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64.1 SUMMER COURSE IN NAHUATL AT IOWA STATE

- From Ricardo J. Salvador (salvador@iastate.edu) 2 April 1998:

A four-week introductory course on Nahuatl grammar, taught by Frances Karttunen, is tentatively scheduled for Iowa State University, Ames, IA, July 4-31. These plans are contingent on filling the course to its full capacity of 15 participants. Firm commitments of interest are requested by April 15, and the decision on whether the course will "make" or not will be made soon thereafter. The workshop will be an intensive course for beginners and those wishing to review and consolidate previous knowledge of the language. The primary prerequisite is a willingness to work hard for four weeks. It will be a condensed version of the NEH-sponsored course Dr. Karttunen has offered in previous summers, and which has a proven track record of producing people who can read and interpret historical and contemporary documents written in Nahuatl. Dr. Karttunen is the author of various scientific and popular publications and has conducted prominent independent research in Nahuatl, Maya and computational linguistics. The course textbook will be: R. Joe Campbell & Frances Karttunen, Foundation Course in Nahuatl Grammar (2 vols., approximately \$35).

Tuition is \$600 for the four-week workshop, not including textbook or lodging. Lodging can be arranged in University residence halls for approximately 50% of typical hotel costs. A meal plan can also be arranged. FLAS credit can be arranged.

To express interest, or to get further information, contact:

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64.2 WEBSITES OF INTEREST

Garifuna

- From Geneva Langworthy (glangwor@unm.edu) 2 April 1998:

SSILA Bulletin readers may be interested in knowing that there is now a Garifuna website, called GarifunaWorld. It is run by two Hondurans, Jose and Tomas Avila, who started an Internet business to sell Garifuna punta rock music, and also sell other Garifuna stuff like the Garifuna-English dictionary. The Garifuna Nation Language Policy (which I helped to write) has been posted on the GarifunaWorld site in an area devoted to the proposed Garifuna orthography; they also posted there an archive of last summer's GarifunaLink discussions centered on the decline of the Garifuna language. The URL is: <http://www.garifuna-world.com/garilang.html> The language is serving as a unifying theme for Garinagu (the "Black Caribs") to start thinking and acting as a nation of people, even though they are geographically spread out in Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, and even Nicaragua.

~Geneva Langworthy
Durango, Colorado

Endangered languages

- From Randy J. LaPolla (randy.lapolla@cityu.edu.hk) 4 April 1998:

I recently put together a ten-page handout on endangered languages for a talk I am to give soon. It is mostly information and links on organizations involved in the problem of endangered languages and various other resources culled from the web, particularly from Iatiku (which is itself mostly culled from other sources). As it might be useful for others, I am making it available both as an html file, with active links: <http://ctspc05.cphk.hk/lapolla/el.html> and as an rtf file for those who would like to use it as a handout themselves or would like to edit it: <http://ctspc05.cphk.hk/lapolla/el.rtf>

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Centro Cultural Abya-Yala

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<http://www.abayala.org>

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64.3 UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **Siouan-Caddoan Conference (Bloomington, IN, May 29-30)**

The 1998 Siouan and Caddoan Languages Conference will be held at Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, May 29-30. Papers on all topics of Siouan and Caddoan languages are welcome: descriptive and historical linguistics, language and culture, and language pedagogy and maintenance. Individuals wishing to present a paper should send a title and brief abstract (ca. 50 words) to the meeting organizers by May 18:

Douglas R. Parks or Raymond J. DeMallie
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Accommodations will be available at the Indiana Memorial Union (tel: 800/209-8145; fax: 812/855-3426).

64.4 SALISHAN DISCUSSION GROUP

- From David Robertson (drobert@tinca.tinca.org) 11 April 1998:

Subscribers to the SSILA Bulletin might be interested in knowing about our new discussion group/mailling list, SALISHAN. We cover Salishan languages and cultures, including current events. All are welcome to join—linguists, anthropologists, native speakers and tribal members, and everyone who has an interest in learning more about the people and their customs.

You can join the SALISHAN languages and cultures discussion group by sending the message: SUBSCRIBE SALISHAN your.email.address

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If you have a signature file end your message with END (on the same line).

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