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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 Professor 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: A reexamination of the Philippine-type voice system and its implications for Austronesian primary-level subgrouping</i> • 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 Fast Start Grant , Royal Society of New Zealand Project title: Mountain or coast? Solving the Austronesian homeland puzzle; \$300,000 (NZD) Endangered Language Documentation Programme , the Arcadia Fund Project title: A Grammar of O‘roha; £30,053. [Co-PIs with Darren Flavelle and Miriam Meyerhoff] Academia Sinica Research Fellowships for Doctoral Candidate , Academia Sinica Project title: A reexamination of the Philippine-type voice system and its implications for Austronesian; \$14,440 (USD)	2021–2024 2019–2021 2015–2016
	EXTERNAL GRANTS, AS CO-INVESTIGATOR National Science Foundation Grant Project title: Collaborative Research: Variation in Exceptive Structures [Co-PIs Eric Potsdam and Maria Polinsky] ◦ Subaward: Exceptive structures in Cook Island Māori and Tok Pisin; \$7,283 (USD) Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation Research Grant	2022 2017–2021
	Project title: Investigation of the Argument and Topic Marking Systems in Formosan languages, \$11,400 (USD). [PI Shin Fukuda]	

- Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation Research Grant** 2016–2017
 Proj title: Constituency in Formosan languages; \$9,740 (USD). [PI Daniel Kaufman]
- Bilinski Educational Foundation Summer Research Award** 2014
 Project title: Cross linguistic priming of the passive in Mandarin and English; \$5,000 (USD) [PI Claire Stabile]
- Firebird Foundation for Anthropological Research** 2012–2013
 Project title: Nyagrong Minyag: Collection and Annotation of Oral Traditions; £5,500. [Co-PIs Bkrashis Bzang and John Van Way]
- INTERNAL GRANTS AND AWARDS
- Large Faculty Research Grants** 2022
 Project title: Towards a syntactic typology of Oceanic languages; \$4,960 (NZD)
- Faculty Strategic Research Grant** 2021–2023
 Project title: Constructions across space and time: A cross-linguistic exploration of English, Mandarin Chinese, Indonesian; \$79,650 (NZD) [Co-PI with Stephen Skalicky]
- Joint Research Committee Large Grant**
 Project title: Abstract syntactic pattern may transfer: Insights from L2 comprehension; \$4,500 (NZD) [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

- [2022]. **Chen, Victoria**, Jonathan Kuo, Kristina Gallego, and Isaac Stead. Is Malayo-Polynesian a primary branch of Austronesian? A view from morphosyntax. *Diachronica*.
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 author).
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. Stephan Skalicky 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

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

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]. **Chen, Victoria**. The Austronesian homeland and primary-level diaspora: The linguistic evidence revisited. *Proceedings of the International Symposium on Archaeology of Prehistoric Maritime Pingtan and the Pacific*.

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 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.

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*.

MANUSCRIPTS

Resubmitted. When Philippine-type voice meets Indo-European-type voice: Insights from Puyuma.

Submitted. Hybrid A- and \bar{A} -agreement as voice morphology: Insights from Austronesian and beyond.

In prep. When sound change obscures morphosyntax: Insights from Seediq.

In prep. Contact or inheritance? New evidence on the Proto-Philippines debate

In prep. Austronesian-type alignment as illusory ergativity: Insights from complementation.

PRESENTATIONS BY INVITATION

Coastal Formosan, Nuclear Austronesian, and beyond: how do Formosan languages inform theories of Austronesian expansion? Invited talk. The Center for Taiwan Studies. University of California, Santa Barbara. March 4, 2022.

The nature of Philippine-type voice: Insights from inside and outside Austronesian. Invited speaker. The RIPPLE talk series. Linguistic Society of the Philippines. November 27, 2021.

Is Malayo-Polynesian a primary branch of Austronesian? A view from morphosyntax. Early career plenary. The 15th International Conference on Austronesian Linguistics (ICAL-15). With Jonathan Kuo, Kristina Gallego, and Isaac Stead. June 28, 2021.

What agrees, why and how: A view from Austronesian. Invited talk. Move & Agree: Workshop on the Formal Typology of \bar{A} -agreement. The University of British Columbia and McGill University. June 4, 2021.

The design of Philippine-type syntax, with special reference to Formosan. Invited talk. The 28th Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA 28). May 28, 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. May 2021 [postponed due to Covid-19]

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

[2022] Chen, Victoria, Daniel Kaufman, and Bradley McDonnell. [Clitic positioning patterns in western Austronesian languages](#). Talk to be presented at the 31st Annual Meeting of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society (SEALS 31). 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 to be presented at the 31st Annual Meeting of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society (SEALS 31). 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](#). The 2021 Annual Meeting of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society (SEALS 2021). Virtual Conference. April 9.

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 detransitiviza-](#)

- tion. 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.
- 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, Cheng-chuen 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, Chen, Victoria 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, Chen, Victoria 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
	Advanced Syntax	2018, 2020
	Introduction to Linguistics	2018, 2019, 2021, 2022
	Historical Linguistics	2019, 2022
	Topics in Theoretical and Cognitive Linguistics (Advanced Syntax II)	2018, 2020
	Topics in Linguistics at the Interfaces (Advanced Historical Linguistics)	2019, 2022
	Directed Research (Syntax)	2020

SUPERVISION	PHD DISSERTATION SUPERVISION	
	Hero Patrianto, PhD dissertation co-supervisor. 2020–present.	
	◦ <i>Dissertation</i> : The syntax of East Javanese	
	Brittany Hoback, PhD dissertation co-supervisor. 2019–present.	
	◦ <i>Dissertation</i> : The Denggan Language Project: A collaborative language documentation project in Banam Bay, Malekula, Vanuatu	
	Darren Flavelle, PhD dissertation co-supervisor. 2018–present.	
	◦ <i>Dissertation</i> : A grammar of O’roha	
	MA DISSERTATION SUPERVISION	
	Stephanie Kibblewhite, MA paper co-supervisor. 2021–2022.	
	◦ <i>Dissertation</i> : L1 transfer effects on Spanish transitivity encoding: A case study of <i>se</i>	
	Luané Lennox, MA paper supervisor. 2020–2021. (currently PhD student in McGill Linguistics)	
	◦ <i>Dissertation</i> The left and right peripheries in Afrikaans	
	Isaac Stead, MA paper supervisor. 2019–2020. (currently PhD student in Max Planck Institute of Linguistic and Cultural Evolution)	
◦ <i>Dissertation</i> : Language contact and the decay of Austronesian voice		
PHD DISSERTATION EXAMINER		
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	
	• Linguistics Programme Director, 2021–present.	
	• 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.	
• Judge of 2021 3MT Competition Judging Panel Invitation, 2021		

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

○ Editorial Review Board, the Oceanic Linguistics Special Publication series and the PALI Language text series

○ Conference organization

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

○ Journal review

● *Linguistics: An Interdisciplinary Journal of the Language Sciences* (2021, 2022)

● *Journal of East Asian Linguistics* (2021)

● *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory* (2019, 2020, 2021)

● *Glossa: A journal of General Linguistics* (2016, 2018, 2021 (2))

● *Oceanic Linguistics* (2015 (2), 2018, 2019, 2020 (2), 2021 (2), 2022 (1))

● *Studies in Language* (2018)

● *Lingua* (2015)

○ Abstract review

● Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA): 2020, 2021, 2022

● Linguistics Society of America (LSA): 2018

○ Grant proposal review

● Endangered Language Documentation Programme (ELDP): 2020

FIELDWORK	Cook Island Māori (Austronesian)	2022–present
	Tok Pisin	2022–present
	Javanese (Austronesian)	2020–present
	Puyuma (Austronesian)	2013–present
	Tagalog (Austronesian)	2016–present
	Seediq (Austronesian)	2012–present
	Amis (Austronesian)	2014–2020
	Fataluku (Papuan)	2013
	Eastern Cham (Austronesian)	2013
	Nyagrong Minyag (Tibeto-Burman)	2012–2013