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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Phonology; phonetics; historical linguistics; sound change in lexical tone; computational phylogenetics; language documentation; Tai and Kra-Dai languages; language contact in Southeast Asia; Southeast Asian epigraphy

## EDUCATION

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- 2019 Ph.D. in Linguistics, Yale University: New Haven, CT.  
Dissertation: *The Tonal Comparative Method: Tai tone in historical perspective*.  
Chair: Claire Bowers.
- 2015 M.A. in Linguistics, Yale University: New Haven, CT.
- 2007 B.A. in Linguistics, cum laude with honors, Dartmouth College: Hanover, NH.  
Honors thesis: *A Survey of Thai Monolingual Lexicography*. Advisor: David A. Peterson.

## EMPLOYMENT

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- 2019-Present Visiting Assistant Professor, Swarthmore College.
- 2016, 2018 Part-Time Acting Instructor, Yale University
- 2007-2013 Project Manager and Research Associate, Center for Research in Computational Linguistics: Bangkok, Thailand.
- 2013-2019 Research assistant to Claire Bowers, Yale University. 'Pama-Nyungan Reconstruction and the Prehistory of Australia.' NSF grant BCS-0844550. 'Language as a Window on Prehistory.' NSF grant BCS-1423711.
- 2017-2018 Research assistant to Doug Whalen, Haskins Laboratories.
- 2005-2006 Research assistant to David A. Peterson, Dartmouth College. 'Chittagong Hill Tracts Linguistic Documentation.' NSF grant BCS-0349021.

## TEACHING

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### SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

Phonetics & Phonology	Fall 2020, Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2022
Historical Linguistics	Fall 2019, Fall 2021
Introduction to Language & Linguistics	Spring 2021
Computational Linguistics	Spring 2020
Evolution of Language & Culture	Fall 2020
Morphology & the Lexicon	Spring 2020
Field Methods	Fall 2021
Senior Thesis Seminar	Spring 2021
Advanced Research Methods	Spring 2022

## YALE UNIVERSITY (AS INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD)

- Fall 2018 Historical Linguistics (Combined graduate/undergraduate course)  
Co-instructor: Claire Bowerin
- Fall 2016 Evolution of Language & Culture (Combined graduate/undergraduate course)  
Co-instructor: Claire Bowerin

## YALE UNIVERSITY (AS GRADUATE TEACHING FELLOW)

- Spring 2016 Cognitive Science of Language  
Instructor: Claire Moore-Cantwell
- Fall 2015 Formal Foundations of Linguistic Theory (Combined graduate/undergraduate)  
Instructor: Robert Frank

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## ACADEMIC ADVISING AND SUPERVISION

### EXTERNAL THESIS EXAMINER

- 2021 Jayden Macklin-Cordes (University of Queensland, Australia). Thesis: *Phonotactics in historical linguistics: Quantitative interrogation of a novel data source*

### SENIOR THESIS ADVISING AND MENTORING

- 2021 Momoka Keicho (Swarthmore '21). Thesis: *Raciolinguistic socialization and subversion at a predominantly white institution.*
- 2021 Claire Weeks (Bryn Mawr '21). Thesis: *Machine Translation for Low-Resource Languages: a community-based participatory approach.*
- 2021 Anna Thompson (Bryn Mawr '21). Thesis: *Syntactic Parallelism and Structure in Kyrgyz Proverbs.*
- 2021 Shaoni White (Swarthmore '21). Thesis: *Modeling Comparatives in English Based On a Pragmatic Handling of the Sorites Paradox.*

### ACADEMIC ADVISING

- 2021-Present Pre-major academic advising, Swarthmore College (various students)

### RESEARCH ADVISING

- 2020-2021 Faculty mentor to Eric Ma. Project: *Documenting the sound system of Tai Pao*. Advanced Research Mentorship program, Glastonbury High School, Glastonbury, CT.
- 2019-Present Research advisor on Tai Khamti documentation and other Tai digitization projects. Assistants: Bryce Bussert, Em Groves, Dylan Clairmont, Catherine Wang, Yiying Jiang

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## AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

### FELLOWSHIPS

- 2015-2019 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship – Linguistics.
- 2016 Quantitative Methods Spring School, Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History: Jena, Germany.

### RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2019-2022 Faculty Research Support Grant. Swarthmore College. \$1,750 each year.
- 2017-2018 Dissertation Fieldwork Grant. Whitney and Betty MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies at Yale. Documenting Tai Khamti in Myanmar. \$15,000.
- 2015-2017 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant. Language documentation of Tai Khamti in Myanmar. BCS/DEL-1528386. \$12,000.

- 2014 Pre-Dissertation Fieldwork Grant. Tai Khamti Pilot Fieldwork. Whitney and Betty MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies at Yale. \$5,000.
- 2009 Fulbright Research Grant, U.S. Department of State. Host organization: National Research Council of Thailand. Topic: *The Sukhothai Inscriptions of Thailand*. \$18,000.

## PUBLICATIONS

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### REFEREED PAPERS

- 2021 Hadas Kotek, **Rikker Dockum**, Sarah Babinski, Chris Geissler. "Gender bias and stereotypes in linguistic example sentences." In press at *Language* for December 2021.
- 2021 Hadas Kotek, **Rikker Dockum**, Sarah Babinski, Chris Geissler. "Gender stereotypes and inclusion in language teaching." *Babylonia* 1(1).
- 2020 Catherine Sheard, Claire Bower, **Rikker Dockum**, Fiona M. Jordan. "Pama-Nyungan grandparent systems change with grandchildren, but not cross-cousin terms." *Evolutionary Human Sciences* vol. 2(e30). doi:10.1017/ehs.2020.31
- 2020 Doug Whalen, Christian DiCano, **Rikker Dockum**. "Phonetic documentation in three collections: topics and evolution." *Journal of the International Phonetic Association*. doi:10.1017/S0025100320000079
- 2019 **Rikker Dockum** and Claire Bower. "Swadesh lists are not long enough: Drawing phonological generalizations from limited data." *Language Documentation and Description* vol. 16: 35-54. [www.elpublishing.org/itempage/168](http://www.elpublishing.org/itempage/168)

### PROCEEDINGS PAPERS

- 2020 Hadas Kotek, Sarah Babinski, **Rikker Dockum**, Chris Geissler. "Gender representation in linguistic example sentences." *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America* vol. 5. doi.org/10.3765/plsa.v5i1.4723
- 2019 Sarah Babinski, **Rikker Dockum**, Hunter Craft, Anelisa Fergus, Dolly Goldenberg, Claire Bower. "A Robin Hood Approach to Forced Alignment." *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America* vol. 4. doi: 10.3765/plsa.v4i1.4468
- 2018 **Rikker Dockum**. "Phylogeny in phonology: how Tai sound systems encode their past." In *Supplemental Proceedings of the Annual Meeting on Phonology 2017*. doi:10.3765/amp.v5i0.4238
- 2017 **Rikker Dockum**. "Computational modeling of tone in language documentation: citation tones vs. running speech in Chindwin Khamti." In *Proceedings of the 43rd Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society*. doi:10.5281/zenodo.2575294

### ARTICLE MANUSCRIPTS

- In revision Jason Shaw, Dongmei Rao, and **Rikker Dockum**. "Acoustic recordings of Zhongjiang Chinese non-coronal fricatives." To appear in *Data in Brief*.
- In prep. Claire Bower and **Rikker Dockum**. "Decolonizing historical linguistics in the classroom and beyond." (Chapter for forthcoming OUP collection.)
- In prep. **Rikker Dockum**, Caitlin Green, Hadas Kotek, Todd Snider, Itamar Kastner. "Building a Better Linguistics: Power, Socialization, Potential." (Chapter for forthcoming OUP collection.)

- In prep. **Rikker Dockum.** “The Tonal Comparative Method: extending historical approaches to lexical tone.” (Chapter for forthcoming Routledge handbook.)
- In prep. **Rikker Dockum.** “Computational phylogenetics with phonological traits: tonal and segmental evidence.” (Revision of dissertation chapter.)
- In prep. **Rikker Dockum.** “Tone documentation conventions: issues for synchrony and diachrony.” (Revision of dissertation chapter.)
- In prep. Rikker Dockum and Pittayawat Pittayaporn. “Dating the emergence of phonemic length contrasts in  $\mu$ -/æ/ and -ᳵ/ᳶ/ in Standard Thai.” (Paper for JSEALS.)
- In prep. **Rikker Dockum.** “Old Khmer did not have numeral classifiers: evidence from the epigraphic corpus.” (Paper for JSEALS.)
- Unpub. Itamar Kastner, Hadas Kotek, Anonymous, **Rikker Dockum**, Michael Dow, Maria Esipova, Caitlin Green, Todd Snider. “Who speaks for us? Lessons from the Pinker letter.” <https://ling.auf.net/lingbuzz/005381>

#### EDITED VOLUMES

- 2014 *Proceedings of the Workshop on the Sound Systems of Mexico and Central America*: New Haven, CT. Online publication. <http://ling.yale.edu/ssmca-proceedings/> (With Ryan Bennett, Emily Gasser, Dolly Goldenberg, Ryan Kasak, Patrick Patterson.)

#### BOOK REVIEWS

- 2020 Claire Bower and **Rikker Dockum**. Review of Robert Blust (2018). *101 Problems and Solutions in Historical Linguistics: A Workbook*. *Oceanic Linguistics* 58(2): 426-430. [doi:10.1353/ol.2019.0015](https://doi.org/10.1353/ol.2019.0015)
- 2018 **Rikker Dockum**. Review of Rint Sybesma (ed.) (2016). *The Encyclopedia of Chinese Languages and Linguistics*. *Journal of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society*, vol. 11.1. [doi: 10524/52423](https://doi.org/10.10524/52423)

#### BOOK PROJECTS

- In prep. *Tai Khamti of the Upper Chindwin River Valley, Myanmar: Lexicon and Texts*. Principal fieldwork and analysis done; to be completed 2021. **Status:** Data gathered and initial analysis complete; revising for submission as an *Asia-Pacific Linguistics* monograph.
- In prep. *A Handbook of the Sukhothai Inscriptions: The Earliest Thai Texts*. **Status:** Research complete; texts transliterated and largely glossed; manuscript in outline stage.
- In prep. *The Lost Thai Dictionary of Eliza Grew Jones: Text and Commentary with Index of Modern Spellings*. **Status:** Draft based on undergraduate thesis, which identified a British Museum manuscript as the first Thai-English dictionary, previously thought lost.

#### RESEARCH PROJECTS

- 2020-Present Research Affiliate. Accelerating Discovery of the Linguistic Past. British Academy; Surrey Morphology Group. Erich Round, PI.
- 2018-Present Research Affiliate. EVOTONE: The emergence and evolution of linguistic tone. ERC 758605 (2018-2023), University of Edinburgh. James Kirby, PI.
- 2014-Present Research Affiliate. *Asia-Pacific Linguistic Data Warehouse*. Center for Research in Computational Linguistics. A suite of tools and datasets for comparative linguistics.

- 2018-2021 Project on Gender Representation in Example Sentence and Syllabi (ProGRESS). Yale Women Faculty Forum Seed Grant. Hadas Kotek, project lead.
- 2010-2013 Greater Southeast Asia linguistic infrastructure pilot project. Comprising sub-projects: 1. *Lexicon extraction*. Managed digitization of lexicons spanning a century plus of scholarship throughout GSEA. 2. *Phoneme inventory compilation*. Extracted phoneme inventories in parallel with lexicon extraction; built datasets to enable experimentation in computational phonemic and phonotactic analysis of raw lexical data. 3. *Phonemic normalization*. Defined rules for lexicon normalization, enabling reliable broad cross-linguistic comparison of lexical resources from varying regions, traditions, and eras.
- 2010-2012 Greater Southeast Asia epigraphic transliteration standardization project. Developed proposed standard regional transliteration scheme for epigraphic study in GSEA; to encompass scripts for archaic variants of Khmer, Mon, Thai, Burmese, Lao, Malay, Javanese, Balinese, Cham, and Pyu.
- 2009-2012 *The Sukhothai Inscriptions of Thailand*. Fulbright grant project; subsequently extended under auspices of the National Research Council of Thailand. Produced the first full roman transliteration of the Sukhothai epigraphic corpus (13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> century); etymological tagging of Khmer, Pali and Sanskrit loanwords; detailed entity tagging with English glossing of dates, people, places, and things mentioned in the corpus. (Website fc.)
- 2009-2011 *No More Data Silos: Interoperable Digital Resources in Title VI*. Development and promulgation of “best practices” for federally funded Title VI dictionary projects. U.S. Department of Education grant P017A090335.
- 2007-2011 *The SEALang Library*. Managed digitization of dictionaries for 25 Southeast Asian languages, U.S. Department of Education TICFIA grant P337A050018.

#### DIGITAL RESOURCES AND DATASETS

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- 2020-Present Tai Khamti Talking Dictionary. (In prep.) <http://talkingdictionaries.swarthmore.edu/>
- 2018 Historical tone data for Tai languages. [doi:10.5281/zenodo.1162386](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.1162386)
- 2012-2013 *The Zorc Papers*. Digital collection of fieldwork by R. David Zorc on Austronesian languages. <http://sealang.net/archives/zorc>
- 2008-2013 Managed archival scanning and indexing at CRCL. Projects: 1. *Southeast Asian Linguistics Archive*: <http://sealang.net/sala>. 2. *Pacific Linguistics Publication Archive 1964-2012*: <http://sealang.net/archives/pl>. 3. Christian Bauer’s *Ananda “Basement” Plaques*. <http://sealang.net/oldmon/ananda> 4. *NUSA - Linguistic Studies of the Languages of Indonesia 1975-2004*. Website: <http://sealang.net/nusa>.
- 2007-2011 *The SEALang Library*. Digital dictionaries for Thai, Khmer, Lao, Burmese, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Indonesian, Malay, Tetun, Mon, Javanese, Shan, Balinese, Buginese, Chavacano, Hiligaynon, Ilocano, Karen, Maranao, Maguindanao, Wa, and Waray. Website: <http://sealang.net/library>.
- 2006-2011 *SEAlang Historical Dictionaries*. Digital editions of the earliest Thai dictionaries: Jones 1833, Caswell 1846, Bradley 1873, Mitchell 1892, Pallegoix 1896. Website: <http://sealang.net/dictionary>.
- 2008 *SEAlang Thai Vocabulary*. Compiled and translated 200+ vocabulary lists. Website: <http://www.sealang.net/thai/vocabulary> (Sections ‘Thai AWL’ and ‘SEAlang’).

- 2007 *The SEAlang Lab: Assistive Technology for Reading, Writing, and Vocabulary Acquisition in Complex-Script Languages*. Produced English translations for 43 graded Thai texts compiled by Mary Haas. Website: <http://www.sealang.net/lab> (section ‘Graded bitexts’, subsection ‘Haas’). U.S. Dept. of Ed. IRS grant P017A060058.
- 2006-2007 *The SEAlang Library Thai Bitext Corpus*. Sentence alignment of Thai-English bilingual text corpus comprising some 200 short stories, articles, and essays. U.S. Dept. of Ed. TICFIA grant P337A050018. Website: <http://www.sealang.net/thai/bitext.htm>
- 2006-2007 *The Jones Thai-English Dictionary*. Online version of the first Thai-English dictionary, ca. 1833, previously considered lost. Website: <http://sealang.net/dictionary/jones>
- 2005-2006 1. Khumi [CNK]: Transcription and analysis of the field notes of David Peterson on the Khumi language of Bangladesh; 2. Marma [RMZ]: One-on-one elicitation, text recording, transcription and analysis of the Marma language of Bangladesh. NSF grant BCS-0349021.

## PRESENTATIONS

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### INVITED TALKS

- 2021 *The Tonal Comparative Method: classification and reconstruction in Southeast Asia*. Terrains, analyse et comparaison des langues (TACOL) research group, LACITO, Centre national de la recherche scientifique, Paris. 17 November 2021. [Virtual]
- 2021 *What Tai dialectology is teaching us about sound change in tonal languages*. Glasgow University Laboratory of Phonetics. 14 October 2021. [Virtual]
- 2020 *Constituent order in Tai Khamti: new data from Myanmar*. 2020 Chulalongkorn Asian Heritage Forum: Thai-Tai Language and Culture. 20 July 2020. [Virtual]
- 2020 *Evaluating claims about the Tai family tree using the Tonal Comparative Method*. 18th Spring Workshop on Linguistic Reconstruction, University of California, Berkeley. [Rescheduled for 2022 due to covid-19]
- 2018 *The Tonal Comparative Method: leveraging lexical tone in historical linguistics*. Annual Linguistics Homecoming Lecture. 23 October 2018, Dartmouth College.
- 2018 *Tonal recall: leveraging lexical tone to improve methods in historical linguistics*. Colloquium. 29 January 2018. University of California, Berkeley.

### CONFERENCE POSTERS

- 2021 **Rikker Dockum** and Ryan Gehrman. The East Asian Voicing Shift and its role in the origins of tone and register. 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 2021).
- 2019 **Rikker Dockum**. The Tonal Comparative Method: Tracing Sound Change in Lexical Tone. 5<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Sound Change (WSC5). 21-23 June 2019, University of California, Davis.
- 2018 Sarah Babinski, **Rikker Dockum**, Hunter Craft, Anelisa Fergus, Dolly Goldenberg, Claire Bowern. A Robin Hood approach to Forced Alignment. Experimental and Theoretical Advances in Prosody 4 (ETAP4). 11-13 October 2018, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
- 2017 **Rikker Dockum**. Phylogeny in phonology: how Tai sound systems encode their past. Annual Meeting on Phonology 2017 (AMP 2017). 15-17 September 2017, New York University: New York, NY.

### CONFERENCE TALKS

- 2022 (Accepted) Claire Bower and **Rikker Dockum**. Decolonizing historical linguistics in the classroom and beyond. Linguistic Society of America, January 2022.
- 2022 (Accepted) Itamar Kastner, Hadas Kotek, Anonymous, **Rikker Dockum**, Michael Dow, Maria Esipova, Caitlin Green, Todd Snider. The open letter: responses and recommendations. Linguistic Society of America, January 2022.
- 2021 (Accepted) Erich Round, **Rikker Dockum**, and Robin Ryder. Historical dynamics of functional load: A trade-off relationship in Pama-Nyungan V+C. Australian Linguistics Society, December 2021.
- 2021 **Rikker Dockum**. Opening a closed class: sociolinguistic factors in the expansion of Thai pronominals. Southeast Asian Linguistics Society 2021.
- 2019 **Rikker Dockum**. Is Tone Phonologically Atomic? The Significance of Syllable Shape in Tone Diachrony. 24<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Historical Linguistics (ICHL24), Australian National University, Canberra, July 2019.
- 2019 **Rikker Dockum**. The Tonal Comparative Method: Leveraging Lexical Tone in Historical Linguistics. 24<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Historical Linguistics (ICHL24), Australian National University, Canberra, July 2019.
- 2019 **Rikker Dockum** and Pittayawat Pittayaporn. Dating the emergence of phonemic length contrasts in *w-/æ/* and *-ə /ɔ/* in Standard Thai. 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society (SEALS 29). 27-29 May 2019, Tokyo, Japan.
- 2019 **Rikker Dockum**. Lexical tone and the Comparative Method: Distinguishing innovation, retention, and chance resemblance. 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 2019). 2-6 January 2019, New York City, NY.
- 2019 Sarah Babinski, **Rikker Dockum**, Dolly Goldenberg, Hunter Craft, Anelisa Fergus, Claire Bower. A Robin Hood approach to Forced Alignment: English-trained algorithms and their use on Australian languages. 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 2019). 2-6 January 2019, New York City, NY.
- 2018 Doug Whalen, Christian DiCanio, **Rikker Dockum**. Phonetic documentation in the literature: Coverage rates for topics and languages. 176<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America (ASA). 5-9 November 2018, Victoria, Canada.
- 2018 **Rikker Dockum**. Basic word order in Tai Khamti: language contact with Burmese. 13<sup>th</sup> International Burma Studies Conference. 3-5 August 2018, Bangkok.
- 2018 **Rikker Dockum**. Revisiting the Tai Khamti constituent order debate: New data from Myanmar. 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society (SEALS28). 17-19 May 2018, Kaohsiung, Taiwan.
- 2018 **Rikker Dockum**. Undocumented labor: how old fieldwork sheds new light on Tai tone system diversification. 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 2018). 4-7 January 2018, Salt Lake City, UT.
- 2017 **Rikker Dockum** and Claire Bower. When enough is enough: Drawing linguistic generalizations from limited data. 12<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Association for Linguistic Typology (ALT 2017). 12-14 December 2017, Australian National University: Canberra. (With Ethan Campbell-Taylor.)
- 2017 **Rikker Dockum**. Tone system diversification: Data and trends from dialect surveys of Thailand. Triggers of language change in the Language Sciences (XLanS 2017). 11-13 October 2017, Université Lumière Lyon 2: Lyon, France.

- 2017 **Rikker Dockum** and Ethan Campbell-Taylor. Wordlists for language documentation: Are we gathering too little data? International Conference on Language Studies 2017 (iCLS 2017). 9-10 August 2017, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak: Kuching, Malaysia. (With Ethan Campbell-Taylor.)
- 2017 **Rikker Dockum**. Class term doubling in Tai Khamti: Reanalysis, reinforcement, and sesquisyllables. 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society (SEALS27). 11-13 May 2017, Padang, Indonesia.
- 2017 **Rikker Dockum**. Prosodic context in computational modeling of tone: citation tones vs. running speech. 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society (BLS43). 3-5 February 2017, University of California, Berkeley: Berkeley, CA.
- 2017 **Rikker Dockum**. Double marking in Tai Khamti: Reanalysis and reinforcement. Diachronic morphology: Theoretical, areal, and phylogenetic perspectives. 26-27 January 2017, University of Zurich: Zurich, Switzerland.
- 2017 **Rikker Dockum**. Tone analysis in Tai Khamti: Computational models in language documentation. 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 2017). 5-8 January 2017: Austin, TX.
- 2016 **Rikker Dockum**. Tone analysis in Tai Khamti: Computational models in language documentation. SYNC Graduate Linguistics Conference. 3 December 2016, CUNY Graduate Center: New York, NY.
- 2016 **Rikker Dockum**. Numeral classifiers in areal perspective: Khmer and Thai 'syntactic borrowing' revisited. Austroasiatic Syntax in Areal and Diachronic Perspective. Workshop of the Austroasiatic Working Group. September 5-7, 2016: Chiang Mai, Thailand.
- 2016 **Rikker Dockum**. Tone analysis in Southeast Asia: Computational modeling & traditional methods. SEALS 2016. 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society (SEALS26). 26-28 May 2016, Manila, Philippines.
- 2016 **Rikker Dockum**. Tonal evidence in historical linguistics: genetic signal or typological noise? 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society (BLS42). 5-7 February 2016, University of California, Berkeley: Berkeley, CA.
- 2015 **Rikker Dockum**. Sanskrit Loan Adaptation in Old Thai: Epigraphic Evidence from the Sukhothai Corpus. 16<sup>th</sup> World Sanskrit Conference of the International Association of Sanskrit Studies (IASS). 28 June-2 July 2015: Bangkok, Thailand.
- 2015 **Rikker Dockum**. A Tale of Two Khamtis: Language Classification in Southwestern Tai. 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society (SEALS25). 27-29 May 2015, Payap University: Chiang Mai, Thailand.
- 2014 **Rikker Dockum**. A Tale of Two Khamtis: Language Classification in Southwestern Tai. SYNC Graduate Linguistics Conference. 6 December 2014, SUNY Stony Brook: Stony Brook, NY.
- 2013 **Rikker Dockum** and Doug Cooper. Towards a Unified Digital Corpus of Southeast Asia's Earliest Writings. SYNC Graduate Linguistics Conference. 7 December 2013, Yale University: New Haven, CT.
- 2013 **Rikker Dockum** and Doug Cooper. Towards a Regional Convention for Epigraphic Transliteration of Southeast Asia's Brahmic Scripts. 46<sup>th</sup> International Conference on



Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics (ICSTLL46). 7-10 August 2013, Dartmouth College: Hanover, NH.

- 2008 Doug Cooper and **Rikker Dockum**. Thai in Transition and the Thai Gigaword/Terabyte Web Corpus. National Language Policy: Language Diversity for National Unity. 4-5 July 2008: Bangkok, Thailand. (With Doug Cooper.)
- 2007 **Rikker Dockum**. From Lost to Online: A Digital eText + Image Edition of the First Thai-English Dictionary. 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society (SEALS17). 31 August-2 September 2007, University of Maryland, College Park: College Park, MD.
- 2006 **Rikker Dockum**. Convergences in Khumi and Marma Morphosyntax. 39<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics (ICSTLL39). 14-17 September 2006, University of Washington: Seattle, WA.

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

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### REVIEW

- 2021 Grant review panelist, National Endowment for the Humanities.
- Various Peer reviews for *Diachronica*, *Linguistics Vanguard*, *Language & Linguistics Compass*, *Journal of Language Evolution*, *Language Documentation & Conservation* and *Journal of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society*.

### EDITORIAL

- 2016-Present Member, Editorial Advising Committee, *Journal of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society*.

### OUTREACH & COMMITTEES

- 2020-Present Member, Committee on Endangered Languages and their Preservation (CELP), Linguistic Society of America. Including the Activism and Awards subcommittees.
- 2020-Present Invited member, GLOCAL (The Global Council on Anthropological Linguistics), School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. <https://glocal.soas.ac.uk/>
- 2018-Present Linguistics Data Interest Group, Research Data Alliance
- 2014-2019 Exam proctor and trainer, National Computational Linguistics Olympiad (NACLO).
- 2018 Panelist for Endangered Data Week, Sterling Memorial Library, Yale University.

### CONFERENCE AND COLLOQUIUM ORGANIZATION

- 2019 Organizing Committee. Phonology in the Northeast 2019 (PhoNE 2019). 13 April 2019. Yale University: New Haven, CT.
- 2017 Organizing Committee. SYNC (Stonybrook, Yale, NYU, CUNY) Graduate Linguistics Conference. Yale University: New Haven, CT.
- 2015 Organizing Committee. Phonology in the Northeast 2015 (PhoNE 2015). 4 April 2015. Yale University: New Haven, CT.
- 2014-2015 Co-organizer. Yale Linguistics Department Friday Lunch Talk Series. Yale University: New Haven, CT.
- 2014 Organizing Committee. Workshop on the Sound Systems of Mexico and Central America (SSMCA). 4-6 April 2014. Yale University: New Haven, CT.

### LANGUAGE CONSULTING

- 2011 Invited expert, Road Map Committee, *Inscriptions of Thailand Research and Database Development Project*, Sirindhorn Anthropology Centre, Bangkok.
- 2011 Consultation on Thai fortune telling manuscript, Houghton Library, Harvard University. <http://pds.lib.harvard.edu/pds/view/41261126>
- 2009-2010 Consultation on phonemic transcription, *Talking Thai-English-Thai Dictionary* by Benjawan Poomsan Becker and Chris Pirazzi. Paiboon Publishing, 2010. <https://www.paiboonpublishing.com/thai-english-talking-software-dictionary.html>

#### **OTHER PROJECTS**

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- 2011-2015 Founder, Project Gutenberg Thailand, an affiliate of Project Gutenberg. Crowdsourced digitization of public domain works in Thai and English relating to Thailand. Several thousand book pages digitized by volunteers. <http://gutenbergthai.org>

#### **MEMBERSHIPS**

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- LSA Linguistic Society of America (2014-Present)
- ALT Association for Linguistic Typology (2017-Present)
- AAAS American Association for the Advancement of Science (2017-Present)
- CES Cultural Evolution Society (2017-Present)
- SEALS Southeast Asian Linguistics Society (2007-Present)

#### **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

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- Coding R, Python, Praat
- Other Computational Phylogenetics (assorted R packages, MrBayes, BEAST, NeighborNet); Forced Alignment (MFA, p2fa); OCR for non-ASCII scripts

#### **LANGUAGES**

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- English [ENG] Native
- Thai [THA] Highly fluent (speaking/listening/reading/writing)
- Tai Khamti [KHT] Fieldwork (2014-present); intermediate (speaking/listening/reading)
- Lao [LAO] Intermediate (reading/listening)
- Sanskrit [SAN] Intermediate (3 semesters of graduate level study)
- Pali [PLI] Intermediate knowledge of roots/phonology, especially loans in Thai
- Khmer [KHM] Intermediate knowledge of roots/phonology/syntax, especially epigraphic Khmer and contact with Thai