

Peter Cole, linguist (1941-2023)



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- Cole's 2018 CV
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- an obituary published by Del
- a few photo reminiscences

Curriculum Vitae

Peter Cole

Education

Ph.D. in Linguistics, Department of Linguistics, University of Illinois, 1973.

M.A. in Linguistics, Department of Linguistics, Southern Illinois University, 1971.

A.B. in Psychology, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York, 1962.

Major Administrative Duties

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Linguistics and Cognitive Science, 2015-present

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Linguistics and Cognitive Science, 2006-2007.

Director, Program in Cognitive Science, 2004-2006.

Chairperson, Department of Linguistics, University of Delaware, 1988-1994.

Coordinator of Hebrew Language Instruction, Department of Linguistics, University of Illinois, 1973-1988.

Selected Honors and Professional Recognition

Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Linguistics, University of Venice Ca' Foscari, Spring 2002.

Fellow, Center for Advanced Study, University of Delaware, 1996-97.

National Science Council Research Professor, Tsing Hua University, Taiwan, 1985.

Fellow, Center for Advanced Study, University of Illinois, 1980.

Lecture in Commemoration of the 400th Anniversary of the Chair in Quechua at San Marcos University: *La Sintaxis de los Idiomas Quechuas*. 1979.
Centro de Investigación de Lingüística Aplicada, San Marcos University, Lima.

Employment

- Professor, Department of Linguistics and Cognitive Science, University of Delaware, 1988-present.
- Visiting Scientist, Max-Planck-Institut für evolutionäre Anthropologie. Leipzig, Germany, 1999-May 30, 2015 (in residence summers and sabbaticals).
- Visiting Professor of Linguistics, Dipartimento di Scienze del Linguaggio, Università Ca' Foscari di Venezia, Italy, March-June 2008.
- Fulbright Distinguished Professor of Linguistics, Università Ca' Foscari di Venezia, Italy, April-July 2002.
- Visiting Professor, LOT Summer School in Linguistics, University of Utrecht Institute of Linguistics OTS, Utrecht, The Netherlands, July 2001.
- Visiting Professor, University of Utrecht Institute of Linguistics OTS, Utrecht, the Netherlands, Spring 2000.
- Visiting Professor, Department of English Language and Literature, National University of Singapore, Singapore, 1992-1993.
- Associate, Beckman Center For Advanced Science and Technology, Cognitive Science Group, University of Illinois, 1988-1990.
- Professor, Department of Linguistics, University of Illinois, 1987-1990.
- Associate Professor, Department of Linguistics, University of Illinois, 1981-1987.
- Visiting Professor, Linguistic Institute, International Christian University, Tokyo, Summer 1985.
- National Science Council Research Professor, National Tsing Hua University, Hsinchu, Taiwan, Spring 1985.
- Exchange Professor, Tamkang University, Tamsui, Taiwan, 1984-85.
- Assistant Professor, Department of Linguistics, University of Illinois, 1973-1981.

Selected Grants

- 2017-present National Science Foundation. "Collaborative Approach to the Documentation of Endangered Languages in Linguistically Diverse Locales" (With Gabriella Hermon)

- 2011-2016 National Science Foundation. "Endangered Malayic Languages of Sumatra". (With Gabriella Hermon)
- 2005-2009 National Science Foundation. "Traditional Jambi Malay". (With Gabriella Hermon)
- 1998-2003 National Science Foundation. Long Distance Reflexives. (With Gabriella Hermon and James Huang.)
- 1996-1998 National Science Foundation. Dissertation: Two Types of Unaccusatives: Evidence from Northern Italian Dialects. Dissertation support for Christina Tortora. (With Christina Tortora, Co-PI.) \$5,942.
- 1995-2000 National Science Foundation. East Asia Region Cooperative Research: Long Distance Reflexives in the Languages of South East Asia. (With Gabriella Hermon and James Huang.) \$48,067
- 1992-1999 National Science Foundation. Long Distance Reflexives. (With Gabriella Hermon and James Huang.) Renewed in 1994. \$157,597.
- 1979-1983 National Science Foundation. The Syntax of Ancash Quechua. \$45,465
- 1978-79 National Science Foundation. Language Universals and Relational Grammar. \$6,995
- 1975-1977 National Science Foundation. Universals of Grammatical Organization and Rule Interaction. (With J. Morgan and G. Green.) \$35,100

Selected Publications

Books, Monographs and Archival Databases

Under revision *A Reference Grammar of Traditional Jambi Malay* (Yanti, Peter Cole, Gabriella Hermon and Uri Tadmor), Pacific Linguistics Series (Berlin: de Gruyter).

The following databases are the core new work product of our NSF project on Endangered Malayic languages of (central and southern Sumatra). They are in the process of being published by The Language Archive, Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics, Nijmegen, NL):

Sarolangun Database

Mckinnon, Timothy, Yanti, Peter Cole, Gabriella Hermon, and Bradley Taylor. 2016. Sarolangun Database. A joint project of the Department of Linguistics and Cognitive Science, University of Delaware and the Department of Linguistics,

Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology and supported by Atma Jaya Catholic University of Indonesia.

Rantau Panjang Database

Yanti, Timothy McKinnon, Peter Cole, Gabriella Hermon, Yosephine, Santi Kurniati, Fadlul Rekinan, Yessy Prima Putri, and Bradley Taylor. 2016. Rantau Panjang Database. A joint project of the Department of Linguistics and Cognitive Science, University of Delaware and the Department of Linguistics, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology and supported by Atma Jaya Catholic University of Indonesia.

Tapus Minangkabau Database

Kurniati, Santi, Yanti, Timothy Mckinnon, Yosephine, Peter Cole, Gabriella Hermon, and Bradley Taylor. 2016. Tapus Minangkabau Database. A joint project of the Department of Linguistics and Cognitive Science, University of Delaware and the Department of Linguistics, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology and supported by Atma Jaya Catholic University of Indonesia.

Tapan Minangkabau Database

Kurniati, Santi, David Gil, Timothy Mckinnon, Yanti, Yosephine, and Bradley Taylor. 2016. Tapan Minangkabau Database. A joint project of the Department of Linguistics and Cognitive Science, University of Delaware and the Department of Linguistics, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology and supported by Atma Jaya Catholic University of Indonesia.

Pulau Tengah Database

Mckinnon, Timothy, Fadlul Rekinan, Santi Kurniati, Yanti, Elian Sefrika, Yosephine, Peter Cole, Gabriella Hermon, and Bradley Taylor. 2016. Kerinci (Pulau Tengah) Database. A joint project of the Department of Linguistics and Cognitive Science, University of Delaware and the Department of Linguistics, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology and supported by Atma Jaya Catholic University of Indonesia.

2015 *Critò Kitò: A Collection of Jambi Stories in the Sabrang Dialect* (Eds: Yanti, Uri Tadmor, Peter Cole, and Gabriella Hermon). Jakarta: Masyarakat Linguistik Indonesia (Linguistic Society of Indonesia).

2010 Database of Jambi Malay (Peter Cole, Gabriella Hermon and Yanti), initially published by the Leipzig Endangered Languages Archive (LELA), Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, now in the process of being republished by The Language Archive, Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics, Nijmegen.

- 2008 Malay/Indonesian from a Pan-Austronesian Perspective (edited by P. Cole and Gabriella Hermon), Special issue of *Lingua*, volume 118, number 10.
- 2007 *Anaphoric Expressions in the Peranakan Javanese of Semarang*. (Peter Cole, Gabriella Hermon, Chonghyuck Kim, Changyong Sim, Yassir Tjung) *Lincom Studies in Asian Linguistics* 72, Lincom Europa (LINCOM GmbH, Gmunder Str. 35, D-81379 München).
- 2006 Anaphoric Expressions in Peranakan Javanese : a Comprehensive Database. (P. Cole, G. Hermon, C. Kim, C. Sim, Y. Tjung, and Y. Tsai) University of Utrecht, The Netherlands (electronic publication).
<http://language.link.let.uu.nl/anatyp/>.
- 2001 *Long Distance Reflexives*. Editor. (With Gabriella Hermon and James Huang.) New York: Academic Press.
- 1995 *Language in the Andes*. Editor. (With Gabriella Hermon and Mario Daniel Martín.) Newark, D.E.: Latin American Studies Program, University of Delaware.
- 1982 *Imbabura Quechua: Lingua Descriptive Series*. The Hague: North-Holland Publishing Company.
- 1981 *Radical Pragmatics*. Editor. New York: Academic Press.
- 1979 *Israeli Hebrew for Speakers of English: Book Two*. (With G. Ben-Horin, H. Israeli, S. Lederman, M. Livnat, V. Nachshon, R. Stock and Y. Ziv.) Urbana: Duben Books. (Revised edition; previous editions, 1974 and 1975.)
- 1978a *Syntax and Semantics: Pragmatics*. Editor. New York: Academic Press.
- 1978b *Israeli Hebrew for Speakers of English: Book One*. (With G. Ben-Horin, V. Nachshon, R. Stock and Y. Ziv.) Urbana: Duben Books. (Revised edition; previous editions 1974 and 1975.)
- 1977 *Syntax and Semantics: Grammatical Relations*. Editor. (With J. Sadock.) New York: Academic Press.
- 1976 *Studies in Modern Hebrew Syntax and Semantics*. Editor. The Hague: North-Holland Publishing Company.

1975a *Syntax and Semantics: Speech Acts*. Editor. (With J. Morgan.) New York: Academic Press.

1975b *Israeli Hebrew for Speakers of English: Book Three*. Editor. Urbana: Duben Books.

Articles, Papers, Presentations and Reviews

2018 From Allophony to Syntax in Malayic (Timothy Mckinnon, Peter Cole, Gabriella Hermon, Yanti). December 2018 issue of *Oceanic Linguistics*.

2018 The Development of Agent-Demoting Passives in Malayic (Timothy Mckinnon, Peter Cole, Gabriella Hermon, Yanti). *Linguistic Discovery*.

2018 From Phonology to Syntax: Insights from Jangkat Malay. *Studies in Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*, Vol. 94, Bartos, H., den Dikken, M., Bánrėti, Z., Váradi, T.

2017 Phrase-level stem alternations in Sumatran Malayic (Timothy McKinnon, Peter Cole, Yanti, and Gabriella Hermon). In Heidi Quinn, Diane Massam, and Lisa Matthewson (Eds.) *Linguistic travels in time and space: Festschrift for Liz Pearce*, Wellington Working Papers in Linguistics, Volume 23, pp. 159-167.

2017 The grammar of binding in the languages of the world: A response to Reuland. Yanti, Peter Cole and Gabriella Hermon. *Cognition* Volume 168, November 2017, 380-384.

2017 A general phonological and syntactic description of about in some varieties of Sumatra Malayic (Yanti, Timothy McKinnon, Peter Cole, Gabriella Hermon). Presented at international workshop on "Varieties of Malayic Languages". Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, 19-21 December 2017.

2016 Long-Distance Anaphora: Syntax and Discourse (Isabelle Charnavel, Peter Cole, Gabriella Hermon, C.-T. James Huang). *The Companion to Syntax* (2nd edition), Wiley-Blackwell, H. van Riemsdijk and M. Everaert, eds.

2016 The Development of Agent Demoting Passives in Malayic (Timothy Mckinnon, Peter Cole, Gabriella Hermon, Yanti). Submitted to *Historical Syntax*. (*Historical Syntax* is a new

peer-reviewed open access online section of the Linguistic Society of America's flagship journal, *Language*.)

- 2016 The Formation of Relative Clauses in Jakarta Indonesian: Data From Adults and Children (Yassir Tjung, Gabriella Hermon and Peter Cole). To appear in *NUSA: Linguistic Studies of Languages in and around Indonesia*.
- 2016 Applicative/Causative Marking in Indonesian-type Languages. Invited lecture (March 27, 2016), National Taiwan University, Graduate Institute of Linguistics.
- 2016 Applicative/Causative Marking in Indonesian-type Languages (Peter Cole, Gabriella Hermon, Yanti). Presented at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, May 24, 2016.
- 2016 Applicative/Causative Marking in Indonesian-type Languages: Insights from Tapus Minangkabau. (Peter Cole, Gabriella Hermon, and Yanti). Plenary lecture at Kongress Internasional Masyarakat Linguistik Indonesia (International Congress of the Linguistic Society of Indonesia).
- 2016 The Syntax of the Austronesian Languages of Indonesia (Peter Cole and Gabriella Hermon). "Pre-KIMLI" course for linguistics faculty and graduate student, presented prior to the International Congress of the Linguistic Society of Indonesia, August 21-24, 2016.
- 2015 Infixation and Apophony in Malay: Description and Developmental Stages (Timothy Mckinnon, Yanti, Peter Cole, Gabriella Hermon). *Linguistik Indonesia*, the official journal of Masyarakat Linguistik Indonesia (the Linguistic Society of Indonesia), February 2015: 1-19.
- 2015 The Grammar of Binding: Innate or Learned? (Peter Cole, Gabriella Hermon, Yanti), *Cognition* 141 138–160, August, 2015.
- 2015 Banyaduq Prestopped Nasals: Synchrony and Diachrony. (Adam Jardine, Angeliki Athanasopoulou, Kristian, Peter Cole). *Oceanic Linguistics*, winter 2015.
- 2015 The Story of Jarupanta: A Traditional Kerinci Kunaung (Yanti, Timothy Mckinnon, Heri Mudra, Peter Cole, Gabriella Hermon). Presented at Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Tokyo, Japan, February 2013. Presentation version appears in "Proceedings of the International Workshop on 'Special Genre' in and around Indonesia",

<http://lingdy.aacore.jp/en/activity/special-genres/docs.html>, Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies. Revised version accepted to appear in NUSA, September 2015.

- 2014 Applicative/Causative Marking in Three Varieties of Sumatran Malayic, (Timothy McKinnon, Peter Cole, Gabriella Hermon, and Yanti), Workshop on Applicatives in Indonesian-type Languages, Procida, Italy, June 16, 2014 and at the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, Germany.
- 2014 Interior Sumatran Malayic: Macro-trends in Linguistic Change (Timothy McKinnon, Peter Cole, Gabriella Hermon, and Yanti), The 18th International Symposium on Malay/Indonesian Linguistics, Procida, Italy, June 13 – 15, 2014
- 2012 The Structure of Jambi Malay DPs. (Yanti and Cole, P.), in B.U. Siregar, P.A. Subagyo, and Y. Nasanius, *Dari Menapak Jejak Kata sampai Menyigi Tata Bahasa: Persembahan untuk Prof. Bambang Kaswanti Purwo dalam rangka Ulang Tahunnya yang ke-60 (From Retracing Words to Exploring Grammar: A Tribute to Prof. Bambang Kaswanti Purwo on his 60th Birthday)*, pp. 329-352. Jakarta: Pusat Kajian Bahasa dan Budaya, Universitas Katolik Indonesia Atma Jaya.
- 2012 Relative Clauses in Jambi Malay and Kerinci (Yanti, Timothy McKinnon, Peter Cole, and Gabriella Hermon), International Workshop on Clause Combining in/ around Indonesian Languages. Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Tokyo, Japan. October 7th-8th, 2012.
- 2012 Typological Diversity in Anaphoric Systems. (Peter Cole, Gabriella Hermon and Yanti), presented at Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, July 9, 2012.
- 2012 Divergent Varieties of Malay in Upstream Jambi. (Timothy McKinnon, Yanti, Peter Cole and Gabriella Hermon), presented at Twelfth International Conference on Austronesian Linguistics, July 2-6, 2012.
- 2012 The Order of Verbal Affixes and Functional Structure in Imbabura Quichua. (Peter Cole and Gabriella Hermon), Laura Brugé, Anna Cardinaletti, Giuliana Giusti, Nicola Munaro, and Cecilia Poletto (eds.), *Functional Heads*. Oxford Studies in Comparative Syntax, Oxford University Press: Oxford.

- 2012 Wordshape Alternations in Sumatran Malay (Cole, Peter, Gabriella Hermon, Timothy Mckinnon, Yanti), MPI EVA Department of Linguistics. July 23, 2012.
- 2011 Oblique marking in Kerinci: Case or Agreement? (Timothy Mckinnon, Peter Cole and Gabriella Hermon), Workshop on Case studies in Syntax, Semantics and Information Structure. Universität Stuttgart. July 14th, 2011
- 2011 Low Adjunction and the Structure of the Kerinci DP (Timothy Mckinnon, Peter Cole and Gabriella Hermon), 15th Annual Symposium on Malay / Indonesian Linguistics (ISMIL 15), Malang, Indonesia.
- 2011 Object agreement and extraction in Tanjung Pauh Mudik Kerinci Malay. (Timothy McKinnon, Peter Cole and Gabriella Hermon), *Language* 87 (4): 715-750.
- 2011 Nominalization and case assignment in Quechua. (Peter Cole and Gabriella Hermon), *Lingua* 121 (7): 1225-1251.
- 2010 Anaphora in Traditional Jambi Malay. (Peter Cole, Gabriella Hermon and Yanti), Eric Potsdam & Lisa Travis (eds.), *Austronesian Contributions to Linguistic Theory: Selected Proceedings of AFLA*. Amsterdam / Philadelphia: John Benjamins.
- 2008 The Acquisition of WH Questions in Jakarta Indonesian. (Peter Cole, David Gil, Gabriella Hermon and Uri Tadmor), Festschrift for Soenjono Dardjowidjojo.
- 2008 Auxiliary Fronting in Peranakan Javanese, (Peter Cole, Yurie Hara and Ngee Thai Yap), *Journal of Linguistics*, 44: 1-43.
- 2008 VP Raising in a VOS Language. (Peter Cole and Gabriella Hermon). *Syntax* 11: 144 - 197.
- 2008 An Event-Based Account of -kan Constructions in Standard Indonesian, (M.J. Son, and Peter Cole). *Language* 84: 3-42.
- 2008 Malay / Indonesian Syntax from an Austronesian Perspective: an Introduction, (Peter Cole and Gabriella Hermon), *Lingua* 118, 10.
- 2008 Voice in Malay / Indonesian. (P. Cole, G. Hermon and Yanti), *Lingua* 118, 10.

- 2008 Headless Relative Clauses and WH Questions in Singapore Malay (P. Cole, G. Hermon and N. Aman). In Uyechi, L. Lian Hee Wee (eds.) *Reality Exploration and Discovery: Pattern Interaction in Language & Life*, Center for the Study of Language and Information (CSLI), Stanford, California.
- 2008 A Binding Theory Exempt Anaphor (Peter Cole, Gabriella Hermon, Yassir Tjung, Chang-Yong Sim, Chonghyuck Kim), in E. Koenig & V. Gast (eds.), *Reciprocals and Reflexives: Typological and Theoretical Explorations*. Trends in Linguistics. Studies and Monographs [TiLSM] 192. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter.
- 2008 Syntactic Decomposition of Events in Korean and Standard Indonesian. (M.J. Son and Peter Cole.) In *Event Structures in Linguistic Form and Interpretation*, Johannes Dölling, Tatjana Heyde-Zybatow and Martin Schäfer, (eds.), *Language, Context and Cognition* 5: 55-80, Mouton-de Gruyter.
- 2007 Relativization in Aresian Dialects. (Peter Cole and Gabriella Hermon) [Satirical piece in informal online festschrift for Bernard Comrie.]
- 2006a Is There Pasif Semu in Jakarta Indonesian? (Peter Cole, Gabriella Hermon and Yassir Tjung), *Oceanic Linguistics* 45: 64-90.
- 2006b VP Raising in VOS languages (P. Cole, G. Hermon). Linguistics seminar talk, University of Delaware, February 12, 2006
- 2006c Nominalizations in Quechua. (P. Cole, G. Hermon). Nominalizations Worskhop, Syracuse University, March 22-24.
- 2006d Voice in Jambi and other Malay/Indonesian dialects. (P. Cole, G. Hermon and Yanti) ISMIL 10: The Tenth International Symposium on Malay/Indonesian, University of Delaware, Newark, DE., April 2006.
- 2006e The Typology of Voice. (P. Cole, G. Hermon). Workshop on Indonesian Linguistics, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, Germany, 7/13/06.
- 2006f Voice in Malay/Indonesian (P. Cole, G. Hermon). Comparative Austronesian Syntax Workshop, University of California San Diego, October 6-8, 2006.

- 2005a How Irregular is WH in Situ in Indonesian? (Peter Cole, Gabriella Hermon and Yassir Tjung), *Studies in Language* 29: 553-581.
- 2005b Subject and Nonsubject Relativization in Indonesian. (Peter Cole and Gabriella Hermon), *Journal of East Asian Linguistics* 14: 59-88.
- 2005c The Typology of Malay Reflexives. (Peter Cole and Gabriella Hermon), *Lingua* 115: 627-644.
- 2005d The Formation of Relative Clauses in Jakarta Indonesian: Data from adults and children. (Peter Cole, Gabriella Hermon, and Yassir Tjung) Presented at ISMIL 7, Nijmegen, June, 2003.
- 2005f Long Distance Anaphors in Asian Languages. (Peter Cole, Gabriella Hermon and C.-T. James Huang), *The Blackwell Companion to Syntax*, Volume 3, 21-84. Blackwell
- 2004a Semantic and Syntactic Decomposition of Events in Standard Indonesian. (Minjeong Son and Peter Cole) Presented at the Workshop on Event Structures in Linguistic Form and Interpretation, University of Leipzig, Germany, March 2004.
- 2004b Interface between Event-Semantics and Syntax with Special Reference to *-kan* Constructions in Standard Indonesian. (Minjeong Son and Peter Cole) Presented at the Comparative and Cross-linguistic Research in Syntax, Semantics, and Computational Linguistics (GURT 2004), Georgetown University, Washington, DC.
- 2004c The Acquisition of Relative Clauses in Jakarta Indonesian. (Peter Cole, Gabriella Hermon, and Yassir Nasanius Tjung) The Second Annual Jakarta Field Station Linguistics Workshop, January 28, 2004.
- 2004e Grammar is Grammar and Usage is Usage: Relative Clauses in Jakarta Indonesian. (Peter Cole, Gabriella Hermon, and Yassir Tjung), ISMIL 8, Pulau Pinang, Malaysia.
- 2004f Are All Anaphors Subject to the Binding Theory: the Case of *Awake Dheen* and *Dheweke Dhewe* in Javanese. (Peter Cole, Gabriella Hermon and Yassir Tjung), University of Leipzig Syntax of the World's Languages Conference (SWL 1), Leipzig, Germany, August 2004.

- 2004g A Binding Theory Exempt Anaphor in Javanese. (Peter Cole, Gabriella Hermon and Yassir Tjung), Language Typological Resource Center (LTRC) Workshop on Reflexives and Reciprocals, Free University of Berlin, Oct 1-2, 2004.
- 2004h Event Decomposition and the Syntax and the Semantics of -kan in Standard Indonesian. (M.J. Son and Peter Cole), in the *Proceedings of the 34th NELS*, Amherst, Mass.: GLSA
- 2004i Mismatches between Thematic Representation and Argument Structure: The Case of -/kan/ in Indonesian. (Peter Cole and Min-Jeong Son), Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, June 16, 2004.
- 2004j Logophoric Conditions on Long-Distance Reflexives and Pronouns in Singapore Chinese and Chaozhou Dialect. (Cher Leng Lee, Peter Cole and Gabriella Hermon), in Chinese, *Studies in Chinese Linguistics*, Beijing Language Cultural University Press, Volume 14, number 3: 31-46. (Lee, Cher Leng.
新加坡华语和潮州话长距离反身代词的“逻辑照应”条件《中国语言学论丛》 Logophoric conditions on the long-distance reflexive and pronouns in Singapore Mandarin and Chaozhou Dialect". *Studies in Chinese Linguistics*, 3 (2004): 31-45.)
- 2004k Event Decomposition and the Syntax and Semantics of -kan in Standard Indonesian (M.J. Son, & Peter Cole). *Proceedings of the 34th NELS*, Amherst, Mass.: GLSA
- 2004l The Argument Structure of Verbs with the Suffix -kan in Indonesian. Peter Cole and Minjeong Son), *Oceanic Linguistics* 42: 339-364.
- 2003a A Note on WH Questions in Malay. (Peter Cole, Gabriella Hermon, and Norhaida Aman.) In the *2003 OTS Yearbook*, University of Utrecht, Research Institute for Language and Speech (OTS).
- 2003b Malay Reflexives: An Apparent Exceptionality. (Peter Cole and Gabriella Hermon), in *Cakrawala Baru: Liber Amicorum untuk Prof. Soenjono Dardjowidjojo* (a Festschrift for Soenjono Dardjowidjojo), edited by Bambang Kaswant Purwo and Katharina Endriati Sukamto. Jakarta: Yasan Obor Indonesia.
- 2003c Anaphora in Peranakan and Pribumi Javanese. (Peter Cole, Gabriella Hermon and Yassir Tjung.) Workshop on

- Indonesian Linguistics, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, Germany, 7/19/03.
- 2003d The Acquisition of Relative Clauses in Jakarta Indonesian. (Peter Cole, Gabriella Hermon and Yassir Tjung.) Workshop on Indonesian Linguistics, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, Germany, 7/19/03.
- 2003e The Verbal Suffix *-kan* and Event Structure in Standard Indonesian. (Minjeong Son and Peter Cole) Presented at the 34th Annual Meeting of the North Eastern Linguistics Society (NELS) Stony Brook University, New York, USA.
- 2003f A Constraint on WH in situ in Javanese. (Cole, Peter, Gabriella Hermon, Kozue Inoha and Yassir Tjung), Andra Rackowski, and Norvin Richards (eds.), *Proceedings of Austronesian Formal Linguistics (AFLA)*, in MITWPL 44, Dept. of Linguistics and Philosophy, MIT, Cambridge, MA..
- 2003g Anaphoric Expressions in Javanese. (Peter Cole, Gabriella Hermon, Chonghyuck Kim, Chang-Yong Sim, and Yaping Tsai). Presented at AFLA 8, MIT, April 2001. In MITWPL 44, Dept. of Linguistics and Philosophy, MIT, Cambridge, MA.
- 2002a Fronting and the distribution of auxiliaries in Javanese. (Peter Cole, Yurie Hara and Ngee Thai Yap), presented at AFLA 9, Cornell, 2002, and to appear in the proceedings of AFLA 9.
- 2002b A Unified Analysis of *-kan* and *-i* in Indonesian. (Peter Cole and Minjeong Son), presented at ISMIL 9, Bintan Island, Indonesia.
- 2002c A Unified Analysis of *-kan* in Standard Indonesian. (Minjeong Son and Peter Cole) Proceedings of the 2002 Linguistic Society of Korea International Summer Conference, Volume II: Workshops on Complex Predicates, Inversion and OT Phonology. Seoul: Thaeaksa. [not the same paper as 2002b)
- 2001a The Acquisition of In-Situ WH-Questions and WH-Indefinites in Jakarta Indonesian. (Peter Cole, David Gil, Gabriella Hermon and Uri Tadmor), *BUCLD* 25.
- 2001b Grammatical and Discourse Conditions on Long Distance Reflexives in Two Chinese Dialects (Peter Cole, Gabriella Hermon and Cher Leng Lee), in *Long Distance Reflexives*, ed. Peter Cole, Gabriella Hermon and C.-T. James Huang.

- 2001c Long Distance Reflexives: the State of the Art. (Peter Cole, Gabriella Hermon and C.-T. James Huang), in *Long Distance Reflexives*, ed. Peter Cole, Gabriella Hermon and C.-T. James Huang.
- 2001d Constraints on WH in Situ in Indonesian. (Peter Cole, Gabriella Hermon and Yassir Tjung), presented at ISMIL 5, MPI EVA, Leipzig, Germany.
- 2000a A Note on Extraction from Object Position in Javanese and other Javanic languages (Peter Cole, Elizabeth Jonczyk, and Jason Lilley), *Proceedings of the 1999 Conference of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association*.
- 2000b The Acquisition of WH Forms in Jakarta Indonesian (Peter Cole, David Gil, Gabriella Hermon and Uri Tadmor), presented at the Seventh Annual Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 13 May 2000.
- 2000c Reflexives and C-Command in Toba Batak (Peter Cole and Gabriella Hermon), presented at the Seventh Annual Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 13 May 2000.
- 2000d The Typology of Binding and Voice in Toba Batak and other Austronesian Languages, presented at the Workshop on Anaphora, April 28, 2000, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, Germany.
- 2000e Word Order and Binding in Toba Batak, presented at the Department of Linguistics, University of Florence.
- 2000g Partial Wh-Movement: Evidence From Malay. (Peter Cole and Gabriella Hermon). in U. Lutz, G. Müller and A. von Stechow, *Wh-Scope Marking*, Amsterdam and Philadelphia: John Benjamins.
- 1998a The Typology of WH Movement: WH Questions in Malay (Peter Cole and Gabriella Hermon), *Syntax* 1:221-258 (Blackwell Publishers).
- 1998a Long Distance Reflexives in Singapore Malay: An Apparent Typological Anomaly (With Gabriella Hermon), *Linguistic Typology* 2, 1 (Spring 1998), 57-98.

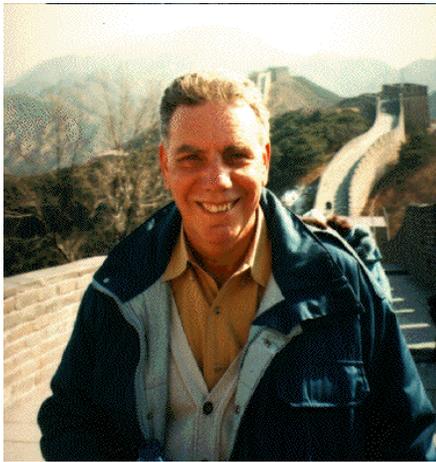
- 1998b VP Ellipsis and Malay Reflexives (With Gabriella Hermon), in IATL 5: The Proceedings of the Thirteenth Annual Conference (Adam Zachary Wyner, ed.), the Israeli Association for Theoretical Linguistics, 39-54.
- 1997a Long Distance Reflexives and Islandhood in Chinese. (Peter Cole and Li-May Sung) *Journal of Chinese Linguistics* 25: 177-192.
- 1997b Chaozhou Fangyan Zhong San Zhong Fanfu Wenju (Three Types of Yes/No Questions in a Teochew Dialect) (Cher Leng Lee and Peter Cole). In Chinese: *Yuyan Yanjiu* 31, 2: 65-73. (This deals with a variety of aspects of yes/no questions in Teochew not discussed in 1997c.)
- 1997c Yes/No Question in the Teochew of Singapore. (Peter Cole and Cher Leng Lee.) *Journal of East Asian Linguistics* 6:189-211.
- 1996b Antecedents and Blockers of Long Distance Reflexives: the Case of Chinese *Ziji*. (Peter Cole and Chengchi Wang). *Linguistic Inquiry* 27:357-389.
- 1995b Is Wh in Situ Really in Situ? Evidence from Malay and Chinese. (With Gabriella Hermon) In The Proceedings of the Thirteenth West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics. Center For the Study of Language and Information.
- 1994a Is There LF WH Movement? (With Gabriella Hermon) *Linguistic Inquiry* 25, 239-262.
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- Chinese, Hebrew, Malay, Quechua
- reflexives, questions, relative clauses, pronominals
- the interface of linguistics with other cognitive sciences

The overriding goal of contemporary linguistics is to determine the range of variation possible in human languages. The studies I have engaged in generally involve the comparison of syntactic constructions in several languages in order to determine what possibilities can exist in human language. This general approach has become known as "comparative syntax".

Soon after getting my Ph.D. I spent a number of years concentrating on contemporary Hebrew. Later, I became interested in the Quechua languages (spoken in the Andean mountains of South America). While I have never lost interest in these languages, over the last ten years I have mostly worked on varieties of Chinese. Even more recently, I have become very interested in Malay and Indonesian.

The topic of my dissertation was pronouns, but I have worked on a wide variety of subjects. I am currently especially interested in two topics in syntax: long distance reflexives (like Chinese *ziji*) and question formation. In addition to syntax per se, I have written papers on semantics and pragmatics, and I am very interested in how the scientific study of language can contribute to cognitive science in general.

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IN MEMORIAM: PETER COLE

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Noted linguist a significant force in documenting endangered languages

Peter Cole, professor emeritus of linguistics and cognitive science, who was known for his work to document endangered languages around the world, passed away on April 21, 2023, after a prolonged illness. He was 81.

Cole joined the University of Delaware in 1988 as professor and chair of the linguistics department after serving on the faculty at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for 17 years. At UD, Cole also served as director of the cognitive science program, making it a part of the linguistics department, and served as director of both undergraduate and graduate studies at various points during his tenure. He retired from the University in 2019.

“During his time as chair, the department became one of the most highly ranked departments in the country,” said Karen Rosenberg, professor of anthropology.

Cole’s research focused on comparative syntax, linguistic theory and field methods for the study of endangered languages. He was very interested in how the scientific study of language can contribute to cognitive science.



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He was also well known for his collegiality and kindness and has been described by his colleagues as “a gentle, highly intelligent man who would offer able assistance on anything in his purview.”



Peter Cole

“Peter was a ‘mensch’ – a Yiddish word that describes a kind and considerate person who thinks of others before himself,” said

Roberta Golinkoff, Unidel H. Rodney Sharp Chair and professor in the School of Education, who holds a joint appointment in linguistics and cognitive science. “I will miss his ready laugh.”

According to a 2021 study by Australian researchers, 7,000 documented languages currently are spoken around the world, but half could be endangered, and 1,500 of these languages may no longer be spoken by the end of this century.

Soon after receiving his doctoral degree in linguistics from the University of Illinois in 1973, Cole began concentrating on contemporary Hebrew and later became interested in the Quechua languages of the Andes mountains of South America. He spent a decade working on varieties of Chinese and then became very interested in Malay and Indonesian.

During his UD career, Cole received multiple grants from the National Science Foundation with his wife and close research collaborator, UD Professor Emerita Gabriella (Gaby) Hermon, and other collaborators to study the syntax of long-distance (LD) reflexives, LD movement and Indonesian syntax, and to develop a training program in linguistic fieldwork and endangered language documentation.



During his UD career, Cole received multiple grants from the National Science Foundation with his wife and close research collaborator, UD Professor Emerita Gabriella (Gaby) Hermon.

One of his most recent projects, funded by a grant to the University of Delaware from the [Documenting Endangered Languages \(DEL\) program](#) of the National Science Foundation, was based in Indonesia and tested a new way to engage teams of student native speakers of endangered languages in documenting those languages, working alongside American graduate students who hope to specialize in fieldwork and language documentation.

Much of the project, developed in 2021 with online portions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, is documented on parallel websites hosted by [UD](#) and Atma Jaya Catholic University of Indonesia, a collaborator on the project, along with the Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa, an affiliate of the Tokyo University of Foreign Studies. The documented languages are being archived through the Pacific and Regional Archive for Digital Sources in Endangered Cultures (PARADISEC).

A global traveler, Cole spent time living in many of the countries where languages he studied were spoken, including Peru, Ecuador, Israel, Taiwan, Singapore and Indonesia. More recently, Cole and Harmon split their time between homes in Newark, Delaware, and Boca Raton, Florida. He is survived by his wife Gabriella, sons Benjamin, Dov and Michael, and four grandchildren, Abbie, Kevin, Sasha and Sean.

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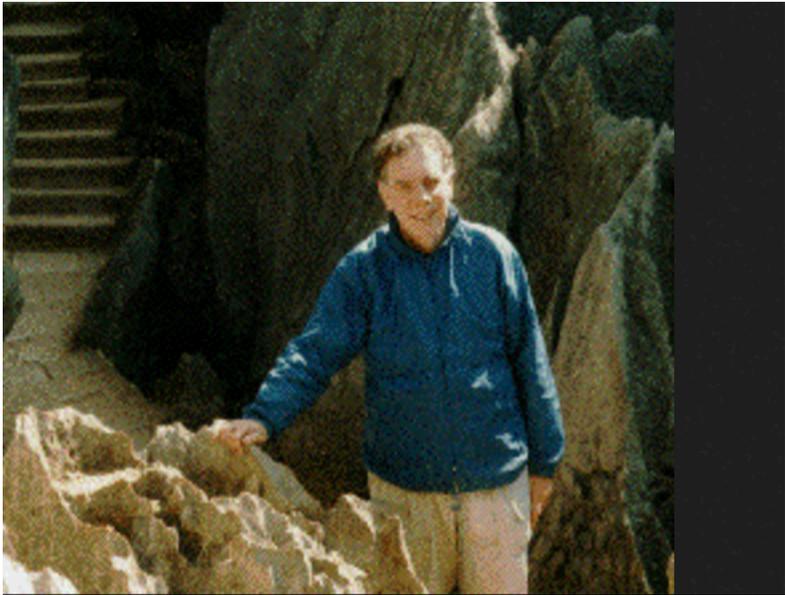
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A Trip to a Malaysian Island



Peter Cole and Gabriella Hermon