

# **The Department of Linguistics & TESOL at UT Arlington Colloquium**

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## **“Adverbial verbs” and their kin in Kimaragang Dusun**

### **Abstract**

Adverbial meanings are expressed using verbs in many Formosan languages. This construction has attracted much attention in recent years, largely because the “adverbial verb” and its “main verb” occur within a single clause, forming a kind of complex predicate. In this talk I discuss adverbial verbs and related constructions in Kimaragang Dusun (KQR), an endangered Philippine-type language spoken in northeastern Borneo. I build on recent work by Holmer (2010), who (using Wurmbrand’s (2004) typology of restructuring) analyzes adverbial verbs in the Formosan language Seediq as “functional restructuring predicates.” This means that the “adverbial verb” can assign only an external theta-role. I argue that in addition to this type, Kimaragang provides evidence for what Wurmbrand calls “lexical restructuring”, i.e., monoclausal constructions in which both verbs can assign a full array of theta roles.

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