Syllabus

LIN836P---AUSTRONESIAN LINGUISTICS I--MORPHOSYNTAX

First trimester, School year 2005-2006
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is intended to provide a basic appreciation of the nature of Austronesian (AN) languages, the scope and structure of the Austronesian language family, the history of the scholarship on Austronesian languages, and some of the more hotly-debated issues in current Austronesian linguistics.

Topics to be covered include: (i) an overview of the Austronesian language family and subgrouping hypotheses, (ii) pronominals, (iii) reduplication, (iv) Austronesian morphology, (v) Austronesian syntax (including topics such as (a) diachronic development of verbal constructions in Austronesian languages; (b) subject, topic, focus, voice, transitivity, and ergativity in Philippine(-type) languages, (c) possessive constructions and noun incorporation in Oceanic languages, etc.).

Data will be drawn from a number of Austronesian languages representing different subgroups and/or different geographical areas.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Library research reports (due **July 2**)	40%
Research/Term paper (due **August 22**)	60%

Grades for this course will be based on one short library research report (40%) and one research/term paper (60%).

- One library research report: (4–10 typed pages; except examples, everything should be double-spaced)
  - **Reduplication:** Describe the major functions of reduplication in one Austronesian language. Include information on at least the following points: (a) Are there formally different types of reduplication? (e.g., partial, full, full minus last consonant, leftward, rightward), (b) Does reduplication cooccur with any type of affixation? (c) Does reduplication have both nominal and verbal functions?

Are there any functions other than nominal or verbal? (d) Do the languages have fossilized reduplication? (e.g., <u>Cebuano</u> *dakdák* 'fall down with a bang'—but no *dak* in the language)

- **Term paper:** All registrants are expected to write a brief report on any aspect of the morphology and/or syntax of one (or more) Austronesian language(s).
  - <u>Format</u>: All registrants are expected to write a 10–20 (double-spaced) page paper that conforms to the guidelines of *Language* or *Oceanic Linguistics*. [<u>Note</u>: Examples should be presented in a (single-spaced) three-line format (Line 1—language data (use IPA Doulos 93 for phonetic symbols); Line 2— interlinear gloss; Line 3—free translation).]
  - <u>Deadline</u>: The research paper is due at **4:00PM, Monday, August 22, 2005**.

REQUIRED READINGS:
A collection of articles from journals and books [see Reading List].

COURSE SCHEDULE

Week	Date	Topic/Activity
Week 1	May 28	Overview (Blust 2001)
Week 2	June 4	Pronouns and subgrouping (Blust 1977)
Week 3	June 11	Reduplication/Triplication (Blust 1998)
Week 4	**June 18**	**Independent Study--Commencement**
Week 5	June 25	Austronesian morphology I (Blust 2003)
Week 6	**July 2**	Austronesian morphology II (Wolff 1973) **Library Research Report (on reduplication) due**
Week 7	July 9	Austronesian morphology III (Ross 1995)
Week 8	**July 16**	**Independent Study—10th Anniversary of the Ph.D. Program in Applied Linguistics**
Week 9	July 23	Austronesian syntax I (Pawley and Reid 1979)
Week 10	July 30	Austronesian syntax II (Starosta, Pawley, and Reid 1982)
Week 11	August 6	Austronesian syntax III (Starosta 1986)
Week 12	August 13	Austronesian syntax IV (French 1987/1988; Blust 2002)
Week 13	August 20	Oceanic morphosyntax I (Pawley 1973)
Week 14	**August 22**	**Term paper due (4:00PM)**
Week 14	**August 27**	Oceanic morphosyntax II (Ross 2004) **Course card distribution**

READING LIST

Blust, Robert A. 1977. The Proto-Austronesian pronouns and Austronesian subgrouping: A preliminary report. *University of Hawai'i Working Papers in Linguistics* 9 (2):1-15.

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Blust, Robert A. 2002. Notes on the history of 'focus' in Austronesian languages. In *The history and typology of western Austronesian voice systems*, ed. by Fay Wouk and Malcolm Ross, 63-78. Canberra: Pacific Linguistics.

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Pawley, Andrew. 1973. Some problems in Proto-Oceanic grammar. *Oceanic Linguistics* XII(1-2):103-188.

Pawley, Andrew, and Lawrence Reid. 1979. The evolution of transitive constructions in Austronesian. *Austronesian studies: Papers from the Second Eastern Conference on Austronesian Languages*, ed. by Paz B. Naylor, 103–130. Ann Arbor: Center for South and Southeast Asian Studies, University of Michigan.

Ross, Malcolm D. 1995. Reconstructing Proto-Austronesian verbal morphology: Evidence from Taiwan. In *Austronesian studies relating to Taiwan*, ed. by Paul Jen-kuei Li, Cheng-hwa Tsang, Ying-kuei Huang, Dah-an Ho, Chiu-yu Tseng, 727-791. Symposium Series of the Institute of History and Philology, Academia Sinica, Number 3. Taipei: Academia Sinica.

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Starosta, Stanley. 1986. Focus as recentralisation. In *FOCAL I: Papers from the Fourth International Conference on Austronesian Linguistics*, ed. by Paul Geraghty, Lois Carrington and S. A. Wurm, 73-95. Canberra: Department of Linguistics, Research School of Pacific Studies, The Australian National University.

Starosta, Stanley, Andrew Pawley, and Lawrence Reid. 1982. The evolution of focus in Austronesian. *Papers from the Third International Conference on Austronesian Linguistics, Vol. 2: Tracking the travellers*, ed. by Amran Halim, Lois Carrington, and S. A. Wurm, 145-170. Pacific Linguistics C-75. Canberra: Australian National University.

Wolff, John U. 1973. Verbal inflection in Proto-Austronesian. In *Parangal kay Cecilio Lopez: Essays in honor of Cecilio Lopez on his seventy-fifth birthday*, ed. by Andrew B. Gonzalez, F.S.C., 71-91. Quezon City: Linguistic Society of the Philippines.