

# 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, language contact, constructed languages, philological study of colonial Mayan documents, morphological theory

## 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

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

## 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 2021 (accepted) **“Evaluating Mayan perfect *-b’il* as a Lowland diffusion.”** Accepted to Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi) 6, San Cristóbal de las Casas, Chiapas, Mexico.

Oct 2021 (accepted) **“Poqomam *p*’ as a “stone soup” phonological borrowing.”** Accepted to New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV) 49, University of Texas at Austin.

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.

*Departmental talks:*

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***

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

### ***University of Kansas***

Aug-Dec 2017	<b>Linguistics Undergraduate Club of Kansas</b> President and founding member
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## **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

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

## **LANGUAGES**

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

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