

This presentation provides a detailed description of Garifuna, the only Arawakan language spoken in Central America, verb morphology from a typological-functional perspective. Although it is by no means the first description of the Garifuna verb (cf. Breton 1667, Taylor 1977, Suazo 1991, Devonish and Castillo 2001), it does provide a more encompassing view in respect to previous studies insofar as it describes the verbal dimension as a thematic unit, whereas all other studies heretofore have only described specific topics of the Garifuna verbal structure. The paper provides an inventory of Garifuna verb forms, with special emphasis on verb-formation, verb classes, the existence and distribution of short forms, as well as the distinction between *verboids* (nominalized forms) and full verbs; additionally reference is made to forms fulfilling the profile of auxiliaries. The paper next identifies all relevant grammatical categories of the Garifuna verb; the description reveals that aspect is the most prominent of them, with tense being the least relevant.