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## 77.1 CORRESPONDENCE

### Unaccusativity

- From Bert Peeters ([Bert.Peeters@utas.edu.au](mailto:Bert.Peeters@utas.edu.au)) 2 Nov 1998:

I have started to look at unaccusativity in a broad range of typologically different languages, to try and improve on what others have said regarding its semantics. Would those who know of languages that are said to have unaccusative verbs please tell me which verbs are (or can be) unaccusative, and why these verbs (rather than others) are deemed to be unaccusative? It does not matter which language(s) you work on or know of (accusative or ergative, fixed word order or non-configurational...), all information (including if at all possible references to the literature) is welcome.

--Bert Peeters  
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### Tubatulabal

- From Robert Gomez Jr. ([pahulin@msn.com](mailto:pahulin@msn.com)) 6 Nov 1998:

I am doing research on, and attempting to revive, the Tubatulabal language. I would be grateful to hear from anyone who would like to share information.

--Robert Gomez  
2619 Driller Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93306  
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## 77.2 LINGUISTIC TITLES IN U OF NEBRASKA PRESS SALE

A number of linguistic and ethnographic publications, including several in the series "Studies in the Anthropology of North American Indians", edited by SSILA members Douglas Parks & Ray DeMallie, are currently on sale by the University of Nebraska Press at discounts of up to 75%. Although the sale was originally announced as ending on October 15, it will be extended for at least a month, if not longer.

Some of the titles and sale prices are:

- \*M. Axelrod, *The Semantics of Time: Aspectual Categorization in Koyukon Athabaskan*. (\$25)
- R. H. Barnes, *Two Crows Denies It: A History of Controversy in Omaha Sociology*. (\$10)
- \*C. Bierwert et al, *Lushootseed Texts: An Introduction to Puget Salish Narrative Aesthetics*. (\$22.50)
- \*J. Charney, *A Grammar of Comanche*. (\$22.50)
- \*J. Enrico & W. Stuart, *Northern Haida Songs*. (\$22.50)
- E. W. Gifford, *California Indian Nights*. (\$5.47)
- \*G. Kimball, *Koasati Dictionary*. (\$30)
- \* G. Kimball, *Koasati Grammar*. (\$40)
- K. Kroeber, *Traditional Literatures of the American Indians*. (\$5)
- \*D. Parks, *Traditional Narratives of the Arikara Indians, 1 & 2*. (\$75)
- \*D. Parks, *Traditional Narratives of the Arikara Indians, 3 & 4*. (\$47.50)

(\* = publication reviewed in the SSILA Newsletter; see SSILA website).

For further information contact the University of Nebraska Press (tel: 1-800-755-1105; fax: 1-800-526-2617; e-mail: [press@unlinfo.unl.edu](mailto:press@unlinfo.unl.edu)).

## 77.3 KANSAS WORKING PAPERS SOLICITS CONTRIBUTIONS

- From John Kyle ([jkyle@ukans.edu](mailto:jkyle@ukans.edu)) 28 Oct 1998:

The editors of *\_Kansas Working Papers in Linguistics\_* will produce two numbers of Volume 24, for 1999. They welcome submissions of papers on all topics in the field of linguistics and closely-related disciplines for Number 1, "General Linguistics". Papers dealing with native languages of the Americas will be selected for Number 2, "Studies in Native American Languages". Since KWPL is a working paper series, publication in KWPL does not preclude later publication elsewhere of revised versions of papers. Submissions should be in good readable form (double or 1.5 spaced), not necessarily final copies. Student papers are encouraged.

Please include name, address, email address (if possible) when sending correspondence. Send papers or inquiries to:

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The deadline is January 31, 1999.

## 77.4 NEW DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN LINGUISTICS AT U TEXAS-ARLINGTON

- From Susan Herring ([susan@LING.UTA.EDU](mailto:susan@LING.UTA.EDU)) 21 Oct 1998:

The University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) announces the availability of four supported doctoral positions for new students entering the UTA Ph.D. program in Linguistics in Spring 1999.

The Ph.D. in Linguistics at UTA, among the newest doctoral programs in linguistics available in the United States, provides students with education and training in a range of specializations, including discourse analysis and text linguistics, sociolinguistics, semantics and translation, and literacy. Special attention is given to the role of field work in linguistic studies, including the study and documentation of lesser-studied languages. Training is also provided in the application of computing methods to linguistic analysis.

Supported doctoral positions will be awarded on a competitive basis to new students accepted into the program on or before January 12, 1999. Support will likely take the form of research assistantships (no teaching required) involving contributing to the research activities of the Program in Linguistics according to the program's needs and students' background, interests, and skills. Successful candidates will be guaranteed support for the spring semester, and be eligible for continuing support in subsequent academic years.

In addition to the new Ph.D., the Linguistics Program at UTA continues to offer an M.A. in Linguistics as well as a 19-hour Graduate Certificate in TESOL.

For further information about graduate study in linguistics at UTA or to request an application for admission and support to the doctoral program, contact the Linguistics Graduate Advisor, Dr. Irwin Feigenbaum, at [irwin@ling.uta.edu](mailto:irwin@ling.uta.edu) or (817) 272-3133. Information on degree requirements, faculty, and course offerings is available on the UTA Linguistics web site at <http://ling.uta.edu>.

The University of Texas at Arlington, the second-largest campus in the University of Texas System, is located in the center of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, a major urban and cultural area in the US. Information about the University of Texas at Arlington is available on the web at <http://www.uta.edu>.

## 77.5 UPCOMING MEETINGS

### **SALSA-VII (Austin, Texas, April 9-11)**

- From SALSA ([salsa@ccwf.cc.utexas.edu](mailto:salsa@ccwf.cc.utexas.edu)) 5 Nov 1998:

Papers are invited for the 7th Symposium About Language and Society (SALSA), which will be held at the University of Texas at Austin, April 9-11, 1999. Established in 1992, SALSA brings together graduate students and faculty from universities throughout the US and abroad to discuss issues relating to language, culture and society.

Keynote speakers will include Jill Brody, Charles Goodwin, Marjorie Harness Goodwin, and Elizabeth Keating. Abstracts are invited on the following topics: Linguistic Anthropology, Sociolinguistics, Ethnography of Communication, Speech Play/Verbal Art/Poetics, and the Political Economy of Language. Deadline for receipt is January 15, 1999. For more information visit the SALSA website:

<http://www.dla.utexas.edu/depts/anthro/projects/salsa>

## 77.6 WEBSITES OF INTEREST

### **SIL Sites**

- From Albert Bickford ([bickford@flash.net](mailto:bickford@flash.net)) 7 Nov 1998:

On reading the current SSILA Newsletter, it occurred to me that you might be interested in mentioning the articles about Amerindian languages in the SIL-UND Work Papers that have come out electronically in the last couple of years. You can find them on the web at:

<http://www.und.nodak.edu/dept/linguistics/wp/wphome.htm>

It might also be appropriate to list the SIL-Mexico website. You may be interested to know that I have recently been given editorship of the linguistic materials on this site and have several new items nearly ready to post. The URL is:

<http://www.sil.org/americas/mexico>

### **Lakhota Project**

- From Amma Oduro ([amma.oduro@colorado.edu](mailto:amma.oduro@colorado.edu)) 5 Nov 1998:

I just wanted to let you know that we now have an e-mail address for the Colorado Lakhota Project, and we will eventually (very soon) have a web site. The e-mail address is: [lakhota@colorado.edu](mailto:lakhota@colorado.edu)

## 77.7 ANOTHER POSITION OPEN AT CSU-CHICO

- From Sara Trechter ([strecther@csuchico.edu](mailto:strecther@csuchico.edu)) 9 Nov 1998:

The English Department at California State University, Chico announces the availability of another tenure track (Assistant Professor) position in Linguistics, in addition to the two previously announced (see SSILA Bulletin #75.2).

The position requires a Ph.D. in linguistics with research/training in phonology; experience in teaching core-area linguistics courses as well as introduction to Second Language Acquisition. Tenure-track faculty are required to pursue research and publication and provide service to the university community. The teaching load is 4 courses per semester, and teaching responsibilities will include introduction to linguistics, introduction to phonology/morphology, introduction to second language acquisition: theory and methods, and graduate seminars in linguistics (as needed).

As a university that educates students of various ethnic and cultural backgrounds, CSU-Chico values a diverse faculty and staff and seeks to create as diverse a pool of candidates as possible. Starting date for all three positions is August 1999. Salary ranges from \$37,956 to \$40,692. Deadline for applications is December 3, 1998 (and continues as necessary). Please mail letter of application, current CV, and recommendations to:

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