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Abstract

**Language Documentation and Conservation Activities
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Since its inception in 1963, the Department of Linguistics at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa has had a special focus on linguistic fieldwork, primarily in Asia and the Pacific. In 2003, the department renewed and intensified its commitment to such work in response to the endangered languages crisis. This initiative resulted in the creation of MA and PhD programs in language documentation and conservation, a student-directed *Language Documentation Training Center*, an online open-access journal called *Language Documentation & Conservation*, a biennial *International Conference on Language Documentation and Conservation*, a digital ethnographic archive named *Kaipuleohone*, an online *Endangered Languages Catalog* developed in cooperation with Google and Eastern Michigan University, and the establishment, in association with the university’s Lyon Arboretum, of a *Center for Biocultural Studies*. Taken together, these activities place the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa at the forefront of efforts to preserve and sustain our biocultural heritage.