

It takes a Community: Language Documentation in the Modern Age

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ABSTRACT:

Empirical, corpus-based research is coming in from the eccentric fringe of linguistics to occupy center stage. The practice of linguistics has often been a solitary activity, and no doubt solitary analysis will continue to yield significant insights. However, the practice of documentary linguistics is fundamentally interdisciplinary, and demands collaboration at many levels. This presentation explores the advantages of collaborative research between academics and indigenous communities, as well as between different academic disciplines. Successful collaborations tap into a new source of linguistic data and theory: native speaker intuition from understudied languages.