

## SARAH THOMASON'S BRIEF CV

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After receiving my Ph.D. from Yale University in 1968, I taught Slavic linguistics at Yale (1968-1971) and then general linguistics at the University of Pittsburgh (1972-1998). Since 1999 I've been at the University of Michigan, where I am now the Bernard Bloch Distinguished University Professor of Linguistics; I was Chair of the Linguistics Department 2010-2013. I have worked with elders at the Salish & Pend d'Oreille Culture Committee in St. Ignatius, Montana, since 1981, compiling a dictionary and other materials for the tribes' Salish-Pend d'Oreille language program. My current research focuses on contact-induced language change, endangered languages, and Salishan linguistics, but I also have a continuing interest in debunking linguistic pseudoscience. A few of my publications are *Language contact, creolization, and genetic linguistics* (with Terrence Kaufman, University of California Press, 1988, 1991), *Language contact: an introduction* (Edinburgh University Press & Georgetown University Press, 2001), *Endangered languages: an introduction* (Cambridge University Press, 2015), 'Chinook Jargon in areal and historical context' (*Language*, 1983), 'Genetic relationship and the case of Ma'a (Mbugu)' (*Studies in African Linguistics*, 1983), 'Before the Lingua Franca: Pidgin Arabic in the eleventh century A.D.' (with Alaa Elgibali, *Lingua*, 1986), 'Truncation in Montana Salish' (with Lucy Thomason, 2004), 'Language contact and deliberate change' (*Journal of Language Contact*, 2007), 'The Pacific Northwest linguistic area: historical perspectives' (2015), 'Do you remember your previous life's language in your present incarnation?' (*American Speech*, 1984), and 'At a loss for words' (*Natural History* magazine, December 2007/January 2008).

I was editor of *Language* 1988-1994. In 2000 I was President of the Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas, and in 2009 I was President of the Linguistic Society of America. I was Chair of the Linguistics & Language Sciences section of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 1996 and Secretary of the section 2001-2005. I've served on various Linguistic Society of America committees (as an elected member of the Executive Committee 2001-2003) and taught at five summer LSA Linguistic Institutes (as the Hermann and Klara H. Collitz Professor in 1999); the 2013 Linguistic Institute, at the University of Michigan, was dedicated to me. I'm a Fellow of the Linguistic Society of America and of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. In October 2012 Yale University's Graduate School Alumni Association awarded me the Wilbur Lucius Cross Medal, which is presented annually to "a small number of outstanding alumni" in recognition of "distinguished achievements".