

### **Biography**

I am currently working on two Oceanic languages of Central Vanuatu, writing a short grammar of Lelepa and producing a collection of texts. My PhD dissertation was a grammar of South Efate for which I developed software (called *Audiamus*) for working with digital fieldrecordings which enabled me to cite the archival media source for most example sentences and texts. A DVD of this material accompanies the published version (UH Press, 2006). I am the project manager with the Pacific And Regional Archive for Digital Sources in Endangered Cultures (PARADISEC) an archiving project that has been running for three years. I am a co-convenor of the Resource Network for Linguistic Diversity which aims to support language workers with advice, training and networking via a mailing list.

In the 1980s I worked with Australian Indigenous languages and established the Pilbara Aboriginal Language Centre in Port Hedland. I moved to the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies and established the Aboriginal Studies Electronic Data Archive in 1991. With Federal funding I ran the Aboriginal Dictionaries Project which funded some 50 dictionaries. I worked at the Vanuatu Cultural Centre from 1995-1997. I have been a linguistic consultant on structuring lexical databases, and have written three linguistic reports in support of Native Title claims and a report on the State of Indigenous Languages in Australia (with Patrick McConvell). My main interest now is archival encoding of linguistic information and the use and development of tools to facilitate that during fieldwork. Home page: <http://www.linguistics.unimelb.edu.au/thieberger/>

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