



University of Colorado Department Newsletter  
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## Thesis Option Chosen by Thirteen MA Students 2014-2016

A record number thirteen graduate students chose the thesis option to complete their MA degrees by researching, writing, and successfully defending an MA thesis on a variety of scholarly topics with the advice of a faculty advisor and two committee members.

**Fahad Alrashed** *The effect of the postnasal on the gestural overlapping between the nasal and the vowel in Saudi Arabic*

# More of Interest....

## **A Record Number of Ph.D. Doctoral Dissertation Theses Completed**

During the academic years 2014-2016, thirteen Ph.D. students completed the

# Alumni Notes

**Sean Allison** (Ph.D. 2012) is living in Abbotsford, British Columbia, Canada and is the MA Ling Program Director at Trinity Western University and an Associate Professor at the Canada Institute of Linguistics (CanIL) on the Trinity campus. He teaches a combined undergraduate/graduate course in Advanced Grammar and graduate courses on Topics in Morphology and Syntax and a Survey of Linguistics Theories. For fun, he teaches courses in French phonetics, pronunciation, and grammar. He is a member of SIL and Wycliffe Bible Translators, serves as the language development coordinator

includes an ongoing analysis of the morphosyntax of Makary Kotoko from a discourse perspective.

## **Professor David Rood to Retire**

Professor David Rood is retiring from the Department of Linguistics after nearly 50 years of service to the campus and community. David has seen the entire history of the Linguistics Department at CU: when he arrived here, he was hired in the German Department, as the Linguistics Department did not yet exist. David has taught literally thousands of students over the years, including mentoring graduate students and dissertations. He was instrumental in helping develop and teach our TESOL (teaching English as a second language) professional MA program, and has performed many service roles in the department over the years. His primary research has focused on Native American languages: over the years, he has been one of the major contributors to the documentation of the Lakhota (Sioux) language, a leader of the Proto-Siouan project and archive, and the primary documenter of the Wichita language. David, along with his students, is responsible for practically the entire knowledge that we have of the Wichita language, as he worked with that language for over thirty years. The last speaker passed away in September, 2016. In addition to documenting Lakhota, he worked with Dr. Allan Taylor to produce an elementary student dictionary and a series of bilingual readers in that language, which served for decades as one of the most popular curricula for Lakhota learners, and are still in use. He has also regularly consulted with the Lakhota Language Consortium, which is producing new generation of curriculum materials for school language classes on the various reservations.

As much as he has done on his own, he has also enabled the work of many additional scholars. At our graduation in spring, 2016, I placed on a table some not all of over twenty years of editions of the International Journal

**GRADUATES 2014-2015****BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE**

Jennifer Abeles  
 Denise Chilson  
 Patricia Davidson  
 Courtney Fanshier  
 Matthew Fisher  
 Jade Gehringer  
 Aislynn Leibee  
 Michael Mendell  
 Carly Morrison  
 Charlene Parle *with distinction*  
 Stuart Post  
 Lisa Powers  
 Heather Rubi  
 Tatyana Sasynuik  
 Helen Satchwell  
 Eric Silberstein *with distinction*  
 Alea Tebbe *with distinction*

**CONCURRENT BA/MA**

Dillon Ekle  
 Alyssa La Pointe *with distinction*  
 Kayla Stearns *with distinction*

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**

Claire Bonial  
 Jena Hwang  
 Kevin Gould  
 William Styler IV  
 Ashwini Vaidya  
 Roy Warnock Foster

**MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE**

Sarah Alcorn  
 Fahad Alrashed  
 Yahya Aseri  
 Claire Barton  
 Yasmeen Bassas  
 Evan Coles-Harris  
 Jared Desjardins  
 Samiah Ghounaim  
 Kimberly Gonsalves  
 Kevin Gould  
 Jessica Holman  
 Megan Hutto  
 Shan Jiang  
 Yosevu Kimuyukilonzo  
 Jin Li  
 Shuang Liu  
 Danielle Lovaas  
 Na Lu  
 Joseph Manietta  
 Michael Muransky IV  
 Allison Sanders  
 Lily Schaffer  
 Tyanna Slobe  
 Nicholas Williams  
 Hong Zhang

**GRADUATES 2015-2016****BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE**

Alicia Adkins  
 Selhee Ahn



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