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### **Past and current work:**

After 34 years at Stanford, I retired as Professor of Linguistics in 2006, and since then I've returned occasionally to teach a course. Over the past five years, I've taught four courses: in the Department of Linguistics, Seminar in Tone and Accent. In the Continuing Studies Program, *Advertising and the Language of Persuasion* and *Origins and Structure of English Words*.

I work in three main areas: English words, African linguistics, and applications of linguistics to language teaching and to marketing. I have done field work on tone and intonation in Chadic and Kwa languages in Niger, Nigeria, Ghana, and Côte d'Ivoire, and I have collaborated on books and digital materials for teaching Hausa.

My two most recent books were co-authored with Brett Kessler. The first is a totally revised edition of Anatole Lyovin's *Introduction to the Languages of the World*. The other is a third edition of *English Vocabulary Elements*, now in press. My current book project is *Advertising and the Language of Persuasion*. All three books are for Oxford University Press.

Since 1988 I have worked with the linguistics program at Lexicon Branding, Inc. My role has been to apply linguistic research to creating and evaluating brand names. My current titles in the Linguistics Group are, variously, Executive Director and Chair Emeritus, with occasional duties. Drawing on my work in linguistics and with trademarks, I have served as an expert witness in several cases involving trademark conflicts based on potential for confusion.

### **Academic Degrees:**

Ph.D., 1973, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Linguistics)

M.A., 1968, Northwestern University (Linguistics)

B.A., 1965, Boston College (Modern Language)

### **Regular Teaching Positions:**

Professor of Linguistics Emeritus, Stanford University, 2006 to present

Professor of Linguistics, Stanford University, 1986 to 2006

Associate Professor of Linguistics, Stanford University, 1978-86

Assistant Professor of Linguistics and African Languages, Stanford University, 1972-78

### **Honors, Awards and Personal Grants:**

Officier de l'Ordre du Mérite Ivoirien: awarded by the government of Côte d'Ivoire for contributions to the study of its languages, 2014

Plaques recognizing contributions to African linguistics, Ohio University, 2000, and University of Florida at Gainesville, 1996

Fulbright grant for lecturing and research, Côte d'Ivoire, September, 1996 - June, 1999

Hewlett Fund grant for summer research (Nigeria), Center for Research in International Studies, Stanford University, 1986

National Endowment for the Humanities summer stipend (Nigeria), 1983

Pew Fund Award for faculty research, summer 1983

Fulbright Award for Faculty Training (Nigeria), autumn 1983

Mellon Award for Faculty Leave, spring term, 1977

Dean's Award for Distinguished Teaching, Stanford University, 1976-77

### **Visiting and Part-Time Teaching Positions in the U.S.:**

Visiting Professor of Linguistics, University of California, Los Angeles, spring, 1982 and 1983

Visiting Professor of Linguistics, University of California, Los Angeles, spring, 1982 and 1983

Visiting Associate Professor of Linguistics, University of California, Los Angeles, winter, 1981

Visiting Associate Professor of Linguistics (without stipend), University of California, Berkeley, charged with setting up African Language program, 1979-82

Part-time instructor in Linguistics, Brandeis University, 1971-72

Summer instructor in Hausa language, Indiana University, 1971

Teaching assistant in Hausa language, Northwestern University, 1967-68

### **Consulting Positions:**

Linguist, Lexicon Branding, Inc., Sausalito CA, 1989 to present

### **Sponsored research:**

Principal Investigator, Comparative Phonology of Ivoirien Languages, NSF, 1996-98

Co-Principal Investigator (with R. Randell, Dept. of Art, Stanford U.), Multimedia Course for Intermediate and Advanced Hausa, NEH, 1995-96.

Co-Principal Investigator (with R. Randell, Dept. of Art, Stanford U.), Twenty-six Ten-Minute Video Segments for an Interactive Video Course for Intermediate and Advanced Hausa, U.S. Dept. of Education, 1994-95

Principal Investigator, *The Phonetics and Phonology of Hausa Intonation* (NSF), 1987-89

Co-Principal Investigator (W. R. Leben & W. J. Poser), *Intonation in Tonal Languages* (NSF), 1985-86

Principal Investigator, *Intermediate and Advanced Materials in Hausa Language and Culture* (U.S. Dept. of Education), 1984-85

Principal Investigator, *Manual of Hausa Idioms* (U.S. Dept. of Education), 1975, 1976

### **Professional Experience in Africa, excluding sponsored research:**

Fulbright professor, Département de Linguistique, Université de Cocody, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, 1996-97

Director, Intensive Advanced Hausa program, Centre for the Study of Nigerian Languages, Bayero University, Kano, 1984, 1989

Language coordinator, Intensive Advanced Hausa program, Centre for the Study of Nigerian Languages, Bayero University, Kano, 1982

Summer research associate, Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana, 1968

**Other Administrative Positions:**

Chair, Department of Linguistics, Stanford University, 1988 to 1993  
 Co-Director, Stanford/Berkeley Joint Center for African Studies, 1983-84, 1987-88  
 Associate Director, Stanford/Berkeley Joint Center for African Studies, 1980-1983  
 Chair, Committee on African Studies, Stanford University, 1981-1984, 1987-88  
 Vice-Chair, Committee on African Studies, Stanford University, 1979-81  
 Language coordinator, African language program, African Studies Center, Stanford University, 1979 to 1996

**Other Invited Professional Duties:**

External examiner for Ph.D. oral of Otelemate G. Harry, Dept. of Linguistics, University of West Indies, Kingston, Jamaica, 1997  
 Member, Editorial Advisory Board, Foris Publications in African Languages and Linguistics, 1984 to 1991  
 Member, review panel, Title VI competition for Language Resource Centers, U.S. Dept. of Education, 1991  
 Editorial advisory board, Academic Press, Phonetics and Phonology series, 1982 to 1988  
 Co-editor, Squibs and Discussion, *Linguistic Inquiry*, 1979-81  
 Associate Editorial Board, *Studies in African Linguistics*, 1972-94  
 Associate Editorial Board, *Linguistic Inquiry*, 1973-77, 1981-84  
 External examiner in Hausa language and linguistics, Department of Nigerian Languages, Bayero University, summer 1978

**Publications**

- [in progress] *Advertising and the Language of Persuasion*. New York: Oxford University Press.  
 [in press a] The Nature(s) of Downstep. In Proceedings from SLAO/1er Colloque International, Humboldt Kolleg Abidjan 2014. Ed. F. Ahoua.  
 [in press b] W. R. Leben & Brett Kessler. *English Vocabulary Elements: A Course in the Structure of English Words*, third edition. Oxford University Press.  
 [2021] Review of Newman, Paul & Roxana Ma Newman: Hausa Dictionary: Hausa-English English-Hausa, Kamusun Hausa: Hausa-Ingilishi/Ingilishi-Hausa. *Journal of African Languages and Linguistics* 42, 2: 287-290.  
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 [2019] Tone and length in Mende. In *Schuhschrift: Papers in Honor of Russell Schuh*, ed. by Margit Bowler, Travis Major, and Harold Torrence, pp. 77-87. eScholarship Publishing, U. of California.  
 [2018a] (W. Leben & F. Ahoua) The phonetics of downstep in Abron and Adioukrou. In *Revealing structure: Papers in Honor of Larry M. Hyman*, ed. by E. Buckley, T. M. Crane, & J. Good, pp. 123-138. Stanford, CA: CSLI Publications.  
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 [2017] (A. Lyovin, B. Kessler, and W. R. Leben.) *Introduction to the Languages of the World*, second edition. Oxford University Press.

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- [2011b] Bibliography of languages of the world. *Oxford Bibliographies Online*.
- [2010] (A. Wong & W. R. Leben) English words in international brand names: Proceed with caution. In H. Nijboer and R. Boerrigter, eds., *Names in the Economy III: Names as language and capital*. Amsterdam: Meertens Institute.
- [2009] (W. R. Leben & F. Ahoua) Repetition in linguistic change: Tone in Kwa languages of Côte d'Ivoire. In L. Uyeche and L. H. Wee, eds., *Reality Exploration and Discovery: Pattern Interaction in Language and Life*. Stanford University: CSLI Publications, 35-46.
- [2007a] (K. Denning, B. Kessler, and W. R. Leben) *English Vocabulary Elements*, second edition. New York: Oxford University Press, 320p.
- [2007b] (F. Ahoua & W. R. Leben, directors) *Morphophonologie des langues kwa de Côte d'Ivoire*. Cologne: Koeppel, 344 p.
- [2007c] Review of Paul Newman, *A Hausa-English Dictionary*. (Yale U. Press, 2007) *Language Documentation and Conservation* 1,2.312-316. <http://nflrc.hawaii.edu/ldc/>
- [2006a] (W. R. Leben & F. Ahoua) Phonological reflexes of emphasis in Kwa languages of Côte d'Ivoire. In P. Newman and L. M. Hyman, eds., *West African linguistics: Papers in honor of Russell G. Schuh*, *Studies in African Linguistics* 35, Supplement 11, 145-158. Columbus: Ohio State University. é
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- [2003b] Tonal constituents. In J. Mugane, ed., *Proceedings from the Thirty-Fourth Annual Conference on African Linguistics*. Ohio University.
- [2002] a. [W. R. Leben & F. Ahoua, directors] *Contes et Textes Documentaires kwa de Côte d'Ivoire*. Cologne: Koeppel, 208 p.
- [2002] b. Tonal feet. In U. Gut & D. Gibbon, eds., *Typology of African Prosodic Systems*, 27-40.
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- [2002] d. Review of P. Newman, *A Reference Grammar of Hausa*. *Modern Language Journal* 86.275-276.
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- b. (C. Culy, W. R. Leben, and K. Precoda. Synthesizing Bambara for Internet access. Thirty-Second Annual Conference on African Linguistics, UC Berkeley.
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- b. Weak vowels: Sounds that phonology can't handle. In O. Fijimura, B. D. Joseph, and B. Palek, eds., *Proceedings of LP '98*, pp. 717-732. Prague: Karolinum Press.
- c. (W. R. Leben & R. G. Schuh) Multimedia learning materials for African languages. *Journal of the African Language Teachers Association* 1,2: 51-65.
- [1999] a. [W. R. Leben & R. Randell.] *Hausar Yau da Kullum*. 3 CD multimedia course in intermediate and advanced Hausa. Stanford: CSLI Publications.

- b. The status of the OCP in the theory of tone. In Paul F. A. Kotey, ed. *New dimensions in African linguistics and languages*, pp. 1-14. *Trends in African Linguistics 3*. Trenton, NJ: Africa World Press, Inc.
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 b. [W. R. Leben & F. Ahoua, directors] *Esquisses Morphophonologiques sur les Langues Kwa de Côte d'Ivoire*. Paris: Langues Africaines, to appear 2002.
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 b. (W. R. Leben & F. Ahoua) Prosodic domains in Baule. *Phonology* 14:113-132 (1997).
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 b. (W. R. Leben & F. Ahoua) Prosodic domains in Baule tone and intonation. Paper presented to Linguistic Society of America, winter meeting, 1995. Submitted for publication.  
 c. Phonology and analogy in Hausa plurals. Paper presented to the *Twenty-Fourth Conference on African Linguistics*, Ohio State University, 1993. Submitted for publication.  
 d. Tonal feet and the adaptation of English borrowings into Hausa. *Studies in African Linguistics* 25: 139-154.  
 e. (R. Randell & W. R. Leben) *Videos to accompany Hausar Yau da Kullum..* 3.5 hours, shot in Nigeria and co-edited at Stanford. Distributed by CSLI Publications.
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 b. (S. Inkelas & W. R. Leben) The phonology of intonation in Hausa. In *Proceedings of the First Conference on Laboratory Phonology*, ed. by M. Beckman and J. Kingston. Cambridge University Press.
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 b. Intonation in Chadic: An overview. In *Current Progress in Chadic Linguistics*, ed. by Z. Frajzyngier, pp. 199-217. Amsterdam: Benjamins.  
 c. Teaching foreign languages at the advanced level, with special reference to Hausa. *Harsunan Nigeria* 16:54-59.
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 c. Intonation in Chadic languages. In *Precis of the Fifteenth Conference on African Linguistics. Studies in African Linguistics, Supplement 9*, 191-195.
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 b: Some comments on children's intonation. *Papers and Reports on Child Language Development*. Linguistics Dept., Stanford U.
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 b. Secondary stress in English. *Communication and Cognition* 12.3-20.
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 b. Doubling and reduplication in Hausa plurals. in A. Juillard, ed., *Linguistic Studies Offered to Joseph Greenberg*, 3.419-439. Saratoga, CA: Anma Libri.  
 c. On the interpretive function of phonological rules. In W. Dressler, ed., *Phonologica 1976*. Innsbrucker Beitrage zur Sprachwissenschaft 19.213-221.  
 d. Parsing Hausa plurals. In P. Newman and R. M. Newman, eds., *Papers in Chadic Linguistics*. Leiden: Africa Studiecentrum, pp. 89-105.  
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 b. (W. R. Leben & D. M. Bagari) A note on the base form of the Hausa verb. *Studies in African Linguistics* 6.239-248.  
 c. Tone Spreading in English. In M. Noonan, ed., *San Jose Occasional Papers in Linguistics* 1:55-61.  
 d. Review of W. E. Welmers, *African Language Structures*. *American Anthropologist* 77.442-443.
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 b. English stress: phonological and morphological regularities. Privately circulated.

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 b. The quantifier hierarchy. Privately circulated.
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 b. On the segmental nature of tone in Thai, M.I.T. Research Laboratory of Electronics, *Quarterly Progress Report* 101.221-224.  
 c. Suprasegmental and segmental representation of tone. *Studies in African Linguistics*, Supplement 2.183-200.  
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- [2000] Ngunga, Armindo. *Phonology and Morphology of the Ciyao Verb*. Stanford Monographs in African Languages, Stanford: CSLI Publications.
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- [1974] *Papers from the Fifth Annual Conference on African Linguistics*. *Studies in African Linguistics*, Supplement 5.
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### Conferences organized:

- 1-day *Workshop on Interactive Methods for African Language Teachers*, Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Seattle, 1992
- 3-day *Workshop on Discourse Analysis for African Language Teachers*, Oakland, 1991
- 3-day ACTFL *Workshop on Proficiency Testing for African Language Teachers*, Stanford University, 1987
- Co-Coordinator, *West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, 1982
- Coordinator, *Twelfth Conference on African Linguistics*, 1981
- Coordinator, *Fifth Conference on African Linguistics*, 1974
- Head, Coordinating committee, *Third Annual California Linguistics Conference*, 1973