

CURRICULUM VITAE

Anthony C. Woodbury

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Anthony C. Woodbury is Professor of Linguistics at the University of Texas at Austin, where he holds the Jesse H. Jones Regents Professorship in Liberal Arts. He earned his B.A. and M.A. in Linguistics in 1975 from the University of Chicago and his Ph.D. in Linguistics in 1981 from the University of California at Berkeley. He has taught in the UT Linguistics Department since 1980, serving as its chair for nine years. He was elected Fellow of the Linguistic Society of America in 2017, and Vice-President and President of the Society for 2022 and 2023.

Woodbury's research focuses on the Indigenous languages of the Americas, and how they reveal contemporary as well as historic linguistic creativity on the parts of their speakers. He began work with Yupik-Inuit-Unangan (Eskimo-Aleut) languages in 1973, especially Cup'ik in Chevak, Alaska. In 2003 he became engaged, together with a cohort of then-graduate students, in the documentation and description of Chatino, an Otomanguean language group of Oaxaca, Mexico. Themes in his writing have included tone and prosody; morphology, syntax, and historical linguistics; ethno-poetics and speech play and verbal art; and language documentation and revitalization. He is also co-director, with Patience Epps, of the digital Archive for Indigenous Languages of Latin America (www.ailla.utexas.org) at UT's Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies.

EDUCATION

- 1981 Ph.D., Linguistics. University of California, Berkeley. Thesis: Study of the Chevak dialect of Central Yup'ik Eskimo (Mary R. Haas, Chair).
- 1975 M.A., Linguistics. University of Chicago. Master's paper: Ergativity of grammatical processes: a study of Greenlandic Eskimo (Jerrold M. Sadock, Advisor).
- 1975 B.A., Linguistics. University of Chicago. (Honors).

POSITIONS HELD

- 1980- University of Texas at Austin, Department of Linguistics. Professor 1997-, acting department chair 2014-2015, department chair 1998-2006, associate professor 1986-1997, assistant professor 1981-1986, lecturer 1980-1981. Department of Anthropology. Courtesy appointment, 1994-.

HONORS

- 2021-4 Elected Vice-President/President-Elect, Linguistic Society of America. (Served as VP in 2022, President in 2023, and Immediate Past President, 2024)
- 2019 Article included in Thompson, Sarah G., ed. 2019. *Language Special Issue: Indigenous languages: 20th-century perspectives*. *Language* 95(S1). (DOI: [10.2307/415716](https://doi.org/10.2307/415716)) [Republication of Woodbury 1987, Meaningful phonological processes: A consideration of Central Alaskan Yupik prosody. *Language* 63(4).685-740.]
- 2019- Appointed holder of the Jesse H. Jones Regents Professorship in Liberal Arts, UT Austin
- 2017- Elected Fellow, Linguistic Society of America.
- 2015-2016 Harry Ransom Award for Teaching Excellence, UT College of Liberal Arts
- 2015 Named Ken Hale Professor, LSA Linguistic Institute, University of Chicago, July, 2015.
- 2008 Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award for 2008, UT Graduate School.
- 2004-5 Elected Vice-President for 2004 and President for 2005, Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas.

1990-2001 Four doctoral supervisees named winners of the Mary Haas Outstanding Dissertation Award and one honorable mention.

GRANTS (2015-PRESENT)

NSF Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement grants (BCS-2035185, \$18,897; BCS-2035185, \$6673; BCS-1465235, \$15062); NSF, Documenting Endangered Languages (BCS-1653380, \$248,039; BCS-1157867, \$302,627); Endangered Language Documentation Programme (IGS0274, £69,995)

RESEARCH SPECIALIZATION

Otomanguean linguistics and language preservation, with focus on Chatino languages
Documentation, preservation, and digital archiving of endangered languages
Unangan-Yupik-Inuit languages and speech communities
Natural discourse and verbal art
Tone, prosody and intonation
Grammatical analysis and theory

PUBLICATIONS

- 2024 Woodbury, Anthony C. 2024. Seeing linguistic systems as intellectual, aesthetic, and expressive achievements. *Language* 100(4):732-775. <https://doi.org/10.1353/lan.2024.a948426>
- 2024 (With Sandra Auderset et mult.) Constituency and convergence in the Americas – Results and discussion. In Adam J.R. Tallman, Sandra Auderset & Hiroto Uchihara (eds.), *Constituency and convergence in the Americas*, 735–777. Berlin: Language Science Press. DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.13208572
- 2024 Woodbury, Anthony C. 2024. Constituency in Cup'ik and the problem of holophrasis. In Adam J.R. Tallman, Sandra Auderset & Hiroto Uchihara (eds.), *Constituency and convergence in the Americas*, 85–138. Berlin: Language Science Press. DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.13208542
- 2023 A conversation with Joel Sherzer. *Anthropological Linguistics* 63(4): 379.
- 2023 Interview with Nicholas Evans. *Skase Journal of Theoretical Linguistics* 20(3):109-142. <http://www.skase.sk/Volumes/JTL54/07.pdf>
- 2023 (With Patience Epps & Anthony K. Webster). Documenting Speech Play and Verbal Art: A Tutorial. *Language Documentation and Conservation*, Special Publication No. 26: Peter Jenks & Lev Michael (guest eds.), *Five key topics in language documentation and description*. Pp. 175-241. <https://nflrc.hawaii.edu/lc/sp26/>, <http://hdl.handle.net/10125/75035>.
- 2021 (With co-authors). Translators' introduction to Cruz Cruz, Emiliana, ed. 2020. *Theoretical reflections around the role of fieldwork in linguistics and linguistic anthropology: Contributions of Indigenous researchers from southern Mexico*. *Language Documentation & Conservation Special Publication* 23: 5-10.
- 2019 Verb inflection in the Chatino languages: The separate life cycles of prefixal vs. tonal conjugational classes. *Amerindia* 41: 75-120. Special issue: Baerman, Matthew; Feist, Timothy; & Palancar, Enrique (guest eds.), *Inflectional class complexity in the Otomanguean languages of Mexico*.
- 2019 He suffocates me: A playful dimension of exact transcription, and of being an *iluraq*. *Journal of Linguistic Anthropology* 29(2): 155-160. Special issue: Barrett, Edward Rush, & Webster, Anthony K. (guest eds.), *Papers in honor of Joel Sherzer*.

- 2019 (With Mandana Seyfeddinipur et al. Public access to research data in language documentation: Challenges and possible strategies. *Language Documentation & Conservation* 13: 545-563.
- 2018 (With Berez-Kroeker, Andrea L, et al.). Reproducible research in linguistics: A position statement on data citation and attribution in our field. *Linguistics* 56(1): 1-18.
- 2017 (With Patience Epps & Anthony K. Webster). A Humanities of Speaking: Franz Boas and the continuing centrality of texts. *International Journal of American Linguistics* 83(1): 41-78.
- 2014 Archives and audiences: toward making endangered language documentations people can read, use, understand, and admire. *Language documentation and description* 12:19-36. *Special Issue on Language Documentation and Archiving*. <http://www.ejournals.org/itepage/135>
- 2014 (With Emiliana Cruz.) Finding a way into a family of tone languages: The story and methods of the Chatino Language Documentation Project. *Language documentation and conservation* 8:490-524. Special Issue: Steven Bird & Larry Hyman (guest eds.), *How to study a tone language*. <http://scholarspace.manoa.hawaii.edu/handle/10125/24615>
- 2014 (With Emiliana Cruz.) Collaboration in the context of teaching, scholarship, and language revitalization: Experience from the Chatino Language Documentation Project. *Language Documentation & Conservation* 8: 262-286. Special issue: Keren Rice & Bruna Franchetto, (guest eds.), *Community Collaboration in the Americas*. <http://hdl.handle.net/10125/24607>
- 1987 (Edited with Joel Sherzer). *Native American discourse: poetics and rhetoric*. Cambridge University Press. 246 pp.
- 1985 (Edited with Johanna Nichols). *Grammar inside and outside the clause: some approaches to theory from the field*. Cambridge University Press. 419 pp.
- 1984 *Cev'armiut qanemciit qulirait=llu: Eskimo narratives and tales from Chevak, Alaska*. Fairbanks: Alaska Native Language Center, University of Alaska. 88 pp. [Yup'ik texts with linguistic and ethnographic introduction.]

TEACHING

- Graduate and undergraduate courses in phonology, morphology, syntax, documentary/descriptive/historical linguistics, linguistic anthropology, and indigenous languages of the Americas
- Ph.D. Supervision: 38 completed. Supervisees are now linguistics or anthropology faculty at U Chicago, UC Berkeley, UC Santa Barbara, U Michigan, U Florida, U Wisconsin, U Virginia, U Rochester, CIESAS-CDMX, and elsewhere.

SERVICE (SELECTED)

- Archive of Indigenous Languages of Latin America (ailla.utexas.org), Co-director 2000-present
- Editorial and advisory boards: *Tlalocan* (Mexico City); *Tehlikedeki Diller Dergisi / Journal of Endangered Languages* (Ankara); *Language documentation and conservation* (Honolulu); *Language Documentation and Description* (London), Australian Research Council, Centre of Excellence for the Dynamics of Language, Expert Advisory Committee (Chair; Canberra); *Amerindia* (Paris); Brill Studies in Language, Culture, and Cognition (London)
- Journal and grant reviewing (NSF, ELDP, NEH, others)