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PRESENT POSITION

Professor of Linguistics, Division of Linguistics and Multilingual Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore.

Curtesy Appointment As Professor of Chinese

Major administrative activities:

Member, School of Humanities Research Committee, 2017-March 2020.

Member, Management Committee, Division of Linguistics and Multilingual Studies 2013-.

Research Coordinator, Division of Linguistics and Multilingual Studies, 2012-2017.

Head, Division of Linguistics and Multilingual Studies, Nanyang Technological University, 1 January 2013-31 December 2015.

PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS

Chair (Professor) of Linguistics, La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia (July 2004-Jan. 2012).

Major administrative activities:

Linguistics Program Coordinator (January 2005-November 2009; July 2010-Jan. 2012).

Director, Research Centre for Linguistic Typology (July 2008-September 2010).

Member, La Trobe University Research and Graduate Studies Committee (2008-2010).

Associate Professor, Linguistics Section, Dept. of Chinese, Translation and Linguistics, City University of Hong Kong, Sept. 1997 - June 30, 2004.

Associate Research Fellow, Institute of Linguistics, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan, February 1994-June 1998.

Assistant Research Fellow, Institute of History and Philology, Academia Sinica, Taipei Taiwan, August 1990-February 1994.

Research Assistant, Sino-Tibetan Etymological Dictionary and Thesaurus Project (James A. Matisoff, Principal Investigator) University of California, Berkeley, January 1987 - June 1990. Duties included computer programming, data-base management, etymological reconstruction, and editing/production of monographs, fascicles.

Graduate Student Instructor III, Linguistics 5 (Introduction to Linguistics), University of California, Berkeley, Fall 1987. Created and graded exams, homework; led discussion sections.

Graduate Student Instructor II, Chinese 10A-10B (Intermediate Chinese), Department of Oriental Languages, University of California, Berkeley, Aug. 1986 - May 1987. Taught classes, created and graded exams, homework.

English as a Second Language Instructor, Department of Continuing Education, East China Normal University, Shanghai, September 1980 - July 1981. Developed and taught my own courses.

Editor/Writer/Translator and Director of Research and Development, Eurasia Press / China Passage, New York, 1983 - 1985. Most noteworthy: as Contributing Editor, did major rewrite of large portions of The China Guidebook for the 1984 and 1985 editions, and worked as Advisor/Translator for the first and second W. H. Kellogg Foundation China Study Tours, May 12 - June 12 and June 13 - July 11, 1984, respectively.

VISITING AND ADJUNCT POSITIONS

National Science Council Visiting Professor, Institute of Linguistics, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan (Feb.-July, 2012).

Visiting Scholar (Funded by HanBan under Visiting Sinologist Program), Peking University, Beijing, China, October-November, 2010.

Visiting Scholar, Institute of Linguistics, Academia Sinica, November-December, 2008.

Cheung Kong Scholar (长江学者) (Chair Professor), Central University of Nationalities, Beijing, China, February 2005-February 2008.

Visiting Fellow, Research Centre for Linguistic Typology, Institute for Advanced Study, La Trobe University, July - December 2002.

Visiting Fellow, Research Centre for Linguistic Typology, The Australian National University, June-August 1998.

Visiting Research Assistant Professor, Dept. of Chinese, Translation and Linguistics, City University of Hong Kong, Kowloon, Hong Kong, Sept. 1996-Sept. 1997.

Visiting Professor (Directeur d'Etudes), Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, France, September-November, 1994.

Adjunct Associate Professor, National Tsing-Hua University, Hsinchu, Taiwan, 1991-1993. Classes: 'Pragmatics', 'Functional Syntax', 'Typology', 'Tibeto-Burman Linguistics'.

EDUCATION

PhD in Linguistics, University of California, Berkeley, 1990. Dissertation title: *Grammatical Relations in Chinese: Synchronic and Diachronic Considerations*. Committee: James A. Matisoff & Robert D. Van Valin, Jr., co-chairs; Johanna Nichols.

MA in Linguistics, University of California at Berkeley, 1988.

Two years of post-graduate work in Linguistics at Peking University, Beijing, China, September 1981 - July 1983.

MA in Applied Linguistics (TESOL), State University of New York at Stony Brook, 1980.

BA in Asian Studies, State University of New York at Stony Brook, 1978.

Also attended the Linguistic Society of America Summer Institutes at Stanford University, 1987, and UC Santa Cruz, 1991, and the Fourth Australian Linguistics Institute, University of Queensland, 1998.

AREAS OF RESEARCH INTEREST/SPECIALIZATION

Sino-Tibetan Linguistics

Linguistic Typology

Historical linguistics (including grammaticalization and Sino-Tibetan reconstruction)

Functional, constructionist, and interactional approaches to communication and language emergence

Pragmatics (particularly relevance-based theories)

Anthropological Linguistics (Asian languages on which I have done fieldwork: Cambodian, Chinese dialects [Southern Fujian, Beijing subdialects, Shanghai, Guangzhou dialects], Dulong [1st Township, 3rd Township, 4th Township, Nujiang dialects], Qiang [Ronghong, Qugu dialects], Rawang [Mvtwang, Dvru dialects], Tagalog, Vietnamese.)

SERVICE TO THE LINGUISTICS COMMUNITY

Current

Fellow, Australian Academy for the Humanities (elected 2008).

Co-Editor, *Journal of Sino-Tibetan Linguistics* (《汉藏语学报》); since 2013; Deputy Editor 2005-2013).

Member, Advisory Committee of the Institute of Linguistics, Academia Sinica (since 2010).

Associate Editor, *Language and Linguistics* (Institute of Linguistics, Academia Sinica, and John Benjamins Pub. Co.; since Jan. 2014).

Member, Advisory Board, Center for the Study of Ethnic and Cultural Diversity (joint centre of China Central Nationalities University / Minzu Daxue, Beijing, and the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen Germany), since Jan 2014.

Member, Editorial Advisory Board, EL Publishing (Open Access publishing on endangered languages) (<http://www.elpublishing.org>).

Member, Editorial Board, *Chinese Language and Discourse*, Benjamins.

Member, Editorial Board, *Cultural Diversity in China*, de Gruyter, since Jan 2014, when it was founded.

Member, Editorial Advisory Board, *Open Linguistics* (Open Access journal), De Gruyter Open (<http://degruyteropen.com/>), since March 2014.

Member, Editorial Board, *Australian Journal of Linguistics*.

Member, Editorial Board, *Journal of Tibetan and Himalayan Studies*, Tibetology (Center of Foreign Tibetology, Shaanxi Normal University).

Member, Editorial Board, *Researching and Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language* (Equinox), since July 2013.

Member, Editorial Board of *Minzu Yuwen* (《民族语文》) (*Nationality Languages*) (Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences).

Member, Board of Editorial Consultants, *Philippine Journal of Linguistics* (journal of the Linguistic Society of the Philippines).

Member, Advisory Board, *The Journal of Modern Languages* (Faculty of Language and Linguistics, University of Malaya).

Member, Editorial Board, *Macrolinguistics* (New York: The Learned Press), since 2008.

Member, Editorial Board of *Nankai Yuyanxue Kan* (《南开语言学刊》) (*Linguistics Journal of Nankai University*).

Creator and Moderator of the Tibeto-Burman Linguistics Listserv (<tibeto-burman-linguistics@LISTSERV.LINGUISTLIST.ORG>), a networking avenue for scholars working on Tibeto-Burman languages and cultures, 2005-present.

Creator and Webmaster for The Tibeto-Burman Domain (Tibeto-Burman.net), a web site for the dissemination of information and resources related to the study of Tibeto-Burman languages and cultures, 2005-present.

Past

Member, International Advisory Board of *Diachronica: International Journal for Historical Linguistics* (2002-2016).

Vice Chairman, International Association for Bilingual Studies (2005-2015).

Consulting Editor, *Studies in Language* (1997-2014).

Editor, *Linguistics of the Tibeto-Burman Area* (international refereed journal; 2005-2012).

Member, Review Panel of the Endangered Languages Documentation Programme (ELDP) funded by Arcadia (previously known as the Lisbet Rausing Charitable Fund), 2010-2012.

Member, Editorial Board of *Language and Linguistics* (Institute of Linguistics, Academia Sinica; 2004-2009).

Member, International Editorial Board of *Transactions of the Philological Society*.

Member, Advisory Board, *Chinese Studies Review* (The Australian Tertiary Chinese Teachers Association, Melbourne, Australia)

Member, Academic Committee, Summer Institute for Linguistics Australia (2007-2009).

President, Australian Linguistic Society (2007-2009).

Vice President, Australian Linguistic Society (2005-2007).

Organizer and Host of the 10th RCLT International Workshop, “The Shaping of Language: The Relationship between the Structures of Languages and their Social, Cultural, Historical, and Natural Environments”, La Trobe University, 14-16, July 2010.

Co-organizer, International Symposium: Sino-Tibetan Comparative Studies in the 21st Century, Institute of Linguistics, Academic Sinica, 24-25 June, 2010.

Organizer and Host of ALS2009, the 40th annual meeting of the Australian Linguistic Society, July 9-11, 2009, Melbourne.

Co-organizer, 11th Congress of the International Pragmatics Association, July 12-17, 2009, Melbourne.

Organizer and Host, Third Cross-Straits Workshop on Tibeto-Burman Linguistics, City University of Hong Kong, April 17-18, 2004.

Member, Organizing Committee, First International Conference on Modern Chinese Grammar for the New Millennium (The Seventh Conference on Modern Chinese Grammar), City University of Hong Kong, Feb. 1-3, 2001.

Advisor for E-MELD: Electronic Metastructures for Endangered Languages Data Project (2000-present) (Participated as Panel Member in the Workshop on the Digitization of Endangered Language Data: The Need for Standards, Santa Barbara, June 21-24, 2001, and the Workshop on Digitizing and Annotating Texts and Field Recordings, East Lansing, July 11-13, 2003).

Course Presenter, "Morphosyntactic Typology and Grammaticalization in Sino-Tibetan", Fourth Australian Linguistics Institute, The University of Queensland, July 6-16, 1998.

Aside from those journals I am on the editorial boards of, I have reviewed submissions to *Language*, *Linguistic Typology*, *Cahiers de linguistique asie orientale*, *Linguistics and Philosophy*, *Lingua*, *Journal of the International Phonetic Association*, *Bulletin of Chinese Linguistics*, *The Linguistic Review* and other publications and presses. I also have reviewed project proposals submitted to the European Research Council, the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research, the Swiss National Science Foundation, the Endangered Languages Documentation Programme (SOAS), the Research Grants Council of HK, the National Science Foundation (USA), the Austrian Science Foundation (FWF), the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), and the Australian Research Council. I am also frequently asked to evaluate other linguists for promotion and tenure.

HONORS

Awarded Singapore Association for Applied Linguistics Lifelong Membership Award (Eminent Scholarship), September, 2016.

Invited to join Editorial Board of *Chinese Language and Discourse*, October 2014.

Invited to be Associate Editor of *Language and Linguistics*, Jan. 2014.

Invited to join the Advisory Board of the Center for the Study of Ethnic and Cultural Diversity, Jan 2014.

Invited to join the Advisory board of *The Journal of Modern Languages*, Jan 2014, renewed 2015.

Invited to be Co-Editor of the *Journal of Sino-Tibetan Linguistics* (《汉藏语学报》), 2013 (had been Deputy Editor since 2005).

Appointed Honorary Professor, Yuxi Normal University, Yunnan, China, December 2010.

Elected Honorary Member, Linguistic Society of the Philippines, November, 2010.

Invited to join the Advisory Committee of the Institute of Linguistics, Academia Sinica, 2010, and again in 2013.

Invited to join the Review Panel of the Endangered Languages Documentation Program, London, 2010.

Invited to join the Editorial Board of *Australian Journal of Linguistics*, June 2010.

Invited to join the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Philippine Linguistics*, 2008. Renewed as member of Board of Editorial Consultants, 2015.

Elected to the Australian Academy for the Humanities, October 2008.

Elected President of the Australian Linguistics Society, September 2007.

Invited to join the Editorial Board of *Minzu Yuwen (Nationality Languages)*, January 2006.

Elected Vice President of the Australian Linguistics Society, September 2005.

Selected by to be a Cheung Kong Scholar, February 2005.

Elected Vice President of the International Association for Bilingual Studies, January 2005.

Invited to join the Editorial Board of *Nankai Yuyanxue Kan (Linguistics Journal of Nankai University)*, July 2005

Invited to join the Editorial Board of *Language and Linguistics*, April 2004.

Invited to join the International Advisory Board of *Diachronica: International Journal for Historical Linguistics*, 2002.

Co-authored book, *Syntax: Structure, Meaning, and Function (Cambridge Textbooks in Linguistics Series; with Robert D. Van Valin, Jr. Cambridge University Press, 1997)*, nominated for the Linguistic Society of America's Bloomfield Book Award, Jan. 2000.

Invited to become a Consulting Editor of *Studies in Language*, 1997.

Award for "Excellence in Research" from the National Science Council of the ROC, February 1995.

Award for "Excellent Publication on the Minority Languages of China" from the Ministry of Education of the ROC, May 1994.

Award for "Excellence in Research" from the National Science Council of the ROC, March 1994.

Invited to become a member of the Editorial Committee of *Linguistics of the Tibeto-Burman Area*, September 1990.

GRANTS

Principal Investigator, "On the typology of grammatical alignment patterns, and the interactions and interdependencies of grammatical alignment, transitivity, information structure and referent saliency". Singapore Ministry of Education Tier 1 grant.

Principal Investigator, "Grammar, texts, and dictionary of the Rawang language of Kachin State, Myanmar", Nanyang Technological University Start-up Grant.

Principal Investigator, "On the typology of grammatical alignment patterns, and the interactions and interdependencies of grammatical alignment, transitivity, information

structure and referent saliency”, ROC National Science Council Chair Professor Fellowship and Research Grant, 2012-2014 (cut short after five months because of move to NTU—project refunded there).

Principal Investigator, “Rawang-Dulong-Anong Language and Culture Website”, La Trobe University e-Research Grant for development of electronic resources, 2011.

Co-Investigator, “Noun-Modifying Constructions in Languages of Eurasia: Reshaping theoretical and geographical boundaries”, Stanford University Presidential Fund for Innovation in the Humanities Grant, 2008-2011 (PI: Yoshiko Matsumoto).

Co-Investigator, “Stance Marking in Asian Languages: Linguistic and Cultural Perspectives”, Hong Kong RGC General Research Fund (GRF) 2010-2013 (PI: YAP Foong Ha).

Professorial Start-up Grant, La Trobe University, 2004-2007.

Principal Investigator, “Qiang Language Dialect Atlas Project”, Hong Kong Research Grants Council Competitive Earmarked Research Grant (CERG) Project No. 9040777, 2002-2004.

Principal Investigator for “Qiang Language Dialect Atlas Project”, Strategic Research Grant from City University of Hong Kong, 2001-2002. (pilot for CERG)

Principal Investigator for “Comparative Tibeto-Burman Morphosyntax”, Strategic Research Grant from City University of Hong Kong, September 1999-August 2000.

Principal Investigator for “Rawang Texts and Dictionary Project”, Small-Scale Research Grant from City University of Hong Kong, September 1-December 31, 2000.

Principal Investigator for “Project for Fieldwork on and Analysis of the Dulong and Anong Languages”, Strategic Research Grant from City University of Hong Kong, September 1997- August 1999.

Principal Investigator for “Tibeto-Burman Morphosyntax”, Strategic Research Grant from City University of Hong Kong, 1997-2000.

Principal Investigator for “Grammar, Texts, and Glossary of the Northern Qiang Dialect”, Small-Scale Research Grant from City University of Hong Kong, Feb. 1997-July 1997.

Principal Investigator for “Rawang/Dulong Fieldwork Project”, funded by the Academia Sinica, August 1994-July 1996.

Associate Investigator for “Project for Fieldwork on and Analysis of Qiangic Languages” (Gong Hwang-cherng, Principal Investigator), funded by the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation, July 1994-June 1996.

Principal Investigator for “Northern Qiang Dialect Fieldwork Project”, funded by the National Science Council, ROC, April 1994-July 1996.

Principal Investigator for “Project on Tibeto-Burman Comparative Morphology”, funded by National Science Council, ROC, August 1992-July 1993.

Newhouse Fund Grant (unsolicited), Spring 1989.

U.C. Berkeley Institute of East Asian Studies Fellowship (unsolicited), 1986-87.

U.S. Department of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships for advanced work in Chinese language and linguistics, 1984-85, and 1985-86.

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs, Edited books, and thematic special issues of journals

- The Sino-Tibetan Languages, 2nd Edition*, ed. by Graham Thurgood & Randy J. LaPolla. London & New York: Routledge, January 2017.
- Rawang-English-Burmese Dictionary* (Randy J. LaPolla & David Sangdong). <http://www.tibeto-burman.net/rda/dictionary>. Also limited print run (1000 copies) for distribution to the Rawang community, December 2015.
- Language Structure and Environment: Social, Cultural, and Natural Factors* (Rik De Busser & Randy J. LaPolla, eds.). Amsterdam & Philadelphia: John Benjamins, June 2015.
- Studies in Transitivity: Insights from Language Documentation*. Special issue of the journal *Studies in Language* (35.3) (F. Kratochvíl, A. Coupe & R. LaPolla, eds.). Amsterdam & Philadelphia: John Benjamins, 2011.
- Dao Tianye qu—Yuyanxue Tianye Diaocha de Fangfa yu Shijian (To the Field—The Method and Experience of Linguistic Fieldwork)*, edited by Dai Qingxia, Luo Rendi (Randy J. LaPolla), and Wang Feng. Beijing: Minzu Chubanshe, 2009. (ISBN 978-7-105-09904-7/H.682)
- Language Variation: Papers on Variation and Change in the Sinosphere and in the Indosphere in Honour of James A. Matisoff*, edited by David Bradley, Randy LaPolla, Boyd Michailovsky & Graham Thurgood. Pacific Linguistics. Canberra: Australian National University, 2003 (ISBN 0-85883-540-1).
- A Grammar of Qiang, with Annotated Texts and Glossary* (Mouton Grammar Library 39), by Randy J. LaPolla with Chenglong Huang. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter. 445 + xvii pp. December, 2003 (ISBN 3-11-017829-X). (Reviewed by Edward Vajda on the Linguistlist (<http://linguistlist.org/issues/16/16-671.html>) 2005.03.07, and by Graham Thurgood in *Linguistics of the Tibeto-Burman Area* 28(2005).1: 107-10.)
- The Sino-Tibetan Languages (Routledge Language Family Series 3)*, edited by Graham Thurgood & Randy J. LaPolla. London & New York: Routledge, 727 + xxii pp., Jan. 2003 (ISBN 0-7007-1129-5).
- Rawang Texts, with Grammatical Analysis and English Translation*, by Randy J. LaPolla & Dory Poa. Berlin: LINCOM EUROPA, November, 2001 (ISBN 3 89586 783 7).
- The Tibeto-Burman Languages of Uttar Pradesh*, ed. by Randy J. LaPolla, Volume II of *New Research on Zhangzhung and Related Himalayan Languages (Senri Ethnological Reports 19)*, edited by Yasuhiko Nagano & Randy J. LaPolla. Osaka: National Museum of Ethnology, February, 2001 (ISSN 1340-6787).
- Syntax: Structure, Meaning and Function (Cambridge Textbooks in Linguistics Series)*, by Robert D. Van Valin, Jr. & Randy J. LaPolla. Cambridge University Press, 1997 (ISBN 0-521-49915-1). Published in China by Peking University Press. (Nominated for the Linguistic Society of America's Bloomfield Book Award; Reviewed by John Newman in *Linguistic Typology* 2.3 (1998), by S. Robinson in *Language* 75.3:621 (1999), and by Laura and Radu Daniliuc on the LINGUIST List 11.485, Tue Mar. 7, 2000, and by Cynthia Allen in *Australian Journal of Linguistics* 22.2:272-277).

Bibliography of the Papers from the International Conferences on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics, by Randy J. LaPolla & John B. Lowe. STEDT Monograph Series, No. 1, Second edition, including conferences XXII-XXV, 1994. (Reviewed by Robert S. Bauer in *Mon-Khmer Studies* 24(1995):115-16.).

Grammatical Relations in Chinese: Synchronic and Diachronic Considerations. PhD dissertation, University of California, Berkeley, 1990.

Linguistics East and West: Sino-Tibetan, Tai, and American Indian, recorded and edited by Ning-ping Chan & Randy J. LaPolla. Transcript of our interviews with Prof. Fang-Kuei Li to record his oral history. Published by the Regional Oral History Office, a department of the Bancroft Library, UC Berkeley, 1989.

Bibliography of the Papers from the International Conferences on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics, I-XXI, by Randy J. LaPolla & John B. Lowe. STEDT Monograph Series, No. 1, 1989. (Reviewed by Robert S. Bauer in *Mon-Khmer Studies* 24(1995): 115-16.)

Papers

“Noun-Modifying Clause Constructions in Sino-Tibetan Languages”. In Yoshiko Matsumoto, Bernard Comrie, & Peter Sells (eds.), *Noun-Modifying Clause Constructions in Languages of Eurasia: Reshaping theoretical and geographical boundaries*, 91-103. Amsterdam, Philadelphia: John Benjamins Pub. Co., Feb. 2017.

“An Overview of Sino-Tibetan Morphosyntax.” (fully updated for 2017 edition) In Graham Thurgood & Randy J. LaPolla (eds.), *The Sino-Tibetan Languages, 2nd Edition*, 40-69. London & New York: Routledge, Jan. 2017.

“Qiang.” (fully updated for 2017 edition) In Graham Thurgood & Randy J. LaPolla (eds.), *The Sino-Tibetan Languages, 2nd Edition*, 773-789. London & New York: Routledge, Jan. 2017.

“Dulong.” (fully updated for 2017 edition) In Graham Thurgood & Randy J. LaPolla (eds.), *The Sino-Tibetan Languages, 2nd Edition*, 635-645. London & New York: Routledge, Jan. 2017.

“On scholarship in Sino-Tibetan Linguistics: Review article on *Studies in Chinese and Sino-Tibetan Linguistics: Dialect, Phonology, Transcription and Text (Language and Linguistics Monograph Series 53)*, ed. by Richard VanNess Simmons and Newell Ann Van Auken”. Commissioned review article for *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 136.4: 867-876, Dec. 2016.

“Chao Yuen Ren [Zhào Yuánrèn 趙元任] (1892–1982)”. In Rint Sybesma (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Chinese Language and Linguistics*, Vol. 1, 352-356. Leiden: Brill, 2017.

“Dúlóng 獨龍 language” . In Rint Sybesma (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Chinese Language and Linguistics*, Vol. 2, 134-141. Leiden: Brill, 2017.

“Notions of ‘Subject’”. In Rint Sybesma (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Chinese Language and Linguistics*, Vol. 3, 231-238. Leiden: Brill, 2017.

“Topic and Comment”. In Rint Sybesma (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Chinese Language and Linguistics*, Vol. 4, 370-376. Leiden: Brill, 2017.

- “Once again on methodology and argumentation in linguistics: Problems with the arguments for recasting Sino-Tibetan as ‘Trans-Himalayan’”. *Linguistics of the Tibeto-Burman Area* 39:2 (Dec 2016), 282–297. doi 10.1075/ltba.39.2.03lap
- “On categorization: Stick to the facts of the languages”. *Linguistic Typology* 20.2: 365–375; Invited position paper for special issue on descriptive vs. comparative categories, Oct. 2016.
- “Review of *The Language Myth*, by Vyvyan Evans”. Commissioned review for *Studies in Language* 40 (April 2016).1: 235–252. doi 10.1075/sl.40.1.09lap
- “On the logical necessity of a cultural connection for all aspects of linguistic structure”. In Rik De Busser & Randy J. LaPolla (eds.), *Language Structure and Environment: Social, Cultural, and Natural Factors*, 33-44. Amsterdam & Philadelphia: John Benjamins, June 2015.
- “Sino-Tibetan syntax”. In William S-Y Wang and Chaofen Sun (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Chinese Linguistics*, 45-57. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015.
- “Constituent structure in a Tagalog text”. Featured Article in *Language and Linguistics* 15.6: 761–774, October 2014.
- “Towards a new approach to evidentiality: Issues and directions for research” (Nicolas Tournadre & Randy J. LaPolla). *Linguistics of the Tibeto-Burman Area* 37.2: 240–262, October 2014.
- “Arguments for a construction-based approach to the analysis of Chinese”. In Tseng Chiu-yu (ed.), *Human Language Resources and Linguistic Typology: Papers from the Fourth International Conference on Sinology*, 33-57. Taipei: Academia Sinica, 2013.
- “Arguments for a construction-based approach to the analysis of Sino-Tibetan languages”. In Peng Gang & Shi Feng (ed.), *Eastward Flows the Great River— Festschrift in Honor of Professor William S-Y. WANG on his 80th Birthday*, 127-141. Hong Kong: City University of Hong Kong Press, 2013.
- “Subgrouping in Tibeto-Burman: Can an individual-identifying standard be developed? How do we factor in the history of migrations and language contact?” In *Language Typology and Historical Contingency (Typological Studies in Language 104)*, edited by Balthasar Bickel, Lenore A. Grenoble, David A. Peterson, & Alan Timberlake, 463-474. Amsterdam and Philadelphia: John Benjamins Pub Co., 2013.
- “Eastern Asia: Sino-Tibetan linguistic history”. In Emmanuel Ness (ed.), *The Encyclopedia of Global Human Migration, Prehistory Volume*, Chapter 25. Chichester: John Wiley & Sons, Ltd., 2013.
- “Comments on methodology and evidence in Sino-Tibetan comparative linguistics”. *Language and Linguistics* (Special issue on Sino-Tibetan Comparative Studies) 13(2012).1:117-132.
- “On transitivity”. (Randy J. LaPolla, František Kratochvíl & Alexander R. Coupe). *Studies in Language* 35(2011).3:469-492.
- “On transitivity in two Tibeto-Burman languages”. *Studies in Language* 35(2011).3:637-650.

- “‘Transitivity harmony’ in the Rawang language of northern Myanmar”. In *From the southern hemisphere: Parameters of language variation—E-Proceedings of the 2008 Conference of the Australian Linguistics Society* (University of Sydney, 2-4 July, 2008), ed. by L. de Beuzeville & P. Peters, 1-9. Published 2010 on line: <http://hdl.handle.net/2123/7107>.
- “Hierarchical person marking in Rawang”. In *Forty Years of Sino-Tibetan Language Studies: Proceedings of ICSTLL-40*, ed. by Dai Zhaoming, 107-113. Heilongjiang University Press, 2010.
- “Feilübin Tagaluo yu (Tagalog) de cilei fanchou (The lexical categories of the Tagalog language of the Philippines)” (潘露莉 (Dory Poa) & 罗仁地 (Randy LaPolla)). *Yuyanxue Luncong* 41:1-14. Beijing: Peking University, 2010.
- “Causes and effects of substratum, superstratum and adstratum influence, with reference to Tibeto-Burman languages”. In *Issues in Tibeto-Burman Historical Linguistics (Senri Ethnological Studies 75)*, ed. by Yasuhiko Nagano, 227-237. Osaka: National Museum of Ethnology, September, 2009.
- “Chinese as a Topic-Comment (Not Topic-Prominent and not SVO) language”. In *Studies of Chinese Linguistics: Functional Approaches*, ed. by Janet Xing, 9-22. Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, 2009.
- “Relative clause structures in the Rawang language”. *Language and Linguistics* 9.4(2008):797-812 (special issue on relative clause structures edited by Henry Y. Chang).
- “Language Contact and Language Change in the History of the Sino-Tibetan Languages”. Published in *The Harmony of civilizations and prosperity for all: diversity in the development of human civilizations* (Selected papers from the Beijing Forum, Peking University and Great Hall of the People, Beijing, 2-4 November, 2007), ed. by the Academic Steering Committee of the Beijing Forum, Peking University, 144-162. Beijing: Peking University Press, October 2008.
- “Nominalization in Rawang”. *Linguistics of the Tibeto-Burman Area* 31.2(2008):45-66 (special issue on nominalization in Tibeto-Burman edited by Alec Coupe).
- “The copula and existential verbs in Qiang” (Randy J. LaPolla & Chenglong Huang). *Bulletin of Chinese Linguistics* 2.1(2007):233-248.
- “New perspectives on evidentials: a view from Tibeto-Burman” (Alexandra Y. Aikhenvald and Randy J. LaPolla). *Linguistics of the Tibeto-Burman Area* 30.2(October 2007):1-16.
- “Yuyan leixingxue / gongneng yuyanxuepai shiyexia de yuyanxue tianye diaocha (A linguistic typology / functional linguistics view of linguistic fieldwork)” *Yuyanxue Luncong* 36(2007):42-56. [Also published in *Dao Tianye qu—Yuyanxue Tianye Diaocha de Fangfa yu Shijian (To the Field—The Method and Experience of Linguistic Fieldwork)*, edited by Dai Qingxia, Luo Rendi, and Wang Feng. Beijing: Minzu Chubanshe, 2009.
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- Conference of the Australian Linguistics Society, University of Queensland, 7-9 July, 2006.
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- “Subgrouping in Tibeto-Burman: Can an individual-identifying standard be developed? How do we factor in the history of migrations and language contact?” Paper presented at the 33rd International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics, Bangkok and Trang, October 2-6, 2000.
- “Nominalization and complementation in Northern Qiang.” Invited paper presented at the Workshop on Qiangic Languages and Linguistics, Institute of Linguistics, Preparatory Office, Academia Sinica, Taipei, November 6-7, 1999.
- “Factors involved in language change: Evidence from Sino-Tibetan”. Invited paper presented at the Workshop on the Connection Between Areal Diffusion and the Genetic Model of Language Relationship, Research Centre for Linguistic Typology, Australian National University, August 17-22, 1998.
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- “Verb Agreement, Head-Marking vs. Dependent-Marking, and the ‘Deconstruction’ of Tibeto-Burman Morpho-Syntax.” Paper presented to the 15th Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society, UC Berkeley, Feb. 18-20, 1989.
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Gao Tao (student of Southwest JiaoTong University in China; she visited January-June 2015 to work with me on the Qiang language)

Co-supervisor

Qi Fei (Chinese Division, PhD, due 2019)

NAKAGAWA Takashi (PhD, due 2017)

Zakaria Muhammad (PhD, due 2017)

LE Tuan Anh (PhD, due 2017)

Soh Jyrminn (MA, 2017)

National University of Singapore

Co-supervisor

ZHENG Wuxi (PhD, 2015; as she was documenting a Qiang dialect, one of my areas of expertise, her department asked me to supervise her)

La Trobe University

Primary supervisor

Henriette Daudey (PhD 2014; supervised her to completion even after move to NTU)

Bernadette Knewstubb (PhD, 2012)

David Sangdong (PhD, 2012)

Roberto Daniel Zariquiey-Biondi (PhD, 2011, with distinction)
Rebecca Hanson (PhD, 2011)
Jingyi Du (PhD, 2011)
Rik de Busser (PhD, 2009)
Seino van Breugel (PhD, 2009)
Namgay Thinley (MA by Research, 2008)
Chung Ya-ting (PhD, 2008)
Theresa Savage (PhD, 2006)

Co-supervisor

Friedel Martin Frowein (PhD, 2011)
Cathryn Yang (PhD, 2010)
Prang Thiengburanathum, (PhD, 2010)
Ken Manson (PhD, 2010)
David Yoong (PhD, 2009)
Jamin Pelkey (PhD, 2009)

City University of Hong Kong

Principal Supervisor

HUANG Chenglong (PhD, 2004)
NG Wai Man, Raymond (MA Thesis, 2002)
CHAN Man Ho, Benny (MA Thesis, 2001)
CHAN Yuk Ling, Cindy (MA Thesis, 2001)
KAN Pui Kuen, Kan (MA Thesis, 2001)
LAU Wing Mei, Winnie (MA Thesis, 2001)
LEE Yuet Ying, Edith (MA Thesis, 2001; Won LSHK 2002 Outstanding Thesis Award)
LEUNG Tun Yu, Emily (MA Thesis, 2001)
Tam Sau Ngan, Eliza (MA Thesis, 2000)
Ngai Shun Yin, Anna (MA Thesis, 2000)
CHOY Shun Yin, Helen (MA Thesis, 2000)
Chan Shuk Hang, Bonald (MA Thesis, 1999)
Chan Chi Fai, Florence (MA Thesis, 1999)
Sum Hill Wah, Helen (MA Thesis, MALL; 1999)
Tse Ping Sum, Portia (MA Thesis, 1998)
Yu Pik Yiu, Janet (MA Thesis, 1998)
Chan Wing Yiu, Ronald (MA Thesis, 1998)

Luk Man Shan, Donna (MA Thesis, 1998)
 Cheung Lan-sze, Nancy (MA Thesis, 1997)
 Lum Suk Ching, Virginia (MA Thesis, 1997)

PhD Committee Member

Hu Fang (2003)
 Wu Qing (2003)
 Liu Danqing (2000)

MPhil Committee member

Li Po Yee (2005)
 Khioe Fung Wah (2005)
 Chao Shuen, Stella (2000)
 Fung Wing Nga (2000)
 Lau Sze Lok (2000)
 Ng Miu Kwan, Kennis (2000)

UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING

Nanyang Technological University

Academic Year	Course code/name	Teaching Load	Enrolment	SFT (mean index)
AY2012-13	HG4041 Theories of Grammar (4th year subject; Sem 1)	100%	11	91.43
	HG4047 Pragmatic Theory (4th year subject; Sem 2)	100%	30	94.26
	HG2099 Languages of the World (2 nd year subject; Sem 2)	10%	26	(no SFT)
AY2013-14	HG7004 Advanced Morphosyntax (Postgraduate subject; Sem 1)	100%	7 + 1	85.71 (4 respondents)
	HG2099 Languages of the World (2 nd year subject; Sem 1)	10% (one class)	28	82.34
	HG4047 Pragmatic Theory (4th year subject; Sem 2)	100%	27	89.46

	HG7022 Meaning in Context (Postgraduate subject; Sem 2)	100%	1	100
AY2014-15	HG4041 Theories of Grammar (4th year subject; Sem 1)	100%	20	86.14
	HG7004 Advanced Morphosyntax (Postgraduate subject; Sem 1)	100%	4	90
	HG8008 Linguarama (Languages of the World) (2 nd year subject; Sem1)	15%	108	N/A
	HG4047 Pragmatic Theory (4th year subject; Sem 2)	100%	24	90.14
	HG7022 Meaning in Context (Postgraduate subject; Sem 2)	100%	2	88.57
AY2015-16	HG4041 Theories of Grammar (4th year subject; Sem 1)	100%	20	84.37
	HG7004 Advanced Morphosyntax (Postgraduate subject; Sem 1)	100%	2	92.86
	HG4047 Pragmatic Theory (4th year subject; Sem 2)	100%	25	94.09
	HG7022 Meaning in Context (Postgraduate subject; Sem 2)	100%	1	100
	HG2003 Phonetics and Phonology (1st year subject; Sem 2)	100%	105	83.14
	HG7020 Special Topics in Linguistics (Postgraduate subject; Sem 2)	100%	1	N/A
AY2016-17	HG4041 Theories of Grammar (4th year subject; Sem 1)	100%	23	93.40
	HG7012 Topics in Theoretical Syntax (Postgraduate subject; Sem 1)	100%	2	97.14
	HG2034 The Structure of English (1st year subject; Sem 1)	100% Lecture	100	85.63
	HG2094 Word of Mouth: Transmission of Oral Culture (2nd year subject; Sem 1)	Guest Lecture	30	No SFT

	HG4042 How and Why Languages Differ (4th year subject; Sem 2)	100%	30	90.63
	HG4047 Pragmatic Theory (4th year subject; Sem 2)	100%	28	95.60

Final Year Project (Honours) Supervision:

2016-17

Samuel Tan Wei Jian

Ng Jin Yi

Chia Yanling

Wong Si Ning

2015-16

Phyllis Lo Yiling (Sem 1)

Kerensa Chew Maine (Sem 2)

Glenda Khoo Li Yan (Sem 2)

Wong Ai Lynn, Ruoan (Sem 2)

2014-15

Amanda FOO Limin (Sem 1)

Elissa Low Jia Min (Sem 1)

Olivia NG Linhui (Sem 2)

Lau Tsin Ning (Sem 2)

2013-14

QUEK Huan Ting, Geraldine (Sem 1)

TAN Xue Er, Cheryl (Sem 2) (Sem 2)

Hafiza Binte Jumat (Sem 2) (Sem 2)

URECA Project Supervision

2017-18

Nur Amirah Binte Khairul Anuar (URECA-FYP)

2013-14

Elissa Low Jia Min

Summer Research Internship Supervision

Summer 2013

Nathaniel Sims

La Trobe University

Subjects taught (all undergraduate—no postgraduate subjects are offered at La Trobe):

Syntax: The relationship between meaning and structure (3rd year subject)

Semantics and Pragmatics: The relationship between meaning and use (3rd year subject)

The Nature of Language (1st year subject)

Language in Society (sociology of language and variationist studies; 2nd year subject)

City University of Hong Kong

Postgraduate subjects taught:

Contrastive Grammar of Chinese and English

Chinese Linguistic Structures

Language Universals and Linguistic Typology

Historical Linguistics

Studies in Sociolinguistics

Discourse Studies

Linguistics for Translators & Interpreters

Undergraduate subjects taught:

Semantics and Pragmatics

Text Linguistics

Discourse Analysis

Contrastive Linguistics

Practical Stylistics for Translators

Honours Thesis Supervision:

1999-2000

Chan Yuen Fan

Cheung Lok Ki

Lam Mei Kwan

Lim Wai Ching

1998-1999

Huang Chia Wen, Carmen

Chan Lai Man

Tang Yee Chui, Chloe

1997-1998

Mak Wan Man, Janet

Kwok Pik Yu, Ivy

Cheng Chau Ngan, Venus

1996-1997

Leung Yuk Ki

Wong Ka Yee, Irene

National Tsing Hua University (Taiwan; 1991-94 as Adjunct Associate Professor while working at Academia Sinica)

Subjects taught (all to PhD level postgraduate students):

Pragmatics

Typology

Functional Grammar

Tibeto-Burman Linguistics