Event Ethnography: A Modern Approach to Anthropological Research and Writing about Christmas

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In this sense, the research and methodological apparatus of modern anthropocentric and anthropological paradigm explains human nature, especially its linguistic nature. Such a mechanistic approach to anthropological linguistics is reflected, for example, in the following quote: “In linguistics, which has chosen the anthropological principle as its methodological bases, in the center of attention are two issues: 1) identifying how do people affect the language, and 2) determining how does language influence the person, his thinking, culture” (Nikolaeva, 2008). Such a
question on the subject of anthropological linguistics leads to the postulation of the provision on autonomous, independent existence of language and person. Cultural anthropologists base their work in ethnography, a research method that uses field work and participant-observation to study individual cultures and customs. Elizabeth Kapu'uwailani Lindsey is a National Geographic Fellow in anthropology. As a doctoral student, she documented rare and nearly lost traditions of the palu, Micronesian navigators who don't use maps or instruments. Wesch is one of many anthropologists expanding how we understand and navigate our digital environment and our approach to anthropological research. New technologies, such as wi-fi and social media, have expanded the scope of anthropology and ethnography. Photograph courtesy kiwanja.net.