Achumawi Database

Summary of December 2021 work

There have been some changes incidental to my work on the Achumawi-Atsugewi-Shastan monograph. You can download the current backup from

- http://zelligharris.org/Achumawi/achumawi-db.html

I have updated the webonary at

- https://www.webonary.org/odissi/

The time in Berkeley was very productive, and it was wonderful to share time and space with some Pit River friends again.

I had an excellent visit with my old friend and fellow student Leonard Talmy. Brandy was with me. Len has agreed to be co-PI with me on a DEL proposal to create for Atsugewi a FLEx database comparable to the Achumawi database, seeking funding to pay a UCB linguistics student to transcribe his field notes and organizational slip files. So I have two DEL proposals to write for submission next September as soon as I get the monograph in shape to submit to a publisher. I welcome any suggestions where to send it.

Andrew Garrett pointed out that I have a monograph rather than a paper now, too long for an article in *IJAL*. I am currently moving material from Section 7 on Olmsted's cognates to Section 5 on phonology, just the Achumawi words from his *History of Palaihnihan Phonology*, with corrections and where possible with analysis. Section 7 then will just clinch the point that the comparison needs to be done again from scratch, and that the missing reliable Atsugewi data are prerequisite.

A lovely discovery on revisiting Len's 1972 dissertation is that the two languages have structurally parallel verb stem templates. This was obscured because Len treated occurrences in the first slot as different morphemes from their occurrences in the third slot. Those largely CV morphemes are fairly well represented in the dissertation (though there are likely more). There is a huge data gap for the CVC etc. roots in the central or main slot of the template.

The sections of the monograph are linked at the bottom of the page at

- https://zelligharris.org/Achumawi/texts.html