Syllabus
LIN840P---COMPARATIVE STUDIES OF EASTERN AUSTRONESIAN LANGUAGES

First trimester, School year 2006-2007
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:
This course is intended to provide an overview of Eastern Austronesian languages, particularly those of the Oceanic group. Topics to be covered include: (i) an overview of Oceanic languages and subgrouping hypotheses; (ii) possessive constructions; (iii) noun incorporation; (iv) transitivity and actancy; (v) serial verb constructions; (vi) reduplication.
Data will be drawn from a number of Oceanic languages representing different subgroups and/or different geographical areas.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:
Term paper presentation (August 5) 40%
Research/Term paper (due August 19) 60%
Grades for this course will be based on one presentation (40%) and one research/term paper (60%).

- Term paper: All registrants are expected to write a brief report on one of the following morphosyntactic features of one (or more) Oceanic language(s): (i) possessive constructions; (ii) classifier systems (numeral and/or possessive); (iii) noun incorporation; (iv) transitivity and actancy; (v) serial verb constructions. The paper can also be a comparison of a morphosyntactic feature between one (or more) Philippine language(s) and one (or more) Oceanic language(s).
- Presentation: 15 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes for Q-A. Please prepare handouts for all participants in the class.
- Format: All registrants are expected to write a 7–15 (double-spaced) page paper that conforms to the guidelines of Language or Oceanic Linguistics.
Deadline: The research paper is due at 3:30PM, Saturday, August 19, 2006.

REQUIRED READINGS:
A collection of articles from journals and books [see Reading List].

COURSE SCHEDULE

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READING LIST


Lynch, John. 1998. *Pacific languages: An introduction*. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press. [Chapter 1: Linguistics: Some basic concepts; Chapter 2: The Languages of the Pacific; Chapter 3: The history of the Austronesian languages; Chapter 5: Sound Systems (5.1 Oceanic languages; 5.4 Orthographies; 5.5 Summary); Chapter 6: Oceanic languages: Grammatical overview; Chapter 9: Languages in contact; Chapter 10: Pidgins, Creoles, and Koines; Chapter 11 Language, society, and culture in the Pacific context]

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Moyse-Faurie, Claire. 1997. Syntactic and pragmatic functions of pronominal


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