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APPOINTMENTS	Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand School of Linguistics and Applied Language Studies Senior Lecturer (Associate Professor) in Linguistics Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Linguistics	2021–present 2018–2020
	University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, USA Department of Linguistics Adjunct Faculty Instructor of record	2020–present 2015–2017
	Academia Sinica, Taiwan Institute of Linguistics Pre-dissertation Scholarship Fellow	2015–2016
AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION	Syntax, historical linguistics, typology, Austronesian languages, Philippine-type languages, Austronesian comparative linguistics	
EDUCATION	Ph.D. in Linguistics , University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa <i>Dissertation</i> : A reexamination of the Philippine-type voice system and its implications for Austronesian primary-level subgrouping Co-chairs: Robert Blust, Shin Fukuda MA in Linguistics , University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa BA in Chinese , National Taiwan University	2013–2017 2011–2012 2011
GRANTS & AWARDS	EXTERNAL GRANTS, AS PI OR CO-PI Marsden Standard Grant , Royal Society of New Zealand From root to branches: language evolution in the Austronesian family tree [Co-PI with Mary Walworth; AI Miriam Meyerhoff]; \$653,000 Marsden Fast Start Grant , Royal Society of New Zealand Mountain or coast? Solving the Austronesian homeland puzzle; \$300,000 National Science Foundation Grant Variation in Exeptive Structures [Co-PIs Maria Polinsky and Eric Potsdam] Subaward PI: Exeptive structures in Austronesian languages; \$12,247 Endangered Language Documentation Programme , the Arcadia Fund A Grammar of O’roha; [Co-PIs with Darren Flavelle and Miriam Meyerhoff]; £30,053 Academia Sinica Research Fellowships for Doctoral Candidate , Academia Sinica A reexamination of the Philippine-type voice system and its implications for Austronesian higher-order subgrouping; USD\$14,440	2024–2027 2021–2024 2022–2023 2019–2021 2015–2016

EXTERNAL GRANTS, AS CO-INVESTIGATOR

Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation Research Grant	2017–2021
Investigation of the argument and topic marking systems in Formosan languages; USD\$11,400. [PI Shin Fukuda]	
Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation Research Grant	2016–2017
Constituency in Formosan languages; USD\$9,740. [PI Daniel Kaufman]	
Bilinski Educational Foundation Summer Research Award	2014
Cross linguistic priming of the passive in Mandarin and English; USD\$5,000 [PI Claire Stabile]	
Firebird Foundation for Anthropological Research	2012–2013
Nyagrong Minyag: Collection and Annotation of Oral Traditions; £5,500. [Co-PIs Bkrashis Bzang and John Van Way]	

INTERNAL GRANTS AND AWARDS

Large Faculty Grant	2025
Victoria University of Wellington, \$3,000	
University Strategic Research Fund-Cross Disciplinary Fund	2025
Victoria University of Wellington, \$49,278 [Co-PI with Neil Dodgson and Tia Neha]	
Early Career Research Excellence Award	2022
Victoria University of Wellington, \$5,000	
Summer Research Scholarship	2022
The evolution of basic colour terms in Austronesian; \$8,000	
Faculty Research Establishment Grant	2022
Towards a syntactic typology of Austronesian languages; \$10,000	
Large Faculty Research Grant	2022
Towards a syntactic typology of Oceanic languages; \$4,960	
Faculty Strategic Research Grant	2021–2023
Constructions across space and time: A cross-linguistic exploration of English, Mandarin Chinese, Indonesian; \$79,650 [Co-PI, PI Stephen Skalicky]	
Joint Research Committee Large Grant	2020
Abstract syntactic pattern may transfer: Insights from L2 comprehension; \$6,630 [Co-PI with Stephen Skalicky]	
Excellence in Doctoral Dissertation Research Award	2017
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa	
Linguistic Research Award	2015
Department of Linguistics, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa	

PUBLICATIONS

Journal articles

Accepted. Truong, Christina* and **Victoria Chen***. Towards a typology of pseudo antipassives: An Austronesian perspective. *Linguistic Typology*. [*co-first authors]

2026. Patrianto, Hero and **Victoria Chen**. When “passives” involve no A-movement: Rethinking Indonesian-type passives via East Javanese. *Glossa: A Journal of General Linguistics* 11(1).

2026. Skalicky, Stephen and **Victoria Chen**. Does syntax go by? L1 and L2 misinterpretation effects of implausible English passives. *Applied Psycholinguistics*.

2026. **Chen, Victoria***, Kristina Gallego*, Jonathan Kuo*, Isaac Stead*, and Benjamin van der Voorn*. Contact or inheritance? New evidence on the Proto-Philippines debate. *Oceanic Linguistics*.
2025. **Chen, Victoria**. The syntax of Philippine-type alignment: Insights from case-marking. *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory*.
2024. **Chen, Victoria***, Neil Dodgson*, and Meimuna Zahido. The colonisation of the colour pink: Variation and change in Māori's colour lexicon. *Linguistics: An Interdisciplinary Journal of the Language Sciences*. [*co-first authors]
2023. **Chen, Victoria**. When sound change obscures morphosyntax: Insights from Seediq. *Oceanic Linguistics* 62(2): 289–303.
2022. **Chen, Victoria**. When Philippine-type voice meets Indo-European-type voice: Insights from Puyuma. *Journal of East Asian Linguistics* 31: 517–550. [Special issue on Austronesian syntax]
2022. **Chen, Victoria**, Jonathan Kuo, Kristina Gallego, and Isaac Stead. Is Malayo-Polynesian a primary branch of Austronesian? A view from morphosyntax. *Diachronica* 39(4): 449–489.
2020. **Chen, Victoria**. The derived intransitive in Formosan and its implication for Proto-Austronesian Actor Voice. *Oceanic Linguistics* 59(1/2): 59–90.
2019. **Chen, Victoria*** and Bradley McDonnell*. Western Austronesian voice. *Annual Review of Linguistics* (5), 173–195. [*co-first authors].
2018. **Chen, Victoria**. The Raising-to-object construction in Puyuma and its implications for a typology of RTO. *Glossa: A Journal of General Linguistics* 3(1), 111: 1–34.
2017. Blust, Robert and **Victoria Chen**. The pitfalls of negative evidence: Ergative Austronesian, Nuclear Austronesian, and their progeny. *Language and Linguistics* 18(4): 579–623.
2016. **Chen, Victoria**. When synthetic meets analytic: A note on structural borrowing in Kaxabu Pazeh. *Oceanic Linguistics* 55(2): 669–677.

Invited reviews

2020. Skalicky, Stephan and **Victoria Chen**. Forward and backward transfer of sentence processing cues in English and Mandarin Chinese: A call for approximate replication of Liu, Bates, and Li (1992) and Su (2001). *Language Teaching* (2020), 1–9.
2016. **Chen, Victoria**. To see a world in a grain of sand: Review of Legate (2014) “Voice and little v: Lessons from Acehnese”. Review Article. *Oceanic Linguistics* 55(1), 290–297.

Refereed book chapters

- Submitted. **Chen, Victoria**. The typological landscape of voice and voice systems in Formosan languages. In A. Sahoo, S. Kittilä, & FH Yap (eds.), *All about ‘Voice’: Exploring languages across Asia and Europe*. Studies in Language Companion Series. John Benjamin.
- To appear. **Chen, Victoria***, Maria Polinsky*, and Eric Potsdam*. *Austronesian syntax*. In B. Palmer (ed.), *Oceania*. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter. [*authors listed in alphabetical order]

To appear. **Chen, Victoria**. Voice morphology as the spell-out of parallel chains: Insights from Austronesian and beyond. In H. Keupdjio (ed.), *Move & Agree: The State of the Art*.

2026. Kaufman, Daniel, **Victoria Chen**, Bradley McDonnell, Nathan Adamson, and Olivia Waring. Conversion in Austronesian languages. In L. Bauer and S. Valera (eds.), *Oxford Handbook on Conversion and Zero Derivation*. Oxford University Press.

[2026] **Chen, Victoria*** and Maria Polinsky*. Grammatical gender distinctions and classifiers in Austronesian languages. In T. Kupisch, N. Schiller, and A. Besler (eds.), *Oxford Handbook on Gender and Classifiers*. [*co-first authors]

2024. Kuo, Jonathan and **Victoria Chen**. Onomatopoeias in Puyuma. In E. Moravcsik and A. Malchukov (eds.), *Comparative Handbooks of Linguistics*. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter.

2023. Skalicky, Stephen and **Victoria Chen**. Leaving this unsaid: A case study of empty *this* in North American satirical newspaper headlines. In L. Gardelle, L. Vincent-Durroux, and H. Vinckel-Roisin (eds.), *Reference: From Conventions to Pragmatics*. John Benjamins.

2022. Bradley McDonnell* and **Chen, Victoria***. The evolution of syntax in Western Austronesian. *The Routledge Handbook of Asian Linguistics*. [*co-first authors]

2018. Camp, Amber, Lyle Campbell, **Victoria Chen**, Nala Huiying Lee, and Samantha Rarrick. Writing grammars of endangered languages. *Oxford Handbook of Endangered Languages*, 281–304. Oxford University Press.

Conference proceedings

To appear. Luané Lennox, **Victoria Chen**, and Eric Potsdam. The Javanese free exceptive and its implications for ellipsis constraints in Austronesian. *Proceedings of the 30th Meeting of Austronesian Formal Linguistic Association (AFLA 30)*.

2024. **Chen, Victoria**. What agrees, why and how? Austronesian-type voice and its variation beyond Austronesian. *Proceedings of the 54th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 54)*.

2023. Patrianto, Hero and **Victoria Chen**. Rethinking Indonesian-type passives: Lessons from Javanese. *Proceedings of the 53rd Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 53)*. Amherst, MA: GSLA.

2023. Patrianto, Hero and **Victoria Chen**. Two sides to the same coin: Reappraising Indonesian-type passive and OV in Javanese. *Proceedings of the 29th Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA 29)*, 59–74.

2021. **Chen, Victoria**. Tagalog voice as four bundles of Agree relations: Insights from binding. *Proceedings of the 38th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 38)*, 94–104. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project.

2021. **Chen, Victoria** and Shin Fukuda. One language, two voice systems: Insights from Puyuma. *Proceedings of the 38th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 38)*, 105–115. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project.

2017. **Chen, Victoria**. Philippine-type “voice” affixes as \bar{A} -agreement markers: Evidence from causatives and ditransitives. *Proceedings of the 23rd Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA 23)*, 35–49. Canberra: Asia-Pacific Linguistics.

2017. **Chen, Victoria** and Shin Fukuda. Re-labeling “Ergative”: Evidence from Formosan. *Proceedings of the 23rd Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA 23)*, 50–64. Canberra: Asia-Pacific Linguistics.

2016. **Chen, Victoria** and Shin Fukuda. “Absolutive” marks agreement, not case: Against the syntactic ergative analysis for the Austronesian-type voice system. *Proceedings of the 46th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 46)*, Vol.1, 201–211. Amherst, MA: GSLA.

2016. **Chen, Victoria**. Pivot \neq Absolutive: Evidence from Formosan. *Proceedings of the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistic Society (BLS 42)*, 253–272.

2016. **Chen, Victoria** and Shin Fukuda. Raising to object out of CP as embedded left dislocations: Evidence from three Formosan languages. *Proceedings of the 33rd West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 33)*, 88–98. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project.

2016. Claire Stabile, Liu Nian, **Victoria Chen** and Kamil Deen. Cross linguistic priming of the passive in Mandarin and English. *Proceedings of the 13rd Generative Approaches to Second Language Acquisition (GASLA 13)*, 223–232. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project.

2016. **Chen, Victoria** and Shin Fukuda. Three ways to steal an element from a CP: Evidence 2016 from Formosan. *Proceedings of the 22nd Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA 22)*, 31–48. Canberra: Asia-Pacific Linguistics.

Working Papers

2016. **Chen, Victoria**. Split inversion in Nyagron Minyag and its implications for the evolution of the rGyalrongic direct/inverse system. *Working Paper in Linguistics 46(2)*, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa.

Media and news

2024. Interview: How colour was understood in pre-colonial New Zealand? Radio New Zealand. April 7. With Neil Dodgson.

2022. Linguistics locates the beginnings of the Austronesian expansion – with Indigenous seafaring people in eastern Taiwan. *The Conversation*, August 16.

2022. Interview: How does Linguistics tell us about the beginnings of the Austronesian expansion? 95bFM. August, 19.

Other publications

2022. Lobel, Jason, **Victoria Chen**, and Lani Blust. In Memoriam: Robert Andrew Blust. *Oceanic Linguistics*.

2022. **Chen, Victoria**. In Memoriam: Robert Andrew Blust. *Taiwan Insights*.

PRESENTATIONS BY INVITATION

Keynote / plenary presentations

What agrees, why and how? Austronesian-type voice and its variation beyond Austronesian. Keynote presentation. The 54th Annual Meeting of North East Linguistic Society (NELS 54). MIT: January 26–27, 2024.

The Javanese free exceptive and its implications for ellipsis constraints in Austronesian. Keynote presentation. With Luané Lennox and Eric Potsdam. The 30th Meeting of Austronesian Formal Linguistic Association (AFLA 30). Lund University: October 19–22, 2023. [Merit-based invitation]

The design of Philippine-type syntax, with special reference to Formosan. Keynote presentation. The 28th Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA 28). National University of Singapore and McGill University: May 28–30, 2021.

Is Malayo-Polynesian a primary branch of Austronesian? A view from morphosyntax. Invited Early Career Plenary. The 15th International Conference on Austronesian Linguistics (ICAL 15). Palacký University Olomouc: June 11, 2021.

Invited talks at conferences / workshops / talk series

Towards a typology of person indexing in western Austronesian, with special reference to Tagalog. With Daniel Kaufman and Bradley McDonnell. Tagalog Lecture Series: Exploring Tagalog Linguistics. University of Zurich and De La Salle Manila. October 21, 2024.

Illuminating Māori prehistory and Austronesian expansion through Language Science/Linguistics. The 2024 Hudson Lecture. Royal Society of New Zealand Te Apārangi Wellington Branch. September 25, 2024.

Austronesian syntax. Summer Institute in Formal Linguistics. Linguistic Society of Taiwan. July 15–26, 2024.

What agrees, why and how: A view from Austronesian. Invited speaker; as representative of Austronesian. Move & Agree: Workshop on the Formal Typology of A-agreement. The University of British Columbia and McGill University. June 4, 2021.

The Austronesian homeland and primary diaspora: The Linguistic evidence revisited. Invited talk. The International Symposium on Archaeology of Prehistoric Maritime Pingtan and the Pacific. Pingtan International Institute of Austronesian Research: August 17–20, 2023. (cancelled due to time conflict)

Malayo-Polynesian and its origin: Insights and puzzles from morphosyntax. Invited talk. University of the Philippines Diliman: The 15th Philippine Linguistics Congress. August 23–25, 2023.

Coastal Formosan, Nuclear Austronesian, and beyond: How do Formosan languages inform theories of Austronesian expansion? Invited talk. University of California, Santa Barbara. March 4, 2022.

The nature of Philippine-type voice: Insights from inside and outside Austronesian. Invited talk. The Researches, Insights, & Perspectives on the Philippine linguistics enterprise talk series. Linguistic Society of the Philippines. November 27, 2021.

Other invited talks / colloquiums / guest lectures

Three ways to highlight a peripheral role: Dimensions of the western Austronesian applicative alternations. The 2nd Workshop of the Applicative Alternations across Languages Network. With Christina Truong. February 19, 2026.

The colonisation of colour: Evolution and change in te reo's colour lexicon. With Neil Dodgson. Psychology Colloquium, Victoria University of Wellington. September 13, 2024.

Subgrouping, contact, and the Proto-Philippine hypothesis revisited. Department of Linguistics, University of the Philippines Diliman. Guest lecture. August 3, 2024.

A big, bright future for Austronesian comparative linguistics. Department of Linguistic and Cultural Evolution, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology. April 24, 2024.

The colonization of the colour pink: colour names and colour categories in te reo Māori. Departmental seminar. School of Linguistics and Applied Language Studies, Victoria University of Wellington. With Neil Dodgson. March 23, 2024.

A big, bright future for Austronesian comparative linguistics. Department of Linguistics, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. March 7, 2024.

Indonesian-type voice as a continuum in flux: Insights from four languages. The Austronesian Circle. Department of Linguistics, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. September 13, 2023. With Hero Patrianto.

Atayalic languages and their morphosyntax. Invited pre-conference seminar. Department of Linguistics, University of the Philippines Diliman. August 18, 2023.

The evolution of basic colour terms in Formosan languages. Guest lecture. Institute of Taiwan Languages and Language Teaching. National Tsing Hua University. June 4, 2023.

Rethinking Indonesian-type passives: Lessons from Javanese. The Austronesian Circle. Department of Linguistics, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. March 31, 2023. With Hero Patrianto.

Eliciting morphology and syntax: Future directions in Austronesian comparative linguistics. Guest lecture. Department of Linguistics, University of the Philippines Diliman. November 12, 2022.

How do Formosan languages inform theories of Austronesian dispersal? Invited lecture series on historical linguistics. Department of Linguistics, National Taiwan University. April, 2022.

Notes on Formosan infinitives and voice-marking constraints. The Restructuring Workshop. Western University University of Western Ontario. April 9, 2021.

When Austronesian-type voice meets Indo-European-type voice: Insights from Puyuma. Fieldwork Lab, McGill University. February 15, 2021.

Toward a new account of Philippine-type voice. The Restructuring Workshop. Western University University of Western Ontario. December 15, 2020.

Austronesian nominalizer-voice affix homophony: Another look. The Austronesian Circle series, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. December 9, 2018.

Transitivity, valency, and grammatical relations. National Taipei University of Technology. October 20, 2018.

Comparative Formosan morphosyntax and its implications for big-picture Austronesian linguistics. National Ching-hua University. March 31, 2017.

A reexamination of the Philippine-type voice system and its implication for Austronesian primary-level subgrouping. *Academia Sinica*. June 27, 2016.

BY REFEREED ABSTRACT

[2026]. Troung, Christina and **Victoria Chen**. *A typology of applicative and applicative-like constructions in Western Austronesian languages*. Talk to be given at the 16th International Conference of the Association for Linguistic Typology (ALT 16). Lyon: July 1–3.

[2026]. Patrianto, Hero and **Victoria Chen**. *What Javanese-internal variation reveals about the Western Austronesian voice transition*. Talk to be given at the 33rd Annual Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistic Association (AFLA 33). Wellington: June 23–25.

[2026]. Wu, Chunming, Mengzhu Yan, and **Victoria Chen**. *Prosody speaks louder than syntax: Rhetoricity in Mayrinax Atayal wh-clefts*. Talk to be given at the 33rd Annual Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistic Association (AFLA 33). Wellington: June 23–25.

[2026]. Stansfield, Craig and **Victoria Chen**. *When correspondences get messy: Re-thinking the Proto-Austronesian phoneme inventory*. Talk to be given at the 35th Annual Meeting of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society (SEALS 35). Singapore: June 3–5.

[2026]. **Chen, Victoria**, Christina Truong, Nathan Adamson, Hannah wooffield, and Bradley McDonnell. *Five Ways To Become A Passive: Sources Of Detransitive(-Like) Constructions In Western Austronesian*. Talk to be given at the 35th Annual Meeting of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society (SEALS 35). Singapore: June 3–5.

[2026]. Patrianto, Hero and **Victoria Chen**. *How Javanese Dialectal Variation Informs The Evolution Of Western Austronesian Syntax*. Talk to be given at the 35th Annual Meeting of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society (SEALS 35). Singapore: June 3–5.

[2026]. Wu, Chunming, Mengzhu Yan, and **Victoria Chen**. *When Prosody Speaks: Encoding Rhetoricity In Mayrinax Atayal Wh-Clefts*. Talk to be given at the 35th Annual Meeting of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society (SEALS 35). Singapore: June 3–5.

2025. **Chen, Victoria**. *Through the Formosan lens: Rethinking language evolution from the heart of Austronesia*. Talk given at 26th New Zealand Asian Studies Society International Conference. University of Auckland: December 1–3.

2025. **Chen, Victoria**. *Geographical typology as a window into the evolution of a language family: a Western Austronesian case study*. Talk given at the 2025 Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of New Zealand. Massey University: November 27–28.

2025. **Chen, Victoria**. Priska Pramastiwi, Tia Neha, & Neil Dodgson *Colour in flux: evolution in the Polynesian colour lexicons through migration and colonisation*. Talk given at the 2025 Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of New Zealand. Massey University: November 27–28.

2025. Dodgson, Neil, **Victoria Chen**, & Tia Neha. *Changes to colour terms in te reo Māori: a crossgenerational study*. Talk given at the 2025 Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of New Zealand. Massey University: November 27–28.

2025. Patrianto, Hero and **Victoria Chen**. *Extraction as a window into multiple loci of Agree: Insights from Acehnese*. Talk given at the 32nd Austronesian Formal Linguistic Association (AFLA 32). Atma Jaya Catholic University of Indonesia: June 2–4.

2025. Christina, Troung* and **Victoria Chen***. *Towards a typology of pseudo antipassives: An*

Austronesian perspective. Talk given at the 34th Annual Meeting of the Southeast Asian Linguistic Society (SEALS 34). Bali: June 11–13.

2025. Skirgård, Hedvig, Sam Passmore, Dinnage Russell, **Victoria Chen**, and Mary Walworth. *Estimating Proto-Polynesian case system alignment using spatiophylogenetic ancestral state reconstruction*. Talk given at the 13th Conference on Oceanic Linguistics (COOL 13). Canberra: June 23–27.

2024. Patrianto, Hero and **Victoria Chen**. *Pivot lowering yielding split ergativity: Insights from Nusantara voices*. Talk given at the 27th International Symposium on Malay and Indonesian Linguistics (ISMIL 27). The National University of Singapore: June 5–6.

2024. **Chen, Victoria**, Daniel Kaufman, and Bradley McDonnell. *Clitic positioning patterns in western Austronesian languages*. In Panel: *Geographical typology as a window into the evolution of the Austronesian family*. The 16th International Conference on Austronesian Linguistics (ICAL 16). De La Salle University: June 20–24. [Co-organised with Daniel Kaufman and Bradley McDonnell; authors listed in alphabetical order.]

2024. Stead, Isaac and **Victoria Chen**. *Voice syncretism in western Austronesia*. In Panel: *Geographical typology as a window into the evolution of the Austronesian family*. The 16th International Conference on Austronesian Linguistics (ICAL 16). De La Salle University: June 20–24. [Co-organised with Daniel Kaufman and Bradley McDonnell.]

2024. **Chen, Victoria**, Kristina Gallego, Jonathan Kuo, Isaac Stead, and Benjamin van der Voorn. *Proto-Philippines: Facts and fictions revisited*. In Panel: *New approaches to contact issues in the subgrouping of Austronesian linguistic relations*, with Alexander Smith, Emily Gasser, and Owen Edwards. The 16th International Conference on Austronesian Linguistics (ICAL 16). De La Salle University: June 20–24. [Authors listed in alphabetical order.]

2024. **Chen, Victoria***, Neil Dodgson* and Meimuna Zahido *Colonization-induced change in color lexicon: Insights from Māori*. The 16th International Conference on Austronesian Linguistics (ICAL 16). De La Salle University: June 20–24. [*Co-first authors.]

2024. Tanaka, Nozomi* and **Victoria Chen***. *What drives an \bar{A} -extraction constraint? Tagalog *kung* relativization reexamined*. The 16th International Conference on Austronesian Linguistics (ICAL 16). De La Salle University: June 20–24. [*Co-first authors.]

2024. Dodgson, Neil, **Victoria Chen**, and Meimuna Zahido. *The Colonisation of Colour: Berlin and Kay's colour categories in Pacific languages*. The 29th International Symposium on Electronic Art. The Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre: June 21–29.

2023. Skalicky, Stephen, **Victoria Chen**. *L1 and L2 processing of plausible and implausible English passives*. Talk given at the 2023 Annual Meeting of the New Zealand Linguistic Society. Auckland: November 28–30.

2023. Patrianto, Hero and **Victoria Chen**. *A cline of Indonesian-type voice: Insights from four languages*. Talk given at the 2023 Annual Meeting of the New Zealand Linguistic Society. Auckland: November 28–30.

2023. Neil Dodgson, **Victoria Chen**, and Meimuna Zahido. *The colonisation of the colour pink: Berlin and Kay's basic colour terms in historic and modern Māori*. Talk given at the 2023 Annual Meeting of the New Zealand Linguistic Society - The Māori Language Research Symposium. Auckland: November 28–30.

2023. Patrianto, Hero, and **Victoria Chen**. *A cline of Indonesian-type voice as in transition from \bar{A} - to A-syntax*. Talk given at the 30st Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistic Association

(AFLA 30). Lund: October 19–22.

2023. Patrianto, Hero, and **Victoria Chen**. [Crossed control as an illusion: Insights from Javanese](#). Talk given at the 30st Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistic Association (AFLA 30). Lund: October 19–22.

2023. **Chen, Victoria**, Jonathan Kuo, and Meimuna Zahido. [The evolution of basic color terms in higher-order Austronesian subgroups](#) . Talk given at the 32nd Annual Meeting of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society (SEALS 32). May 10, 2023.

2023. Kuo, Jonathan and **Victoria Chen**. [Onomatopoeias in Puyuma](#). Talk given at the 32nd Annual Meeting of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society (SEALS 32). May 10, 2023.

2023. Skalicky, Stephen and **Victoria Chen**. [Agent or location? Exploring the processing of the passivized by-phrase in monolingual and L2 speakers](#). Talk given at the 2023 American Association for Applied Linguistics (AAAL 2023). Portland: March, 2023.

2023. Patrianto, Hero and **Victoria Chen**. [Rethinking Indonesian-type passives: Lessons from Javanese](#). Talk given at the 53rd Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 53). Göttingen: January, 2023.

2022. Patrianto, Hero and **Victoria Chen**. [Two sides to the same coin: Reappraising Indonesian-type ‘passive’ and OV in Javanese](#). Talk given at the 29th Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistic Association (AFLA 29/Triple AFLA).

2022. **Chen, Victoria**, Daniel Kaufman, and Bradley McDonnell. [Clitic positioning patterns in western Austronesian languages](#). Talk given at the 31st Annual Meeting of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society (SEALS 31). (Authors listed in alphabetical orders). May 19, 2022.

2022. **Chen, Victoria**, Kristina Gallego, Jonathan Kuo, Isaac Stead, and Benjamin van der Voorn. [Contact or inheritance? New evidence on the Proto-Philippine debate](#). Talk given at the 31st Annual Meeting of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society (SEALS 31). (Authors listed in alphabetical orders). May 20, 2022.

2022. Skalicky, Stephen and **Victoria Chen**. [L1 transfer effects in thematic role mapping: A case study of by-phrase selection](#). Poster presented at the 35th Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing (HSP (CUNY) 2022), Virtual Conference. March, 2022.

2021. **Chen, Victoria**, Jonathan Kuo, Kristina Gallego, and Isaac Stead. [Tracing the root of Malayo-Polynesian: A view from morphosyntax](#). Talk given at the 2021 Annual Meeting of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society (SEALS 2021). Virtual Conference. April 9.

2021. **Chen, Victoria**, Jonathan Kuo, Kristina Gallego, and Isaac Stead. [The origin of Malayo-Polynesian: Insights from morphosyntax](#). Talk given at the 2021 Annual Meeting of the New Zealand Linguistic Society. Virtual Conference. February 10.

2020. **Chen, Victoria**. [Tagalog voice revisited](#). Talk given at the 27th Meeting of Austronesian Formal Linguistic Association (AFLA 27). Virtual Conference. August 20–22.

2020. **Chen, Victoria**. [When Philippine-type voice meets Indo-European-type voice: Insights from Puyuma](#). Talk given at the 27th Meeting of Austronesian Formal Linguistic Association (AFLA 27). Virtual Conference. August 20–22.

2020. **Chen, Victoria**. [Tagalog voice as four bundles of Agree relations: Insights from binding](#). Talk given at the 38th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 38). Vancouver, March 6–8.

2020. **Chen, Victoria** and Shin Fukuda. One language, two ‘voice’ systems: Insights from binding. Talk given at the 38th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 38). Vancouver, March 6–8.
2020. **Chen, Victoria**. Tagalog voice does not mark Case or valency: Lessons from picture NP reflexives. Talk accepted at the 26th Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA 26). London, May 24–26. [withdrawn]
2018. **Chen, Victoria**. The Raising-to-object construction in Puyuma and its implications for a typology RTO. Talk given at the Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Society of New Zealand. Wellington, November 15–16.
2018. **Chen, Victoria** and Robert Blust. Austronesian “nominalizer-voice affix homophony:” Another look. Talk given at the 25th Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistic Association (AFLA 25). Taipei, May 10–12.
2018. **Chen, Victoria** and Cheng-chuen Kuo. Binding parameters in “symmetrical voice” languages: Austronesian vs. Dinka. Talk accepted at the 92nd Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 92). Salt Lake City, January 7–10. [withdrawn]
2018. **Chen, Victoria**. The embedded topic construction in Puyuma and its implication for a typology of RTO. Talk accepted at the 92nd Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 92). Salt Lake City, January 7–10. [withdrawn]
2017. **Chen, Victoria**. The transitivity of Philippine-type Actor voice: Evidence from detransitivization. Talk given at the 24th Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistic Association (AFLA 24). Seattle, April 7.
2017. Kaufman, Daniel and **Victoria Chen**. Clausal constituency and historical Austronesian. Talk given at the 24th Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistic Association (AFLA 24). Seattle, April 7.
2017. **Chen, Victoria**. The nature of Austronesian-type Actor voice: Evidence from detransitivization. Poster accepted at the 35th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 35). Calgary, April 27–29. [withdrawn].
2016. **Chen, Victoria**. Philippine-type voice affixes as \bar{A} -agreement markers: Evidence from causatives. Talk given at the 23rd Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistic Association (AFLA 23). Tokyo, June 10–12.
2016. **Chen, Victoria** and Shin Fukuda. Re-labeling “Ergative”: Evidence from Formosan. Talk 2016 given at the 23rd Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistic Association (AFLA 23). Tokyo, June 10–12.
2016. **Chen, Victoria**. Pivot \neq Absolutive: evidence from Formosan. Talk given at the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistic Society (BLS 42). Berkeley, February 5–7.
2015. **Chen, Victoria**. Actor voice \neq Antipassive: against the syntactic ergative analysis for Formosan languages. Talk given at the 90th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 90). Washington, DC. January 7–10.
2015. **Chen, Victoria** and Shin Fukuda. “Absolutive” marks agreement, not case: against the syntactic ergative analysis for Austronesian-type voice system. Poster presented at the 46th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistics Society (NELS 46). Montreal, October 16.
2015. **Chen, Victoria**. A reexamination of recent Austronesian higher-level subgroupings and 2015 the “Nominalization-into-Verb” hypothesis. Talk given at the 13th International Conference on

Austronesian Linguistics (ICAL 13). Taipei, July 18–23.

2015. Kuo, Jonathan and **Victoria Chen**. [Causal-noncausal voice alternations in Formosan languages](#). Talk given at the 13th International Conference on Austronesian Linguistics (ICAL 13). Taipei, July 18–23.

2015. **Chen, Victoria** and Shin Fukuda. [Restructuring in Formosan languages and their implications for object Case-licensing](#). Talk given at the 22nd Annual Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistic Association (AFLA 22). Montreal, May 21–24.

2015. **Chen, Victoria** and Shin Fukuda. [Three ways to “steal” an element from a CP: Evidence from Formosan](#). Talk given at the 22nd Annual Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistic Association (AFLA 22). Montreal, May 21–24.

2015. **Chen, Victoria** and Shin Fukuda. [Raising to object out of CP as embedded left dislocations: Evidence from three Formosan languages](#). Talk given at the 33rd West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 33). Vancouver, March 27–29.

2015. Stabile, Claire, Liu Nian, **Victoria Chen**, and Kamil Deen. [Cross-linguistic priming of the passive in Mandarin and English](#). Talk given at the 13rd Generative Approaches to Second Language Acquisition (GASLA 13). Bloomington, March 4–6.

2014. **Chen, Victoria**. [Raising-out-of-CP construction in Puyuma](#). Talk given at the 21st Annual Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistic Association (AFLA 21). Honolulu, May 24.

2013. Stabile, Claire, **Victoria Chen**, and Kamil Deen. [Cross-linguistic priming of passive structure in Mandarin and English](#). Poster presented at the 11st Generative Approaches to Language Acquisition (GALA 11). Oldenburg, September 14.

TEACHING	Syntax and Morphology	2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
	Advanced Syntax	2018, 2020, 2023
	Introduction to Linguistics	2018, 2019, 2021, 2022
	Historical Linguistics	2019, 2022, 2024
	Topics in Theoretical and Cognitive Linguistics (Advanced Syntax II)	2018, 2020, 2023
	Topics in Linguistics at the Interfaces (Advanced Historical Linguistics)	2019, 2022, 2026

SUPERVISION

PHD DISSERTATION SUPERVISION

Valentino Pamolango, PhD dissertation co-supervisor. 2025–present.

Dissertation: Morphosyntactic variation in Indonesian-type languages: Insights from Sulawesi

Hero Patrianto, PhD dissertation co-supervisor. 2020–present.

Dissertation: Variation in Indonesian-type voice, with special reference to Javanese (invited for AFLA 31 keynote)

Brittany Hoback, PhD dissertation co-supervisor. 2019–2023.

Dissertation: The Deggan Language Project: A collaborative language documentation project in Banam Bay, Malekula, Vanuatu (funded by ELDP #IGS0329)

Darren Flavelle, PhD dissertation co-supervisor. 2018–2021.

Dissertation: A grammar of O’roha (suspended) (funded by ELDP #IGS0361)

MA/HONOURS DISSERTATION SUPERVISION

Jessica Coates, MA thesis supervisor. 2024–25.

Dissertation: A typological study of kinship systems across the Austronesian language family

Craig Standfield, MA thesis supervisor. 2024–25.

Dissertation: Accessing primary-order phylogeny: A reanalysis of Austronesian

Benjamin Fowler, MA paper supervisor. 2024–25.

Dissertation: Towards a typology of raising to object, with special reference to Austronesian.

Charlotte Shirreffs, MA paper supervisor. 2024.

Dissertation: Towards a typology of grammatical politeness

Craig Standfield, Honours paper supervisor. 2023.

Dissertation: Te reo Māori Lehnwörter: Strategies for conforming English consonant clusters to Māori syllable structure

Stephanie Kibblewhite, MA paper co-supervisor. 2021–2022.

Dissertation: L1 transfer effects on Spanish transitivity encoding: A case study of *se*

Luané Lennox, MA paper supervisor. 2020–2021. (currently PhD student in McGill Linguistics)

Dissertation: The left and right peripheries in Afrikaans

Isaac Stead, MA paper supervisor. 2019–2020. (currently PhD student in Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology)

Dissertation: Language contact and the decay of Austronesian voice

PHD DISSERTATION EXAMINER

Li He, PhD thesis internal examiner. Victoria University of Wellington. December 2025.

Jiahan Xu, PhD thesis internal examiner. Victoria University of Wellington. November 2025.

Aarin Sirima, PhD thesis external examiner. The Australian National University. October 2025.

Xia Liu, PhD thesis external examiner. University of Auckland. February 2020.

Mengzhu Yan, internal examiner. Victoria University of Wellington. May 2020.

Ahmad Naveed Sharif, external examiner. The University of Otago. July 2020.

MA DISSERTATION EXAMINER

Megan Lake, external examiner. University of Auckland. April 2020.

Alexandra Birchfield, internal examiner. Victoria University of Wellington. February 2020.

SERVICE

SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL & UNIVERSITY

- Human ethics committee, 2026–present.
- Faculty Academic Committee representative, 2024.
- Linguistics Programme Director (undergraduate and postgraduate), 2021–2023
- Language Sciences Programme Director, 2025
- Linguistics Programme Director (postgraduate), 2021–2023
- Bachelor of Communication/Master of Communication steering committee, 2021–present.
- Linguistics in Schools project steering committee, 2022–present.
- Mentor. The Academic Staff Mentoring programme, 2022.
- Presentation at Marsden workshop - tips and tricks, 2021.
- Bachelor/Master of Communication Steering Group Committee, 2021–present.
- Māori & Pasifika liason, School of Linguistics and Applied Language Studies, 2019–present.
- Faculty Academic Committee representative, LALS, 2020.
- LALS Seminar coordinator, LALS, 2020.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- Organizer, the 33rd Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistic Association (AFLA 33).
- Editor-in-Chief, *Te Reo* (Journal of the Linguistic Society of New Zealand) (2023–present)
- Co-editor, three Special Issues of *Te Reo* (Journal of the Linguistic Society of New Zealand): Special Issues on Vanuatu languages (2025)
- Executive committee, the Linguistic Society of New Zealand (2023–present)
- Editorial Review Board, *Oceanic Linguistics*, Special Publication series & the PALI Language text series (2022–present)
- Co-organizer, The 21st Annual Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA21). University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa.

- Mentoring
 - Pop-up mentor, The 27th Annual Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistic Association
 - Pop-up mentor, The 28th Annual Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistic Association
 - Pop-up mentor, The 54th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society

- Journal review
 - *Journal of Linguistics* (2024)
 - *Language* (2023)
 - *Diachronica* (2023, 2023, 2025)
 - *Linguistics: An Interdisciplinary Journal of the Language Sciences* (2021, 2022)
 - *Open Linguistics* (2022)
 - *Journal of East Asian Linguistics* (2021)
 - *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory* (2019, 2020, 2021)
 - *Glossa: A journal of General Linguistics* (2016, 2018, 2021 (2), 2025)
 - *Oceanic Linguistics* (2015 (2), 2018, 2019, 2020 (2), 2021 (2), 2022 (1))
 - *Studies in Language* (2018)
 - *Lingua* (2015)

- Abstract review
 - TripleA 10: 2023
 - Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA): 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
 - Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS): 2023, 2024, 2025
 - Annual Meeting of the Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC): 2023
 - Annual Meeting of the West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL): 2024
 - Linguistics Society of America (LSA): 2018

- Grant proposal review
 - Endangered Language Documentation Programme (ELDP): 2020, 2025

FIELDWORK

Paiwan (Austronesian)	2025–present
Rukai (Austronesian)	2025–present
Kanakanavu (Austronesian)	2025–present
Tsou (Austronesian)	2024
Cook Island Māori (Austronesian)	2022
Tok Pisin	2022
Javanese (Austronesian)	2020–2023
Puyuma (Austronesian)	2013–present
Tagalog (Austronesian)	2016–present
Seediq (Austronesian)	2012–present

Amis (Austronesian)	2014–2020
Fataluku (Papuan)	2013
Eastern Cham (Austronesian)	2013
Nyagrong Minyak (Tibeto-Burman)	2012–2013