



University of Colorado Department Newsletter
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Thesis Option Chosen by Thirteen MA Students 2014-2016

A record number thirteen graduate students chose the thesis option to complete their MA degrees by researching, writing, and successfully defending an MA thesis on a variety of scholarly topics with the advice of a faculty advisor and two committee members.

Fahad Alrashed *The effect of the postnasal on the gestural overlapping between the nasal and the vowel in Saudi Arabic*

More of Interest....

A Record Number of Ph.D. Doctoral Dissertation Theses Completed

During the academic years 2014-2016, thirteen Ph.D. students completed the

Alumni Notes

Sean Allison (Ph.D. 2012) is living in Abbotsford, British Columbia, Canada and is the MA Ling Program Director at Trinity Western University and an Associate Professor at the Canada Institute of Linguistics (CanIL) on the Trinity campus. He teaches a combined undergraduate/graduate course in Advanced Grammar and graduate courses on Topics in Morphology and Syntax and a Survey of Linguistics Theories. For fun, he teaches courses in French phonetics, pronunciation, and grammar. He is a member of SIL and Wycliffe Bible Translators, serves as the language development coordinator

includes an ongoing analysis of the morphosyntax of Makary Kotoko from a discourse perspective.

Professor David Rood to Retire

Professor David Rood is retiring from the Department of Linguistics after nearly 50 years of service to the campus and community. David has seen the entire history of the Linguistics Department at CU: when he arrived here, he was hired in the German Department, as the Linguistics Department did not yet exist. David has taught literally thousands of students over the years, including mentoring graduate students and dissertations. He was instrumental in helping develop and teach our TESOL (teaching English as a second language) professional MA program, and has performed many service roles in the department over the years. His primary research has focused on Native American languages: over the years, he has been one of the major contributors to the documentation of the Lakhota (Sioux) language, a leader of the Proto-Siouan project and archive, and the primary documenter of the Wichita language. David, along with his students, is responsible for practically the entire knowledge that we have of the Wichita language, as he worked with that language for over thirty years. The last speaker passed away in September, 2016. In addition to documenting Lakhota, he worked with Dr. Allan Taylor to produce an elementary student dictionary and a series of bilingual readers in that language, which served for decades as one of the most popular curricula for Lakhota learners, and are still in use. He has also regularly consulted with the Lakhota Language Consortium, which is producing new generation of curriculum materials for school language classes on the various reservations.

As much as he has done on his own, he has also enabled the work of many additional scholars. At our graduation in spring, 2016, I placed on a table some not all of over twenty years of editions of the International Journal

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 Denise Chilson
 Patricia Davidson
 Courtney Fanshier
 Matthew Fisher
 Jade Gehringer
 Aislynn Leibee
 Michael Mendell
 Carly Morrison
 Charlene Parle *with distinction*
 Stuart Post
 Lisa Powers
 Heather Rubi
 Tatyana Sasynuik
 Helen Satchwell
 Eric Silberstein *with distinction*
 Alea Tebbe *with distinction*

CONCURRENT BA/MA

Dillon Ekle
 Alyssa La Pointe *with distinction*
 Kayla Stearns *with distinction*

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

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