Jul 2009 **MA (Hons) Language Variation and Change.** Classification: 1st.  
Linguistics & English Language, University of Edinburgh

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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- Jul 2024–  
ongoing **Lecturer in Linguistics**  
School of Culture, History & Language, Australian National University
- Jan–Jul  
2024 **Visiting Fellow**  
School of Culture, History & Language, Australian National University
- Sep 2019–  
Mar 2024 **British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow**  
Linguistics & English Language, University of Edinburgh
- Jan–Dec  
2022 **Teaching Fellow**  
Linguistics & English Language, University of Edinburgh
- Sep 2016–  
Aug 2018 **Teaching Fellow**  
Linguistics & English Language, University of Edinburgh
- Jan–Aug  
2015 **Tutor**  
Linguistics & English Language, University of Edinburgh
- Jul 2012 **Research Assistant**  
Linguistics & English Language, University of Edinburgh
- Sep 2011–  
Aug 2012 **Tutor**  
Linguistics & English Language, University of Edinburgh

## FIELDWORK & RESEARCH

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### Southwest Papua, Central Papua, and Papua provinces, Indonesia

- 2023 (2 months) As [ASSS1237] (Austronesian)  
Batta [BATA1295] (Austronesian)  
Kawe [KAWE1240] (Austronesian)  
Laganyan [LEGE1241] (Austronesian)  
Ma'ya [MAYA1282] (Austronesian)  
Salawati [MADE1253] (Austronesian)  
Wauyai [WAUY1237] (Austronesian)
- 2019–20 (2 months) As [ASSS1237] (Austronesian)  
Batta [BATA1295] (Austronesian)  
Biga [BIGA1238] (Austronesian)  
Moi [MOI1235] (West Bird's Head)  
Oirata [OIRA1263] (Timor-Alor-Pantar)  
Papuan Malay [PAPU1250] (Austronesian)  
Salawati [MADE1253] (Austronesian)  
Seget [SEGE1235] (West Bird's Head)
- 2014–17 (14 months) Ambel [WAIG1244] (Austronesian)

### Field methods courses

- 2024 (1.5 months) Megiar [MEGI1245] (Austronesian)  
Field Methods in Linguistics [lecturer], Australian National University
- 2022 (3 months) Kurmanji [NORT2641] (Indo-European)  
Linguistic Fieldwork & Language Description [lecturer], University of Edinburgh
- 2022 (3 months) Siak Malay [MALA1479] (Austronesian)  
Linguistic Fieldwork & Language Description [lecturer], University of Edinburgh
- 2016 (3 months) Luo [LUOK1236] (Nilo-Saharan)  
Linguistic Fieldwork & Language Description [lecturer], University of Edinburgh
- 2015 (3 months) Ngumba [Kwas1243] (Niger-Congo)  
Linguistic Fieldwork & Language Description [student], University of Edinburgh
- 2014 (1 week) Ekagi [EKAR1243] (Trans-New Guinea)  
Social Cognition Masterclass, Universitas Negeri Papua
- 2013 (1 month) Dogri [INDO1311] (Indo-European)  
Linguistic Fieldwork & Language Description [student], University of Edinburgh

## GRANTS & BURSARIES

Feb 2025	<b>ANU Early Career Researcher Travel Grant</b> Australian National University	AUD 3,000
Apr 2020– Aug 2023	<b>Small Research Grant</b> British Academy/Leverhulme Trust	GBP 4,655
	Project: <i>A data collection on three undocumented Austronesian languages of Halmahera</i>	
Apr 2020	<b>Moray Endowment Fund</b> University of Edinburgh	GBP 2,000
	Project: <i>A data collection on four endangered Austronesian languages of Raja Ampat, east Indonesia</i>	
Sep 2019– Mar 2024	<b>Postdoctoral Fellowship</b> British Academy	GBP 320,302.20
	Project: <i>Synchronic and diachronic investigations in Raja Ampat-South Halmahera, a little-known subbranch of Austronesian</i>	
Jul 2018	<b>Student travel bursary</b> Philological Society	GBP 500
Mar 2017	<b>Firebird Fellowship</b> Firebird Foundation for Anthropological Research	USD 5,899
	Project: <i>The documentation of fishing rituals and practices of the Ambel</i>	
Mar 2017	<b>Foundation for Endangered Languages grant</b> Foundation for Endangered Languages	GBP 345
	Project: <i>Ambel: The printing and presentation of a trilingual dictionary</i>	
May– Aug 2016	<b>Tweedie Exploration Fellowship</b> University of Edinburgh	GBP 1,000
	Project: <i>The documentation and description of Ambel</i>	
Sep 2014– Jun 2016	<b>Small Research Grant (contributor)</b> British Academy/Leverhulme Trust	GBP 9,970
	Project: <i>A data collection on Ambel, an endangered language of Eastern Indonesia</i>	
Aug 2014– Aug 2016	<b>Individual Graduate Scholarship</b> Endangered Languages Documentation Programme	GBP 3,162
	Project: <i>The documentation and description of Ambel, an Austronesian language of Eastern Indonesia</i>	
Dec 2013– Feb 2014	<b>Fieldwork Grant</b> University of Edinburgh	GBP 4,350
	Project: <i>The documentation and description of Ambel</i>	
Sep 2013– Aug 2016	<b>PhD Studentship</b> Arts and Humanities Research Council	Tuition & maintenance
Sep 2011– Aug 2012	<b>MSc Studentship</b> Arts and Humanities Research Council	Tuition & maintenance

## AWARDS & PRIZES

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Jan 2023	<i>Nominated (x2)</i>	<b>Teacher of the Year</b> EUSA Teaching Awards, University of Edinburgh
Apr 2022	<i>Nominated</i>	<b>Outstanding Course</b> EUSA Teaching Awards, University of Edinburgh
Apr 2021	<i>Shortlisted</i>	<b>Most Illustrative Illustration Prize</b> Journal of the International Phonetic Association
Jan 2021	<i>Nominated</i>	<b>Outstanding Course</b> EUSA Teaching Awards, University of Edinburgh
Oct 2019	<i>Won</i>	<b>Tenth R. H. Robins Prize</b> Philological Society
Jun 2017	<i>Won</i>	<b>PPLS-Gray postgraduate publication prize</b> University of Edinburgh
July 2012	<i>Won</i>	<b>PPLS Best Dissertation Award</b> University of Edinburgh
Jan 2012	<i>Nominated</i>	<b>Postgraduates Who Tutor</b> EUSA Teaching Awards, University of Edinburgh

## PUBLICATIONS

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- Forthc. Gasser, Emily, **Laura Arnold** & Linn Iren Sjønes Rødvand. The languages of south Halmahera and northwest New Guinea. To appear in *The languages and linguistics of Island Southeast Asia and Oceania*, Bill Palmer & Ellen Smith-Dennis (eds.), De Gruyter [accepted: 21 January 2025].
- Forthc. a **Arnold, Laura**. Sketch grammars of Wauyai Ma'ya and Batta: Two underdocumented languages of Raja Ampat, northwest New Guinea. To appear in *Language Documentation & Conservation* [accepted: 6 December 2024].
- Forthc. b **Arnold, Laura**. The relative chronology of tone in Raja Ampat: Top-down vs bottom-up approaches. To appear in *Relative chronology in historical linguistics*, Florian Wandl, Thomas Olander, & Johannes-Mattis List (eds.), Language Science Press [accepted: 10 June 2024].
- In press Saad, George, **Laura Arnold** & Emma Peddie. Late Vernacular Production in Island Southeast Asia and the Pacific. To appear in *Glossa Contact* 1(1): 1–54.
- In press **Arnold, Laura** & Emily Gasser. Austronesian-Papuan contact in northwest New Guinea. To appear in *The Oxford guide to the Papuan languages*, Nick Evans & Sebastian Fedden (eds.), Oxford University Press, 2025.
- In press a **Arnold, Laura**. The diachrony of word prosody in the Ma'ya-Salawati languages of Raja Ampat. To appear in *Oceanic Linguistics* 64(1): 187–245.

- In press b **Arnold, Laura.** Island Southeast Asia and the Pacific. To appear in *The Routledge encyclopedia of the world's endangered languages*, second edition, Christopher Mosley (ed.), Routledge, 2025.
- 2025 **Arnold, Laura.** Language as a lens into the prehistory of West New Guinea. Dylan Gaffney and Marlin Tolla (eds.), *West New Guinea: Social, biological, and material histories* (Terra Australis 58). Canberra: ANU Press, 61–77, doi:10.22459/TA58.2024.03.
- 2024 Gasser, Emily, **Laura Arnold** & David Kamholz. The languages of Halmahera, Raja Ampat, and west New Guinea. Antoinette Schapper and Alexander Adelaar (eds.), *The Oxford guide to the Malayo-Polynesian languages of Southeast Asia*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 621–659, doi:10.1093/oso/9780198807353.003.0037.
- 2024 Gaffney, Dylan, Daud Tanudirjo, **Laura Arnold**, Wolter Gaman, Tristan Russell, Erlin Djami & Abdul Macap. Five centuries of settlement dynamics and mobility in the northern Raja Ampat Islands of West Papua. *Journal of Pacific History*, doi:10.1080/00223344.2024.2328015.
- 2023 **Arnold, Laura.** Split Inalienable Coding in the East Bird's Head family. *Oceanic Linguistics* 62(2): 213–241, doi:10.1353/ol.2023.a913559.
- 2023 **Arnold, Laura.** Split Inalienable Coding in Linguistic Wallacea: Typology, origins, spread. Emily Gasser and Antoinette Schapper (eds.), *Possession in the Languages of Wallacea*. Special issue of *STUF: Language Typology and Universals*, 76(3): 331–368, doi:10.1515/stuf-2023-2013.
- 2023 **Arnold, Laura**, Jiayin Gao & James Kirby. Intrinsic fundamental frequency differences in two tonal Austronesian languages. Radek Skarnitzl & Jan Volín (eds.), *Proceedings of the 20th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences*. Prague: Guarant International, 3345–3349, guarant.cz/icphs2023/577.pdf.
- 2022 **Arnold, Laura.** Illustrations of the IPA: Ambel. *Journal of the International Phonetic Association*, 52(2): 368–388, doi:10.1017/S0025100320000237.  
- Shortlisted for the **JIPA Most Illustrative Illustration Prize**.
- 2020 **Arnold, Laura.** Four undocumented languages of Raja Ampat, West Papua, Indonesia. *Language Documentation and Description* 17: 25–43, doi:10.25894/ldd95.
- 2020 **Arnold, Laura.** Highs and lows: A previously unattested tone split from vowel height in Metnyo Ambel. *Transactions of the Philological Society* 118(1): 141–158, doi:10.1111/1467-968X.12177.  
- Winning article of the **Tenth R.H. Robins Prize**.
- 2018 **Arnold, Laura.** A preliminary archaeology of tone in Raja Ampat. Antoinette Schapper (ed.), *Contact and substrate in the languages of Wallacea*, part 2. Special edition of *NUSA: Linguistic studies of languages in and around Indonesia* 64: 7–37, repository.tufts.ac.jp/handle/10108/92289.
- 2018 **Arnold, Laura.** Lexical tone in Metnyo Ambel. *Oceanic Linguistics* 57(1): 199–220, doi:10.1353/ol.2018.0007.

# PRESENTATIONS

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## Keynotes and plenaries

- 2024 **Arnold, Laura.** Psychocultural factors in language change: Perspectives from the Pacific. Keynote speaker, 16th Austronesian and Papuan Languages and Linguistics conference, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, 2 July.
- 2024 **Arnold, Laura.** Lesser-known languages as a window to the past: Historical linguistics and human prehistory in west New Guinea. Plenary speaker, Linguistics and English Language Postgraduate Conference, University of Edinburgh, 5 June.

## Invited talks

- Forthc. **Arnold, Laura.** Austronesians in Raja Ampat: A linguistic perspective. Oceanic and Southeast Asian Navigators Consortium, Denpasar, Bali, 21–23 July 2025.
- 2025 **Arnold, Laura.** Word prosody as a window into the prehistory of Northwest New Guinea. Princeton Phonology Forum (Theme: Sound Patterns and Human History), Princeton University, 19 April.
- 2024 **Arnold, Laura.** Ideologies, scale, and language as a dynamic process. Workshop on Scale and the Evolution of Human Social Systems, University of Sydney, 27 November.
- 2024 **Arnold, Laura.** Multiple uncommon word-prosodic changes in Raja Ampat: When—and why? Linguistics Research Seminar, University of Sydney, 25 October.
- 2024 **Arnold, Laura.** Psychocultural factors in language change: Perspectives from the Pacific. Linguistics Seminar, Australian National University, 16 August.
- 2022 **Arnold, Laura.** From areal linguistics to (pre-)historical sociolinguistics: Identifying and diagnosing contact events in northwest New Guinea. Philological Society Early Career Researcher panel, University of Edinburgh, 25 November.
- 2022 Saad, George & **Laura Arnold.** Adult Vernacular Production: With a focus on Abui. The 51st Poznań Linguistic Meeting, Adam Mickiewicz University, 8–10 September.
- 2021 **Arnold, Laura.** The synchrony and diachrony of tone in Raja Ampat. Second International Seminar on Language, Literature, Culture, and education, Halu Oleo University [online], 17 November.
- 2021 **Arnold, Laura.** *Highs and lows: Tone splits from vowel height in Raja Ampat.* Centre for Research on Language Diversity seminar series, La Trobe University [online], 15 April.

- 2021 **Arnold, Laura.** Language vitality and the ‘ten-year gap’ in Indonesian Papua. Risk and Renewal in the Pacific, University of Cambridge [online], 22 February.
- 2019 **Arnold, Laura.** Unpacking areal features on and around the Bird’s Head, or: How I learned to stop worrying and love the *Sprachbund*. A celebration of David Gil linguistics, Leipzig University, 20 August.
- 2016 **Arnold, Laura.** A preliminary archaeology of tone in Raja Ampat. Workshop on the languages of Wallacea, KITLV Leiden, 1–2 December.

### Peer-reviewed talks

- Forthc. **Arnold, Laura.** Attitudes as a precursor to actuation: Contact-induced tone change in a Raja Ampat idiolect. 27th International Conference on Historical Linguistics, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile and Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez, Santiago, Chile, 18–22 August 2025.
- Forthc. **Arnold, Laura.** Tone changes from vowel height in eastern Austronesian languages. 13th Conference on Oceanic Linguistics, Australian National University, 23–27 June 2025.
- 2024 **Arnold, Laura.** A closer look at \*ə in South Halmahera-West New Guinea. 3rd Workshop on the Languages of Wallacea, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, 4 July.
- 2023 **Arnold, Laura.** Multiple uncommon word-prosodic changes in the Austronesian language of Raja Ampat. The 26th International Conference on Historical Linguistics (Workshop: The diachrony of tone – connecting the field), Heidelberg University, 8 September.
- 2023 Saad, George, **Laura Arnold** & Emma Peddie. Adult Vernacular Production in Island Southeast Asia and the Pacific. The 56th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, 29 August.
- 2023 **Arnold, Laura.** Interlingual identification in contact-induced grammatical change: Evidence from northwest New Guinea. The 56th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, 29 August.
- 2023 Saad, George, **Laura Arnold** & Emma Peddie. Adult Vernacular Production in Island Southeast Asia and the Pacific. 15th Austronesian and Papuan Languages and Linguistics Conference, Palacký University, Olomouc, 25 August.
- 2023 **Arnold, Laura.** Questioning Eastern Malayo-Polynesian. 15th Austronesian and Papuan Languages and Linguistics Conference, Palacký University, Olomouc, 24 August.
- 2023 **Arnold, Laura.** Progress report on the subclassification of the Austronesian languages of Raja Ampat. Sixth Workshop on the Languages of Papua, Sorong, 17 July.

- 2023 **Arnold, Laura**, George Saad & Emma Peddie. Adult Vernacular Production in Island Southeast Asia and the Pacific. Sixth Workshop on the Languages of Papua, Sorong, 17 July.
- 2023 **Arnold, Laura**, George Saad & Emma Peddie. Adult Vernacular Production in Island Southeast Asia and the Pacific. The 14th International Symposium on Bilingualism, Macquarie University, 27 June.
- 2022 **Arnold, Laura**. The multiple causes of Split Inalienable Coding in northwest New Guinea: Contact meets drift. The 25th International Conference on Historical Linguistics, University of Oxford, 1–5 August.
- 2021 **Arnold, Laura**. *The tonal phonologies of three undocumented Raja Ampat languages*. 15th International Conference on Austronesian Linguistics, Palacký University, Olomouc [online], 28 June-1 July.
- 2021 **Arnold, Laura**. *Split Inalienable Coding in the East Bird's Head family*. 13th Austronesian and Papuan Languages and Linguistics Conference, University of Edinburgh [online], 10–12 June.
- 2020 **Arnold, Laura**. Differential inalienable marking in linguistic Wallacea. 12th Austronesian and Papuan Languages and Linguistics Conference, University of Oslo [online], 18–20 June.
- 2019 **Arnold, Laura**. The origin and development of elevationals and other spatial coordinate demonstratives in South Halmahera-West New Guinea. 52nd Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea (Workshop: Elevation as a deictic category: Typological and diachronic perspectives), Leipzig University, 21–24 August.
- 2019 **Arnold, Laura**. Multiple inalienable categories in linguistic Wallacea. 2nd Workshop on the Languages of Wallacea, KITLV Leiden, 17 June.
- 2019 **Arnold, Laura**. Strata of contact: Typologising spatial coordinate demonstratives in the Moluccas and west New Guinea. 11th Austronesian and Papuan Languages and Linguistics Conference, Universiteit Leiden, 13–15 June.
- 2018 **Arnold, Laura**. Highs and lows: Towards reconstructing the word-prosodic system of proto-Ambel. 14th International Conference on Austronesian Linguistics. Université d'Antananarivo, Madagascar, 17–20 July.
- 2018 **Arnold, Laura** & David Gil. *eeeH*. 14th International Conference on Austronesian Linguistics, Université d'Antananarivo, Madagascar, 17–20 July.
- 2018 **Arnold, Laura**. Possession in South Halmahera-West New Guinea: Contributions from Ambel. 10th Austronesian and Papuan Languages and Linguistics Conference, University of Surrey, 4–5 May.
- 2017 **Arnold, Laura**. Nominal categorization in three languages of Raja Ampat. Workshop on the Languages of Papua 4, Universitas Negeri Papua, Indonesia, 23–26 January.

- 2017 **Arnold, Laura** & David Gil. eeeH. Workshop on the Languages of Papua 4, Universitas Negeri Papua, Indonesia, 23–26 January.
- 2016 **Arnold, Laura**. Ambel: An areal perspective. 8th Austronesian and Papuan Languages and Linguistics Conference, SOAS, 13–14 May.
- 2015 **Arnold, Laura**. Verbal subject marking in Ambel: Accounting for apparent irregularities. Linguistics and English Language Postgraduate Conference, University of Edinburgh, 2–4 June.
- 2014 **Arnold, Laura**. Possessive constructions in Ambel: An areal and historical perspective. Linguistics and English Language Postgraduate Conference, University of Edinburgh, 28–30 May.

### Non-peer-reviewed talks

- 2024 **Arnold, Laura**, George Saad & Emma Peddie. Late Vernacular Production in Island Southeast Asia and the Pacific. Bilingualism and Developmental Linguistics Research Group, University of Edinburgh, 22 April.
- 2024 **Arnold, Laura**. Psychocultural factors in language change: Perspectives from the Pacific. The Angus McIntosh historical catch-ups, University of Edinburgh, 26 March.
- 2024 **Arnold, Laura**. A fudged tone split: Innovation in a Raja Ampat idiolect. The P-Workshop (The Phonetics/Phonology Workshop), University of Edinburgh, 9 February.
- 2023 **Arnold, Laura**. The languages of Raja Ampat: A typological and historical overview. Meeting on the Culture, Languages, and History of Raja Ampat, Waisai, 21 July.
- 2021 **Arnold, Laura**. Highs and lows: Tone splits from vowel height in Raja Ampat. The P-Workshop (The Phonetics/Phonology Workshop), University of Edinburgh, 14 May.
- 2021 **Arnold, Laura**. The tonal phonologies of three undocumented Raja Ampat languages. The P-Workshop (The Phonetics/Phonology Workshop), University of Edinburgh, 5 March.
- 2015 **Arnold, Laura**. Lexical tone in Ambel. The P-Workshop (The Phonetics/Phonology Workshop), University of Edinburgh, 14 May.

### Peer-reviewed poster presentations

- 2023 **Arnold, Laura**. Multiple uncommon word-prosodic changes in Raja Ampat: When—and why? The Sixth Edinburgh Symposium on Historical Phonology, University of Edinburgh, 5 December 2023.
- 2023 **Arnold, Laura**, Jiayin Gao & James Kirby. Intrinsic fundamental frequency differences in two tonal Austronesian languages. The 23rd International Congress of Phonetic Sciences, Prague Congress Center, 7 August 2023.

- 2015 **Arnold, Laura.** The tonal phonologies of Raja Ampat languages: Towards a historical account. The Second Edinburgh Symposium on Historical Phonology, University of Edinburgh, 3 December.

## ARCHIVES

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- 2024 Field Methods ANU 2024 Megiar (<https://catalog.paradisec.org.au/repository/TBC1>)  
PARADISEC
- 2023–24 Data from several Austronesian languages of Raja Ampat (As, Batta, Biga, Ma'ya, Salawati) (<https://datashare.ed.ac.uk/handle/10283/8573>)  
Edinburgh DataShare, University of Edinburgh
- 2017 The documentation of Ambel, an Austronesian language of Eastern Indonesia (<http://hdl.handle.net/2196/00-0000-0000-000C-E849-2>)  
Endangered Languages Archive

## DATASETS

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- 2025 Wordlists: Wauyai Ma'ya and Batta (<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.14286558>)  
Zenodo
- 2024 Lexical comparanda for 14 Austronesian varieties of Raja Ampat, northwest New Guinea (<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.13859484>)  
Zenodo
- 2023 Split Inalienable Coding in Linguistic Wallacea: Typology, origins, spread—supplemental materials (<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.5503780>)  
Zenodo

## LANGUAGE COMMUNITY OUTPUTS

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- 2025 Nanaur, Otniel & **Laura Arnold.** Bahasa Wate. Living Dictionaries, <https://livingdictionaries.app/wate/>.
- 2017 **Arnold, Laura** & Martinus Wakaf. *Trilingual Ambel-Malay-English dictionary*. Self-published.
- 2017 **Arnold, Laura,** Dolvinus Aitem, Nehemia Maray, Aleksander Sosir, Yonki Maray, Anelius Maray, Yoab Saru, Sertius Saru, Danci Maray, Paulus Awom, Efer Maray, Antonia Mayor, Apelina Awom, Novita Aitem, Konstantina Aitem, Oktovina Gaman & Sarce Aitem. Music videos, *Grup Bintaki* (<https://elar.soas.ac.uk/Record/MPI1064549>, <https://elar.soas.ac.uk/Record/MPI1094119>)
- 2016 **Arnold, Laura,** Obet Nego Kein, Luter Surawi, Mesak Kein, Zeth Gaman, Robert Wakaf, Regina Kein & Matius Kein. Music videos, *Grup Nuk Ma Nik Now* (<https://elar.soas.ac.uk/Record/MPI1064600>)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Courses

- Apr 2025 **Guest Lecturer:** *Introduction to Language & Linguistics* (Pre-Hons)  
Swarthmore College
- Oct 2024 **Lecturer:** *Grammar of the World's Languages* (BA, Hons, MA)  
Australian National University
- Autumn 2024 **Course Convener:** *Field Methods in Linguistics* (BA, Hons, MA)  
Australian National University
- Dec 2023 **Guest Lecturer:** *Field Methods* (Hons, MSc)  
Swarthmore College [online]
- Autumn 2022 **Course Convener:** *Linguistic Fieldwork & Language Description* (Hons, MSc)  
Linguistics & English Language, University of Edinburgh  
- Nominated twice for the EUSA Teaching Award: 'Teacher of the Year'.
- Spring 2022 **Course Convener:** *Linguistic Fieldwork & Language Description* (Hons, MSc)  
Linguistics & English Language, University of Edinburgh  
- Nominated for the EUSA Teaching Award: 'Outstanding Course'.
- Spring 2022 **Lecturer:** *Cross-linguistic Variation: Limits and Theories* (Pre-hons)  
Linguistics & English Language, University of Edinburgh [online]
- Spring 2022 **Lecturer:** *Phonological Theory* (Hons, MSc)  
Linguistics & English Language, University of Edinburgh
- Autumn 2020 **Seminar Leader:** *Endangered Languages & Language Documentation* (Hons, MSc)  
Linguistics & English Language, University of Edinburgh [online]  
- Nominated for the EUSA Teaching Award: 'Outstanding Course'.
- Autumn 2020 **Lecturer:** *Phonological Theory* (Hons, MSc)  
Linguistics & English Language, University of Edinburgh [online]
- Mar 2020 **Guest Lecturer:** *Field Methods* (Hons, MSc)  
Swarthmore College [online]
- Oct 2018 **Guest Lecturer:** *Phonetics and Laboratory Phonology* (Hons, MSc)  
Linguistics & English Language, University of Edinburgh
- Spring 2018 **Course convener:** *Historical Linguistics* (Hons, MSc)  
Linguistics & English Language, University of Edinburgh
- Spring 2018 **Course convener:** *Global Englishes* (Hons, MSc)  
Linguistics & English Language, University of Edinburgh
- Nov 2016 **Lecturer:** *Linguistics & English Language 1* (Pre-hons)  
Linguistics & English Language, University of Edinburgh

- Autumn 2016 **Course convener:** *Global Englishes* (Hons, MSc)  
Linguistics & English Language, University of Edinburgh
- Autumn 2016 **Course convener:** *Linguistic Fieldwork & Language Description* (Hons, MSc)  
Linguistics & English Language, University of Edinburgh
- Nov 2015 **Lecturer:** *Linguistics & English Language 1* (Pre-hons)  
Linguistics & English Language, University of Edinburgh
- Jan–May 2015 **Tutor:** *Linguistics & English Language 2C – English in Time and Space* (Pre-hons)  
Linguistics & English Language, University of Edinburgh
- Sep–Dec 2015 **Tutor:** *Linguistics & English Language 1* (Pre-hons)  
Linguistics & English Language, University of Edinburgh
- Jan–May 2012 **Tutor:** *English Language 2* (Pre-hons)  
Linguistics & English Language, University of Edinburgh  
- Nominated for the EUSA award: ‘Postgraduates who tutor’.

### Supervision: PhD

- 2025– George Lindsay. PhD thesis, Australian National University  
Topic: A grammar of Kimaghima, a Kolopom language of southern New Guinea (title TBC)
- 2025– Pun Ho Lui. PhD thesis, Australian National University  
Topic: Measuring the typological diversity of Papuan languages (title TBC)
- 2024– Daniella Haber. PhD thesis, Australian National University  
Topic: A reconstruction of proto-Bunuban (title TBC)
- 2024– Elliott Gore. PhD thesis, Australian National University  
Topic: A grammar of Namu (title TBC)

### Supervision: Masters

- 2021/22 Signe Kazāka. Taught MSc Linguistics dissertation, University of Edinburgh  
‘The function of *dah* in Bahasa Melayu Pakning’.
- 2021/22 Yihan Fu. Taught MSc Linguistics dissertation, University of Edinburgh (co-supervisor with Stefano Coretta)  
‘Articulatory characteristics of syllable-final unreleased stops in Malay varieties: A case study’.
- 2021/22 Aarushi Asthana. Taught MSc Linguistics dissertation, University of Edinburgh  
‘Minority languages and the prevalent impetus for their endangerment in India’.
- 2017/18 Frauke Hell. Taught MSc Linguistics dissertation, University of Edinburgh (co-supervisor with Claire Cowie)  
‘The effect of language learning motivation on the perceived foreign accent of German learners of English’.

- 2017/18 Alix Goodwyn. Taught MSc Linguistics dissertation, University of Edinburgh (co-supervisor with Rob Truswell)  
'Internally and externally motivated language change: Through the lens of grammaticalization'.

### **Supervision: Undergraduate**

- 2022/23 Kaz Heineberg. MA (Hons) dissertation, University of Edinburgh  
'Pronoun showdown: Gay men's use of 'she/her''.
- 2022/23 Maria Rodriguez Curwen. Third Year Project, University of Edinburgh  
'To borrow or not to borrow: The curious cases of language contact with Taiwan's Formosan languages'.
- 2021/22 Alessandra Francone. MA (Hons) dissertation, University of Edinburgh  
'Cockatoos are white: Directionality of lexical borrowing in southern Bougainville'.
- 2021/22 Nairne Brown. Third Year Project, University of Edinburgh  
'Ainu and Kaurna: A comparative overview of language death and revival'.
- 2021/22 Hannah Sainty. Third Year Project, University of Edinburgh  
'An overview of the Basque language revival'.
- 2020/21 Emma Peddie. MA (Hons) dissertation, University of Edinburgh  
'Delayed vernacular production in Melanesia: A case study based analysis'.

### **Examination: Postgraduate**

- 2023 Tim Jantarungsee. MSc by Research Linguistics, University of Edinburgh (internal examiner)  
'Tense, Aspect and Modality in Mlabri'.
- 2022 Amir Bin Mustaffa. Doctor of Philosophy Linguistics, University of Edinburgh (internal examiner)  
'Copular clauses in Malay: Synchronic, diachronic, and typological perspectives'.

## **SCHOLARLY, PROFESSIONAL, AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES**

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### **Editorial board**

- 2024– Languages of the New Guinea Region, Language Science Press  
2021–24 Papers in Historical Phonology, Edinburgh Open Journals

### **Peer review**

*Publishers* Language Science Press (x4 chapters)  
Oxford University Press (x2 chapters)  
Brill (x1 chapter)

*Journals* Journal of the International Phonetic Association, Cambridge University Press (x4 articles)

STUF – Language Typology and Universals, De Gruyter (x2 articles)  
Phonology, Cambridge University Press (x2 articles)  
Language Documentation and Description, EL Publishing (x3 articles)  
Oceanic Linguistics, University of Hawai'i Press (x1 article)  
Cognitive Linguistic Studies, John Benjamins (x1 article)  
Linguistic Typology, De Gruyter (x1 article)  
Wacana, Universitas Indonesia (x1 article)  
Te Reo, Linguistic Society of New Zealand (x1 article)

*Funders* British Academy (Knowledge Frontiers x 1, Visiting Fellowships x 1)  
Endangered Languages Documentation Programme (x4 years)

*Conferences* 15th International Symposium on Bilingualism  
15th International Conference on Austronesian Linguistics  
13th Austronesian and Papuan Languages and Linguistics Conference  
12th Austronesian and Papuan Languages and Linguistics Conference  
Seventh East Nusantara Conference

## Event organisation

*Lead* Philological Society Early Career Researcher Panel, University of  
Edinburgh, Nov 2022  
13th Austronesian and Papuan Languages and Linguistics Conference,  
University of Edinburgh, Jun 2021

*Co-organiser* Workshop on the Languages of Papua 7, Ternate, Jan 2026  
13th Conference on Oceanic Linguistics, Australian National University,  
Jun 2025  
Sixth Edinburgh Symposium on Historical Phonology, University of  
Edinburgh, Dec 2023  
Workshop on the Languages of Papua 6, Sorong, Jun 2023  
Workshop on the Culture, Language, and History of Raja Ampat,  
Sorong, Jun 2023  
Fifth Edinburgh Symposium on Historical Phonology, University of  
Edinburgh, Dec 2021

*Steering  
committee* Austronesian and Papuan Languages and Linguistics Conference,  
2020–2023  
International Conference on Austronesian Linguistics, 2021–

*Volunteer* 15th Nilo-Saharan Linguistics Colloquium, University of Edinburgh  
[online], 4–6 Aug 2021  
28th Manchester Phonology Meeting, University of Edin-  
burgh/University of Manchester [online], 26–28 May 2021  
Fourth Edinburgh Symposium on Historical Phonology, University of  
Edinburgh, 9–10 Dec 2019  
20th International Conference on English Historical Linguistics, Univer-  
sity of Edinburgh, 27–31 Aug 2018

*Convener* AnPap social meet-ups [online], 2020–

## Committees

2024– Human Research Ethics Committee, Australian National University  
2017–18 Equality and Diversity Committee, School of Philosophy, Psychology  
and Language Sciences, University of Edinburgh

## Professional membership

- 2019– Societas Linguistica Europaea
- 2017– Foundation for Endangered Languages
- 2016– Philological Society

## Research groups

- 2019–24 Language Variation and Change, University of Edinburgh
- 2014–24 Historical Phonology Reading Group, University of Edinburgh
- 2014–24 The P-Workshop, University of Edinburgh

## Training

- 2021 Aurora Women in Leadership, Advance HE
- 2014 Endangered Languages Documentation Programme training, SOAS
- 2013 Plants, Animals, Words: A multidisciplinary workshop, SOAS
- 2013 DoBeS training course, Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics, Nijmegen

## Proofreading

- 2018– Language Science Press (x15 proofs; ‘Silver proofreader’)

## CONSULTANCY WORK

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- 2024 **External consultant**, McIntosh-Patterson PhD Studentship  
Angus McIntosh Centre for Historical Linguistics, University of Edinburgh

## OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

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### Outreach talks

- 2018 ‘Linguistic research in West Papua’  
Tandem Language Exchange Programme event night
- 2017 ‘Why document endangered languages?’  
Edinburgh University Linguistics and English Language Society
- 2015 ‘On the head of a bird: Linguistic research in West Papua’  
Edinburgh University Linguistics and English Language Society

### Blog posts

- 2020 FEL grant report: Ambel trilingual dictionary  
[The Foundation for Endangered Languages blog](#)
- 2018 The latest from historical Austronesian linguistics  
[The Philological Society blog](#)
- 2018 The documentation of Ambel, an Austronesian language of Eastern Indonesia  
[The Endangered Languages Archive blog](#)
- 2018 The past inside the present: A glimpse into the deep history of Waigeo

## The Foundation for Endangered Languages blog

### Media features

- 2020 FEL 2017 grant: Printing and presentation of an Ambel-Papuan Malay-English dictionary [by Peter Austin]  
[The Foundation for Endangered Languages blog](#)
- 2019 Former Grantham girl travels to remote island to record endangered language  
[Grantham Journal](#)

### IT SKILLS

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- Specialist software ELAN, FLE<sub>x</sub>, Praat, Arbil, Toolbox, Lexus, QGIS, Inkscape, Gimp
- Languages L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, HTML, CSS, R, Python (beginner)