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# Presentation By Author Christopher Loether

**Taaqwa Nüümümaa  
Yaduhanaamat!**

LET'S SPEAK SIERRA MONO!



Sierra or Western Mono (a.k.a. Monache) is a Native California Indian language spoken in central California along the western foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. It is a member of the Numic branch of Uto-Aztecan languages. *Taaqwa Nüümümaa Yaduhanaamat!* "Let's Speak Sierra Mono" is the first complete textbook of the language, written for complete beginners with no previous knowledge of the language or linguistics.

Topics to be discussed during this presentation include the current state of Native languages in the United States, why it has become important for linguists to work with Native communities to preserve them, and what linguists and other scientists can learn from studying Native languages.

Author, Christopher Loether is an emeritus professor of linguistic anthropology and American Indian Studies at Idaho State University, began documenting the language with the late Rosalie Bethel in 1979, and has co-authored two Mono dictionaries, as well as other articles on Mono language, music and mythology.

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