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Education

- 2024 Ph.D., Linguistics, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.
Dissertation: Western Austronesian applicative constructions: Typological and functional approaches.
Chair: Bradley McDonnell
- 2004 M.A., Applied Linguistics, Biola University.
- 2002 B.A., Comparative Literature, *summa cum laude*, University of California, Los Angeles

Appointments

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

- 2024- Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Linguistics
2019–2021 Instructor of Record, Department of Linguistics

Publications

Books

- 2025 **Truong, Christina L.** *Western Austronesian applicative constructions: Continuity and change in form and meaning* (Endangered and Lesser-Studied Languages and Dialects 4). Leiden: Brill.

Refereed Book Chapters

- 2026 **Truong, Christina L.** The decline of Philippine-type voice and rise of 'Indonesian-type' applicatives in Sama-Bajaw. In Arzadon, Mercedes E., Antonio D. Igalinos, and Thomas E. Payne (eds). *Philippine languages and education reform: Papers in honor of Ricardo Ma Duran Nolasco*, 411–453. Sorsogon City: Sorsogon State University Press.
- 2024 **Truong, Christina L.** Discourse topic in Austronesian languages. In Yoder, Brendon (ed.), *Topic in discourse: Areal overviews and case studies* (SIL e-Books 087), 31–55. Dallas: SIL International.

- 2024 McDonnell, Bradley & **Christina L. Truong**. The non-Malayic languages of Sumatra and the Barrier Islands. In Adelaar, Alexander and Antoinette Schapper (eds.), *The Oxford Guide to the Malayo-Polynesian Languages of Southeast Asia* (Oxford Guides to the World's Languages), 409–429. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2024 McDonnell, Bradley & **Christina L. Truong**. Applicative constructions in languages of western Indonesia. In Zúñiga, Fernando and Denis Creissels (eds.), *Applicative constructions in the world's languages* (Comparative Handbooks of Linguistics 7), 971–1004. Berlin, Boston: De Gruyter Mouton.
- 2024 Surma, Asleigh & **Christina L. Truong**.* Digital tools for language revitalization. In Carmen Jany, Marianne Mithun and Keren Rice (eds.), *The Languages and Linguistics of Indigenous North America: A Comprehensive Guide*, Vol. 2 (The World of Linguistics 13.2), 791–806. Berlin, Boston: De Gruyter Mouton.
- 2022 **Christina L. Truong** & McDonnell, Bradley. Neglected functions of western Indonesian applicative morphology. In Sara Pacchiarotti and Fernando Zúñiga (eds.), *Applicative morphology: Neglected syntactic and non-syntactic functions* (Trends in Linguistics. Studies and Monographs 373), 405–436. Berlin ; Boston: De Gruyter Mouton. <https://doi.org/10.1515/9783110777949>
- Journal Articles*
- 2012 **Truong, Christina L.** & Lilian Garcez. Participatory methods for language documentation and conservation: Building community awareness and engagement. *Language Documentation & Conservation*. 6:22–37. <http://hdl.handle.net/10125/4505>.
- Working Papers*
- 2021 Mead, David & **Christina L. Truong**. *Survey of Cia-Cia and closely related languages of southern Buton Island, Indonesia* (Sulang Language Data and Working Papers: Survey Reports 3). Sulawesi Language Alliance. <http://sulang.org/sites/default/files/sulangsurv003-v1.pdf>
- Manuscripts*
- submitted **Truong, Christina L.** & Victoria Chen.* Towards a typology of pseudo antipassives: An Austronesian perspective.

* The authors contributed equally to this paper.

Conference Presentations

- accepted **Truong, Christina L. & Victoria Chen**. A typology of applicative and applicative-like constructions in western Austronesian languages. *16th International Conference of the Association for Linguistic Typology (ALT-2026)*. Lumière University of Lyon, France, 1–3 July 2026.
- 2025 **Truong, Christina L. & Victoria Chen**. Towards a typology of pseudo antipassive constructions in western Austronesian languages. *34th Annual Meeting of the Southeast Asian Linguistic Society (SEALS 34)*. Bali, Indonesia, 10–13 June 2025.
- 2024 **Truong, Christina L.** The rise of applicatives in West Nusantara. *16th International Conference on Austronesian Linguistics (ICAL16)*. De La Salle University, Manila, Philippines. 22 June 2024.

- 2023 **Truong, Christina L.** Valency and argumenthood in Sundanese applicative constructions. *9th International Symposium on the Languages of Java (ISLOJ 9)*. University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI, 20 May 2023.
- 2022 **Truong, Christina L.** & Bradley McDonnell. Lexical semantics and the constructional meaning of Western Indonesian applicatives. *14th International Austronesian and Papuan Languages & Linguistics Conference (APLL 14)*. Leibniz Centre General Linguistics (ZAS) & Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany, 9–11 Jun 2022.
- 2022 **Truong, Christina L.** Semantic meaning and the representation of Indonesian applicative constructions. *31st Annual Meeting of the Southeast Asian Linguistic Society (SEALS 31)*. University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI, 18-20 May 2022.
- 2021 **Truong, Christina L.** & Bradley McDonnell. Exploring western Indonesian applicative constructions through the lexicon. *15th International Conference on Austronesian languages (15-ICAL)*. Palacký University, Olomouc, Czech Republic, 28 Jun–2 Jul 2021.
- 2020 **Truong, Christina L.** & Bradley McDonnell. Semantic and syntactic functions of western Indonesian applicative morphology. *Societas Linguistica Europaea (SLE) 2020 Platform*. 26 Aug–1 Sep 2020. <https://osf.io/kxd3b/>.
- 2020 **Truong, Christina L.** How does vowel harmony develop? Evidence from Behoa, a language of Indonesia. Presented at the *94th LSA Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, LA, 2–5 Jan 2020.
- 2009 **Truong, Christina L.** and Lilian Garcez. Participatory methods for language documentation and conservation: Building community awareness and engagement. Presented at the *1st International Conference on Language Documentation and Conservation*, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, 12–14 Mar 2009.

Teaching

Instructor of Record

LING 150C, Language in Hawai'i & the Pacific, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Summer 2020, Summer 2021)

LING 451, Phonology I, University of North Dakota (Summer 2012, Summer 2014, Summer 2018)

Teaching Assistant

LING 102, Introduction to Study of Language, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Spring 2018).

LING 105, Language Endangerment, Globalization, and Indigenous Peoples, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018)

LING 150B, Language in Hawai'i & the Pacific, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018)

LING 503, Phonology II, University of North Dakota (Summer 2006)

LING 451, Phonology I, University of North Dakota (Summer 2006)

TTBE 517, Hermeneutics, Biola University (Fall 2003, Spring 2004)

Workshops and Short Courses

- 2021 Instructor, Workshop on Linguistic Fieldwork and Methods (3 days). Faculty of Humanities, University of Indonesia, Depok (remote).
- 2016 Session facilitator, Dialect differences and orthography development. Orthography Think Tank. LEAD Asia, Bangkok, Thailand.
- 2016 Discussion facilitator, Community-based Language Development Workshop (5 days). SIL International, Ipoh, Malaysia.
- 2008, 2009 Head facilitator, Participatory Methods for Engaging Communities (5 days), SIL International, Jakarta, Indonesia

Talks and Guest Lectures

- 2026 Three ways to highlight a peripheral role: Dimensions of the western Austronesian applicative alternations. Paper presented at the 2nd Workshop of the Applicatives Across Languages Network (AALN). University of Cologne. 19–20 Feb. Co-authored with Victoria Chen.
- 2020 Introduction to FLEx. Guest lecture, LING 710 Techniques of Language Documentation. University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. 25 Feb.
- 2019 Functions of Western Indonesian “applicative” affixes. Paper presented at Workshop on Austronesian Voice and related phenomena. University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. 6 Dec.
- 2019 Language documentation with the Semai community of Penninsular Malaysia. Tuesday Seminar series, Department of Linguistics, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. 26 Nov.
- 2019 Life in the field. Panelist, LING 680 Introduction to Language Documentation. University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. 26 Nov.
- 2018 Aspects of Behoa phonology: Report on initial fieldwork in Central Sulawesi, Indonesia. Tuesday Seminar series, Department of Linguistics, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. 27 Nov.
- 2016 Nasal-obstruent sequences in Tajio. Paper presented at Mentoring and Consultant Development Workshop, Linguistics Track. LEAD Asia, Bangkok, Thailand. 27 Oct.

Community Language Work / Language Documentation Experience

- 2025– Bebeli (Austronesian), annotation (remote).
- 2020–2022 Baduy (Austronesian), archiving (remote).
- 2018–2021 Sundanese (Austronesian), remote and in Honolulu, HI.
- 2019 Semai (Austro-Asiatic), Malaysia.
- 2018 Mamasa (Austronesian), Indonesia.
- 2018 Behoa (Austronesian), Indonesia.
- 2016 Temiar (Austro-Asiatic), Malaysia.
- 2015–2016 Tajio (Austronesian), Indonesia.
- 2011 Acehnese (Austronesian), Indonesia.
- 2009 Nias (Austronesian), Indonesia.

Language Technology Experience

- 2020–2022 Research assistant for Dr. Bradley McDonnell. Documentation of Badui. NSF-supported project. Archive: <https://dx.doi.org/10.26278/500Z-JN08>
- 2019 Research assistant for Dr. Gary Holton. Collaborative Research: Linking Maps, Manuscripts, and Place Names Data to Improve Environmental Knowledge in Alaska project, NSF-supported project.
- 2015–2016 Research collaborator with Dr. David Mead, Sulawesi Language Alliance. Comparative research and wordlist analysis for Cia-Cia varieties and neighboring languages.
- 2014–2015 Research assistant for Dr. Brian O’Herin, SIL International. Creation of database and grammar resources for teaching discourse analysis.

Skills

Software

LaTeX, R, Pratt, FLEx, ELAN

Audio-Visual

Adobe Premiere, audio/video equipment, recording, editing, and acoustic analysis.

Service

- 2026– Ad hoc reviewer for *Language Documentation & Conservation*.
- 2025– Editorial assistant for *Data Papers on Papua New Guinea Languages*.
- 2022 Local Organizing Committee member, 31st Annual Meeting of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society. University of Hawai’i at Mānoa, 18–20 May.
- 2021 Reviewer, book chapter for Pacchiarotti, Sara, and Fernando Zúñiga (eds.). *Applicative morphology: Neglected syntactic and non-syntactic functions*. De Gruyter Mouton.
- 2021 Reviewer, abstracts for 15th International Conference on Austronesian Languages.
- 2020–2021 Chair, Scholarships Subcommittee, 7th International Conference on Language Documentation and Conservation. University of Hawai’i at Mānoa, 4–5 Mar 2021.
- 2020–2021 Student Representative, Linguistic Society of Hawai’i.
- 2020 Reviewer, abstracts for 7th International Conference on Language Documentation and Conservation.
- 2020 Host Institution Organizing Committee member, 30th meeting of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society. University of Hawai’i at Mānoa. 18–20 May (Cancelled due to COVID-19).
- 2020 Reviewer, abstracts for 30th meeting of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society.
- 2019 Organizing Committee member, Workshop on Austronesian Voice and related phenomena. University of Hawai’i at Mānoa. 6 Dec 2019.
- 2019–2020 Secretary, Linguistic Society of Hawai’i.
- 2019 Reviewer, book chapters for *The Languages and Linguistics of Indigenous North America: A Comprehensive Guide*. De Gruyter Mouton.
- 2019 Student Steering Committee member, 6th International Conference on Language Documentation and Conservation. University of Hawai’i at Mānoa. 28 Feb–3 Mar.

2019 Reviewer, abstracts for 6th International Conference on Languages Documentation and Conservation.

Awards, Grants, & Scholarships

2022-2024 Bilinski Dissertation Fellowship, Bilinski Educational Foundation.

2020-2021 The Hannah Liebreich Merit Based Award in Teaching, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Graduate Student Organizations.

2018, 2019, 2021 Summer Research Grant, Bilinski Educational Foundation.

2017 Doctoral Scholars Fellowship, University of California, Santa Barbara (declined).

1998-2002 National Merit Scholarship, Tenet Healthcare Foundation.

Languages

English, native speaker.

Indonesian, advanced.

Standard Malay, conversational.

Spanish, reading.

Ancient Greek, reading.