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Education

- 2025 PhD Linguistics, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.
Dissertation title: "A Grammar of Woleaian"
- 2021 ResMA Linguistics, Leiden University. *Cum Laude*
Thesis title: "A Sketch Grammar of Sentani"
- 2019 BA Linguistics (Descriptive), Leiden University. *Cum Laude*
Thesis title: "A Typological Study of Evidentiality in Linguistic Melanesia"

Publications

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- submitted in prep. **Mayer, Clemens J.**, *Woleaian spatial language and its use in naturalistic speech*. Oceanic Linguistics. Fagolmwai, Nathan, John Tawerimaaliu Jr., **Clemens J. Mayer**, Dominic Taruwemai Jr., and Lenny Saumar, *A Stewardship-based Assessment of Marine Ecology in Eauripik Lagoon, Yap State, Federated States of Micronesia*. Manuscript partially drafted.
- in prep. Easterday, Shelece, Bradley McDonnell, Blaine Billings, **Clemens J. Mayer**, and Daniel Kaufman, *Austronesian Phonotactics*, in Kennedy, Robert and Patrycja Strycharczuk (eds.), *Elements in Phonology*. Cambridge University Press. Manuscript partially drafted.
- in prep. **Mayer, Clemens J.**, Leah Pappas & Alexander Mawyer. *Placing methods in Oceanic Languages and Beyond*. Draft manuscript in review with co-authors.
- 2021 **Mayer, Clemens J.** Discourse Organization in Gorwaa Narratives. *Journal of African Languages and Literatures*. (2) 80-113. <https://doi.org/10.6092/jalalit.v2i2.8020>.

CURATED DOCUMENTARY LINGUISTIC DATASETS

- 2021– **Mayer, Clemens J.** (Researcher/Depositor), *Language and Culture documentation of Woleaian (Federated States of Micronesia)*. Archived collection accessible at Kaipuleohone. 200+ items including video recordings, audio recordings, transcriptions, photographs. <https://hdl.handle.net/10125/110562>
- 2020–2021 **Mayer, Clemens J.** (Researcher/Depositor) & Kaigere, Gershon (Researcher). *Sentani*. Archived collection at Kaipuleohone University of Hawai'i Digital Language Archive. 10 items including video recordings, audio recordings and transcriptions. 46GB+. <https://hdl.handle.net/10125/81568>.

Grants (not including internal conference travel awards)

AWARDED

- 2024–2026 NSF Dynamic Language Infrastructure-Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement (DLI-DDRI) Grant, for “Doctoral Dissertation Research: A Corpus-based Reference Grammar of Woleaian.” (NSF Grant #2421226), co-PI. 2 years, \$17,307.
- 2024 SAPFB Events Grant, for “Workshop of Austronesian Languages and Cultures 2024 (WALC2024).” co-PI. 6 months, \$3,628.
- 2023 Conference on Minority Language Documentation for Community Language Practitioners (NSF Grant #1745711), field researcher. 1 year, \$4,500.

Awards & fellowships

- 2024 GIS for Sustainability and Resilience in the Pacific Methods Course full scholarship, organized by UN CIFAL, NSF & UN Institute for Training and Research. \$1,500.
- 2024 GIS for Sustainability and Resilience in the Pacific Foundations Course full scholarship, organized by UN CIFAL, NSF & UN Institute for Training and Research. \$1,500.
- 2024 Linguistics Research in Linguistics Award, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, for working with Woleaian speakers in Hawai‘i. PI. 4 months, \$4,830.
- 2023 Linguistics Research in Linguistics Award, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, for fieldwork in Yap (FSM). PI. 4 months, \$4,435.
- 2022 Linguistics Summer Research Award, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, for working with Woleaian speakers in Hawai‘i. PI. 4 months, \$2,340.
- 2021–2025 Achievement Scholarship, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, \$3,500.
- 2021 Achievement Scholarship, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, \$1,500.

Conference activity

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

- 2026 Co-organizer (with Dr. Bardley McDonnell and Nathan Adamson), 2nd Workshop for Austronesian Languages and Cultures (WALC), Honolulu, HI.
- 2025 Organizing Committee, 9th International Conference of Language Documentation and Conservation. Honolulu, HI, March 6–9.
- 2024 Co-Organizer (with Dr. Bradley McDonnell), Workshop for 1st Austronesian Languages and Cultures (WALC). Honolulu HI. November 16.
- 2023 Organizing Committee, 8th International Conference of Language Documentation and Conservation. Honolulu, Hawaii. March 2–5.
- 2022 Organizing committee, 31st Annual Meeting of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society. Honolulu, Hawaii. May 18–20.
- 2018 Organizing committee, 12th T.W.I.S.T. Student Conference for Linguistics, Leiden, The Netherlands. April 13–14.

PAPERS & POSTERS PRESENTED

- 2025 **Mayer, Clemens** and Lenny Saumar, *An acoustic and prosodic investigation of Woleaian quotative speech, poster to be presented at the sixth joint meeting of ASA and ASJ, Honolulu HI, December 1–5.*
- 2025 **Mayer, Clemens**, Shelece Easterday, Kelsey Bialo, Lenny Saumar, and Bradley McDonnell, *Investigating utterance-final vowel reduction in Woleaian*, poster to be presented at the sixth joint meeting of ASA and ASJ, Honolulu HI, December 1–5.
- 2025 **Mayer, Clemens**, *Full Stack: A Workflow Combining Language Documentation, Revitalization, Lexicography, (ethno-)Biology, and Environmental Assessment*, presented at the second Mānoa Interdepartmental Language Symposium, Honolulu HI, October 10–11.
- 2024 Easterday, Shelece, Blaine Billings and **Clemens Mayer**, *Emergence of divergent phonotactics in Austronesian: a distributional typological approach*, talk presented at the 16th ICAL, Manila, the Philippines, June 20–25.
- 2024 **Mayer, Clemens** *Phrase-final vowel realization in Woleaian: Evidence for pathways of historical development of Micronesian final vowels*, talk presented at the 16th ICAL, Manila, the Philippines, June 20–25.
- 2024 **Mayer, Clemens** *The Importance of Naturalistic Speech Data in Linguistic Analysis: Woleaian Word Order from Elicitation to Storytelling*, talk presented at the Mānoa Interdepartmental Language Symposium 2024, Honolulu, HI, April 4–6.
- 2023 **Mayer, Clemens** *Making language materials available sustainably to remote communities using Raspberry Pi*, talk presented at the 8th International Conference for Language Documentation and Conservation, Honolulu, HI, March 2–5.
- 2021 **Mayer, Clemens** *The Language of Motion: Animacy-based semantic restrictions on movement and posture verbs in Sentani*, 15th T.W.I.S.T. Student Conference for Linguistics. Leiden, The Netherlands. April 9–11.
- 2018 **Mayer, Clemens** *Evidentiality in Foe, Fasu and Oksapmin, convergent evolution or language contact?*, talk presented at 12th T.W.I.S.T. Student Conference for Linguistics. Leiden, The Netherlands. April 13–14.
- 2017 **Mayer, Clemens** *Numeral systems in New Guinea*. Poster presented at the 11th T.W.I.S.T. Student Conference for Linguistics. Leiden, The Netherlands. April 21–22.

Teaching

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA (AS INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD)

- 2022 LING150B Languages of Hawai'i and the Pacific (Unit Mastery)

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA (CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT)

- 2024 LING150B Languages of Hawai'i and the Pacific (Unit Mastery)
2023 LING102 Introduction to the Study of Language (Unit Mastery)

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MĀNOA (AS TEACHING ASSISTANT):

- 2021 LING102 Introduction to the Study of Language
2021 LING150B Languages of Hawai'i and the Pacific

WORKSHOPS & SHORT COURSES

- 2023 Technology for language documentation and revitalization. Invited workshop through the Language Documentation Training Center and Prairies to Woodlands Indigenous Language Revitalization Circle, Michif territory, Ottawa, Canada. Online.

Community language work / Language documentation experience

Saipan Carolinian (Micronesian), consultant, Northern Mariana Islands. 2024–.
Woleaian (Micronesian), Federated States of Micronesia. 2021–.
Sentani (Sentanic), Netherlands, 2020–2021.
Hamar (South-Omoti), field methods course, Leiden University 2017–2018.

Language & technology experience

2024 GIS for Sustainability and Resilience, Techniques (certificate)
2024 GIS for Sustainability and Resilience in the Pacific, Foundations (certificate)
2024– Taro Patch Salinity on Eauripik Monitoring Project.
2024– UN Micronesia Waste Management Project
2022– Raspberry Pi Sustainable Language Archive Project.

Work & Service Experience

RESEARCH ASSISTANCESHIPS

2020–2021 Research Assistant for *Exceptions Rule! Lexical Restrictions on Grammatical Structures* project. Universiteit van Amsterdam.
2019 Student Assistant for the *LeiLand Frog stories project*, Leiden University Centre for Linguistics.
2019 Research intern for Prof.Dr. Lourens de Vries, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.
2016 Research intern for Prof.Dr. Lourens de Vries, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.

GRADUATE ASSISTANCESHIPS (NON-TEACHING)

2023–2025 Online Learning Coordinator, Linguistics Department University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.
2022–2023 Student assistant for the *Endangered Languages Catalogue*.

Workshop, working group, & professional development participation

2025 Co-host for the Coral Resilience Lab Tree to Sea Spring Camp Workshop on Hawaiian Cordage making, March 17.
2024– Part-time Grant Writer for Mwareiti Aramasasch (Carolinian Language and Culture Revitalization Group).
2024 Co-host of the workshop series in language documentation of Carolinian, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. June 26–July 1.

CAMPUS SERVICE

2024–2025 Reviewer for the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Graduate Student Organization Merit Awards.
2022–2023 College of Arts, Language and Letter Organizing Chair for *Academic Labor United*, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.
2019–2021 Humanities 444-celebration core committee member, Faculty of Humanities, Leiden University.
2020 Sounding Board for Diversity & Inclusion member, Faculty of Humanities, Leiden University.

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- 2025 Student panel “Biocultural research”, IS750/BOT612, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa.
- 2023–2025 Austronesian Circle Organizer, Dept. of Linguistics, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa.
- 2023–2024 Linguistics Society of Mānoa Student representative to the department, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa.
- 2023 Student panel “Life in the field”, LING680, Dept. of Linguistics, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa.
- 2019–2021 Research Master Linguistics Board of Education student member, Leiden University Center for Linguistics.
- 2017–2018 Linguistics Study Association T.W.I.S.T. President, Leiden University.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 2024– Community Coqui Frog Task Force member, O‘ahu, Hawaii. Permit No.: ODF-04172SUP8
- 2022– Ulana lau hala [Hawaiian Pandanus leaf weaving] practitioner, head alaka‘i [leader] and teacher, under kumu [teacher] Ipolani Vaughan, Nā Lei Hala, Papakōlea, O‘ahu, Hawaii.
- 2021– Uhau humu pōhaku [Hawaiian dry stack masonry] practitioner and teacher under kumu [teacher] Kimeona Kāne, Waimanālo Limui Hui Papa Loko I‘a, Hawaii.
- 2024 Hana no‘eau [heritage arts] ulana [weaving] section program co-lead, Festival of Pacific Arts and Crafts. Honolulu, Hawaii, June 6–16.