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### *Curriculum Vitae*

#### **Current Positions**

- 2008-present Post-Doctoral Research Fellow. Research Centre for Linguistic Typology, La Trobe University. Project: A grammatical investigation of the Eastern Tani languages of Arunachal Pradesh, North East India.
- 2008-present Research Worker, Department of Linguistics, Gauhati University, Assam, India.

#### **Principal Qualifications**

- 2007 Ph.D., with Merit (Linguistics). Research Centre for Linguistic Typology, La Trobe University, AU. Thesis: *A Grammar of Galo*. Supervisors: R. M. W. Dixon and Alexandra Aikhenvald.
- 2004 M.A. (Linguistics). Department of Linguistics, University of Oregon, USA. Thesis: *Grammaticalization and Lexical Replacement: A Comparative Study on Thai and Chinese*. Supervisors: Talmy Givón and Scott DeLancey.
- 1995 B.A., with Honors (Semiotics). Departments of English and Film Studies, Wesleyan University, USA.

#### **Other Qualifications**

- 2003 Advanced Certificate (Thai). South East Asian Summer Studies Institute, University of Wisconsin, USA.
- 1999 Advanced Certificate (Chinese). Department of Chinese, Kunming (Yunnan) Nationalities Institute, PRC.
- 1996 Royal Society of Arts/Cambridge University Certificate for Teaching English as a Foreign Language to Adults. Basil Paterson Language Foundation (Edinburgh), UK.

#### **Other Education**

- 2006 Leipzig Spring School on Linguistic Diversity, Leipzig University/MPI (Leipzig), DE.
- 2001 Linguistic Society of America Summer Linguistics Institute, University of California (Santa Barbara), USA.

## **Grants, Scholarships and Awards**

- 2008 Principal Applicant, South Asia Node Project Grant to North East Indian Linguistics Society, Australian Research Council, AU.
- 2008-present Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship, Research Centre for Linguistic Typology, La Trobe University, AU.
- 2007 Post-Graduate Writing-Up Award, Institute for Advanced Study, La Trobe University, AU.
- 2007 Post-Graduate Writing-Up Award, Research Centre for Linguistic Typology, La Trobe University, AU.
- 2004-2007 La Trobe University Post-Graduate Research Scholarship. La Trobe University, AU.
- 2004-2007 International Post-Graduate Research Scholarship. La Trobe University, AU.
- 2002, 2003 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships. South East Asian Summer Studies Institute, University of Wisconsin, USA.
- 2001 Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute Tuition Fellowship. University of California (Santa Barbara), USA.
- 2001 Gary E. Smith Summer Research Fellowship. University of Oregon, USA.
- 2000-2004 Graduate Teaching Fellowship. University of Oregon, USA.

## **Other Professional Activities**

- 2007-present Member. Galo Language Development Committee, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh, IN.
- 2005-present Co-founder and Secretary. North East Indian Linguistics Society, Gauhati University, Guwahati, Assam, IN.
- 2005-present Co-organizer. International Conferences 1-4 of the North East Indian Linguistics Society, Gauhati University, Guwahati, Assam, and Northeastern Hill University, Shillong, Meghalaya, IN.
- 2002-2003 Chair. Graduate Linguists of Oregon Student Society, University of Oregon, USA.
- 2002-2003 Organizer. Linguistics Colloquium Series, University of Oregon, USA.
- Various Referee. *Linguistics of the Tibeto-Burman Area*, *Australian Journal of Linguistics*.

## Refereed Publications

- Post, M. (in press, 2009). "The phonology and grammar of Galo 'words': A case study in benign disunity." *Studies in Language*.
- Post, M. (in press, 2009). "Clause-linking in Galo." In R. M. W. Dixon and A. Aikhenvald, Eds. *Clause Linking: A Cross-Linguistic Typology*. Oxford, Oxford University Press: 74-95.
- Post, M. (in press, 2009). "Nominalization and nominalization-based constructions in Galo." In F.-H. Yap and Janick Wrona, Eds. *Nominalization in Asian Languages: Diachronic and Typological Perspectives. Volume 1: Sino-Tibetan and Iranian Languages* [Typological Studies in Language Series]. Amsterdam/Philadelphia: John Benjamins.
- Post, M. (in press, 2009). "Grammaticalization and the discourse distribution of serial verbs in Assamese." In W. Khanittanan and P. Sidwell, Eds. *SEALSXIV: Papers from the 14<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society (2004), Volume 2*. Canberra, Pacific Linguistics.
- Post, M. (in press, 2009). "Predicate derivations in the Tani languages: Root, suffix, both or neither?" In S. Morey and M. Post, Eds. *Untitled [Papers from the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference of the North East Indian Linguistics Society]*. New Delhi, Foundation/Cambridge University Press India.
- Morey, S. and M. Post, Eds. (in press, 2009). *Untitled [Papers from the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference of the North East Indian Linguistics Society]*. New Delhi, Foundation/Cambridge University Press India.
- Post, M. (2008). "Adjectives in Thai: Implications for a functionalist typology of word classes." *Linguistic Typology* 12 (3): 339-381.
- Morey, S. and M. Post, Eds. (2008). *North East Indian Linguistics*. New Delhi, Foundation/Cambridge University Press India (284 pp., ISBN: 9788175966000).
- Post, M. (2008). "Verbs of posture, existence, location and possession and their grammaticalization pathways in the Tani languages." In S. Morey and M. Post, Eds., *North East Indian Linguistics*. New Delhi, Foundation/Cambridge University Press India: 127-150.
- Barbora, M. and M. Post (2008). "Quest for a script." In S. Morey and M. Post, Eds., *North East Indian Linguistics*. New Delhi, Foundation/Cambridge University Press India: 255-270.
- Post, M. (2007). "Grammaticalization and compounding in Thai and Chinese." *Studies in Language* 31 (1): 117-176.
- Post, M. (2006). "Compounding and the structure of the Tani lexicon." *Linguistics of the Tibeto-Burman Area* 29 (1): 41-60.
- Post, M. (2006). "Assamese verb serialization in functional, areal-typological and diachronic perspective." *Berkeley Linguistics Society* 30: 377-390.
- Guion, S. G., M. Post, and D. L. Payne (2004). "Phonetic correlates of tongue root vowel contrasts in Maa." *Journal of Phonetics* 32: 517-542.

## **Other Publications**

- Galo Language Development Committee (in press, 2009). *Galo-English Dictionary, with English-Galo Index*. Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh, Galo Welfare Society.
- Post, M. (in press, 2008). "Report on the International Conference on Origins and Migrations among Tibeto-Burman speakers of the Extended Eastern Himalaya, Humboldt University, 23-25 May, 2008." *Linguistics of the Tibeto-Burman Area* 31 (2).
- Post, M. (2008). "Many Arunachali languages may indeed die within our lifetimes." *Arunachal Times*, 26 November 2008: 1, 3.
- Post, M. (2008). "The study, teaching and preservation of languages in Arunachal Pradesh." *Arunachal Times*, 1 August 2008: 1, 3.
- Post, M. (2006). "Review of *The Tai Languages of Assam – A Grammar and Texts* by Stephen Morey. Canberra: Pacific Linguistics, 2005." *Linguistics of the Tibeto-Burman Area* 29 (2): 141-153.
- Post, M., I. Riba, I. Riba and M. Nyodu (2006). *A Script for the Galo Language*. Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh, Galo Welfare Society.

## **Unpublished Conference Papers, Seminars and Invited Talks**

- "The relationship between Milang and 'Proto-Tani'." Paper presented at the 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the North East Indian Linguistics Society, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong, Meghalaya, IN, January 16, 2009.
- "Classifiers in Mising." (with Sarat Kumar Doley) Paper presented at the 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the North East Indian Linguistics Society, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong, Meghalaya, IN, January 16, 2009.
- "Fieldwork-based description of North-East Indian languages." Seminar presentation, Tezpur University, Tezpur, Assam, IN, November 28, 2008.
- "North East Indian linguistics: Present state and future prospects." Seminar presentation, Lakhimpur College, Lakhimpur, Assam, IN, September 8, 2008.
- "Adjectives in Mainland South-East Asian languages: What do they teach us about the nature, identification and universality of word classes?" Seminar presentation, Department of Linguistics, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, TH, June 24, 2008.
- "The language, culture, environment and origins of Proto-Tani speakers: What is knowable, and what is not (yet)." Paper presented at the International Conference on Origins and Migrations among Tibeto-Burman Speakers of the Extended Eastern Himalaya, Humboldt University, Berlin, DE, May 23-25, 2008.
- "Nominalization-based constructions in Tibeto-Burman: Synchronic and diachronic perspectives." Seminar presentation, Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics, Nijmegen, NL, May 16, 2008.

- “Tyranny of the trochee: The phonology and grammar of Galo ‘words’.” Seminar presentation, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, LACITO, Paris, FR, May 13, 2008.
- “Language and the cultural history of central Arunachal Pradesh.” Paper presented at the Asian Borderlands Research Network Conference, Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati, Assam, IN, January 16-18, 2008.
- “Topographical deixis in Tani and beyond.” Paper presented at the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference of the North East Indian Linguistics Society, Gauhati University, Guwahati, Assam, IN, January 20-22, 2008.
- “Classification in Tani languages.” Seminar presentation, Research Centre for Linguistic Typology, La Trobe University, Melbourne, AU, October 12, 2005.
- “Synchronic and diachronic dimensions of the tone system of Galo.” Paper presented at the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Australian Linguistics Society, Monash University, Melbourne, AU, August 27-29, 2005.
- “From Tai to Tani: Morphological drift in Greater Mainland Southeast Asia”. Seminar presentation, Department of Linguistics, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, TH, April 4, 2005.
- “Grammaticalization in Thai and Chinese.” Paper presented at the 36<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics, La Trobe University, Melbourne, AU, November 26-29, 2003.
- “Adjectives in Thai.” Paper presented at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the South East Asian Linguistics Society, University of California at Los Angeles, 2003.

### **Courses Taught**

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| 2008       | Fieldwork methodology: The Tani languages of North-East India. Invited workshop series, Jawahar Lal Nehru University, Delhi, IN. |
| 2003, 2004 | Introduction to Linguistics (TA). Department of Linguistics, University of Oregon, USA.  |
| 2002, 2003 | The Structure of English Words. Department of Linguistics, University of Oregon, USA.  |
| 2002, 2003 | Phonetics (TA). Department of Linguistics, University of Oregon, USA.  |
| 2001, 2002 | English as a Second Language. American English Institute, University of Oregon, USA.   |
| 2001       | Analytical Methods in Morphology and Syntax (TA). Department of Linguistics, University of Oregon, USA.                          |
| 1999       | English as a Second Language. English Village (Shinjuku), Tokyo, JP.   |
| 1996-1997  | English as a Second Language. American University Alumni, Bangkok, TH.   |

## **Fieldwork Experience**

- 2008 Milang (Tibeto-Burman > Tani > Eastern (?). Upper Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh, IN.
- 2008 Apatani (Tibeto-Burman > Tani > Western). Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh, IN.
- 2008 Minyong (Tibeto-Burman > Tani > Eastern). East Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh, IN.
- 2004-2008 Galo (Tibeto-Burman > Tani > Western (?)). West Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh, IN.
- 2004, 2008 Mising (Tibeto-Burman > Tani > Eastern). North Lakhimpur and Karbi-Anglong Districts, Assam, IN.
- 2003-2004 Assamese. Guwahati, Assam, India, and University of Oregon, USA.
- 2000 Amharic. University of Oregon, USA.
- 1999 Sipsongpanna Tai (Lü). Kunming Nationalities Institute, Yunnan, PRC.

## **Languages**

- Native: English.
- Good competence: Galo, Thai, Chinese, French.
- Some competence: Japanese, Minyong (Adi), Bahasa Indonesia.

## **Research Interests**

Historical morphosyntax/grammaticalization, Greater Mainland South East Asian language typology, verb serialization and (other) complex predicates, fieldwork methodology, co-speech gesture, experimental phonology.

## **Other Interests**

Cooking, hiking, gardening, coffee, good beer.