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### **Foreword**

This is the third of a set of four volumes dealing with Uto-Aztecan grammar. The grammatical descriptions in these volumes grew out of a Summer Institute of Linguistics Uto-Aztecan workshop that was held in Ixmiquilpan, Hidalgo, Mexico from January through April 1976. I was invited to be guest director of that workshop and supervised the participants in the preparation of grammatical sketches of the various Uto-Aztecan languages on which they were working. At the end of the workshop it was agreed that the sketches would be revised for publication, resulting in this series. Volume 1 of the series consists of my own Overview of Uto-Aztecan Grammar, which is based on the lecture material I presented during the workshop and provides fundamental information concerning the Uto-Aztecan language family (including both synchronic structure and diachronic evolution) and relevant grammatical concepts. Volume 2. Modern Aztec Grammatical Sketches, contains sketches of Tetelcingo Nahuatl by David H. Tuggy, North Puebla Nahuatl by Earl Brockway, Huasteca Nahuatl by Richard and Patricia Beller, and Michoacán Nahuatl by William R. Sischo. The present volume contains three sketches (rather than five as originally planned): Northern Paiute represents the Numic subfamily, the northernmost within Uto-Aztecan: Papago and Northern Tepehuan are both members of the Pimic (or Tepiman) subfamily found in Arizona and northern Mexico. Volume 4 will contain sketches of Western Tarahumara by Don Burgess and of Cora by Eugene Casad.

The purpose of these sketches is to provide Uto-Aztecan scholars, linguists generally, and other interested people with reasonably comprehensive basic information about a variety of Uto-Aztecan languages. To facilitate understanding and comparison, we have adopted fairly uniform transcriptions, abbreviations, and formats. These four volumes are to be considered an integral unit. The *Overview* constituting Volume 1 provides the background necessary for appreciation of the individual sketches in Volumes 2-4, which in turn serve to exemplify the points covered in the *Overview* and to make possible ready comparison of the languages treated.

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### **Organization**

The outline below is the general one for the series as presented and followed in Volume 1. Titles in italics stand for actual sections in a sketch; the others show how these sections are organized into larger units. Individual sketches in Volumes 2-4 may depart in minor ways from this outline.

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### Complex Sentences

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#### Texts

## **Abbreviations**

ABS	absolutive	DAT	dative
ABSTR	abstract	DEF	definite
ACC	accusative	DEG	degree
ADJ	adjective	DEM	demonstrative
ADJR	adjectivalizer	DER	derivational
ADV	adverb	DESID	desiderative
ADVR	adverbializer	DIM	diminutive
AFF	affirmative	DIRL	directional
AG	agent	DIST	distal
AL	alienable	DISTR	distributive
AMNT	amount	DITRNS	ditransitive
AN	animate	DL	dual
APPLIC	applicative	DOM	domestic animal
ARG	argument	DS	different subject
ART	article	DUB	dubitative
ASP	aspect	DUR	durative
AUX	auxiliary	<b>EMPH</b>	emphatic
В	auxiliary base	EQ	equational
BEN	benefactive	EV	evidential
CAUS	causative	<b>EXCLM</b>	exclamation
CHAR	characterize/characteristic	FUT	future
CL	clause	GEN	genitive
CLSF	classifier	GER	gerund
CMPL	complement	HAB	habitual
CNJ	conjunction	HON	honorific
COLL	collective	IMP	imperative
COM	comitative	IMPOT	impotentive
COMPAR	comparative	IMPRF	Imperfect(ive)
COMPL	completive	INAN	inanimate
COND	conditional	INCEPT	inceptive
CONN	connective	INCHO	inchoative
CONT	continuous/continuative	INCL	inclusive

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INDF	indefinite	PROX	proximal
INDOBJ	indirect object	PRSNT	personifier
INFL	inflectional	PRTC	participle
INSTR	instrumental	PRTV	partitive
INTEN	intentive	Q	question
INTJ	interjection	QNT	quantity/quantifier
INTNS	intensifier	QUOT	quotative
INTR	introducer	R	realized
INTRNS	intransitive	RA	range
IRR	irrealis	RDP	reduplication
LOC	locative	REF	reference/referential
MAN	manner	REFL	reflexive
MD	mood	REL	relative/relativizer
MDL	modal	REM	remote
MOD	modifier	REPET	repetitive
MOT	motion	REV	reversative
N	noun/nominal	RSLTV	resultative
NEG	negative	SF	suffix
NOM	nominative	SG	singular
NR	nominalizer	SP	Spanish
NUM	number	SPEC	specific
OBJ	object	SS	same subject
ORD	ordinal	STAT	stative
P	postposition	SUB	subordinate
PASS	passive	SUBJ	subject
PERF	perfect(ive)	SUBR	subordinator
PERS	person	TEMP	temporal
PL	plural	TNS	tense
PN	proper name	TRNS	transitive
PNCT	punctual	UNR	unrealized
POS	positive	UNSPEC	unspecified
POSSR	possessor	V	verb
POT	potentive/potential	VOL	volitional
PRED	predicate	VR	verbalizer
PREP	preposition	WHW	WH word
PRES	present	YNQ	yes/no question
PRIV	privative	-	•
PROG	progressive	1P/2P/3P	first/second/third person
PRON	pronoun	-/=/ <b>#</b>	morpheme/clitic/word
PRONR	pronominalizer	boundary	-
	L	[]	clause boundaries
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