

Abbreviated Curriculum Vitae

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**SCHOLARLY INTERESTS:**

Language diversity and language endangerment, language socialization studies, language ideologies, sign language linguistics, Deaf studies, research methods, Asian studies, anthropology of disability.

**CURRENT AND PAST POSITIONS:**

2007-present Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Texas at Austin.  
2006-2007 Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Linguistics, University of California, Berkeley.  
1996-1998 Lecturer and Researcher, Ratchasuda College, Mahidol University, Thailand.

**EDUCATION:**

Ph.D. 2007 University of California, Los Angeles, Anthropology.  
M.A. 1996 Indiana University, East Asian Studies. M.A.  
B.A. 1990 University of Kansas, East Asian Languages and Cultures, with High Honors.

**SELECTED GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS:**

2009-(2013) "Linguistic Anthropological Description and Analysis of Ban Khor Sign Language," (EuroBabel Initiative) National Science Foundation (~US\$250,000).  
2010 "Teaching and Learning Together about Language Endangerment: U.S.-Dutch, Deaf- Hearing Collaborative Education at the 2010 3L International Summer School in Language Documentation and Description," National Science Foundation (~US\$17,000).  
2007 Summer Research Award (SRA), provided by the Graduate School, University of Texas, to support the study, "Furthering First-Pass Linguistic Anthropological Analysis and Description of Ban Khor Sign Language"  
2004-2006 Graduate Fellow, Center for Society and Genetics, University of California, Los Angeles.  
2003 "Pasa Bai: Language Socialization of an Indigenous Sign Language in a Northeastern Thai Village," Wenner-Gren Foundation (~US\$20,000).

- 2003 "Pasa Bai: Language Socialization of an Indigenous Sign Language in a Northeastern Thai Village," IIE Fulbright.
- 2001 "Saving Signs from Ban Khor," a Field Research Grant, The Endangered Language Fund.
- 2001 "Saving Signs from Ban Khor," an Exploration Fund Grant, The Explorers' Club.
- 1992-1994 Mombusho (Ministry of Education) Graduate Research Fellow, Tsukuba College of Technology, Tsukuba, Japan.

### **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

#### **Publications:**

- Nonaka, A.M. 2010. Interrogatives in Ban Khor Sign Language: A Preliminary Description. In D.J. Napoli and G. Mathur (eds.). *Deaf around the world: The impact of language*. Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press.
- Nonaka, A.M. (2009). Estimating size, scope, and membership of the speech/sign communities of undocumented indigenous/village sign languages: The Ban Khor case study. *Language and Communication* 29: 210-228.
- Nonaka, A.M. (2004). Sign languages—the forgotten endangered languages: Lessons on the importance of remembering. *Language in Society* Volume 33 (5): 737-767.
- Nonaka, A.M. (forthcoming). Language endangerment and language socialization. In A. Duranti, E. Ochs, and B. Schieffelin (eds.) *The Handbook of Language Socialization*. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell Press.
- Nonaka, A.M. (accepted). Signs of the need for expanding “Deaf-initions” of linguistic diversity in Asia. (To appear in *Journal of Asia-Pacific Communication*).
- Nonaka, A.M. (under review). Onomastics in Thai Sign Language. (submitted to *Names*).
- Nonaka, A.M. (in progress) Review of *Desa Kolok—A deaf village and its sign language in Bali, Indonesia* (to appear in *Sign Language Studies*)

#### **Presentations:**

- 2010 “Sign Language Typologies and Speech/Sign Communities: Findings from Ban Khor, Thailand,” presentation at the Linguistic Society of America Conference, Baltimore, MD. (January).
- 2009 “Endangered Sign Languages in Village Communities,” presentation at the European Science Foundation EuroBABEL Conference, Berlin (September)
- 2009 “Signs of the Need for Expanding “Deaf-initions” of Linguistic Diversity in Southeast Asia,” presentation at the UCLA-UC Berkeley Conference on Southeast Asian Languages, Los Angeles, CA (January-February).
- 2008 “Toponyms in Ban Khor Sign Language,” presentation at the Third Conference on Cross-Linguistic Research and International Cooperation in Sign Language Linguistics, University of Central Lancashire, England (February)
- 2007 “The Role of Creative Repetition in the Emergence and Spread of Ban Khor Sign Language,” presentation at the American Anthropological Association Meetings Washington DC (November-December)

- 2007 Language Socialization and Village Studies in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Back to the Ethnographic Future. Presentation at the UCLA Center for Language, Interaction and Culture Symposium, Los Angeles, CA (February).
- 2006 Ban Khor Sign Language: Life Cycle of a Speech/Sign Community. Invited lecture at the University of Amsterdam Department of Anthropology (April)
- 2006 Establishing Speech Community Size and Membership of Undocumented Village Sign Languages: An Anthropological Heuristic from the Ban Khor Case Study. Presentation at the Workshop on "Sign Languages in Village Communities," Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics, Nijmegen, the Netherlands (April).
- 2003 Sign Languages—The Forgotten Endangered Languages: Lessons on the Importance of Remembering. Presentation at the Invited Session on Endangered Languages at the Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, IL. (November).

**OTHER RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

- 2010 Guest lecturer at the 3L International Summer School in Language Documentation and Description, University of Leiden, The Netherlands.
- 2010 Plenary speaker at sign language interpreter training workshop sponsored by Ratchasuda College, Mahidol University, Thailand.
- 2000 Scholarly translation (Thai Sign Language-English) of the textbook and video series, *Learning Thai Sign Language Volumes #1-4*. 1999. Bangkok: General Education Department and the National Association of the Deaf in Thailand.
- 2007 Pro-bono consultation for the Judicial Council of California's in-house educational outreach and training series, "Minority Language and Cultural Encounters in the Court System" (October)
- 1997 Team leader of Canadian International Development Agency-sponsored research training workshop for Thai blind women, Ratchasuda College, Mahidol University, Thailand.

**MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:**

Society for Linguistic Anthropology (SLA)  
 Linguistic Society of America (LSA)  
 Sign Language Linguistics Society (SLLS)

**HONORS AND AWARDS:**

Phi Beta Kappa  
 Phi Kappa Phi  
 National Fellow, The Explorers Club