

The Linguists (2008)

The Linguists (2008) follows two professors – Gregory Anderson and David Harrison – around the world as they work on the documentation of endangered languages. As they travel to Siberia, India, and Bolivia, the linguists unearth and investigate the many of the social factors which play a role in language death. The film, which premiered at the 2008 Sundance Festival, has received critical acclaim and an Emmy nomination.

Gregory Anderson was a lecturer in linguistics at the University of Manchester between 2001 and 2003. He has worked on a great number of endangered languages in Asia, Africa, and North America and published widely on historical linguistics, morphology, and verb typology. K. David Harrison cites his primary focus as the Turkic languages, and concentrates on morphology and phonology. Together, Anderson and Harrison founded the Living Tongues Institute for Endangered Languages, which aims to promote the documentation and revitalisation of endangered languages and stresses the importance of community-based initiatives.

For further information:

***The Linguists* website**

<http://www.pbs.org/thelinguists/>

Living Tongues Institute for Endangered Languages

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