

# LSM MONTHLY UPDATE

*Congratulations Graduates!*

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## New LSM Officers

The results are in! We are excited to introduce the LSM Executive Committee for AY 2022-23. The August newsletter will have more in-depth intros, but for now we'd like to congratulate the newly elected officers and thank all of the 2021-22 LSM Executive Committee Members for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. Special thanks to our graduating members Caroline Hendy, Audrey Lai, and Laura Griffin.

### LSM 2022-23 Executive Committee

**President:** Carolyn Siegman

**Vice President:** Anu Reddy

**Secretary:** Jessamine Jeter

**Treasurer:** Josiah Murphy

**Fundraising:** Angeli Cabrera

**Social Events Chair:** Rui Yamawaki

**Social Media Chair:** Youngin Lee

**Web Master:** Blaine Billings

**Student Rep:** Louward Zubiri

**Undergrad Rep(s):** Liv Peralta &  
Luchia Flores Arreco

## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

LSM acknowledges that we live and work on the lands of the Hawaiian people. We affirm our kuleana to support and promote the vitality of the Hawaiian people and their culture, land, and language.

## Dept Graduation Party



The Linguistics Department will be holding a graduation party on Thursday, May 12th, from 10-12pm. Details to follow in an email. We look forward to seeing everyone there and congratulations to our graduating students!

# SEALS 2022 & IDIL



The Department of Linguistics at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa will host the 31st Annual Meeting of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society (SEALS) on May 18-20, 2022, with a special virtual poster session on May 13, 2022. SEALS31 will be a hybrid conference. If you'd like to be more involved (and attend the conference for free!) [register to be a volunteer](#).

This is a great start to the IDIL. The United Nations General Assembly has declared the period between 2022 and 2032 as the International Decade of Indigenous Languages to draw attention to the status of many Indigenous languages across the world and to raise awareness of the crucial role languages play in people's daily lives.

To further align with the spirit of IDIL, the Department of Linguistics at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa will host the 8th International Conference on Language Documentation & Conservation (ICLDC) on March 2-5, 2023. The conference theme is Centering Justice in Language Work.

## THE FORMAN COLLECTION

Emeritus Professor Michael Forman has an extensive library of linguistics and anthropology-related books. Dr. Forman's son, Prof David Forman, JD, has generously offered LING grad students to browse in person for useful books they might need.

LSM will also be assisting in cataloguing the books and other related materials. Any interested parties can contact [Louward](#) or [LSM in general](#).

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Michael Lawrence Forman is a Emeritus Professor of Linguistics at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. He studied Austronesian languages especially Kapampangan, and contact language such as Philippine Creole Spanish and Hawaiian Creole English.

## SUMMER LAB EQUIPMENT

Need to check out lab equipment over the summer? Lab GAs will not be available to assist with checkouts after finals week, so, if you need to get lab equipment, reserve and pick up any items **before May 13th!**

Reminder: summer equipment checkouts are considered long-term so account for time needed to confirm reservations with the lab coordinator or your advisor.

To checkout lab equipment use the [LAE Labs reservation system](#). Requestors must be [registered lab users](#)

# Many Thanks & Best Wishes to Dr. Victoria Anderson

By William O'Grady



Victoria has served our department with grace and dedication for over twenty years. Upon her arrival here, at the beginning of her career, her first task was to establish a new phonetics lab for the College – a project that had been stalled for several years due to seemingly insurmountable obstacles of various sorts. Victoria triumphed, quickly and efficiently, establishing a (then) state-of-the-art facility that has been home to countless important projects and experiments over the past two decades.

At the same time, almost in the same breath, Victoria designed and implemented the department's highly informative and much valued introduction to phonetics (Ling 410). That course has provided several generations of students with a firm foundation in the field -- as well as with the opportunity to pursue a suite of more advanced courses and seminars that have been vital to our curriculum.

Thanks to her gentle and caring nature, Victoria has provided counsel and support to countless students and colleagues over the years. In a year of constant crisis, she has taught us a great deal about kindness and commitment, qualities of her character that have frequently come to the fore as she guided us through the most difficult period in the history of our department.

We owe Victoria our deepest gratitude for all that she has given us as a leader, a scholar, a teacher, a colleague and a friend; we will miss her deeply.

## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

We'd like to congratulate the following students on the completion of their program. Best of luck in your future endeavors!

### PhD Students

- Kevin Baetscher
- Nisa Khairunnisa
- Leah Pappas

### MA Students

- Chao-Chun (Peter) Chang
- Ella DeFalco
- Laura Griffin
- Caroline Hendy
- Audrey Lai
- Alyssa Wilhoite

\*\*This is a list of expected Spring/Summer 2022 graduates; we apologize if we've missed anyone

# Student Accomplishments

LSM would like to congratulate the following students and share their accomplishments:

- Maddy Liotta gave an oral presentation at the Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC)
- Khairunnisa, Blaine Billings, Amber Camp, Jacob Hakim, Anongnard Nusartlet, Christina Truong will each be presenting at SEALS 2022
- Annika Topelian presented about remembering the Armenian Genocide at the UH Manoa History Forum
- Josiah Murphy presented at the AAAL conference

## LSM 2021-22 REPORT

As we come to the end of the academic year, we will soon be handing over LSM to a fantastic new team. With that, we would like to celebrate the things that LSM has accomplished this year! With COVID-19 restrictions still in play and coming off of a year where classes were entirely online, we've had a lot of reestablishing to do. Here are just some of the things we've accomplished this year:

- Wrote and ratified an entirely new constitution, by-laws, and code of conduct for LSM
- Changed the organization name from the Linguistic Society of Hawai'i to the Linguistic Society of Mānoa, better reflecting the scope of our service
- Created an LSM email account - Moved LSM banking online, allowing us to make and receive virtual transactions
- Did a major overhaul of the New Student Handbook, and development of an undergraduate version
- Secured Registered Independent Organization status with the university
- Applied for and received nearly \$500 in funding from SAPFB for events
- Established a monthly newsletter
- Hosted many events!
  - Fall semester (all virtual): Welcome party, Mental health seminar, Halloween party, Co-hosted talk by Ha'alilio Solomon on the Phonology of 'Ōlelo Hawai'i, TA seminar for current and potential LING 102 instructors
  - Spring semester - Welcome party (virtual), Welcome back party (in-person), Open house social event, Spring Fling Ling Thing (continuing a decades-old tradition in the department!)
- Advocacy work
  - Advocated for earlier notice regarding GA positions, which was implemented by the department for Spring 2022
  - Advocated for a CALL-wide Qualtrics license
  - Advocated for a host of other improvements relating to GAs and grad-students and presented these to the Department and Graduate Chairs

Get in touch with us at [lingsoc@hawaii.edu](mailto:lingsoc@hawaii.edu) if you would like the specifics



# LDTC 2021-22 REPORT

LDTC is winding up an interesting year, which many of you were a part of.

**Summer 2021:** We mentored 4 visiting Notre Dame students speaking 2 languages from Nigeria. One of them is continuing on to a graduate degree in Linguistics.

**Fall 2021:** The University discontinued our GAships, so we partnered with ELP to host online, public webinars as well as a virtual Wikipedia Edit-a-Thon. We also focused on a petition drive to restore GAships. Our sincere thanks go to the students, faculty, partner organizations, and community friends who expressed what LDTC means to you!!

**Spring 2022:** We hosted a hybrid workshop series alongside Brigham Young University in Hawai'i, giving 19 students a chance to partner in documenting 5 languages. We also hosted an online workshop series for the Michif Prairies to Woodlands group, and one session for the Mohawk community. And we celebrated International Mother Language Day with a Wikipedia Edit-a-Thon (WEAT), updating 14 language pages.

**Fall 2022:** We plan to start the next workshop series early in September. Please consider getting involved in one of these ways: language expert, mentor, presenter, event volunteer, and/or WEAT participant.

For more info, please contact [Josiah Murphy](#), or check out our [website](#). Have a great summer!

Sydney Ludlow & Josiah Murphy, Spring 2022 LDTC Co-Directors

Who should I talk to about Department and Graduate Chair topics?

August 1st

What semester is your question/concern about?

Direct all questions and concerns to:

Department Chair:  
Dr Andrea Berez-Kroeker

Graduate Chair:  
Dr Kamil Deen

Spring 2022 semester or previous semesters

Department Chair:  
Dr Victoria Anderson

Graduate Chair:  
Dr Andrea Berez-Kroeker\*

Fall 2022 semester or future semesters

Department Chair:  
Dr Andrea Berez-Kroeker\*

Graduate Chair:  
Dr Kamil Deen

## FALL 2022 SABBATICALS

The following faculty members are expected to be on sabbatical in the fall semester

- Gary Holton
- Brad McDonnell

\*Andrea will be off-island for the month of July. Please keep an eye out for an email in the coming weeks regarding who to contact during this time.