

## Biography

Gary F. Simons currently holds the position of Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs with SIL International (Dallas, TX). While serving in that role he has participated in development of cyberinfrastructure for linguistics as co-founder of the Open Language Archives Community (<http://www.language-archives.org/>), co-developer of the ISO 639-3 draft standard of three-letter identifiers for the known languages of the world (<http://www.sil.org/iso639-3/>), and executive editor of the *Ethnologue* (<http://www.ethnologue.com/>). Before taking up his current role in 1999, he served 15 years as director of SIL's Academic Computing Department where he oversaw the development of language software tools like *IT* (the interlinear text processor) and *LinguaLinks*. Prior to that he did linguistic fieldwork with SIL in Papua New Guinea (1976) and Solomon Islands (1977-1983). This included the development of a programming language (PTP) and package of comparative wordlist analysis tools on a custom-built portable computer used during an 18-month field trip (1976-1977). In 1979, he received a Ph.D. in general linguistics from Cornell University (with minor emphases in Computer Science and Classics).