

FOREWORD

Linguistics has been taught at La Trobe University for a number of years. A Division attached to the Department of Philosophy was formalised in 1979, with a full-time Head appointed in 1981. Linguistics became a full Department within the School of Humanities in 1988.

Research interests currently emphasised are phonology, syntax, semantics, language typology, sociolinguistics, psycholinguistics, historical linguistics, applied linguistics, lexicography, discourse analysis, Australian Aboriginal languages, Papuan languages, African languages, South-East Asian languages and Germanic languages.

Distinguished visitors during 1990 were Professor JOAN BYBEE, University of New Mexico, and Professor NIGEL VINCENT, University of Manchester.

STAFF

Research interests

Professor & Chairperson

Prof Barry Blake

Syntax, comparative linguistics, Australian Aboriginal languages

Readers

Dr Peter Austin

Syntax, typology, Australian Aboriginal languages, computer-aided lexicography and text analysis

Dr David Bradley

Phonetics, phonology, historical linguistics, sociolinguistics, Asian languages

Senior Lecturer

Dr Edith bavin

Psycholinguistics, syntax, semantics, sociolinguistics, Australian Aboriginal languages, African languages

Lecturers

Dr Robert Bauer

Phonetics, sociolinguistics, Chinese and Japanese dialectology, Southeast Asian and Sino-Tibetan historical comparative linguistics

Dr Kate Burridge

Syntax, historical linguistics, Germanic languages, language contact, typology

Dr Hilary Chappell

Syntax and semantics, East Asian languages, linguistic universals and typology, discourse analysis, sociolinguistics

Dr Graham Scott

Phonetics and phonology, morphosyntax, discourse analysis, applied linguistics, Papuan languages

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STUDENT RESEARCH TOPICS

1990

Ketut Artawa	<i>Indonesian cohesion</i>
Margaret Batterham	<i>New Zealand English</i>
Mehmet Celik	<i>Turkish causatives</i>
Mirna Cicioni	<i>The semantics of loanwords in post-WW2 Italian</i>
Sandra Cootes	<i>Semantic roles in grammatical theory</i>
Mark English	<i>Theoretical syntax/semantics</i>
Lisa Harris	<i>Auction sale speech</i>
Hoat Nguyen Duc	<i>Vietnamese speech acts</i>
Chris Howell	<i>Language acquisition</i>
Liu Ming Chen	<i>Topical development in Chinese and English exposition</i>
June Luchjenbroers	<i>Pragmatic inference in language processing</i>
Aveline Perez	<i>Syntactic change in English</i>
Kelly Skinner	<i>Australian Aboriginal syntax</i>
Suzanne Walters-Quan	<i>Oral aspects of second language acquisition</i>
Yvonne Ware	<i>Acquisition of English by Vietnamese tertiary students</i>
Gillian Wigglesworth	<i>Development of narrative skills in children</i>

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