

James Tandy

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Degrees

In Progress **Ph.D. Linguistics**
University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

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, Austin, TX

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

Feb 2016-Dec 2017 **Undergraduate Research Assistant**
Mayan Language Acquisition Laboratory

University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS
Supervisor: Dr. Clifton Pye

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

FIELD EXPERIENCE

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)

RESEARCH GRANTS

University of Texas at Austin

2019 Carlota S. Smith Memorial Fellowship (Fieldwork in Guatemala)
2019 Sherzer Research Fellowship (Fieldwork in Guatemala)

AWARDS AND HONORS

University of Kansas

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

PUBLICATIONS

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:

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, University of Texas at Austin.

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

TEACHING

University of Texas at Austin

As Assistant Instructor (instructor of record):

Fall 2021 Introduction to the Study of Language

As Teaching Assistant:

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

Sep 2021-present **COVID 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

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Linguistic Society of America
North American Research Network in Historical Sociolinguistics

TECHNICAL SKILLS

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

LANGUAGES

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

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