

Curriculum Vitae

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Employment

April 2024-present, Professor, Faculty of Letters, Kyushu University.

April 2012-March 2024, Associate Professor, Faculty of Letters, Kyushu University.

April 2011-March 2021, Invited Associate Professor, National Institute for Japanese Language and Linguistics (NINJAL).

October 2009- March 2012, Assistant Professor, Faculty of International Communication, Gunma Prefectural Women's University.

December 2008- September 2009, Research Fellow, Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies.

Education

PhD, Linguistics, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, the Australian National University, December 2009.

MA, Linguistics, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, March 2005.

BA, Liberal Arts, Tokyo Gakugei University, March 2003.

Dissertation

A Grammar of Irabu, a Southern Ryukyuan Language. Department of Linguistics, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, ANU. Advisors: Malcolm Ross, Andrew Pawley, Peter Hendriks. Submitted in 2008, PhD offered in 2009. Awarded *Stephen Wurm Prize for the Best PhD Thesis*, 2009.

Publications

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(In Japanese) Shimoji, Michinori. 2023. Ryuukyuu Shogo ni okeru Sousuu: Ruikei to Rekishi. In Heiko Narrog and Hirofumi Aoki, eds., *Nihongo to Kinrin Shogengo ni okeru Bumpouka*, 188-220, Tokyo: Hitsuji Shobou. (下地理則 2023 「琉球諸語における双数：類型と歴史」ハイコナロック・青木博史編『日本語と近隣諸言語における文法化』188-220, 東京：ひつじ書房)

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(In Japanese) Shimoji, Michinori. 2022. Kita Ryuukyuu Okinawago Nakijin Jana Hougen ni okeru Jokatsusei. In Ogawa, Yoshiaki and Toshihide Nakayama, eds., *Corpus kara Wakaru Gengo Henka Hen'i to Gengo Riron* vol. 3. Tokyo: Kaitakusha. (下地理則 2022 「北琉球沖縄語今帰仁謝名方言における除括性」小川芳樹・中山俊秀編『コーパスからわかる言語変化・変異と言語理論 3』開拓社)

(In Japanese) Kibe, Nobuko, Shiro Takeuchi and Michinori Shimoji, eds., 2022. *Nihongo no Kaku Hyougen*. Tokyo: Kuroshio Shuppan. (木部暢子・竹内史郎・下地理則編 2022 『日本語の格表現』東京：くろしお出版)

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(In Japanese) Shimoji, Michinori. 2021. Grammar Writing: Hougen no Kijutsu Bumpou o Kaku tame no Guide. *Nihongo Bumpo* 21(2): 136-152. (下地理則 2021 「グラマーライティング：方言の記述文法を書くためのガイド」『日本語文法』21(2): 136-152)

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(In Japanese) Takeuchi, Shiro and Michinori Shimoji, eds., 2019. *Nihongo no Kaku Hyouji to Bunretsu Jidoushisei*. Tokyo: Kuroshio Shuppan. (竹内史郎・下地理則編 2019 『日本語の格標示と分裂自動詞性』東京：くろしお出版)

(In Japanese) Shimoji, Michinori. 2019. Gendai Nihon Kyoutsuugo (Kougo) ni okeru Bunretsu Jidoushisei. In Takeuchi, Shiro, and Michinori Shimoji, eds., *Nihongo no Kaku Hyouji to Bunretsu Jidoushisei*, 1-36, Tokyo: Kuroshio Shuppan. (下地理則 2019 「現代日本共通語（口語）における主語の格標示と分裂自動詞性」竹内史郎・下地理則編『日本語の格標示と分裂自動詞性』1-36, 東京：くろしお出版)

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(In Japanese) Shimoji, Michinori. 2016. Ryuukyuu Yonagunigo no Kaku Hairetsu ni tsuite. In Takubo, Yukinori, John Whitman and Tatsuya Hirako, eds., *Ryuukyuu Shogo to KodaiNihongo*, 173-207, Tokyo: Kuroshio Shuppan. (下地理則 2016『南琉球与那国語の格配列について』田窪行則・ジョンホイットマン・平子達也編『琉球諸語と古代日本語』, 173-207, 東京：くろしお出版)

Heinrich, Patrick, Shinsho Miyara and Michinori Shimoji, eds., 2015. *Handbook of the Ryukyuan Languages*, De Gruyter Mouton, Berlin and New York.

(In Japanese) Shimoji, Michinori. 2015. Hougen Chousa no Jissai/Archiving. In Sadanobu, Toshiyuki, ed., *Watashitachi no Nihongo Kenkyuu*, 96-101/106-110, Tokyo: Asakura Shoten.

(下地理則 2015「方言調査の実際」「アーカイビング」定延利之編『私たちの日本語研究』96-101, 106-110, 東京：朝倉書店)

(In Japanese) Shimoji, Michinori. 2015. Shohyou: Gendai Nihongo no Mood, Tense, Aspect ron (Mayumi Kudo). *Nihongo Bumpo* 15(2): 161-175. (下地理則 2015「書評- 工藤真由美著『現代日本語のムード・テンス・アスペクト論』」『日本語文法』15 (2): 161-175)

(In Japanese) Shimoji, Michinori. 2015. Ryuukyuu Shohougen no Yuuhyou Shukaku to Bunretsu Jidoushisei. *Hougen no Kenkyuu* 1: 103-131. (下地理則 2015「琉球諸方言の有標主格と分裂自動詞性」, 『方言の研究』1: 103-131)

(In Japanese) Shimoji, Michinori and Patrick Heinrich, eds., 2014. Ryuukyuu Shogo no Hoji o Mezashite. Tokyo: Koko Shuppan. (下地理則・パトリックハイシリッヒ編 2014『琉球諸語の保持を目指して』東京：ココ出版)

(In Japanese) Shimoji, Michinori. 2013. Fieldwork to Jisho. Nihongogaku 32(14): 32-47. (下地理則 2013「フィールドワークと辞書」『日本語学』32 (14): 32-47)

(In Japanese) Shimoji, Michinori. 2013. Kiki Hougen Kenkyuu ni okeru Bumpou Sketch. In Takubo, Yukinori, ed., Ryuukyuu Rettou no Gengo to Bunka, 45-80, Tokyo: Kuroshio Shuppan. (下地理則 2013「危機方言研究における文法スケッチ」田窪行則編『琉球列島の言語と文化』45-80, 東京：くろしお出版)

Shimoji, Michinori. 2013. Clitics in Irbu Ryukyuan. *International Journal of Okinawan Studies* 4(1): 51-79.

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(In Japanese) Patrick Heinrich and Michinori Shimoji, eds., 2011. Ryuukyuu Shogo Kiroku Hozon no Kiso. Tokyo: ILCAA. (パトリックハイシリッヒ・下地理則編 2011『琉球諸語記録保存の基礎』東京：ILCAA)

Shimoji, Michinori. 2011. Irbu Ryukyuan. In Yamakoshi, Yasuhiro, ed., *Grammatical Sketches from the Field*, 79-136, Tokyo: ILCAA.

Shimoji, Michinori. 2011. Quasi-kakarimusubi in Irbu. *Japanese/Korean Linguistics* 18: 114-125.

(In Japanese) Shimoji, Michinori. 2011. Bumpou Kijutsu ni okeru Text no Juuyousei. Nihongogaku 30(6): 46-59. (下地理則 2011「文法記述におけるテキストの重要性」『日本語学』30 (6): 46-59)

(In Japanese) Shimoji, Michinori. 2010. Ryuukyuu Shogo ni Katsuyougata Keiyoushi wa Sonzai Suruka? Irbujima Hougen no Baai. *International Journal of Okinawan Studies* 1(2): 41-51.

(下地理則 2010「琉球諸語に活用形容詞は存在するか？伊良部島方言の場合」, 『国際沖縄研究』1(2): 41-51)

Shimoji, Michinori, and Thomas Pellard. 2010. *An Introduction to Ryukyuan Languages*. Tokyo: ILCAA.

(In Japanese) Shimoji, Michinori, and Yuka Hayashi. 2009. Miyakogo (Myakufutsu). In Kaji, Shigeki, Yumi Nakajima, and Tooru Hayashi, eds., *Jiten Sekai no Kotoba* 141, 60-63, Tokyo: Taishukan. (下地理則・林由華 2009「宮古語（みやーくふつ）」梶茂樹・中島由美・林徹編『事典世界のことば1 4 1』60-63, 東京：大修館)

Shimoji, Michinori. 2009. The adjective class in Irabu Ryukyuan. *Studies in the Japanese Language* 5(3): 33-50.

Shimoji, Michinori. 2009. Foot and rhythmic structure in Irabu Ryukyuan. *Gengo Kenkyu* 135: 85-122.

(In Japanese) Shimoji, Michinori. 2006. Minami Ryuukyuugo Miyako Irabujima Hougen. In Nakayama, Toshihide, and Fuyuki Ebata, eds., *Bumpou o Egaku: Fieldwork ni motozuku Shogengo no Bumpou Sketch*, 85-117, Tokyo: ILCAA. (下地理則 2006 「南琉球語宮古伊良部島方言」中山俊秀・江畠冬生編『文法を描く—フィールドワークに基づく諸言語の文法スケッチ』85-117, 東京:東京外国語大学アジア・アフリカ言語文化研究所)

Grants and Funded Research Projects

Principal Investigator, A basic survey of the number category in the Japonic languages. KAKEN B Grant No. 23H00634, April 2023 (continuing)

Collaborative Researcher, A diachronic study of Ryukyuan languages and Kyushu dialects from descriptive and historical-comparative perspectives. KAKEN A Grant No. 22H00007 (continuing)

Collaborative Researcher, Case as a Grammatical Category in Japanese and Ryukyuan Languages. KAKEN Challenging Exploratory Research Grant No. 20K20704 (April 2020-March 2022)

Host researcher, An online dictionary of the Iheya dialect of Okinawan, a Northern Ryukyuan language. KAKEN JSPS Fellow Grant No. 20F20003 (April 2019-March 2022)

Principal Investigator, A preliminary study on marked nominative dialects of Japanese and Ryukyuan. KAKEN B Grant No. 19H01255 (April 2019-March 2022)

Collaborative Researcher, Development of a multilingual dictionary of Japanese linguistics terminology and a glossing standard for Japonic languages. KAKEN B Grant No. 19H01265 (April 2019-March 2023)

Collaborative Researcher, A comprehensive study on the nature of words: word- and phrase-formation in isolating, agglutinative, and polysynthetic languages. KAKEN B Grant No. 19H01261 (April 2019-March 2023)

Collaborative Researcher, Comparative historical research on Ryukyuan by using linguistic family trees. KAKEN S Grant No. 17H06115 (April 2017-March 2022)

Principal Investigator, A typological survey on focus-marking in Ryukyuan languages. KAKEN Young Scientist Grant No. 16K16843 (April 2016-March 2019)

Collaborative Researcher, Basic research on grammaticalization in Japanese and neighboring languages.
KAKEN B Grant No. 16H03411 (April 2016-March 2021)

Collaborative Researcher, Split intransitivity in Japanese and Ryukyuan languages: focusing on case marking.
KAKEN C Grant No. 26370549 (April 2014-March 2017)

Collaborative Researcher, A basic descriptive study of the grammars of endangered Ryukyuan and Hachijo languages. KAKEN A Grant No. 24242014 (April 2012-March 2016)

Collaborative Researcher, The Study of the Linguistic Geography of the Miyako Dialects of Ryukyuan. KAKEN B Grant No. 22320086 (April 2010-March 2012)

Co-investigator, Research on the Antoh Dialect in Fukui Prefecture. KAKEN C Grant No. 22520461 (April 2010-March 2012)

Principal Investigator, A grammatical description of Yonaguni Ryukyuan. KAKEN Young Scientist Grant No. 22720161 (April 2010-March 2014)

Principal Investigator, Development of an online dictionary of endangered dialects based on inter-disciplinary collaboration. Qdai-Jump Research Program (April 2016-March 2018)

Awards and Honors

2020 16th JSPS Prize (Japan Society for the Promotion of Science)

2019 46th Kindaichi Kyosuke Prize (Sanseido)

2018 Okinawa Foundation Prize (Okinawa Foundation)

2010 Stephen Wurm Prize for the Best PhD Thesis (ANU, RSPAS)

2009 Nakasone Seizen Prize (Okinawa Center for Language Studies)

Teaching

At Kyushu University

Descriptive Linguistics Seminar (as graduate and undergraduate courses)

Linguistic Typology Seminar (as graduate and undergraduate courses)

Phonetics and Phonology (as an undergraduate course)

Ryukyuan Linguistics (as graduate and undergraduate courses)

Statistics using R (as graduate and undergraduate courses)

Linguistic Fieldwork (as graduate and undergraduate courses)

Introduction to Linguistics (as an undergraduate course)

Academic Skills (as a graduate course)

At other universities

Ryukyuan Linguistics (Invited lecturer, Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa, summer of 2016, for undergraduate/graduate students)

Ryukyuan Linguistics (Invited lecturer, Hiroshima University, spring of 2014, for undergraduate/graduate students)

Field linguistics (Invited lecturer, National Institute for Japanese Language and Linguistics, spring of 2012, for graduate students and postdocs)

Descriptive Linguistics (Invited lecturer, Kanazawa University, summer of 2010, for undergraduate/graduate students)

Introduction to Linguistics (Part-time lecturer, Daito Bunka University, 2009)

Japanese Phonetics and Phonology (Part-time lecturer, Japan Centre, ANU, 2006)

Advising (as of 2024)

Matsuoka, Aoi, PhD in 2024 (JSPS Fellow), A descriptive study of the Yanagawa dialect of Fukuoka, Kyushu.

Miyaoka, Hiroshi, PhD in 2024 (JSPS Fellow), R-shift: synchronic variation and diachronic development of r-final stem conjugation in Japanese dialects.

Wang Danning, PhD in 2022 (JSPS Fellow), A grammar of the Aragusuku dialect of Miyako Ryukyuan.

*Awarded *Best PhD thesis Prize*, Kyushu University

Yuko Urabe, PhD in 2022 (JSPS Fellow), A descriptive study of the Shiraho dialect of Yaeyama Ryukyuan.

*Awarded *Nakasone Seizen Prize*, Okinawa Centre for Language Studies.

Matthew Guay, 2nd year PhD student (Assoc. Prof of RKU), A Grammar and the Social World of Aragusuku-Uechi Yeayaman.

Naoyuki Hirosawa, 2nd year PhD student (JSPS Fellow), A grammar of the Shiiba dialect of Miyazaki, Kyushu.

Marco Scotto di Clemente, 1st year PhD student (MEXT), A grammar of the Ei dialect of Kagoshima, Kyushu.

Max Monson, 1st year PhD student, A grammar of the Fukaura dialect of Aomori, Tohoku.

Community Outreach

An Okinawan Voice and Stories Podcast: Episode 12 himakutuba: Exploring the Languages of the Ryukyus
(3rd of January, 2023)

Field notes: a podcast about linguistic fieldwork. Episode 28 Ryukyuan language documentation (21th of May, 2021)

Skills

Language

Japanese (native)

English (fluent)

Palauan (research)

Latin (basic)

Computing

R, Python