

Nicholas Jay Williams

Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Department of Linguistics, University of Colorado Boulder, 2016
Dissertation: *Place reference and location formulation in Kula conversation*
Committee: Barbara A. Fox (co-chair), David Rood (co-chair), Gary Holton, Nick Enfield, Andrew Cowell, Javier Rivas
- M.A. Department of Linguistics, University of Colorado Boulder, 2011
- B.A. Program in Linguistics and Cognitive Science, Dartmouth College, 2008
Honors thesis: *Directionals in Mru*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2024-present Assistant Teaching Professor, Department of Linguistics, Montclair State University
- 2023-2024 Instructional Specialist, Department of Linguistics, Montclair State University
- 2020-2023 Lecturer and Postdoctoral Researcher, Chair of Present-Day English Language and Linguistics, Department of English and American Studies, University of Potsdam
- 2017-2020 Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Linguistics, University of Colorado Boulder

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2024 Stenzel, Kristine and **Nicholas Williams**. Talking about talk in Kotiria and Wa'ikhana (East Tukano). *Language Documentation and Description*, 23(2).
- 2021 Stenzel, Kristine and **Nicholas Williams**. Toward an interactional approach to multilingualism: Ideologies and practices in the northwest Amazon. *Language & Communication*.

- 2021 **Williams, Nicholas**, Wilson de Lima Silva, Laura McPherson, and Jeff Good. COVID-19 and documentary linguistics: Some ways forward. *Language Documentation and Description*, (20).
- 2020 **Williams, Nicholas**, Kristine Stenzel, and Barbara Fox. Parsing particles in Wa'ikhana. *Revista Lingüística*.
- 2019 Raymond, Chase Wesley, Marissa Caldwell, Lisa Mikesell, Innhwa Park, and **Nicholas Williams**. Turn-taking and the structural legitimization of bias: the case of the Ford- Kavanaugh hearing by the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary. *Language & Communication*, 69: 97-114.
- 2017 Place reference in Kula conversation. *Open Linguistics*, 3(1):554-581.
- 2012 Toward a linguistic anthropological account of deixis in interaction: ini and itu in Indonesian conversation. *Colorado Research in Linguistics*, 22(1): 1-23.

Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

- 2020 Deixis; deixis and indexicals. In James Stanlaw (Ed.), *The International Encyclopedia of Linguistic Anthropology*. 1-9.
- 2020 Universals. In James Stanlaw (Ed.), *The International Encyclopedia of Linguistic Anthropology*. 1-6.
- 2017 Kula. In Antoinette Schapper (Ed.) *The Papuan Languages of Timor, Alor, and Pantar: Volume 2*. 185-266

Book Reviews

- 2019 Review of Elena Mihas. *Conversational Structures of Alto Perené (Arawak) of Peru*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins. 2017. xxi + 343 pp. *Discourse Studies*, 21(2): 226-228.
- 2014 Book note on Makoto Hayashi, Geoffrey Raymond, & Jack Sidnell (eds.). *Conversational repair and human understanding*. 2013. Cambridge University Press, 2013. Pp. xii, 383. *Language in Society*, 43(5): 608-609.
- 2012 Book note on Zane Goebel. *Language, migration and identity: Neighborhood talk in Indonesia*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010. Pp. xvii, 221. *Language in Society*, 41(3), 407-408.

To be submitted

Williams, Nicholas, Chase Wesley Raymond, and Barbara Fox. Exploring forms of talk: A practice-based, multidimensional approach. *Language in Society*.

Williams, Nicholas and Rich Sandoval (eds.). Interactional Approaches to Language Documentation. *Language Documentation and Conservation*, Special Publication.

Non-refereed publications

2013 Televisi di Alor. *Remotivi*. <https://www.remotivi.or.id/amatan/141/televisi-di-alor>

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Montclair State University

Language of Propaganda (Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023, Fall 2024)

Language and Linguistics (Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Spring 2024, Fall 2024)

Syntax (Fall 2023)

Languages of the World (Fall 2023, Spring 2025)

Introduction to Cognitive Science (Spring 2023)

Advance Structure of American English (Spring 2023, Spring 2024)

Structure of American English (Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025)

Introduction to General Linguistics (Spring 2024)

Language and Culture (Spring 2024, Spring 2025)

Language in Society (Fall 2024, Fall 2025)

Phonetics (Fall 2025)

Language and Gender (Fall 2025)

Language and Culture in Minority Education (Summer 2024, Summer 2025)

University of Potsdam

Introduction to Synchronic Linguistics (Winter 2020/21, Summer 2021)

Investigating Interaction (Winter 2020/21)

Institutional Interaction (Summer 2021)

Language Change in Present-Day English (Summer 2021)

Baruch College, City University of New York

Language and Social Interaction (Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2020, Spring 2021)

City College, City University of New York

Languages in Cross-cultural Perspective (Fall 2018)

Dartmouth College

Introduction to Linguistics (Winter 2017)

Queens College, City University of New York

Language, Culture and Society (Fall 2016)

Syntactic Structure of English (Fall 2016, Spring 2017)

University of Colorado Boulder

Morphology and Syntax (Spring 2014)

Introduction to Linguistics (Fall 2014)

Intermediate Indonesian (Spring 2011)

Language in US Society (Spring 2011)

University of Colorado Boulder, Teaching Assistant

Sound Structures (Fall 2015)

Language in U.S. Society (Spring 2015)

Study of Words (Fall 2011)

Language in U.S. Society (Fall 2009)

ADDITIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2020-21	American Institute for Indonesian Studies Workshops Workshops on ELAN and Audacity for Language Documentation
2016, 2018	CoLang Summer institute, Co-Instructor Integrating and prioritizing conversational data in documentation

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

University service (at Montclair State University)

2024-26 CHSS Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
Curriculum development (Revising APLN532, SEEDS evaluation, etc.)
NACLO (Computational Linguistics Olympiad) site hosting
Attended and supported linguistics club events

Service to the profession

Ad hoc reviewer

Journal of Pragmatics
NUSA: Linguistic studies of languages in and around Indonesia
STUF – Language Typology and Universals.

Abstract reviewer

International Conference on Conversation Analysis, University of Alberta, June 2026.
International Conference on Language Documentation & Conservation, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, March 2021.
Culture, Language, and Social Practice (CLASP), University of Colorado Boulder, 2011 and 2015.

Grant review

Endangered Language Documentation Programme (ELDP) – ad hoc reviewer
National Science Foundation – Documenting Endangered Languages (DEL) grant review panel 2024 and 2025

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

2024-25 **Small Grant** for “Initial documentation of Benggoi of Eastern Seram island” from the **Endangered Language Documentation Programme (ELDP)** (€10,000)

2019-20 Council of American Overseas Research Centers’ **National Endowment for the Humanities Senior Research Fellowship**. “Losing Leukon: Collaborative Documentation an Endangered Language on the Remote Indonesian Island of Simeulue.” (\$16,800)

2019-20 **Small Grant** for “Preliminary documentation of Leukon Language” from the **Endangered Language Documentation Programme (ELDP)** (£10,000) [in collaboration with Tasnim Lubis]

2017-20	“Grammar and multilingual practices through the lens of everyday interaction in two endangered languages in the East Tukano family.” National Science Foundation Documenting Endangered Languages Program. [Postdoctoral fellowship] , with PIs Kristine Stenzel and Barbara Fox] (\$364,404)
2016	“Documenting Hidatsa Conversation” grant from the Center to Advance Research and Teaching in the Social Sciences (CARTSS) at University of Colorado Boulder (\$2,000)
2016	Dissertation Completion Fellowship from the Graduate School at the University of Colorado Boulder (approximately \$15,000)
2012-16	Graduate Student Fellowship for the documentation of Kula from the Endangered Language Documentation Programme (ELDP) at School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) – University of London (£29,756)
2012	National Science Foundation (NSF) Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, Documenting Endangered Languages Program , for fieldwork and research on Kula. (\$12,000)
2012	Fulbright Research Grant for 10 months of fieldwork with speakers of Kula, an endangered, non-Austronesian language of Eastern Indonesia. (\$18,100)
2012	Beverly Sears Student Research Grant, supporting initial field-trip to Alor (\$1,000)
2010-11	Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Academic Year Fellowship for Indonesian (\$15,000 stipend + tuition waiver)
2010	Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Summer Fellowship for Indonesian (<i>declined</i>)
2010	COTIM Summer program in Advanced Indonesian (~\$5,000)
2010	Fieldwork Support, Department of Linguistics, University of Colorado Boulder (\$2,000)
2009	First year fellowship from the Department of Linguistics, University of Colorado Boulder. (\$10,000)

INVITED TALKS

- 2025 Documentation of Banggoi and Demystifying Documentation Grant Proposals. International Conference of the Indonesian Linguistics Society. Jakarta. July 14.
- 2020 Decentering Linguistics in Language Documentation and Revitalization: An Interactional Approach. Universitas Negeri Yogyakarta, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. July 27.
- 2020 Penelitian Jarak Jauh. University Katolik Atma Jaya, Jakarta, Indonesia. June 18.
- 2019 Ideology and practice in the multilingual Vaupés: an interactional approach. CUNY Sociolinguistics Lunch Series, CUNY Graduate Center, New York, NY. March 29.
- 2019 Documenting multilingualism in everyday interaction. Multilingualism, Contact, and Documenting Endangered Languages, LSA satellite workshop. LSA annual meeting, NYC. January 6. (with Kristine Stenzel).
- 2017 Everyday Talk and Speech Genres in Endangered Language Documentation. West Chester University of Pennsylvania. Spring Speaker Series. April 6.
- 2015 An Interactional Approach to Language Documentation: The Case of Place Reference in Kula. Dartmouth College Linguistics Program Annual Homecoming Lecture. October 8.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Panels Organized

- 2015 Interactional approaches to language documentation, w/ Rich Sandoval, American Association for Anthropology, Denver, CO, November 18-22.

Papers

- 2021 Encoding “interactional” evidence, Society for the Study of Indigenous Languages of the Americas, January 7. (with Kristine Stenzel and Barbara Fox).
- 2019 Escaping Evidentiality, Conference on the Indigenous Languages of Latin America (CILLA), University of Texas, Austin, October 9-12. (with Kristine Stenzel).

- 2019 A first look at noun classification in Kotiria and Wa'ikhana conversation, Workshop on Nominal categorization: from grammar to communicative interaction, Laboratoire Dynamique du Langage (DDL), Collegium de Lyon. April 18-29. (with Kristine Stenzel).
- 2019 Capturing the multilingual experience: two methodological approaches, Workshop on Typology of small-scale multilingualism. Laboratoire Dynamique du Langage (DDL), Collegium de Lyon, April 15-17. (with Kristine Stenzel).
- 2018 Questions and Responses in Indonesian Conversation, 5th International Conference for Conversation Analysis, Loughborough University, UK. July 11-15.
- 2018 The Art of Responding in Wa'ikhana, Amazonicas VII, Baños de Agua Santa, Ecuador, May 28-June 1. (with Kristine Stenzel).
- 2017 Navigating Epistemic Asymmetries in the Formulation of Place Reference in Kula, Seventh Meeting of the Language and Social Interaction Working Group (LANSI) at Teachers College, Columbia University, September 22-23.
- 2015 An interactional Approach to the Description of Grammatical Practice in Kula (Alor-Pantar, Indonesia), Anthropological Association of America's Annual Meeting, November 20.
- 2015 Interactional Linguistics and Conversation Analysis in Language Documentation and Description: The Case of Place Reference in Kula, Presented at Language in the Present Workshop at the University of Victoria, September 26-27.
- 2014 Manual and Non-Manual pointing as alternative formulations of place reference in Kula, 6th Conference of the International Society for Gesture Studies (ISGS), University of California, San Diego, July 11.
- 2014 The role of pointing in formulating place reference in Kula, International Conference for Conversation Analysis. University of California, Los Angeles. June 25-29.
- 2013 Documenting practices for reference to place in Kula, Third International Conference on Language Documentation and Conservation (ICLDC), University of Hawaii, March 2.
- 2012 Acquisition of first-person reference in Jakarta Indonesian, Twelfth International Conference on Austronesian Linguistics (12ICAL), Bali, Indonesia, July 5.

- 2011 A revised view of deixis: demonstrative use in Indonesian talk-in-interaction. 3rd Conference on Culture, Language and Social Practice (CLASP), University of Colorado Boulder, October 8.
- 2011 The Indonesian demonstratives *ini* and *itu* as placeholders in conversational talk-in interaction, 15th International Symposium on Indonesian and Malay Linguistics, Universitas Islam Negeri Malang, East Java, Indonesia, June 25.
- 2011 Placeholder demonstratives and word search in Indonesian conversation. 17th Annual Conference on Language, Interaction, and Social Organization (LISO), University of California, Santa Barbara, May 14.

LANGUAGES

English: Native

Indonesian: Advanced/fluent reading, writing, speaking

German: Intermediate reading, speaking (B1-B2)

Spanish, Portuguese: Reading knowledge, limited speaking ability

Latin: Reading knowledge

Research languages

Kula (Alor-Pantar, Indonesia)

Alor Malay (Alor, Indonesia)

Leukon (Barrier Islands, Indonesia)

Kotiria (East Tukano, Brazil/Colombia)

Wa'ikhana (East Tukano, Brazil/Colombia)

Banggoi (East Seram, Indonesia)

REFERENCES

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