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Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION

- 2013-2019 Ph.D. in Linguistics, University of Berkeley, California.
Advisor: Peter S.E. Jenks, jenks@berkeley.edu
Dissertation: *Discourse connectedness: The syntax-discourse structure interface.*
<https://escholarship.org/uc/item/4hx630c2>
- 2013-2015 M.A. in Linguistics, University of Berkeley, California.
- 2008-2012 B.A. in Linguistics, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH.

EMPLOYMENT

- 2022-present Language Engineer II, Amazon (Alexa Smart Home)
- 2020-2022 Language Engineer I, Amazon (Alexa Smart Home)
- 2020-2021 Instructor of Linguistics, Beijing XitianQijing Technology Co. Ltd. (ViaX)

PUBLICATIONS

Articles in international refereed journals

- To appear **Baclawski Jr, Kenneth.** “Multi-functional deictics in South Central Tibeto-Burman.” *Himalayan Linguistics*. Accepted, expected 2023.
https://kenny.baclawski.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Baclawski_2023_Multi-functional_deictics.pdf
- 2018 **Baclawski Jr, Kenneth.** “Diglossia and change from below in Eastern Cham.” *Asia-Pacific Language Variation* 4.1: 73–102. John Benjamins.
<https://doi.org/10.1075/aplv.17003.bac>
- 2016 **Baclawski Jr, Kenneth & Peter Jenks.** “Clefts and Anti-Superiority in Moken.” *The Journal of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society* 9: 81–96. ANU Research Publications.
<https://openresearch-repository.anu.edu.au/handle/1885/105175>
- 2014 Stanford, James N., Nathan Severance & **Kenneth Baclawski Jr.** “Multiple vectors of unidirectional dialect change in Eastern New England.” *Language Variation and Change* 26.1: 103–140. Cambridge University Press.
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0954394513000227>
- 2012 Stanford, James N., Tom Leddy-Cecere & **Kenneth Baclawski Jr.** “Farewell to the founders: Dramatic changes between eastern and western New England.” *American Speech* 89.2: 126–169. Duke University Press.
<https://doi.org/10.1215/00031283-1668190>

Conference proceedings & Working papers

- 2020 **Baclawski Jr, Kenneth.** “Optional *wh*-movement and topicalization in Eastern Cham.” In, Ileana Paul (ed.), *Proceedings of the Twenty-Sixth Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA)*: 1–17.
<https://ir.lib.uwo.ca/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1046&context=afla>
- 2019 **Baclawski Jr, Kenneth.** “Optional *wh*-movement is discourse-connected movement in Eastern Cham.” *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America*. 4.43:1–13. Linguistic Society of America.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.3765/plsa.v4i1.4544>
- 2018 **Baclawski Jr, Kenneth.** “Contrastive topic in Eastern Cham.” *Berkeley Papers in Formal Linguistics* 1.1. <https://escholarship.org/uc/item/3hp0s863>
- Baclawski Jr, Kenneth.** “Subpart of Focus Fronting is discourse subordination.” In, Wm. G. Bennett, Lindsay Hrac & Dennis Ryan Storoshenko (eds.), *Proceedings of the 35th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*: 87–95. <http://www.lingref.com/cpp/wccfl/35/paper3378.pdf>
- 2017 **Baclawski Jr, Kenneth.** “Clause-final particles and focus in Eastern Cham.” *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America* 2.18: 1–12. Linguistic Society of America. <https://doi.org/10.3765/plsa.v2i0.4066>
- 2011 Leddy-Cecere, Tom, **Kenneth Baclawski Jr**, Nacole Walker & James N. Stanford. “New England borderlands: A new investigation of the east-west dialect boundary.” *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics: Selected papers from NWAV-39* 17.2, Article 15.
<https://repository.upenn.edu/pwpl/vol17/iss2/15>

Edited volumes

- 2015 Jurgensen, Anna, Hannah Sande, Spencer Lamoureux, **Kenneth Baclawski Jr** & Alison Zerbe [eds.]. *Proceedings of the Berkeley Linguistics Society 41st Annual Meeting*. Berkeley Linguistics Society.
http://linguistics.berkeley.edu/bls/previous_proceedings/bls41.pdf

Archived materials

- 2021 Mohammad Soleh Thiên, **Kenneth Baclawski Jr**, and Sikhara (Đàng Thanh Quốc Thuận). Eastern Cham Field Materials, 2014-20. California Language Archive, Survey of California and Other Indian Languages, University of California, Berkeley. <http://dx.doi.org/doi:10.7297/X2FB510B>

Articles in preparation, withdrawn due to COVID-19 limitations

- 2021 **Baclawski Jr, Kenneth.** “Eastern Cham optional *wh*-movement is Discourse Connected-movement.” *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory*. Accepted with

minor revisions. Springer Science+Business Media.
https://kenny.baclawski.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Baclawski_2021_Optional_wh-movement.pdf

Baclawski Jr, Kenneth. “Event semantics and discourse-connected movement in Eastern Cham.” *Journal of East Asian Linguistics (Special Issue on Austronesian Linguistics)*. Revise & resubmit. Springer.
https://kenny.baclawski.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Baclawski_2021_Event_semantics.pdf

Cited unpublished manuscripts

2012 **Baclawski Jr, Kenneth.** “Demonstratives and primate loud call frequency variation.” Dartmouth College. https://kenny.baclawski.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Baclawski_2012_Demonstratives.pdf

2011 **Baclawski Jr, Kenneth.** “A/O possession in modern Māori.” Dartmouth College. https://kenny.baclawski.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Baclawski_2011_Maori_possession.pdf

SELECTED REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2020 Baier, Nico & **Kenneth Baclawski Jr.** “Morphological evidence for syntactic information structural features.” Paper presented at the 9th *Cambridge Comparative Syntax Conference (CamCoS 9 New)*. Newcastle University, Newcastle, UK. September 9.
<https://camcos9.files.wordpress.com/2020/09/backlawskibaier.pdf>

Baclawski Jr, Kenneth. “Event semantics and discourse connected-movement in Eastern Cham.” Paper presented at the 27th *Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA 27)*, National University of Singapore, Singapore. August 20.

Baclawski Jr, Kenneth. “DP-internal discourse connected-movement in Eastern Cham.” Paper accepted for the 30th *Annual Meeting of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society (SEALS)* University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, Honolulu, Hawai‘i. Canceled due to COVID-19.

2019 **Baclawski Jr, Kenneth & Zihan Cindy Yang.** “Experimental evidence for the status of the Right-Frontier Constraint.” Paper presented at *Discourse Expectations: Theoretical, Experimental, and Computational Perspectives (DETEC 2019)*. Leibniz Centre for General Linguistics (ZAS). September 28.
https://kenny.baclawski.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Baclawski_Yang_2019_DETEC_handout.pdf

Baclawski Jr, Kenneth. “Optional *wh*-movement and topicalization in Eastern Cham.” Paper presented at the *26th Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA 26)*, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada. May 25.

Baclawski Jr, Kenneth. “Optional *wh*-movement is discourse-connected movement in Eastern Cham.” Poster presented at the *93rd Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 93)*, New York City, New York. January 3.

2018 **Baclawski Jr, Kenneth.** “Discourse subordination licenses D-linking: An experimental approach to rhetorical relation effects.” Paper presented at *Information Structure in Spoken Language Corpora 3 (ISSLAC 3)*, University of Münster, Münster, Germany. December 8.

Baclawski Jr, Kenneth. “Convergence and divergence in Eastern Cham language contact.” Paper presented at *New Ways of Analyzing Variation Asia-Pacific 5 (NWAV-AP 5)*, University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia. February 2. https://kenny.baclawski.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Baclawski_2018_NWAV-AP5.pdf

Baclawski Jr, Kenneth. “Discourse connectedness can condition *wh*-ex situ.” Paper presented at *GenWH: The Geneva WH-orkshop on Optional Insituness*, University of Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland, January 17.

Baclawski Jr, Kenneth. “Discourse connectedness: Towards a unification of topic and D-linking.” Poster presented at the *92nd Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 92)*, Salt Lake City, Utah. January 6.

Bland, Justin, **Kenneth Baclawski Jr** & Matthias Raess. “The first decade of because-NP: 2007-2016.” Paper presented at the *American Dialect Society (ADS) Annual Meeting*, Salt Lake City, Utah. January 4. https://kenny.baclawski.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/BBR_2018_ADS-slides.pdf

2017 **Baclawski Jr, Kenneth.** “Subpart of Focus Fronting is discourse subordination.” Paper presented at the *35th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 35)*, University of Calgary, Calgary, Canada. April 30.

Baclawski Jr, Kenneth. “Clause-final particles and focus in Eastern Cham.” Paper presented at the *91st Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 91)*, Austin, Texas. January 7.

2016 **Baclawski Jr, Kenneth.** “Covariance of syntactic and phonological contact effects in Eastern Cham.” Paper presented at *New Ways of Analyzing Variation 45 (NWAV 45)*, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada. November 6.

Baclawski Jr, Kenneth. “Triglossia in Eastern Cham.” Paper presented at *New Ways of Analyzing Variation Asia-Pacific 4* (NWAV-AP 4), National Chung Cheng University, Chiayi, Taiwan. April 23.

Baclawski Jr, Kenneth. “Multiple fronting restrictions in Eastern Cham: An [ID]-feature account.” Paper presented at the *90th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America* (LSA 90), Washington DC. January 10.

Bland, Justin, Matthias Raess & **Kenneth Baclawski Jr.** “*Because Formality: The conjunction-noun construction in online text corpora.*” Poster presented at the *American Dialect Society (ADS) Annual Meeting*, Washington DC. January 9. <https://kenny.baclawski.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/BlandRaessBaclawski.pdf>

Lamoureux, Spencer & **Kenneth Baclawski Jr.** “Does Aymara have subtractive case morphology?” Poster presented at the *90th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America* (LSA 90), Washington DC. January 8.

2015 **Baclawski Jr, Kenneth.** “Topic, focus, and *wh*-phrases in Cham (and Moken).” Paper presented at *Information Structure in Spoken Language Corpora 2* (ISSLAC 2), Paris, France. December 2.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2020-2021 Instructor of Linguistics. Individual Linguistics tutoring for students in China. Beijing XitianQijing Technology Co. Ltd. (ViaX).

Fall 2019 Head graduate student instructor. Linguistics 100 (*Introduction to Linguistic Science*). Instructor: Keith Johnson. University of California, Berkeley.

Summer 2019 Instructor. Linguistics 100 (*Introduction to Linguistic Science*). University of California, Berkeley.

Summer 2017 Instructor. Linguistics 100 (*Introduction to Linguistic Science*). University of California, Berkeley.

Spring 2017 Graduate student instructor. Linguistics 120 (*Introduction to Syntax and Semantics*). Instructor: Peter Jenks. University of California, Berkeley.

Fall 2016 Graduate student instructor. Linguistics 100 (*Introduction to Linguistic Science*). Instructors: Susan Lin & Line Mikkelsen. University of California, Berkeley.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Grants

- 2018-2019 University of California, Berkeley Graduate Division Dissertation Completion Fellowship.
- 2018 Oswalt Endangered Language Grant: “Colloquial Eastern Cham Field Research.” Survey of California and Other Indigenous Languages, University of California, Berkeley.
- 2014-2018 National Science Foundation, Graduate Research Fellowship (NSF-GRFP).
- 2014 Oswalt Endangered Language Grant: “Saigon Eastern Cham Field Research.” Survey of California and Other Indigenous Languages, University of California, Berkeley.
- 2013 Oswalt Endangered Language Grant: “Bay Area Eastern Cham Syntax.” Survey of California and Other Indigenous Languages, University of California, Berkeley.
- Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship: Vietnamese & Southeast Asian Studies, University of California, Berkeley.
- 2010-2011 Leslie Embs Bradford 1977 and Charles C. Bradford Fund for honors thesis research, Dartmouth College.
- James O. Freedman Presidential Scholarship for undergraduate research, Dartmouth College.

Honors

- 2012 *Phi Beta Kappa* honor society.
Academic Achievement Award in Linguistics, Dartmouth College.
Summa Cum Laude, Dartmouth College.
Rufus Choate Scholar, top 5% of class, Dartmouth College.
High Honors in the Linguistics Major, Dartmouth College.
Honors Thesis in Linguistics, Dartmouth College.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2021-2022 Program committee, Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA).
- 2015-2019 Mentor, University of California, Berkeley Linguistics Research Apprenticeship Program.

- 2017-2018 Search committee, graduate representative, Assistant Professor – Historical Linguistics or Language in Social Context, University of California, Berkeley.
- 2016-2017 Curriculum committee, graduate representative. University of California, Berkeley.
- 2015 Executive committee member, *Berkeley Linguistics Society 41st Annual Meeting*, University of California, Berkeley. February 7-8.

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

- 2019 *Machine Learning*, Stanford University on Coursera. September 2-Nov. 10.
- 2015 *Linguistic Summer Institute*, Linguistic Society of America, University of Chicago. July 6-31.
- 2011 *Foreign Study Program in Linguistics and Anthropology*. Dartmouth College. Māori Studies and Linguistics, University of Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand. January 4-March 16.

MEDIA COVERAGE

- 2014 “How We’re Talking, Like, Today.” Live radio interview. *NPR, On Point with Tom Ashbrook*. January 23, 2014.
<http://onpoint.wbur.org/2014/01/23/vocal-fry-verbal-tics-language>
- 2013 Withey, Elizabeth. “Of selfies, shelfies, and other cray-cray language.” Newspaper interview. *Edmonton Journal*. December 17, 2013.
<https://www.pressreader.com/canada/edmonton-journal/20131218/282080569655070>
- 2012 “The Disappearing New England Accent.” Live radio interview. *Radio Boston, WBUR*. September 14, 2012.
<http://radioboston.wbur.org/2012/09/14/new-england-accent>
- “N.E. accent might be fading, but wicked regional differences remain.” *Boston Globe*, editorial. September 6, 2012.
<https://www.bostonglobe.com/opinion/editorials/2012/09/06/accent-might-fading-but-wicked-regional-differences-remain/u0yoXaMutflBnRaFblqxPP/story.html>
- Schuessler, Jennifer. “A Mannah of Speaking in Retreat.” *New York Times, ArtsBeat*. August 16, 2012.
<https://archive.nytimes.com/query.nytimes.com/gst/fullpage-9C0DE6D7153BF935A2575BC0A9649D8B63.html>

Metcalf, Alan. "Hello, New New England." *Chronicle of Higher Education, Lingua Franca*. August 13, 2012.

<http://chronicle.com/blogs/linguafranca/2012/08/13/hello-new-new-england/>

Albright, Charlotte. "Dartmouth Linguists Remap Boundary Between East, West." Recorded radio interview. *Vermont Public Radio News*. July 3, 2012.

<https://vprarchive.vpr.net/vpr-news/dartmouth-linguists-remap-boundary-between-east-west/>

LANGUAGES AND SKILLS

Languages (proficiency, experience)

English (native)

French (reading, conversational)

Vietnamese (intermediate; fieldwork)

Eastern Cham [Austronesian: Vietnam] (intermediate; fieldwork)

Languages of research familiarity: Western Cham [Austronesian: Cambodia, Vietnam],
German, Catalan, Aymara, Māori

Technical skills

Recording technology: Edirol R-09HR digital recorder, Marantz PMD 661 audio recorder,
LiveScribe Echo Smartpen

Linguistic software: Praat, FAVE, NORM Vowel Plotting Suite, Fieldworks Language
Explorer (FLEx), ELAN

Computing languages/tools: LaTeX (advanced), Python (intermediate), R (intermediate),
SQL (intermediate), Bash (intermediate), Command Line (intermediate),
Octave/MATLAB (beginner)

Experimental interfaces: Qualtrics, Amazon Mechanical Turk

Project tracking software: Jira, Wiki, Confluence

Language models: Large Language Models (LLMs), Deep Neural Networks (DNNs),
Finite State Transducers (FSTs)