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Brief Curriculum Vitae

Education

Harvard College, A.B. 1958
Harvard University, A.M. 1959
University of California, Berkeley, Ph.D. 1967

Grants and Awards

1976-77 Senior Fellowship, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science
1978-79 Guggenheim Fellowship
1981 Distinguished Teaching Award, U.C. Berkeley
1983 U.S.-China Distinguished Exchange Scholar
1984 U.C. Berkeley-Peking University Exchange Scholar
1985/1989 Directeur d'Études associé, École des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris
1987- Principal Investigator, Sino-Tibetan Etymological Dictionary and Thesaurus (STEDT)
1988 Senior Research Fellow, National Museum of Ethnology, Osaka
1989 Fellow, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University
1995-96 Visiting Professor, Institute of History and Philology, Academia Sinica, Taipei
1997- Honorary Foreign Senior Research Fellow, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing.
2002 Berkeley Citation for distinguished achievement and notable service.
2007- Visiting Professorial Appointment, Central University of Nationalities, Beijing

Teaching and Editorial Work

Director of 29 doctoral dissertations in linguistics (1975-present)
Editor, *Linguistics of the Tibeto-Burman Area (LTBA)* (1987-2003)
General Editor, *STEDT Monograph Series* (since 1987)

Selected Publications

1972. *The Loloish Tonal Split Revisited*. Research Monograph No. 7, Center for South and Southeast Asia Studies, University of California, Berkeley. 88 pp.
1973. *The Grammar of Lahu*. University of California Publications in Linguistics, No. 75. University of California Press, Berkeley, Los Angeles, London. li + 673 pp., map, photographs, 57 figures, indexes, bibliography. Reprinted 1982.
1978. *Variational Semantics in Tibeto-Burman: the 'organic' approach to linguistic comparison*. Occasional Papers of the Wolfenden Society on Tibeto-Burman Linguistics, Volume VI. Publication of the Institute for the Study of Human Issues (ISHI), Philadelphia. xviii + 331 pp.

1979. *Blessings, Curses, Hopes, and Fears: Psycho-ostensive Expressions in Yiddish*. Publication of the Institute for the Study of Human Issues (ISHI), Philadelphia. xx + 140 pp.
1988. *The Dictionary of Lahu*. University of California Publications in Linguistics, Vol. 111. University of California Press, Berkeley, Los Angeles, London. xxv + 1436 pp. 80 plates, 12 frontispiece photos. Includes 8 pp. booklet "Errata and Obiter Dicta."
1991. "Sino-Tibetan linguistics: present state and future prospects." *Annual Review of Anthropology* 20:469-504.
1995. "Sino-Tibetan numerals and the play of prefixes." *Bulletin of the National Museum of Ethnology (Osaka)* [Kokuritsu Minzokugaku Hakubutsukan Kenkyuu Hookoku] 20.1:105-252.
1996. *Languages and Dialects of Tibeto-Burman*. STEDT Monograph Series #2. Berkeley: Center for Southeast Asia Studies, University of California. xxx + 180 pp.
- 1998a. "Dayang Pumi phonology and adumbrations of comparative Qiangic." *Mon-Khmer Studies* 27:171-213.
- 1998b. "Aspects of aspect, with special reference to Lahu and Hebrew." In Yasuhiko NAGANO, ed., *Time, Language, and Cognition*, pp. 171-215. *Senri Ethnological Studies*, No. 45. Osaka: National Museum of Ethnology.
- 2000a. *Blessings, Curses, Hopes, and Fears: Psycho-ostensive Expressions in Yiddish*. Republication of 1979a, with a new introduction by the author. xxx + 160 pp. Hardcover and paperback. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press.
- 2000b. "An extrusional approach to *p/w- variation in Sino-Tibetan." *Language and Linguistics* Vol. 1, No.2: 135-86. Taipei: Academia Sinica, Institute of Linguistics.
2003. *Handbook of Proto-Tibeto-Burman: system and philosophy of Sino-Tibetan reconstruction*. University of California Publications in Linguistics, Vol. 135. Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press. xlii + 750 pp.
2006. *English-Lahu Lexicon*. 258 pp. UCPL, Vol. 139. University of California Press.
2008. *The Tibeto-Burman Reproductive System: Toward an Etymological Thesaurus*. UCPL, Vol. 140. University of California Press.
2013. "Re-examining the genetic position of Jingpho: putting flesh on the bones of the Jingpho/Luish relationship." *Linguistics of the Tibeto-Burman Area* 36.2:15-95.