**TELC meetings 1995-1999**

*Paul Black, 2014; last adjusted 2 Nov.*

*During these years there is generally good information available for most meetings, although often it was prepared before the meeting, so any changes may or may not be noted. Apparently there was a meeting in February 1995 for which little information is available. From later in 1995 through the year 2000 information on meetings was maintained on a TELC website, although it turns out that this information is not complete: it does not mention meetings for 6 December 1995 and 17 August 1996, for which David Nash (personal communication) was kindly able to provide information. We would appreciate any further information anyone may be able to provide on meetings during this period or on any associated publications, which we have tried to note as far as possible.*

**1995 February meeting?**

A 5 February email from Ian Green to David Nash noted that ‘TELC’s coming up at the end of the month.’

**1995 July 21 meeting**

9 am to 5 pm in the Law Tutorial Room, Faculty of Arts Building, Northern Territory University (Casuarina Campus)

9:00 Patrick McConvell & Clemes Kolo (NTU/Nusa Cedana)  
Metathesis and complete/incomplete pronominal infixes in Dawan [abstract below]

9:30 Paul Black (NTU)  
A collaborative narrative in Koko-Bera [published as Black 2010]

10:00 Neil Chadwick  
Accreditation of language workers

10:30 *Break for tea or coffee*

11:00 Frances Kofod (NTU)  
Verbs of speech in Jarragan languages

11:30 Eva Schultz-Berndt (Bielefeld/Max-Planck Institut, Nijmegen)  
Verbs of motion in Jaminjung [cf. Schultze-Berndt 2006]

12:00 *Break for lunch*

1:00 Margaret Sharpe (UNE)  
The evolution of Alawa - internal and external evidence [abstract below]

1:30 Ian Green (ANU/Batchelor College)  
Genes or cognition? Disentangling diffusion and genetics in the prehistory of Australian prefixing

2:20 Nick Evans (U Melbourne)  
Towards a typology of subjective knowability in grammar and pragmatics [abstract below]

3:00 *Break for tea or coffee*

3:30 Steve Etherington (NTU)  
Kunwinjku texts on education: Work in progress [cf. Etherington 2006]

4:00 Geraldine Triffitt (AIATSIS)  
Information and the law: AIATSIS and Native Title legislation

4:30 *General discussion of access to and publication of language materials*  
*Any other Circle business*

**Abstracts**

Nick Evans (Linguistics, University of Melbourne; nevans@muwayf.unimelb.edu.au)

Cogito, ergo abnormis sum: Towards a typology of subjective knowability in grammar and pragmatics.

There are many facts of a subjective nature - concerning our emotions, sensations, desires, and our volition - that receive a special treatment in some languages. Typically such subjective predicates will either be restricted to the first person (in declaratives), or get a skewed semantic interpretation according to the person of the subject. Some examples reported in the literature are:

• 'private predicates' like 'happy', 'angry' etc. in Japanese (Iwasaki 1993) and Korean (Chun & Zubin 1990), which can only be used with first person subjects in declaratives (and second person subjects in interrogatives); similar facts for 'want' in Hua (Haiman 1980).

• the volitional-action inflection in Newari, with a similar limitation on person (Hargreaves 1991),

• the skewed interpretation of such inflections as the 'presumptive' form in Korean, which has a future interpretation with first person subjects (in declaratives, and second person subjects in interrogatives), and a probability interpretation with other subjects; similar effects are found in Burmese and Tibetan. Person-based skewings in the interpretation of evidentials are also found in a number of languages, such as the Wanka dialect of Quechua.

In Kayardild, the apprehensive has a 'fear / avoidance' meaning with non first person subjects, and a threat meaning with first person subjects; the two interpretations correlate with the selection of a different modal case in predicate NPs (the 'emotive' oblique with non-first person subjects, and the 'future' proprietive with first person subjects).

In this paper I survey the semantics of such subjective constructions, and examine the extent to which pragmatic factors contribute to their interpretation, allowing the 'evidential authority' to depart from first person in certain contexts.

Patrick McConvell and Clemens Kolo (Northern Territory University and Universitas Nusa Cendana)

Metathesis and the complete/incomplete forms of pronoun prefixes in Dawan (West Timor)

Synchronic CV#>VC# metathesis and related phenomena such as final vowel loss and umlaut are found sporadically in a number of Austronesian languages, but where found can be ubiquitous in the language, as in this case of Dawan, the main language of West Timor. The function of these phenomena is intriguing, possibly involving syntactic and discourse conditioning, but will not be the main focus of this paper, which is their phonology. Within a modern constraints-based approach to phonology, reordering of segments in this way is highly marked and can be perhaps understood by normal constraints being overridden by the language having a target of a final closed syllable under certain circumstances. A couple of approaches to such metathesis within Optimality theory (McCarthy; Hume) are applied to Dawan data. One of the problems with such approaches seems to be their emphasis on the right hand end of the word being the environment in which such phenomena occur. In Dawan metathesis also occurs to some extent in other parts of the word, and in pronominal prefixes on verbs and prepositions. There is also an alternation in between CV- and C- (complete/ incomplete) forms of pronominal prefixes, which seems to be determined by verb categorisation of a type which so far eludes explanation. An attempt is made to link this phenomenon to metathesis.

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The evolution of Alawa - internal and external evidence

Within the Non-Pama-Nyungan or prefixing languages of Northern Australia, the languages Warndarang, Mara and Alawa form a subgroup, marked particularly by the existence in all three of an auxiliary verb system, where about twenty stems can be directly inflected, many occurring with preposed uninflected main verbs. Though not closely related, evidence suggests a common proto-language for these three (and one other extinct language), continuous social interaction and intermarriage between speakers of these languages and others, and concomitant diffusion of forms and semantic similarity between these languages and more distantly related languages. This paper will examine commonalities and differences in these languages, and suggest reconstructions of earlier forms of them as well as examine the connections of the protolanguage with other Australian languages.

**1995 November 3 meeting**

9:15 am to 4:30 pm in the Health Conference Room, Health Building, Batchelor College (Batchelor Campus)

9:15 Alexandra (Sasha) Aikhenvald (ANU)  
Linguistic diffusion in the north-west Amazon area [cf. Aikhenvald 1996, 1997]

10:00 Ian Green (Batchelor College)  
Gene vs. contagion: Methods for distinguishing genetics from diffusion in the history of Australian prefixing

10:30 *Break for tea or coffee*

10:45 Workshop  
Issues in the writing and use of teaching grammars for Australian languages

12:45 *Break for lunch*

1:45 Zane Goebel  
Communicative competence in Indonesian: Language choice in Semarang [cf. Goebel 2000]

2:15 Daudai Brown (Batchelor College)  
Loan words, new concepts and ideas in KKY

2:45 Ian Alexander (Wadeye)  
NT language centres committee meeting: A short report

3:15 *Break for tea or coffee*

3:45 *Business meeting  
1) Handling of TELC funds  
2) Paper for the Language Rights Conference  
3) Other business*

**1995 December 6 meeting** [from a 22 Nov 1995 email by Patrick McConvell]

3:00-5:00 p.m. in the Law tutorial room 1, Arts/Law Building, Northern Territory University; Visitors from the Netherlands:

Marian Klamer   
Pronominal clitics and thematic roles in Kambera (Austronesian language of Sumba)

Helga Humbert  
How to exploit monovalent features and struture in segmental representations

**1996 March 23 meeting**

9:00 am to 4:30 pm in the Batchelor College Annexe, Katherine Hospital, Katherine

9:00 *‘Whip around’: Everyone attending gives a brief overview of what they've been doing in the areas of linguistics, language maintenance, language teaching, etc.*

10:00 Patrick McConvell (NTU)  
Proto-Nyungic kin terms [cf. McConvell 1997]

10:30 *Break for tea or coffee*

11:00 Michael Walsh (U Sydney)  
Communal versus dyadic communication in Aboriginal Australia [cf. Walsh 1997]

11:30 Carmel O'Shannessy  
Client-barrister interaction

12:00 Prudy McLaughlin  
Macquarie Dictionary Aboriginal English Project

12:30 *Break for lunch*

1:30 Caroline Coleman (NT Dept of Ed.)  
Implicational hierarchies in SLA

2:00 Brett Baker  
Morphophonology in Ngalakgan

2:30 Denise Angelo  
"Elasticity" of Kriol

2:30 Peter Carroll  
A western Arnhem Land fishing expedition: The organisation of information within Kunwinjku stories

2:30 Brett Baker  
Demonstration of Top End languages database

**1996 June 22 meeting**

9:30 am to 4:30 pm in the Community Studies Building, Batchelor College (Batchelor Campus)

9:30 Mike Walsh (U Sydney)  
Indigenous grammatical traditions [published as Walsh 2001]

10:10 Mariana Babia (NTU)  
Use of KKY and English in Saibai

10:45 *Break for tea or coffee*

11:15 Frances Kofod (NTU)  
Jarragan Verb Stems (or Jarragan gender/number)

11:55 Ian Green (Batchelor College)  
Towards a typology of ‘prefixing’

12:35 Brett Baker & Rebecca Green  
Fortis/lenis opposition as a prosodic contrast

1:15 *Break for lunch*

2:00: John Fletcher (Groote Eylandt)  
Towards a visual-semantic interface for a lexical database (with software demonstration)

3:00 Ian Alexander (Wadeye)  
Report on the Murrinh-patha program; Report on ATSILIP meeting

3:40 *Business meeting*

**1996 August 17 meeting** [schedule supplied by David Nash, personal communication]

9:30-[4:30?] at Batchelor. *Handwritten notes on the schedule suggest that it started a half hour later than scheduled, and that at least the next two sessions also started a half hour later, but it is not clear whether this was carried consistently through the whole day.*

9:30 Ian Alexander (Wadeye) & Jackie Vincent (Katherine)  
Report on progress/developments on the Needs Survey

10:00 *Business meeting  
• Macquarie place names book  
• Other business  
• Next TELC meeting(s)*

10:20 *Morning tea*

10:45 Norvin Richards (MIT)  
What is syntactic ergativity?

11:20 David Nash (U of Parkes)  
Damin phonotactics [published as Hale & Nash 1997]

11:55 Jane Simpson (Sydney U)  
Preferred word order in Warlpiri [cf. Simpson 2001]

12:30 *Lunch [$3]*

1:15 Patrick McConvell (NTU)  
Historical syntax of Nyungic pronominal clitics: The second position origin hypothesis

1:50 Frances Kofod (NTU)  
Inverse with second person objects in Jarragan languages

2:25 Paul Black (NTU)  
Koko-Bera text project: A progress report

3:00 *Afternoon tea*

3:30 Nick Reid (UNE)  
Developing polysynthesis

3:50 Andy Butcher (Flinders/CALL)  
Buggers in evidence: covert recording, transcription and autosuggestion

**1966 November 8 meeting**

9:00 am to 4:30 pm in Room 42 of Building 23 (Education), Northern Territory University (Casuarina Campus)

9:30 Michael Walsh (U Sydney)  
Mapping and Australian Languages

9:45 Michael J. Christie (NTU)  
Yolngu languages and culture at NTU

10:15 *Break for tea or coffee*

10:30 Andy Butcher (U Adelaide)  
Some connected speech processes in Australian languages: Universals and idiosyncrasies [published as Butcher 1996]

11:15 Murray Garde (NTU)  
Pragmatics of joking relationship interjections [cf. Garde 2008]

11:45 Brief reports  
Peter Carroll: The Aboriginal story project  
Patrick McConvell (NTU): The Meto Dictionary Workshop

12:15 *Break for lunch*

1:00 Paul Black (NTU)  
A computer interlingua: Language lessons for the World Wide Web [published as Black 2000]

1:30 Mark Harvey (Wadeye)  
Reconstruction of non-Pama-Nyungan pronouns [published as Harvey 2003]

2:15 *Break for tea or coffee*

2:30 Patrick McConvell (NTU)  
Pama-Nyungan expansion: Movement of people or popular movement? [cf. Evans & McConvell 1999]

3:10 Wang Li (Jianxi Banking Staff Workers College, Nanchang, and NTU)  
Sense, sound, and form in Chinese poetry

3:40 *Business meeting*

**1997 July 4-5 meeting**

All day Friday and Saturday in the Batchelor College Annex, Katherine Hospital, Katherine

Friday 4 July:

7:00 *Who’s who, coffee, gossip, etc.*

7:30 General business, incl. "whip around": who's doing what where, funding, conferences, etc.

11:00 *Smoko*

11:30 Julie Waddy (SIL)  
Case marking in Anindilyakwa

12:30 Erika Charola, Jen Munro & Denise Angelo (KRALC)  
Update on school-based language programs in the Katherine region

1:00 *Lunch*

2:00-4:00 Interpreting issues, convened by Colleen Rosas (OAD)

2:00 Colleen Rosas (OAD)  
Report of trial Aboriginal interpreting service

3:00 Prudy McLaughlin (KRALC)  
Nomo humbug! Training users of interpreters

3:30 Ian Green (CALL, Batchelor College)  
Update on interpreter training

4:00 *Afternoon tea*

4:30 Eva Schultze-Berndt (MPI)  
Co-verbs as co-predicates

5:00 Denise Angelo & Eva Schultze-Berndt  
Typology of compound verbs in the Katherine region

5:30 *Break*

7:00 *Munchies at the Mekhong (Thai restaurant, corner Stuart & Victoria Hwy)*

Saturday 5 July

9:00 *Warm up, coffee, gossip etc.*

9:30 Paul Kilpatrick (SIL)  
Simultaneous speech in conversation: Evidence of simultaneous processing

10:30 Paul Kroeger (SIL)  
Clitic placement in Tagalog [cf. Kroeger 1998]

11:00 *Smoko*

11:30 David Nash  
Patterns in grog terminology [data published in an appendix to Brady 1998]

12:30 Patrick McConvell (NTU)  
Hello cocky! The prehistory of bird names in Central Australia [also found in the 22 August 1997 TELC meeting, whether rescheduled or simply repeated]

1:00 *Lunch*

2:00 Melanie Wilkinson (NT Dept Ed)  
How to get language maintenance beyond the linguist?

3:00 Jane Simpson (U Sydney)  
[title to be advised]

4:00 *Afternoon tea*

**1997 August 1 meeting**

9:30 am at Batchelor College (Batchelor Campus)

*This meeting coincided with the visit of language educators from Wales, and featured a forum addressing language change / maintenance / planning / education issues arising from the experiences in Wales and northern Australia.*

9:30 Peter Carroll  
Language and cultural revitalisation in a time of rapid social change: the Kunwinjku example

10:00 Carolyn Coleman  
Language change: English convergence in Ndjebbana

10:30 *Smoko*

11:05 Welsh Educators, with an introduction by Paul Bubb  
Indigenous Whitefellas? - the Welsh language situation

12:00 *Lunch*

1:15 Forum, introduced and facilitated by Carolyn Coleman  
Language Maintenance & Language Planning - Issues and Implementation

**1997 August 22 meeting (and book launch)**

2 to 5 pm in Room 39.1.38, Arts/Law Building, Northern Territory University (Casuarina Campus)

2:00 Frances Kofod (NTU)  
Middle verbs in Jarragan languages (E. Kimberley)

2.30 Tony Jefferies (NTU)  
Subject number agreement in Nyungar verbs (South-west WA)

3:00 Paul Kroeger (SIL-Asia)  
Reduplication in Malay

3.30 [speaker to be announced]  
The future of the Tetun language (East Timor)

4:00 Patrick McConvell (NTU)  
Hello Cocky! Bird names and central Australian prehistory [also found in the 4-5 July 1997 TELC meeting]

4.30 Book launch, introduced by Kim Akerman (NT Museum)  
*Archaeology and Linguistics: Aboriginal Australia in Global Perspective*, edited by Patrick McConvell and Nicholas Evans. Melbourne: Oxford University Press.

5:00 *Drinks with the Hominoid Society*

**1997 December 12 meeting**

1:30 to 4:30 pm in the Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Palm Court, 8 Cavenagh St, Darwin

1:30 Mary Laughren (U Qld)  
On the trail of the morpheme *\*-ra* in Australian languages: Its forms, functions and meanings

2.15 Patrick McConvell (NTU)  
Early Austronesian contacts with Australia??

3:00 *Afternoon tea*

3.15 Paul Black (NTU)  
Why don't tertiary students write good academic papers? [made available as Black 1998]

3:45 *TELC Business Meeting*

**1998 April 24 meeting**

1:00 to 5:00 pm in Room 51 of Building 23 (Education), Northern Territory University (Casuarina Campus)

1:00 Welly Mandowen (Cenderawasih University)  
Taboo as sociolinguistic shadow among Biak speakers (Irian Jaya, Indonesia) [published as Mandowen 1999]

1:30 René van den Berg (SIL)  
The definiteness shift in Muna (Sulawesi, Indonesia): A counterexample to the transitivity hypothesis [cf. van den Berg 1995]

2:15 Rence Law (SIL & NTU)  
The affix *pa-* and movement in Romblomanon (Philippines) [published as Law 1998]

2:45 *Break for tea or coffee*

3:15 Jeremiah Chung (SIL & NTU)  
A thread of categories in Merei (of Vanuatu) [cf. Chung 1998]

3:45 Ian Green (Batchelor College)  
Cognitive processes in classifier grammaticisation?

4:15 Frances Kofod (Batchelor College & NTU)  
Gender and number in Jarragan languages (North Australia)

**1999 June 22 meeting**

10:00-4:30 pm in Building 23 (Education) Room 23.51 at Northern Territory University (Casuarina Campus).

10:00 *Welcome from the Centre for Studies of Language in Education*

10:15 Peter Carroll  
User friendly dictionaries for native speakers of Australia's Indigenous languages

11:00 René van den Berg (SIL)  
Spatial semantics in Muna (Sulawesi) [cf. van den Berg 1997]

11:20 Paul Kroeger (SIL)  
Orthography issues in Biatah (Land Dayak)

12:00 *Break for lunch*

1:00 Michael J. Christie (NTU)  
Developments in teaching Yolngu languages and culture at NTU

1:30 Rob Amery (Adelaide)  
The formulaic method for reviving so-called 'dead' languages [cf. Amery 2002, 2009]

2:00 Lindsay Parkhill (NTU)  
This thing called 50/50 bilingual education

2:30 *Break for refreshments*

3:00 Brian Devlin (NTU)  
Bilingual education 1999 and beyond

3:30 Open forum on bilingual education Issues

4:00 *TELC business meeting*

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