



Masa-chiyo AMANO

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#### Biography

Masa-chiyo AMANO (April 8, 1950—June 13, 2008) was a professor at Nagoya University who studied the synchronic and diachronic syntax and semantics of the English language in the framework of generative grammar. The main themes of his research were case-makers in English, double object constructions in English, the syntactic structure of possessive expressions, the distribution of adverbs and the development of infinitives. He also focused on how these grammatical items have developed into the forms with present syntactic and semantic properties in the history of English. More recently he had been working on Multimodality seen from the perspective of Systemic Functional Linguistics.

Professor Amano was born in Oga, Akita Prefecture. He was a student at Akita University from 1969, at Tohoku University in 1973–76, and obtained his PhD from Nagoya University in 1998. His thesis was entitled *A Generative Approach to the Syntactic Structure of Double Object Constructions in English*. He taught at Tohoku University in 1977 and at Hiroshima University in 1978–85. From 1986 he held a sequence of appointments at Nagoya University and from 1997 was full Professor of English Linguistics until his passing in June, 2008. He is survived by his wife and two boys. His main publications include:

2006. (Editor) *Multimodality: Towards the most efficient communications by humans*. Nagoya: Graduate School of Letters, Nagoya University.

2003. (Editor) *Creation and practical use of language texts*. Nagoya: Graduate School of Letters, Nagoya University.

2000. (Editor) *Synchronic and diachronic studies on language: A Festschrift for Dr. Nakano*. Nagoya: English Linguistics Department, Nagoya University.

1999. *Gengo Yoso no Ninka: Doshi, Meishiku, Fukushi (Licensing of Linguistic Elements: Verbs, Noun Phrases, and Adverbs)*. Tokyo: Kenkyusha.

1998. *Eigo Niju-Mokutekigo Kobun-no Togokozo-ni Kansuru Seiseiron-teki Kenkyu (A Generative Approach to the Syntactic Structure of Double Object Constructions in English)*. Tokyo: Eichosha.