

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- 2011–2015 Ph.D., Linguistics, University of California, Santa Barbara. Dissertation title: *A Reconstruction of Proto-Sogeram: Phonology, Lexicon, and Morphosyntax*
- 2008–2011 M.A., Linguistics, University of California, Santa Barbara. Thesis title: *Scope and templates: The history of Proto-Na-Dene *da'- 'DISTRIBUTIVE', *ya'- 'MULTIPLE', and *na- 'ITERATIVE'*
- 2002–2006 B.A., Linguistics, with honors, magna cum laude, Dartmouth College

Appointments

- 2022–present Associate professor, Department of Linguistics, University of Oregon
- 2018–2022 Assistant professor, Department of Linguistics, University of Oregon
- 2015–2018 Postdoctoral research fellow, ARC Centre of Excellence for the Dynamics of Language, The Australian National University

Research Interests

Morphosyntax, historical linguistics, Papuan languages, fieldwork

Fieldwork Experience

- 2024 Madang Province, Papua New Guinea: 3 weeks
- 2022 Madang Province, Papua New Guinea: 1 month
- 2018 Madang Province, Papua New Guinea: 6 weeks
- 2016 Madang Province, Papua New Guinea: 2 months (August–September)
- 2016 Madang Province, Papua New Guinea: 2 months (January–February)
- 2014 Madang Province, Papua New Guinea: 2 months
- 2011–12 Madang Province, Papua New Guinea: 7 months
- 2010 Madang Province, Papua New Guinea: 2 months
- 2006 Madang Province, Papua New Guinea: 5 weeks

Archived language materials

Don Daniels. 2006. Papuan Languages Collection. Archival collection, 1,071 items. Pacific and Regional Archive for Digital Sources in Endangered Cultures (PARADISEC). <https://catalog.paradisec.org.au/collections/DD1>.

Don Daniels. 2017. Wiru Field Methods Course, ANU. Archival collection, 209 items. Pacific and Regional Archive for Digital Sources in Endangered Cultures (PARADISEC). <https://catalog.paradisec.org.au/collections/WIU1>.

Publications

Books

2020 *Grammatical reconstruction: The Sogeram languages of New Guinea*. De Gruyter.

Refereed journal articles

2024b Semi-embedded clauses in Aisi: Assertion, disengagement, and insubordination. *Functions of Language*. (Online-first article.)

2024a **Don Daniels**, Zoë Haupt & Melissa M. Baese-Berk. The phonetics of vowel intrusion in Sgi Bara. *Journal of Phonetics* 104. 101323.

2022 Unusual categories can be stable: The case of Sogeram kin terms. *Anthropological Linguistics* 64(1-2). 56–85.

2021b The issue of arbitrariness in syntactic reconstruction. *Folia Linguistica Historica* 55. 393–428.

2021a Caroline Hendy & **Don Daniels**. The Wiru noun-modifying clause construction. *Oceanic Linguistics* 60(1). 72–102.

2020 The history of tense and aspect in the Sogeram family. *Journal of Historical Linguistics* 10(2). 167–208. (Reprinted in 2022. *Development of tense and aspect systems*, ed. by Jadranka Gvozdanović, 21–61. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.)

2019d **Don Daniels** & Joseph Brooks. The history of *=a: Contact and reconstruction in northeast New Guinea. *Journal of Language Contact* 12(3). 533–568.

2019c **Don Daniels** & Greville G. Corbett. Repartitioning. *Language* 95(4). 711–750.

2019b **Don Daniels**, Danielle Barth & Wolfgang Barth. Subgrouping the Sogeram languages: A critical appraisal of historical glottometry. *Journal of Historical Linguistics* 9(1). 92–127.

2019a Using phonotactics to reconstruct degrammaticalization: The origin of the Sirva pronoun *be*. *Diachronica* 36(1). 1–36.

2017b A method for mitigating the problem of borrowing in syntactic reconstruction. *Studies in Language* 41(3). 577–614.

2017a Gants is a Sogeram language. *Language and Linguistics in Melanesia* 35. 82–93.

2016 Magi: An undocumented language of Papua New Guinea. *Oceanic Linguistics* 55(1). 199–224.

2014 Complex coordination in diachrony: Two Sogeram case studies. *Diachronica* 31(3). 379–406.

2014 Harold Koch, Robert Mailhammer, Robert Blust, Claire Bower, **Don Daniels**, Alexandre François, Simon J. Greenhill, Brian D. Joseph, Lawrence Reid, Malcolm Ross, and Paul Sidwell. Research priorities in historical-comparative linguistics: A view from Asia, Australia and the Pacific. *Diachronica* 31(2). 267–278.

2010 A preliminary phonological history of the Sogeram languages of Papua New Guinea. *Oceanic Linguistics* 49(1). 163–193.

Refereed book chapters

To appear a. Information structure in Papuan languages. In *Oxford Guide to Papuan Languages*, ed. by Nicholas Evans and Sebastian Fedden.

To appear *b.* Switch reference in Papuan languages. In *Oxford Guide to Papuan Languages*, ed. by Nicholas Evans and Sebastian Fedden.

To appear *c.* The Madang languages. In *Oxford Guide to Papuan Languages*, ed. by Nicholas Evans and Sebastian Fedden.

To appear *d.* Soq language cameo. In *Oxford Guide to Papuan Languages*, ed. by Nicholas Evans and Sebastian Fedden.

2022 **Don Daniels** & Kelsey Daniels. Managing data for descriptive and historical research. In Andrea L. Berez-Kroeker, Bradley McDonnell, Eve Koller & Lauren Collister (eds.), *The open handbook of linguistic data management*, 327–334. MIT Press.

Conference proceedings and other publications

2024 What are the important questions? Contribution to “Diachrony and *Diachronica*: 40@40” editorial. *Diachronica* 41(4). 573–574.

2022 Laura McPherson, **Don Daniels**, and Caroline Hendy. “Lexical and grammatical tone in Wiru (Southern Highlands Province, PNG).” Proceedings of the 1st Tone and Intonation conference.

Grants, Honors & Awards

2021 NSF Award: *CAREER: Grammatical Change and Reconstruction*. National Science Foundation, BCS-2048220.

2020 Provost’s Excellence in Remote Teaching Award, University of Oregon

2014 UCSB Linguistics Department Mini-Grant

2013 Individual Graduate Scholarship: *Documenting the Sogeram Language Family of Papua New Guinea*. Endangered Languages Documentation Programme, Hans Rausing Endangered Languages Project.

2013 NSF Doctoral Dissertation Award: *The History of the Sogeram Language Family*. National Science Foundation, Documenting Endangered Languages Program, BCS-1264157.

2013 Advanced Graduate Research Fellowship: *The History of the Sogeram Language Family of Papua New Guinea*. UC Pacific Rim Research Program

2013 UCSB Linguistics Department Mini-Grant

2010 Living Tongues Institute Fellowship

2010 UCSB Linguistics Department Mini-Grant

2009 Jacob K. Javits Fellowship

2009 LSA Summer Institute Fellowship

2009 NSF Graduate Student Research Fellowship (honorable mention)

2008 Chancellor’s Fellowship, University of California, Santa Barbara

2006 Academic Achievement Award, Department of Linguistics, Dartmouth College

2006 Outstanding T.A. Award, Department of German Studies, Dartmouth College

2005 Richter Memorial Fund Undergraduate Research Grant, Dartmouth College

2005 Dickey Center Undergraduate Research Grant, Dartmouth College

- 2005 Leslie Center for the Humanities Research Fellowship, Dartmouth College
 2003 First-Year Summer Research Fellowship, Dartmouth College

Presentations

Invited talks

- 2022 *Ethnobotany and language*. Invited colloquium presentation, Binatang Research Centre, Madang, Papua New Guinea. August 15.
- 2021 *Semi-embedded clauses in Aisi: Discourse and diachrony*. Invited colloquium presentation, Language and Culture Research Centre, James Cook University. Cairns, Australia. Held virtually, December 6.
- 2021 *The origin of insubordinate meaning: Semi-embedded clauses in Aisi*. Keynote lecture, 13th Austronesian and Papuan Languages and Linguistics Conference. Held virtually, June 11.
- 2018 *Clause chain nominalization in synchrony and diachrony*. Seminar, University of Oregon. Eugene, Oregon, February 9.
- 2017 Don Daniels & Joseph D. Brooks. *Reconstructing pragmatic borrowing in Madang, Papua New Guinea*. Seminar, University of Newcastle. Newcastle, Australia, May 16.
- 2016 *The linguistic situation in Madang Province*. Seminar, Divine Word University. Madang, Papua New Guinea, September 27.
- 2016 *A systemic perspective on tense systems in the Sogeram languages*. Plenary lecture, Linguistic Society of Papua New Guinea Conference. Ukarumpa, Papua New Guinea, August 3.
- 2014 *Methodological remarks on syntactic reconstruction*. University of Newcastle Linguistics Seminar. Newcastle, Australia, August 26.
- 2013 *Proto-Sogeram serial verbs*. Academic Forum, Graduate Institute of Applied Linguistics; Dallas, Texas, August 22. Homecoming Lecture, Dartmouth College Program in Linguistics and Cognitive Science; Hanover, New Hampshire, October 10.
- 2012 *Papuan clause coalescence: How to change but stay the same*. Seminar, The Australian National University. Canberra, Australia, July 20.
- 2012 *Proto-Sogeram kinship*. Seminar, Centre for Research on Language Change, The Australian National University. Canberra, Australia, July 18.
- 2012 *The history of kinship on the Sogeram and Ramu Rivers*. Seminar, Divine Word University. Madang, Papua New Guinea, July 5.
- 2011 *Complex coordination in diachrony: Clause coalescence in Papua New Guinea*. Seminar, The Cairns Institute, James Cook University. Cairns, Australia, December 12.
- 2010 *The position of Manat within the Sogeram family*. The Australian National University School of Culture, History & Language Seminar Series. Canberra, Australia, September 10.

Conference presentations

- 2024 *Can tense agree? The case of Sqi Bara*. 57th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea. Helsinki, Finland, August 22.

- 2023 *Agreement and focus in Sgi Bara*. 54th Annual Meeting of the Australian Linguistics Society. Sydney, Australia, December 1.
- 2023 *The Sgi Bara focus construction*. 15th Austronesian and Papuan Languages and Linguistics Conference. Olomouc, Czechia, August 24.
- 2022 *Irregular sound change in the Minjim languages*. 25th International Conference on Historical Linguistics. Oxford, England, August 1.
- 2021 Laura McPherson, **Don Daniels** & Caroline Hendy. *Lexical and grammatical tone in Wiru (Southern Highlands Province, PNG)*. 1st International Conference on Tone and Intonation. Sonderborg, Denmark, December 9. (Presented by LM.)
- 2021 Don Daniels, Zoë Haupt & Melissa Baese-Berk. *The phonetics and phonology of Jilim intrusive vowels*. 13th Austronesian and Papuan Languages and Linguistics Conference. Held virtually, June 11.
- 2020 Don Daniels, Zoë Haupt & Melissa Baese-Berk. *Intrusive vowels and complex consonant clusters in Jilim*. 2020 Australian Linguistics Society. Held virtually, December 15.
- 2020 *Aisi semi-embedded clauses resolve an insubordination paradox*. 53rd Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea. Held virtually, August 27.
- 2019 *The issue of arbitrariness in syntactic reconstruction*. 24th International Conference on Historical Linguistics. Canberra, Australia, July 3.
- 2019 *Reconstructing social dynamics with kin terms: The Sogeram case*. Workshop, "The history of Papuan languages and their speakers." 24th International Conference on Historical Linguistics. Canberra, Australia, July 1.
- 2019 Don Daniels & Greville G. Corbett. *Repartitioning: A new inflectional phenomenon*. 12th Mediterranean Morphology Meeting. Ljubljana, Slovenia, June 28. (Presented by GGC.)
- 2019 *Orientation serial verbs and the Proto-Sogeram verb phrase*. 11th Austronesian and Papuan Languages and Linguistics Conference. Leiden, the Netherlands, June 13.
- 2019 Caroline Hendy & Don Daniels. *The Wiru noun-modifying clause construction*. 11th Austronesian and Papuan Languages and Linguistics Conference. Leiden, the Netherlands, June 13.
- 2018 Don Daniels & Greville G. Corbett. *Repartitioning*. 10th Austronesian and Papuan Languages and Linguistics Conference. Surrey, England, May 4. (Presented by GGC.)
- 2018 *Directionality and degrammaticalization: The origin of the Sirva pronoun be*. 92nd Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. Salt Lake City, Utah, January 6.
- 2018 Don Daniels, Danielle Barth & Wolfgang Barth. *Modeling language diversification: The Sogeram case*. 92nd Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. Salt Lake City, Utah, January 6. (Presented by DD.)
- 2017 *How degrammaticalization can be reconstructed with phonotactics*. 48th Annual Meeting of the Australian Linguistics Society. Sydney, Australia, December 5.
- 2017 *Redrawing the boundaries: Fluctuating time reference in the Sogeram languages of Papua New Guinea*. Workshop, "Development of aspect and tense systems." 23rd International Conference on Historical Linguistics. San Antonio, Texas, August 3.

- 2017 Don Daniels & Joseph D. Brooks. *When prosody can be reconstructed: A case from Papua New Guinea*. 23rd International Conference on Historical Linguistics. San Antonio, Texas, July 31. (Presented by DD.)
- 2017 *From subordinate clause to attributive clause in Sirva*. Workshop on the Languages of Papua 4. Manokwari, Indonesia, January 24.
- 2016 Don Daniels & Joseph D. Brooks. *Reconstructing pragmatic borrowing along the Ramu River*. 47th Annual Meeting of the Australian Linguistics Society. Melbourne, Australia, December 8. (Presented by DD.)
- 2016 *Reconstructing constructionalization: The story of topics in Sirva*. 9th International Conference on Construction Grammar. Juiz de Fora, Brazil, October 6.
- 2016 *The creation of a GNMCC in Sirva*. 8th Austronesian and Papuan Languages and Linguistics Conference. London, England, May 13.
- 2015 *Explaining drift by reconstructing pragmatic variation*. 46th Annual Meeting of the Australian Linguistics Society. Parramatta, Australia, December 10.
- 2014 *Clause nominalization in Aisi and Manat*. 7th Austronesian and Papuan Languages and Linguistics Conference. London, England, May 17.
- 2013 *How to change but stay the same: Clause coalescence in Papua New Guinea*. 21st International Conference on Historical Linguistics. Oslo, Norway, August 8.
- 2013 *Proto-Sogeram serial verbs*. Workshop on the Languages of Melanesia. Kioloa, Australia, May 25.
- 2011 *Drift as discourse frequency: From medial clause to final clause in Papua New Guinea*. 20th International Conference on Historical Linguistics. Osaka, Japan, July 25.
- 2011 *I'm you and you're her: From first to second and second to third person in New Guinea*. 20th International Conference on Historical Linguistics. Osaka, Japan, July 28.
- 2011 *Drift as discourse variation: Commands and clause chains in Papua New Guinea*. Illinois Language and Linguistics Society 3. Urbana-Champaign, Illinois, April 22.
- 2011 *Scope and templates: The history of Proto-Na-Dene *da-, *ya-, and *na-*. 14th Workshop on American Indigenous Languages. Santa Barbara, California, April 16.
- 2009 *Some thoughts on drift in the Sogeram languages of Papua New Guinea*. 19th International Conference on Historical Linguistics. Nijmegen, the Netherlands, August 10.
- 2009 *The history of Proto-Na-Dene *da-, *na-, and *ya-*. 2009 Athabaskan/Dene Languages Conference. Berkeley, California, July 11.

Other talks

- 2019 *What linguistics can teach us about prehistory: The case of Proto-Sogeram kinship*. Colloquium, Department of Anthropology, University of Oregon, November 4.
- 2017 Don Daniels, Danielle Barth & Wolfgang Barth. *How do Papuan languages diversify? Or, How I learned to stop worrying and let Siva show me I was wrong*. Seminar, Australian National University. Canberra, Australia, October 13.

- 2017 Don Daniels & Joseph D. Brooks. *Reconstructing language contact along the Ramu River*. Papuan Pasts presentation, Australian National University. Canberra, Australia, March 3.
- 2015 *A method for mitigating the problem of borrowing in syntactic reconstruction*. Seminar, Centre for Research on Language Change, Australian National University. Canberra, Australia, October 21.
- 2015 *Understanding the history of the Proto-Sogeram irrealis*. UCSB Department of Linguistics Colloquium. Santa Barbara, California, April 23.
- 2015 *Sogeram subordinate clauses in discourse*. UCSB Department of Linguistics Recruitment Colloquium. Santa Barbara, California, January 15.
- 2014 *Reconstructing aspect in Proto-Sogeram serial verbs*. UCSB Linguistics Silver Anniversary Reunion. Santa Barbara, California, October 11.
- 2013 Guest lecture, Field Methods course (Colleen Fitzgerald, instructor). University of Texas at Arlington, Department of Linguistics & TESOL. Arlington, Texas, November 4.
- 2012 *How to document kinship systems*. International Workshop on Language Preservation. Goroka, Papua New Guinea, May 25.
- 2011 *The Papuan situation*. Invited discussion presentation, 20th International Conference on Historical Linguistics. Osaka, Japan, July 29.
- 2010 Allison Adelman, Brendan Barnwell, Don Daniels, Chris Donlay & Stephanie Morse. *Adventures in Tashlhit Berber*. UCSB Linguistics Department Colloquium Series. Santa Barbara, California, November 18.
- 2010 *Doing fieldwork in Papua New Guinea*. Undergraduate Linguistics Club, UCSB. Santa Barbara, California, November 9.
- 2008 *The Sogeram language family*. Undergraduate Linguistics Club, UCSB. Santa Barbara, California, November.
- 2006 *Proto-Sogeramic: Comparative reconstruction in central Madang Province, Papua New Guinea*. Honors Thesis Presentation, Dartmouth College. Hanover, New Hampshire, May.
- 2003 *Armenian-American English*. First-Year Summer Research Fellowship Presentation, Dartmouth College. Hanover, New Hampshire, November.

Teaching Experience

Primary instructor (University of Oregon)

LING 301: Introduction to Linguistic Analysis	Spring 2024, Spring 2021, Spring 2020, Fall 2018
LING 211: Languages of the World	Winter 2024, Winter 2023, Winter 2021, Winter 2020, Winter 2019
LING 615: Theory of Syntax	Fall 2023
LING 4/560: Historical Linguistics	Spring 2023, Spring 2021, Spring 2020, Spring 2019
LING 4/551: Advanced Syntax	Spring 2022
LING 4/510: Field Methods I, II, III	Spring 2022, Winter 2022, Fall 2021, Fall 2019

LING 312: Morphosyntax Winter 2022, Winter 2021

LING 4/507: Seminar: Switch Reference Spring 2020

LING 4/507: Seminar: Topic and Focus Spring 2019

Primary instructor (Australian National University)

Semester 2, 2017 Special Topics in Linguistics: Wiru Language Analysis (LING 3025/6525)

Semester 1, 2017 Linguistic Field Methods (LING 3012/6009)

Workshops

April 2018 Beginning and Intermediate FLEx (FieldWorks Language Explorer). Australian National University. 5.5 hours, April 6.

December 2017 (with Nicholas Evans and Hannah Sarvasy) Papuan Languages. ALT conference language teach-in. 6 hours, December 11.

November 2017 Beginning FLEx. CoEDL Summer School. 2.5 hours, November 29.

March 2017 Beginning and Intermediate FLEx (FieldWorks Language Explorer). Australian National University. 8 hours, March 10 & 24.

December 2016 (with Nicholas Evans) Papuan Languages. CoEDL Summer School. 6 hours, December 4–5.

Teaching assistantships

Spring 2014 T.A., Linguistics 115: Historical Linguistics, UCSB

Fall 2005 T.A., German 2, Dartmouth College

Spring 2005 T.A., German 2, Dartmouth College

Winter 2005 T.A., German 2, Dartmouth College

Fall 2004 T.A., Linguistics 1, Dartmouth College

Winter 2003 T.A., Spanish 2, Dartmouth College

Fall 2002 T.A., German 2, Dartmouth College

Professional Service

Peer review

Journal review: *Language & Linguistics in Melanesia* (2024, 2023, 2020, 2019, 2016), *Oceanic Linguistics* (2024, 2023, 2020, 2014, 2010), *Languages* (2024), *Language Documentation & Conservation* (2024), *Journal of Historical Linguistics* (2023, 2017), *International Journal of American Linguistics* (2023), *Diachronica* (2021), *Language* (2020, 2019)

Grant agency review: NSF: Linguistics (2024), ELDP (2019), NSF: DEL (2019 [x2])

Book chapter review (excluding volumes I contributed to): de Gruyter Mouton (2021), Oxford University Press (2021), John Benjamins (2019)

Editorial service

2020–present Editorial board, *Studies in Language Change* (De Gruyter Mouton book series)

2015–present Editorial board, *Pacific Linguistics* (De Gruyter Mouton book series)

2015–present Editorial board, *Asia–Pacific Linguistics* (ANU open access book series)

Conferences organized

2017 12th Conference of the Association for Linguistic Typology (with Wayan Arka, Danielle Barth, and Nicholas Evans)

Workshops organized

2019 The history of Papuan languages and their speakers. Workshop at the 24th International Conference on Historical Linguistics (with Bruno Olsson and Bethwyn Evans)

University and department service

2023–2024 Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Linguistics

2020–2022 Senator, University of Oregon Senate

2020–2022 Chair, Linguistics Department DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) Committee

Other professional service

2009–2010 Graduate Student Representative, UCSB Department of Linguistics Faculty Meetings

2008–2009 Representative for the Department of Linguistics, UCSB Graduate Student Assembly

Professional Memberships

2009–present International Society for Historical Linguistics

2008–present Linguistic Society of America