

James Tandy

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Degrees

In Progress **Ph.D. Candidate in Linguistics**
University of Texas at Austin

2017 **B.A. Linguistics, Anthropology**
University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

Additional coursework

Jul 2017 **LSA Linguistic Institute**
University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY (4 weeks)

Jun-Jul 2016 **Mayan Language Institute**
Nahualá, Guatemala (6 weeks)

Jan 2016 **Sustainable Development Field School in Partnership with the
Ch'orti' Maya**
Dulce Nombre de María, El Salvador; Jocotán, Guatemala (2 weeks)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Mayan languages, historical linguistics, colonial Mayan manuscripts, morphological theory, constructed languages

WORK EXPERIENCE

Aug 2021-present **Assistant Instructor**
Department of Linguistics, University of Texas at Austin
Fall 2021, 2022

Aug 2018-May 2022 **Teaching Assistant**
Department of Linguistics, University of Texas at Austin
Fall 2018-Spring 2021, Spring 2022

Feb 2016-Dec 2017 **Undergraduate Research Assistant**
Mayan Language Acquisition Laboratory, University of Kansas
Supervisor: Dr. Clifton Pye

Aug 2015-Dec 2016 **Honors Freshman Seminar Assistant**
University Honors Program, University of Kansas
Fall 2015, Fall 2016

LINGUISTIC FIELDWORK

Jul 2019 Uspantán, Guatemala, on **Uspanteko** (1 week)
Jun-Jul 2019 San Pedro Carchá, Guatemala, on **Q'eqchi'**; Tactic, Guatemala, on **Poqomchi'** (concurrently, 5 weeks)

GRANTS

2022 Travel Bursary (ICHL conference travel). The Philological Society.
2022 Professional Development Award (ICHL conference travel). Graduate School, UT Austin.
2019 Carlota S. Smith Memorial Fellowship (Fieldwork in Guatemala). Department of Linguistics, UT Austin.
2019 Sherzer Research Fellowship (Fieldwork in Guatemala). Center for Indigenous Languages of Latin America, UT Austin.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Dec 2017 Departmental Honors in Linguistics, University of Kansas
May 2017 Distinguished Linguistics Major Award, University of Kansas
Apr 2017 (inducted) Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed journal articles:

Under revision “**Direct affix borrowing and the proto-Mayan perfect participle.**” Submitted to *International Journal of American Linguistics*.
In preparation “**Tracing Eastern Mayan perfect -max: Outcomes of direct affix borrowing in the Sacapulas Corridor.**” Planned for inclusion in Robin Meyer and Michele Bianconi, eds., *The Typology of Contact-Induced Changes in Morphosyntax*, special issue of *Transactions of the Philological Society*.

Introduction to edited volume:

2021 Crowhurst, Megan J., Nora C. England, Patience L. Epps, Sofia G. Pierson, May Helena Plumb, James B. Tandy, Paige Erin Wheeler, Elizabeth Wood, and Anthony C. Woodbury. “**Translators’ Introduction.**” In Emiliana Cruz Cruz, ed., *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), 5-9. Honolulu: Language Documentation & Conservation. URL: <http://nflrc.hawaii.edu/ldc/sp23/>.

Translation:

- 2021 Pérez González, Jaime (Author), James B. Tandy (Translator), and Paige Erin Wheeler (Translator). **“Ethical principles in linguistic fieldwork methodologies—according to whom?”** In Emiliana Cruz Cruz, ed., *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), 131-152. (Originally published in Spanish as: Pérez González, Jaime. 2020. “Los principios éticos de las metodologías en el trabajo de campo lingüístico según quién.” In Emiliana Cruz Cruz, ed., *Reflexiones teóricas en torno a la función del trabajo de campo en lingüística-antropológica: Contribuciones de investigadores indígenas del sur de México* (LD&C Special Publication 22), 125-149.) Honolulu: Language Documentation & Conservation. URL: <http://nflrc.hawaii.edu/ldc/sp23/>.

Unpublished thesis:

- 2017 **“On the Verbal Status of the K’iche’ Maya Perfect.”** Unpublished honors thesis, Department of Linguistics, University of Kansas, Lawrence.

PRESENTATIONS

Peer-reviewed conference presentations:

- Jan 2023 **“Challenges to the study of variation in Colonial Poqom (Mayan).”** Accepted to the Fifth Annual Meeting of the North American Research Network in Historical Linguistics (NARNiHS 2023) (Online).
- Aug 2, 2022 **“Direct affix borrowing: Evidence from two Mayan perfect suffixes.”** Presented at The Typology of Contact-Induced Changes in Morphosyntax, workshop at the 25th International Conference on Historical Linguistics (ICHL25), University of Oxford, Oxford, UK.
- Nov 13, 2021 **“Evaluating Mayan perfect -b’il as a Lowland diffusion.”** Presented at Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi) 6, San Cristóbal de las Casas, Chiapas, Mexico (Online).
- Oct 21, 2021 **“Poqomam p’ as a “stone soup” phonological borrowing.”** Presented at New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV) 49, University of Texas at Austin (Online).
- Feb 14, 2020 **“Innovation and Contact in the K’iche’an Mayan Perfect: The case of -maj.”** Presented at Texas Linguistics Society (TLS) XIX, University of Texas at Austin.

Invited talks:

- Feb 19, 2020 **“Innovation and Contact in the K’iche’an Mayan Perfect: The case of -maj.”** Presented to the Undergraduate Linguistics Society, UT Austin.

Dec 7, 2017 “On the Verbal Status of the K’iche’ Maya Perfect.” Honors thesis presentation. Department of Linguistics, University of Kansas.

Public outreach / Informal presentations:

Jul 22, 2022 Colin Gorrie, “The Mayan Languages (Q&A feat. James Tandy).” Live interview on YouTube. URL: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FzbT-oQdoVM>.

TEACHING

University of Texas at Austin

As Assistant Instructor (instructor of record):

Fall 2022 Introduction to the Study of Language
Fall 2021 Introduction to the Study of Language

As Teaching Assistant:

Spring 2022 Bias (David Beaver)
Spring 2021 Language Change and Language Variation (Patience Epps)
Spring 2019 Language Change and Language Variation (Danny Law)
Fall 2020 Indigenous Languages of the Americas (Nora England)
Spring 2020 Undergraduate Signature Course, “Mayan Languages in Time/Space”
(Nora England and Danny Law)
Fall 2019 Introduction to the Study of Language (Anthony Woodbury)
Fall 2018 Introduction to the Study of Language (Anthony Woodbury)

University of Kansas

As Honors Freshman Seminar Assistant:

Fall 2016 Honors Freshman Seminar, “Foreign Language Hacking: How and Why You Should” (Marc Greenberg)
Fall 2015 Honors Freshman Seminar, “How and Why You Should Learn a Foreign Language” (Marc Greenberg)

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

University of Texas

Mar 2022-present **14th International Conference of the Association for Linguistic Typology (ALT)**
Graduate student committee member

- Sep 2021-Dec 2021 **COVID-19 Response Committee**
Committee member
- Spring 2020-present **Prospective Student Open House Committee**
Committee member
- Oct 2019-Apr 2020 **Symposium About Language and Society, Austin (SALSA) XXVIII**
Organizing committee member
Note: Conference was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

University of Kansas

- Aug-Dec 2017 **Linguistics Undergraduate Club of Kansas**
President and founding member

Linguistic Society of America / University of Kentucky

- Jul 2017 **LSA Linguistic Institute**
Student volunteer

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Linguistic Society of America
North American Research Network in Historical Sociolinguistics
The Philological Society

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Proficient in: Microsoft Office
Familiar with: Python, LaTeX, HTML, ELAN, FLEx, Praat, Audacity, Transkribus

LANGUAGES

Native: English
Advanced: Spanish
Reading knowledge: French
Basic competence: Poqomchi', German, K'iche'
Research languages: Mayan languages, particularly K'iche', Poqomchi', Poqomam, Sakapulteko, Q'eqchi', and Uspanteko; Mapudungun; Nepali

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