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Dan Annotated Bibliography

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This draft is an initial draft which splits the bibliography off into its own document. I literally dumped it into my annotated bibliography template. Much work is still needed, such as fixing script issues in Japanese, fixing URLs research narratives, moving content out of the appendix and into the main part of the document and presentational organization by author. Annotations still need to be added, as does linkage to Zotero.*

1 Introduction to the Bibliography

When was this bibliography put together? What kinds of things were annotated? Who did the annotations?

1.1 Subject of the Bibliography

1.2 Research perspective on the literature

What are the biases in creating this bibliography? (Language of search, Language of Publication, philosophy of access, Linguistic theory, time given to project, Date depth of the resources, etc.)

1.3 Scope and Breath of the research

Where did you look for resources? What tools were used? Places to look for resources included: OLAC language search, CLARIN, Wordcat.org, Glottolog, Joshua project, Language Archives , SIL.org, Wikipedia, Cog, ArVix.org, lingbuzz.com, academica.edu, researchgate.net, bibliography services, Bibliographies of cited works.

*Thank any librarians, archivists, and retired researchers, or missionaries who have helped you get access or understand the literature.

List of places to search

Search Location	Reason	URL
OLAC language search		
CLARIN		https://vlo.clarin.eu
Zenodoo		https://zenodo.org
Wordcat.org		https://www.worldcat.org
Glottolog		https://glottolog.org
Joshua Project		https://joshuaproject.net
SIL Language & Culture Archive		https://www.sil.org/resources/language-culture-archives
Wikipedia		https://www.wikipedia.org
Machine Translation Archive		http://www.mt-archive.info
ArXiv.org		https://arxiv.org
LingBuzz		https://lingbuzz.com
CogPrints		http://cogprints.org
ResearchGate		https://www.researchgate.net
academia.edu		https://www.academia.edu
bibliography services (oxford, and Cambridge)		
Bibliographies of cited works		
Ethnographic resources		
Ethnomusicology Archives (Berlin, London, UCLA, Indiana)		
Open biology Website		
Institutional archives of the places where the individual spent considerable time or from which they retired.		

List of places to search

Search Location	Reason	URL
LingMex	A national Bibliography of linguistic and anthropological work about the languages of Mexico.	https://lingmex.colmex.mx/UI/Public/Indices/lenguas.aspx

List of Language Archives, Publishers, and Institutional Repositories

Language Archive	Area of speciality	URL

2 People, Institutions & Projects

The narrative of the literature production can help new researchers understand how to situate older literature.

2.1 People

Something about the various authors and people covered in the bibliography. Some creators might be self-motivated first language speakers, while others may be missionaries, or academic researchers. An introduction to the people who created the literature helps readers understand how to situate the literature.

2.2 Institutions

Institutions play a big role in the creation of resources. Which institutions have been facilitators in the various projects impacting the community or literature creation? Which institutions have been publishers of creative works? In which institutions have materials been preserved or archived?

2.3 Projects

Literature is often created as the results of projects, are any of these projects evident in the literature? Projects may include expeditions, missionary activity, research grant funded activity, community driven activity, Doctorate (Ph.D) or Master level research projects, etc.

A. Chronological bibliography of Dan texts, descriptions, and minor mentions

This appendix has two sections. First, a short note about Eastern Dan corpora. Second, a selective bibliography of works about Dan from an ethnolinguistic perspective.

A.1 Eastern Dan Corpora

As a clarifying note the corpora used in this experiment is different than the one presented online as Vydrin (2018). Vydrin (2018) became available after work on this thesis started. It is an exciting development to see a half a million word corpus online for an under-resourced language. Working with under-resourced language data is a challenge for many reasons. One not to be ignored, is the issue of intellectual property rights. Within the academy there is great deal of variation concerning the morality and applicability of copyright law. But the fact remains that most countries have signed the Bern convention and related agreements which legally acknowledge the rights of content creators. These legal agreements endorse the "work-for-hire" doctrine, which says that if a creator is hired to create something, that the creation belongs to the entity doing the hiring not the creator. Additionally, western ethical frameworks usually dictate that workers should be compensated, both as part of academic projects and as part of NGO projects. This creates a feeding relationship where intellectual property is rarely overtly left in the ownership of native language writers. The relationship between writing, compensation, and content ownership is frequently left unaddressed in hiring agreement in academic and NGO projects, and even if addressed the specific terms are not made clear to minority languages writers. This means that when someone, even a native language speaker, produces a work the default is that the work's copyright falls to the organization doing the hiring. There are several exemptions which are out of scope of the current discussion. By and large in the overwhelming majority of cases where NGOs are involved in language development and the process of Bible translation, the generated content legally belongs to the NGO. These NGOs currently retain the copyright on large portions of the texts in minority languages around the world¹. Several studies using Bible translations as parallel corpora have noted the difficulty of legally using the Bible as a corpus. Obtaining permission to include Bible content is a challenge. Many Bible translations do not contain the accurate copyright holder contact information. For those that do the copyright holders often slow and unmotivated to respond. When they do respond, often the response is that they limit the portion of the text which can be included in a corpus. This is in part why my parallel corpus is so small.

At the time of this writing the works presented following table 1 are included in Vydrin (2018). These works are not replicated in appendix section A.2. Table 1 indicates the content composition of the corpus with a large part of the corpus coming from translated materials.

¹Whether the impacts of copyright law and practices are ethical or not, having a clear copyright owner is better than having an unstated or unknown copyright holder. Working with unclaimed copyright materials, "orphaned works" has inherent risks.

Table 1 *The half a million word corpus*.

Word count of contributing sources	Percentage of corpus
368093	82.15%
23618	5.27%
16441	3.67%
7265	1.62%
7520	1.68%
3599	0.80%
1698	0.38%
19833	4.43%
448067	100.00%

- Baba, Tiémoko Sébastien & Daniel Késsé (trans.). **Nao -së 'ö -gban Yesu Klisi -bha 'ö [Nouveau Testament]**. Abidjan. 368093 words. (Published as Wycliffe Bible Translators, Inc. (1991))
- Baba, Tiémoko Sébastien. **-Kwa 'wɔn zii pö**. [Contes dan "gweetaawu.] vol. 2 (non-publié). 23618 words. (Published as Baba (2019)).
- Baba, Tiémoko Sébastien. **Mɛ faan dɔ -wu** [Livre de sensibilisation]. Man: La LIGUE pour la Promotion de la langue Dan. 16441 words.
- Kessé, Mongnan Alphose. 2007. **"Sanni kö -dhɔtrɔɔ -yö nu** [En attendant l'arrivée du médecin]. Abidjan. 48p., 7265 words
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- =Kesi =Mɔyan Dhifɔnnngsü (traduction). **(Declaration des droits de l'homme)**. 1698 words.
- Kluubali, Misiölinö (traduction par =Kesi =Mɔyan Dhifɔnnngsü). **Medɔɔ -bha -bin 'gü -wɔn -nu** [L'histoire de Medor]. Abidjan: Edilis-Éditions Livre Sud. 19833 words.

A.2 Dan

This bibliography started off with a focus in linguistics resources about Eastern Dan, and therefore focuses primarily on works which describe the linguistics, the linguistic genetic positioning, writing system, writing process, and language use of Eastern Dan. That research lead to a fuller review of the linguistic literature including Western Dan and Dan as it is spoken in Liberia (Kla-Dan [lda] was not specifically reviewed). The line between language and culture is very fine, and soon some works on Dan culture became relevant for inclusion. This bibliography benefits from previously published bibliographies such as: Smith (1945), Janvier (1973), Ingemann (1978) and Singler (1990), though none of these mentioned bibliographies focus specifically on Dan.

It is common place for works on Dan culture to translate the details of the Dan culture into European languages, leaving the finer linguistic details about how Dan people talk about their culture inaccessible to linguists. Several, prolific authors have written about various elements of Dan culture. Most of these works have been included in this bibliography. The decision to move beyond the strict relevance of linguistically oriented materials was made with two factors in mind: (1) Language in use, should include a good understanding of language as it relates to cultural practices. (2) An ethnolinguistic community can have an under-described language and also have an "over-described" culture. By adding works about Dan culture, which are not expressly about the Dan language it shows, the relatively sparse nature of literature about the Dan language, and gives future language investigators direct references to literature which may help them with semantic concepts found in Dan speech.

Works which include Dan language data as exemplars are included, although they were not expressly sought out. This means that, a rather wide net is cast and the requirements for inclusion are very open. Dan is not required to be the primary focus of the included work. Works including primary language resources (texts, audio, and video in archives) are also included (except those presented previously in section A). The bibliography is broken down into four sections which each present works in chronological order with the newest first. These sections are: (1) a section for works explicitly or exclusively mentioning Eastern Dan as opposed to other varieties of Dan. (2) Works where the author discusses both Eastern and Western Dan or where the author does not distinguish between Eastern Dan and Western Dan. (3) A third for works explicitly mentioning Western Dan. And lastly (4) a section for works mentioning Dan as it is used in Liberia. Some works mention Dan in *Côte d'Ivoire* as Gio, but my observation is that Gio generally refers to the language as it is used in Liberia². Halaoui et al. (1983:16) present a nice list of how the language has been referred to by linguistic academics through history by different authors up to the time of their publication. Eastern Dan was the focus of this study as such more effort was put forward to discover the pertinent literature specific to Eastern Dan. The other dialects of Dan were not in focus and so I do not assume that their literature review is exhaustive.

While the requirements for inclusion are generally set to be more inclusive rather than selective, some limits were necessary. While Eastern Dan was given special prominence due to existing research interests, excluded from this bibliography are: (1) Newspaper articles or the stories in them that were written through literacy work, though some publications in the Dan language are included. (2) Art Exhibition catalogs are not included. (3) Works of fiction about the Dan speaking people. (4) Preprint versions of papers often significantly differ from final publications (not just in pagination but also in content). Many of the Valentin Vydrin's preprints are available online through various outlets. There is no attempt to list these, as I deem them tentative relative to their final published versions. I do attempt to list final versions. Manuscripts are in general included when they are the final form of the work and no published version exists. (5) There is

²As a point of clarification and correction: Singler (1990) suggests that MacKinnon, C. 1977. "The Dialect of Gio." *Studia Iranica* 6:221 -47. is about the Liberian language Gio. However, it is really about an Iranian-Persian dialect.

a large ethnographic literature about Dan including the role of music (Zemp), art, masks, cults, and rituals ([Himmelheber](#), Fischer, Tahmen, and [Reed](#)) in Dan society. Due to the political climate, post World War II German authors focus on Dan culture in Liberia. More recent publishers writing about Dan culture include Dan from Liberia and **Côte d'Ivoire**. Several ethnographic descriptions focusing on geographically neighboring people groups discuss the relationship between the those people groups and the Gio/Dan i.e Zetterström (1976). Theses have not systematically been sought out and included. (6) Encyclopedia articles from Britanica and Wikipedia are not included. (7) Prior to Vydrin (2012) where the ISO separated out Kla-Dan from Dan as a separate language, literature about both languages might have fallen under the same language title — Dan. I have passed over and not included any resources specifically about Kla-Dan at this time. (8) Content from social media sites such YouTube are not included. (9) It is a challenge to find the correct attribution for many Christian materials. Not only are the same Christian works attributed to different organizations, but also there is a myriad of inter-related media types (text, audio and video), with or without background sound tracks, all hosted at a variety of distribution outlets. The most notable of these outlets are: <https://joshuaproject.net/languages/dnj>, <https://www.scriptureearth.org>, and <http://globalrecordings.net/en/language/dnj>). Works from these distributors are not indicated in this list.

Users of this bibliography might find the following clarifications about researchers helpful.

Hans Himmelheber was married to Ulrike Himmelheber with whom he co-published. Their work was primarily based in Liberia. Eberhard Fischer, is their son and early in his career also published extensively on Dan. George Wowoa Washington Tahme was a Dan author and a co-worker with the Himmelhebers and Fischer. Several essays are attributed to George under different names including: George Tahme, Tahmen, Tabmen, George Wowoa Tahmen, G.W., G. W. W. In this bibliography, I generally keep the names as published when they are in the Latin script. Additional clarification is added with [] such that "Tabmen, G." might appear as "Tabmen, G. [George Wowoa Washington Tahme]". George W. W. Tahme should not be confused with George Way Harley, a medical missionary based out of Ganta, Liberia for 30 years. Dr. Harley published on indigenous social issues including Dan masks and their social uses. Margrit Bolli (from Switzerland), and Esther Frick, started working in **Côte d'Ivoire** with SIL International around 1968, focusing on Dan starting around 1970. Margrit is sometimes published as Margit Bolli. After working with Magrit to complete an initial survey of all the languages in **Côte d'Ivoire** Esther Frick stopped working with Bolli and Eva Flik (from Germany) joined her. Their work, under the auspices of the Summer Institute of Linguistics (currently known as SIL International) focuses on linguistic descriptions, orthography development, literacy, and Bible translation. In the early 2000's several Russian linguists began to describe the languages of **Côte d'Ivoire**. Their publications variously occur in English, French, and Russian. For this bibliography, authors writing in the Cyrillic script, where their name appears in Cyrillic script, are organized by a Latin script variant with which they publish. Their actual publication name appears in square brackets. Of those publishing in Russian, Anna Erman [Анна Владимировна Эрман] and Valentin Vydrin

[Валентин Феодосьевич Выдрин] are the most prolific authors. Valentin Vydrin also sometimes publishes as Valentin Vydrine. Vydrin focuses on Eastern Dan speech varieties in **Côte d'Ivoire** while Erman focuses on Western Dan speech varieties in **Côte d'Ivoire**.

Citing works which are published in multiple languages simultaneously presents unique challenges. An effort is made to present works by their original bibliographic citations, in the language of publication, and also with clarity for English readers. In this bibliography non-Latin works are presented in both their original script and with a Latin transliteration (where possible). When cited works are published in languages other than English, but still written in a Latin script, an effort is made to present a translation of the reference. Translations and transliterations are presented in square brackets []. Parenthesis () inside of citations are either original to the work's title, or in the case of works published with titles in two languages, are used around the title of the second language. In some rare cases works are published in several languages and these publications use forward slashes to separate languages. In those cases the slashes are retained.

Those who are interested in cartographic representations of the Dan speaking area should consult maps in: Vydrine & Kességbéu (2008), Vydrine et al. (2003), Halaoui et al. (1983), Bolli (1980), Galtier (1980), Bolli & Flik (1970), Riddell et al. (1971), Gay et al. (1969), Himmelheber & Himmelheber (1958), Vandenhouwe (1948), and AOFSG (1911). While those looking to learn the Dan language (who are not native speakers) would likely benefit most from the following pedagogically oriented resources: Gué & Fimmen (1974), Doneux & Mahan (1971), Griffes & Welmers (1960a), Griffes & Welmers (1960b), and Griffes & Welmers (1959).

Manuscripts and language archives play an important role in history of Dan linguistics. There are several archives in the United States and in Abijan **Côte d'Ivoire** which have significant amounts of Dan language and cultural materials. In the United States the archives at the University of California Los Angeles and the University of Indiana at Bloomington both contain significant quantities of oral recordings, musical recordings, and some text manuscripts. SIL International's Language & Culture Archive in Dallas, Texas contains a significant amount of the published work by Bolli and Flik. But does not have a catalogue of the manuscripts at the SIL International office library in Abijan **Côte d'Ivoire** which also contains an extensive set of unpublished manuscripts from the work of Bolli and Flik. The manuscripts in Abijan have not been regularized or catalogued in any sort of consistent fashion, though there is interest in having this work completed. The current state of the manuscripts results in the frequent citing of manuscripts but in an inconsistent manner. This may lead to the impression that there are more manuscripts than there actually are. The SIL office in Abijan **Côte d'Ivoire** did provide me a list of manuscripts, but I have not included them all here as I have not been able to personally verify them. Some I have included here because other researchers have referenced them, so there is some precedent for mentioning them.

I am still uncertain if the following manuscripts are actually in existence or are duplicitous of other similar works:

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