

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION:

PhD Harvard University, Department of Linguistics (June 2004)
(Dissertation title: *Bardi Verb Morphology in Historical Perspective*; available from
http://www.ruf.rice.edu/~bowern/Bowern_BVM.pdf)
AM Harvard University, Department of Linguistics (June 2001)
CITESOL Graduate Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages, Harvard
University Extension School (June 2004)
BA (Hons) Australian National University (Honours in Linguistics; University Medal in
Linguistics; majors in Linguistics and Classics) (April 1999)

EMPLOYMENT:

July, 2004- Assistant Professor of Linguistics, Rice University
June, 2004- Honorary Visiting Fellow, Australian National University

PUBLICATIONS:

Books

- (forthcoming) *Field Work Methodology: An introduction to data elicitation methods in the field and the classroom.*
Under review by Palgrave Macmillan.
(<http://www.ruf.rice.edu/~bowern/fmeth/fmeth.htm>)
- (in progress) *A Reference Grammar of Bardi.* Accepted for publication by Mouton de Gruyter (Mouton
Grammar Library)
- (in progress) (compiler and primary author, with the Yan-nhaṅu language team) *Yan-nhaṅu Learner's
Guide.* [ms completed; to be revised for distribution at Milngimbi in June 2006.]
- (in progress) (compiler, with the Yan-nhaṅu language team) *Yan-nhaṅu - Djambarrpuyṅu - English
Dictionary.* [ms in progress; for distribution at Milngimbi in June 2006.]
- (in progress) (editor with Linda Lanz and Dave Katten) *Learner's Guide to Bardi.* Department of Linguistics,
Rice University. [ms completed, copies distributed at One Arm Point; to be submitted for
publication following receipt of community feedback.]
- 2004 (editor with Harold Koch) *Australian languages: Classification and the Comparative Method.*
Amsterdam: John Benjamins. Current Issues in Linguistic Theory vol 249.
- 2002 (editor with Victoria Lotridge) *Ndebele.* Vol. 416 of *Languages of the World/Materials.*
München: Lincom Europa.

Refereed articles and book chapters

- (submitted) Inertial syntax. Submitted to *Linguistic Inquiry*.
- (submitted) Inflecting roots in Nyulnyulan languages: Synchrony and Diachrony. Submitted to *Studies in Language*.
- (submitted) The syntax of Turkic complex predication. Submitted to *Linguistics*.
- (forthcoming) Comment on Mark Clendon: Reassessing Australia's linguistic prehistory. *Current Anthropology* 47/1 (February 2006).
- (forthcoming) History of research on Bardi and Jawi. To be published in a volume of studies on the history of Australian languages, edited by William McGregor. For publication in 2006 by Pacific Linguistics.
- (forthcoming) Naming Bardi places. To be published in the sequel volume to *The Land is a Map*, edited by Luise Hercus and Harold Koch. For publication in 2006 by Pacific Linguistics.
- (forthcoming) Bardi arguments: referentiality, agreement and omission in Bardi discourse. [For a refereed book edited by Brett Baker and Ilana Mushin on the relationship between argument structure and discourse in Australian languages.] For publication in 2006 by John Benjamins.
- 2006 Syntactic change and syntactic borrowing in generative grammar. In a volume edited by Gisella Ferraresi and Maria Goldbach, tentative title *Handbook of syntactic reconstruction*. For publication in 2006.
- 2005a Another look at Australia as a linguistic area. Yaron Matras, April McMahon and Nigel Vincent (eds); *Linguistic Areas*. Palgrave MacMillan.
- 2005b Punctuated equilibrium and language change. *Encyclopedia of Language and Linguistics*, Historical linguistics section. Elsevier.
- 2004a Diagnostic similarities and differences in Nyulnyulan and surrounding languages. In Bower and Koch (eds). pp 269-290.
- 2004b (with Harold Koch) Introduction. In Bower and Koch (eds). pp 1-16.
- 2004c The origins of tense-based case marking in Pitta-Pitta and Wangkajutjuru. *Australian Journal of Linguistics*, 24/2:163-183.
- 2001 Karnic Classification Revisited. In Jane Simpson et al., *Forty years on: Ken Hale and Australian languages*. Canberra: Pacific Linguistics, pp 245-262.

RESEARCH GRANTS:

- 2004-2006 ELDP Field trip grant FTG0010, Yan-nhaṅu language documentation. [c. £8700 to work with the last speakers of the Yan-nhaṅu variety of Yolṅu Matha to produce documentary materials, including a learner's guide and dictionary]
- 2003 Endangered Languages Foundation Grant [US\$3655 for a field trip to analyze old texts with the help of Bardi speakers and to print those materials in a format useful to the Bardi community]
- 2003-2004 Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Grant G2003/6761 [AU\$9,500 to check materials for a reference grammar of Bardi]
- 2001-2002 Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Grant G2001/6505 [AU\$9,517 for Documenting Recent Bardi Social History, with Bardi Community Member Mrs Bessie Ejai]
- 1999 SANTOS discretionary funds for field work in South Western Queensland [joint grant with Dr. Luise A. Hercus to interview the last speakers of Garlali and Punthamara]

FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE:

- 2004- Work in Arnhem Land (Northern Australia) on Yan-Nhaṅu, a previously undescribed variety of Yolŋu Matha, working with the last speakers on language materials and texts. Two field trips, one of six weeks in 2004 and 8 weeks in 2005. Work with speakers is ongoing and further trips are planned.
- 1999- Work in the Kimberley region of North-Western Western Australia on Bardi. Three trips concentrated at One Arm Point Aboriginal Community, working with the few remaining elderly speakers on oral history, syntax and learners' materials (1999, 2001, 2003). The trips also included some literacy and linguistic training of Bardi teachers at One Arm Point School. Contact with speakers continues and a further trip is planned.
- 1998-1999 Work in Western Queensland on Garlali and Wangkumara. One trip of one month to interview the last speakers and part-speakers of the languages (now all deceased). Work included checking traditional locations of languages, obtaining information about song texts, and elicitation.

I have also conducted elicitation on the Oceanic language Titan (through writing a survey administered by a colleague) and syntactic elicitation on the Turkic languages Uzbek and Turkish.

TEACHING:

- Spring, 2006 LING 408: Linguistic Field Methods (continuation of LING 407)
LING 553: Seminar on Syntax (topic: complex verb constructions)
LING 583: Independent Study (for Michelle Mosher and Viktoria Papp; topics in Yan-nhaṅu lexicography)
- Fall, 2005 LING 583: Independent Study (for Linda Lanz and Dave Katten; Bardi learner's guide)
LING 407: Linguistic Field Methods
LING 304: Introduction to Syntax
LING 583: Independent Study (for Linda Lanz; reading course on the languages of Alaska)
- Spring, 2005 LING 200: Introduction to the Scientific Study of Language
LING 425: Australian Languages
- Fall, 2004 LING 305/505: Introduction to Historical Linguistics
LING 413: Approaches to Syntax (Lexical Functional Grammar)
- Summer, 2003 Intensive English Summer program, Harvard University Extension School Institute of English Language. (20 hours per week)
- 2002-2004 Teaching Assistant, Department of Linguistics, Harvard University. Classes taught included Social Analysis 34: Study of Language, Ling 86: African American Vernacular English, and 4 half-semester seminars for majors on syntax and historical linguistics, where I had full control of the content.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS:

- 2005 Faculty summer writing stipend, Humanities Division, Rice University.
- 2004 LING award (given by Harvard Linguistics Undergraduates for contribution to undergraduate teaching).
- 2003-2004 Harvard University Graduate Society Dissertation Completion Fellowship.
- 2001 Merit Fellowship, Lehman Fund, Harvard University.
- 2001 Summer Research Grant, Harvard University Graduate Student Council.
- 2000 Harvard Graduate Student Council Summer Conference funding grant.
- 1999-2004 PhD Scholarship, Harvard University (Curley Scholarship).
- 1999-2000 American Association of University Women's International Fellowship.

- 1998 University Medal in Linguistics, Australian National University.
Tillyard Prize for contribution to University life, Australian National University.
Reginald de Bray Prize for Linguistics.
- 1997 ANU Classical Society Prize for Excellence in Classical Studies.
- 1995-1998 Australian National University National Undergraduate Scholarship.

ACADEMIC ADVISING:

- 2004- Dissertation Director of Linda Lanz, Rice University
Dissertation committee member for Caleb Everett, Rice University.
- Qualifying research paper committee member for Caleb Everett, Rice University.
Qualifying research paper committee member for Christian Koops, Rice University.
Qualifying research paper committee member for Christopher Taylor, Rice University.
Qualifying research paper committee member for Gu-jing Lin, Rice University.

ACADEMIC SERVICE:

- 2005-2006 Organizer of Rice University/Department of Linguistics Symposium: *Intertheoretical approaches to complex verb constructions*, to be held March 16th-18th, 2006.
(www.ruf.rice.edu/~lingsymp)
- 2005- Manuscript reviewer for Pacific Linguistics.
- 2004- Coordinator of Rice University's ESL Teacher Certification Program.
Member of the EMELD Advisory Panel.
Compiler of <http://ozpaperonline.blogspot.com/>, an online archive of papers and conference announcements relating to Australian languages.
Reviewer of conference abstracts for WCFL 23.
- 2003 Examiner for Honours (=Senior) Thesis, Kate Laffan (Australian National University), Reconstruction of the Wakka-Kabic languages of South-Eastern Queensland. (November, 2003).
Reviewer for *Australian Journal of Linguistics*.
- 2002-2004 Publications Officer, Harvard University Department of Linguistics. Tasks included managing the Department's publications website (<http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~lingpub/>) and editing and distributing the Department's series of Working Papers.
- 2001 Joint organizer (with Harold Koch) of Workshop on Subgrouping in Australia at the Fifteenth International Conference on Historical Linguistics (ICHL XV), Melbourne, August 16, 2001.
- 1999- Volunteer linguist with the Kimberley Language Resource Centre. Provided help as needed with projects ranging from a learner's guide to Nyikina and database management for dictionaries of Gooniyandi and Ngarinyin to assisting with a grant proposal to produce an interactive CD of Bardi texts

REVIEWS:

- (forthcoming) Joan A. Argenter & R. McKenna Brown, *Endangered languages and linguistic rights: on the margins of nations (Proceedings of the 8th FEL Conference)*. To appear in *Language and Society*.
- (forthcoming) Aikhenvald, A. and R.M.W. Dixon. *Linguistic Diffusion and Genetic Inheritance*. To appear in *Australian Journal of Linguistics*.
- 2005 Evans, Nicholas. *Bininj Gun-wok: A pan-dialectal grammar of Mayali, Kunwinjku and Kune* (2 vols): Pacific Linguistics and *The Non-Pama-Nyungan languages of Northern Australia* (Pacific Linguistics) *Linguistic Typology* 9/2
- 2004a Crowley, T. *Serial Verbs in Oceanic*. Linguistlist review. (<http://linguistlist.org/issues/15/15-1585.html>)

- 2004b Amery, R., *Warrabarna Kurna: Reclaiming an Australian language. Australian Journal of Linguistics*. 23/2.
- 2003a McGregor, W. B., *Verb Classification in Australian Languages*. LinguistList review. (<http://linguistlist.org/issues/13/13-3412.html>)

In addition to the above I have published 15 book notices (of 500 words) in *Language*.

WORKING PAPERS, CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS, CONFERENCE PAPERS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS:

- 2006a Tense categorization in North Eastern Arnhem Land. LSA, January 5-8
- 2006b (with the Yan-nhaŋu Language Team) Linguist/Community relations in North Australia.
- 2006c Australian complex predicates. Plenary address, Berkeley Linguistics Society (BLS32), Berkeley, CA. Feb 10-12.
- 2005a Syntactic change in Bardi. CLS 41, Chicago, April 7-9
- 2005b (with Bentley James) Yan-nhaŋu documentation: aims and accomplishments. CLS 41 special session documentation and revitalisation of endangered languages. Chicago, April 7-9.
- 2005c The Diachronic stability of head marking. ICHL XVII, Madison, WI, August 1-6.
- 2005d Recording Indigenous Placenames. *Placenames Australia*. 3pp
- 2005d (with Barry Alpher) Yolŋu Subgrouping. ICHL XVII, Madison, WI, August 1-6.
- 2005e Correlates of non-configurationality. NELS 36, UMass, Amherst, October 28-30
- 2004a Some problems with the pronominal argument hypothesis Rice University-UT Austin Workshop, October 23-24.
- 2004b Ten ways to mess up a regular paradigm. 10th Spring Workshop on Reconstruction in Linguistic Theory, Ann Arbor, Michigan. March 26-28.
- 2004c Complex predicates in Turkic. proceedings of the Workshop in Altaic Formal Linguistics I, *MIT Working Papers in Linguistics*.
- 2004d The interaction of agreement and referentiality in Bardi discourse. Berkeley Linguistic Society 30, February 13-16.
- 2004e Another look at Australia as a linguistic area. To be published in the proceedings of the Berkeley Linguistic Society's annual meeting (BLS 29), 2003.
- 2004f A short history of Bardi light verbs. Presented at the Linguistic Society of America's annual meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, January 8-11.
- 2004g (editor) *Harvard Working Papers in Linguistics vol X*. Department of Linguistics, Harvard University.
- 2003a Laves' Bardi texts. Presented at the Seventh International Conference of the Foundation for Endangered Languages (FEL VII), Broome, Western Australia, September 22-24, published in Blythe, Joe and M. Brown *Maintaining the links: Language, identity and the land*. Proceedings of FEL VII, Broome:FEL.
- 2003b How 'light' are North Australian light verbs? In Aygen, Gülşat, Claire Bower and Conor Quinn. *Harvard Working Papers in Linguistics IX*. 123-148
- 2003c Supplement to Aklif (1999): *Ardiyooloon Bardi Ngaanka: One Arm Point Bardi Dictionary*. Compilation of additional lexical items and examples collected on fieldwork. Distributed within the One Arm Point Community. (approximately 1800 items, 100pp)
- 2003d (editor with Cedric Boeckx and Jay Jasanoff) *Harvard Working Papers in Linguistics VIII*. Department of Linguistics, Harvard University.
- 2003e (editor with Gülşat Aygen and Conor Quinn) *Harvard Working Papers in Linguistics IX: Papers from the Harvard University/Dudley House Graduate Light Verb Workshop*. Department of Linguistics, Harvard University.
- 2003f *ji, -ji or ji-?* A problem in Nyulnyulan reconstruction. Presented at the Linguistic Society of America's annual meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, January 4-7.

- 2002a Grammatical reanalysis and verb serialization: The unusual case of Sivisa Titan. In Rackowski, Andrea and Norvin Richards. *AFLA VIII: Proceedings of AFLA VIII, the Eighth Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association*. MIT Working Papers in Linguistics, vol. 44. 47-60
- 2002b Karnic as a genetic area. Circulated at ARCLING II: the Second Conference on the Archaeology and Linguistics of Australia, Canberra, October.
- 2002c Unfamiliar solutions to familiar problems: How and why Bardi turns *i-n-l-bala-ij-ngay* into *ilalijarrngay*. In the Proceedings of the Chicago Linguistic Society's annual meeting (CLS 37), vol. 2, pp. 353-366.
- 2002d History of research on Bardi and Jawi. Presented at the Fourth International Workshop on Australian languages, Århus University, Denmark, June 24-25.
- 2002e Linguistic areas, convergence and genetic relationship: the Australian scene. Presented at the Fourth Conference of the North-West Centre for Linguistics (NWCL IV), Manchester, U.K., November 22-23.
- 2002f Constraint interplay in Bardi: or, why I haven't learned to stop worrying and love paradigm uniformity. In *Phonological Answers (and their Corresponding Questions) MIT Working Papers in Linguistics* vol. 42, pp. 23-53.
- 2002g *Jiiba nganman jawal: Stories in Bardi and English from the elders of One Arm Point and Sunday Island*. Transcriptions and translations of narratives collected under AIATSIS Grant G2001/6505, awarded to C. Bower and B. Ejai. 255pp. Circulated within One Arm Point Community.
- 2001a Subordination in Nyulnyulan languages. Presented at the main session of the Fifteenth International Conference on Historical Linguistics (ICHL XV), Melbourne, August 15-18.
- 2001b Vowel deletion and root constraints in Bardi. Presented at LSA 2001 meeting, Washington, DC, January 4-7.
- 2001c Pitta-Pitta, Case Marking and Transitivity. In *HUMIT 2000: Proceedings of the first Harvard University and MIT Student Conference in Language Research*. MIT Working Papers in Linguistics vol. 40, pp. 25-38.
- 2000a (with Gülşat Aygen): Proto-Oghuz Case Morphology. Presented at the International Conference on Turkic Linguistics (ICTL 10), Istanbul, August 16-18, to be published in the conference proceedings in 2005.
- 2000b (with Gülşat Aygen): Titan's Tensed Prepositions. In the Proceedings of the Chicago Linguistic Society's annual meeting (CLS 36).
- 1998 Towards a Typology of Irrealis Marking in Modality. Presented at the Australian Linguistic Society's Annual Conference, Brisbane, July 3-5, published in the conference proceedings on the World Wide Web. (<http://www.cltr.uq.edu.au/als98/>).

INVITED SEMINARS:

- 2006 [with Katherine Crosswhite] IRBs and informed consent. Rice University linguistics colloquium, February 16th.
- 2005a Yolŋu and Pama-Nyungan. Top End Linguistic Society, Charles Darwin University, July 14.
- 2005b Yolŋu subgrouping. Australian National University historical linguistics seminar series, July 19.
- 2005c Yan-nhaŋu language documentation. Rice University colloquium series. August 25.
- 2005d How to use Shoebox/Toolbox. Rice University colloquium series, September 1.
- 2004a Language change in Aboriginal Australia. Colloquium series, Rice University, January 22.
- 2004b The history of Australian historical linguistics. University of Michigan colloquium series, January 30.
- 2004c Bardi verb morphology in historical perspective. Harvard University, April 21, 2004.
- 2004d Yan-nhaŋu field report. Australian National University seminar series, August 7, 2004.
- 2004e Yan-nhaŋu and Yolŋu Matha. Rice University colloquium, September 2004.

- 2003 Bardi Song Poetry. Presented at the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (GSAS) Workshop on Historical Linguistics and Comparative Poetics, Harvard University, April.
- 2002a The devolution of noun incorporation. Department of Linguistics, Harvard University. GSAS Comparative Syntax Workshop Series, October.
- 2002b Case marking in Bardi. Department of Linguistics, Harvard University. GSAS Comparative Syntax Workshop Series, March.
- 2001a Head and Dependent marking in Bardi: why we can't always tell which it is. Research Centre for Linguistic Typology, La Trobe University, Melbourne, December.
- 2001b Pitta-Pitta, transitivity and case marking. University of Sydney, December.
- 2001c Nyulnyulan pronouns and paradigms. Australian National University Centre for Language Change, July.
- 2001d Constraint interaction in Bardi. GSAS Phonology/Syntax Workshop, March.
- 2001e A Foray into Proto Nyulnyulan Morphosyntax. GSAS workshop on Indo-European Poetics and linguistics. March.
- 2000 Serial verbs and tense marking in Titan. Australian National University, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, June.
- 1999 And the Paradigm was made Karnic - Fleshing out the origins of nominal case morphemes in some Australian languages. Ford Foundation Talk, Department of Linguistics, Harvard University, December.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

Association of Linguistic Typology
 Australian Linguistic Society
 Centre for Research on Language Change, Australian National University
 Linguistic Society of America
 Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas

LANGUAGES:

Reading knowledge of Latin, French, German, Russian.

Translation and speaking competence in Bardi (Nyulnyulan, Australia).

Basic competence in Yan-nhaṅu. Fieldwork also conducted on Wangkumara/Punthamara and Garlali.

Structural knowledge of Turkish, Uzbek, Titan, Yawuru, Nyulnyul, Nyikina, Djambarrpuyṅu, Gupapuyṅu, Tocharian, Hittite, Ancient Greek, and Eastern Armenian, through fieldwork, elicitation, classes or private study.