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189.1 Correspondence

* Catalan map of Amerindian population

From Peter Bakker (Peter.Bakker@humanities.dk) 28 Feb 2003:

The organization CIEMEN (Centre Internacional Escarr.er a les Minories Etniques i Nacions), in Barcelona, mostly publishes books (in Catalan) about legal issues concerning European language minorities. Recently, however, they have published a map of the "Indian Population of the Americas" (Poblaci?dia de les Am.ques) that indicates for each country the proportion of the population that is of indigenous origin. This ranges from more than 50% in Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador and Guatemala, to question marks for Uruguay and the Caribbean islands. Unfortunately there is no indication of the different languages or families spoken in these countries. SSILA members who are nevertheless interested can order the map for 6 Euros (ca. \$6 US) by e-mail (gerencia@ciemen.org) or through the CIEMEN website:

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189.2 Heritage Language Foundation Offers Small Grants

From Alice Cozzi HLF (alice_cozzi_hlf@hotmail.com) 02 Mar 2003:

The Alice Cozzi Heritage Language Foundation -- a new, non-profit organization dedicated to heritage language vitality -- announces its first small grants competition. Individuals and groups working to revitalize and maintain endangered heritage languages are invited to apply for small grants (up to \$500 US). Interested parties should submit a detailed essay addressing the following topics:

- (1) Where is the language spoken and how many people speak it?
- (2) Describe the project objectives, project timeline and other funding received and/or applied for.
- (3) Please describe your past, present and planned involvement in language work.

Applicants should include the following information:

Name(s)
Organization name (if applicable)
Mailing address
E-mail address
Phone number
Project location, address and phone (if different)

The deadline for receipt of applications is May 15, 2003. In awarding grants, preference will be given to those projects whose plans, objectives and budgets are considered most practical and which serve the most economically and educationally disadvantaged communities. Decisions will be announced in May; funds will be available in July. For more information, contact the Alice Cozzi Heritage Language Foundation at P.O. Box 10754, Marina del Rey, CA 90295 (alice_cozzi_hlf@hotmail.com).

189.3 Upcoming Meetings

* Linguistic Diversity and Language Theories (Boulder, May 14-16)

From David S Rood (rood@spot.colorado.edu) 7 Mar 2003:

Following is the final program for the special conference on "Language Diversity and Language Theories" that will be held at the

University of Colorado, in Boulder, this coming May.

Wednesday, May 14 8.30 am - noon

Matthew Dryer, University of Buffalo, "Descriptive theories, explanatory theories, and basic linguistic theory"

Pierre-Yves Raccah, CNRS, Universit.e Limoges, "Against Cognitive Semantics: The place of an empirical science of language meaning with respect to cognition"

Farzad Sharifian, Edith Cowan University, Western Australia,
"Linquistic diversity and cultural conceptualizations"

Zygmunt Frajzyngier, University of Colorado, "Principle of functional transparency in language structure and language evolution"

2:00 - 6:00 pm

David Gil, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, "A Riau Indonesian Ludling, And What It Tells Us About Words"

Liang Tao, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, "Discourse analysis as the fundamental means for developing a linguistic theory"

Regina Pustet, University of M??en, "On Zipf's theories, discourse typology, and language change"

Anders Soegaard, University of Copenhagen, "Compounding theories and linguistic diversity"

Stephane Robert, CNRS-LLACAN, Villejuif, France, "The challenge of polygrammaticalization for linguistic theory"

Thursday, May 15 8.30 am - noon

Nick Evans, University of Melbourne, "Dual viewpoint: grammaticalization of constructions that express two point of view"

Edward Vajda, Western Washington University, "Separating inflection from derivation in the Ket verb"

Marina Gorlach, Metropolitan State College of Denver, "Resultativeness in English: A sign-oriented approach"

Frank Lichtenberk, University of Auckland, "Inalienability and possessum individuation"

2:00 - 6:00 pm

Marianne Mithun, University of California, Santa Barbara, "On the assumption of the sentence as the basic unit of syntax"

Benjamin Bruening, University of Delaware, "Argument positions: Are there two of each?"

Scott DeLancey, University of Oregon, "Adpositions as a non-universal category"

Ferdinand de Haan, University of Arizona, "How to encode speaker perspective: evidentials"

Michael Cysouw, Zentrum f??llgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, Berlin,
"Appreciating cross-linguistic variation: the case of person marking"

Friday, May 16 8:30 am - noon

Juliette Blevins, University of California, Berkeley, "Natural and

unnatural history: Three case studies in Evolutionary Phonology"
Robert Nicolao, University of Nice, "Dynamiques des langues, th.ie
du changement, description de l'.lution et utilization des
'acquis': la legon du songhay"

Sherman Wilcox, University of New Mexico, "Language and gesture: Cross-linguistic and historical data"

Gilbert Lazard, Coll. de France , Paris, "Proposals for a more strict approach in linguistic typology"

2:00 - 6:00 pm

Greville Corbett, University of Sussex, "The canonical approach in typology"

Ghil'ad Zuckermann, Churchill College, University of Cambridge, "Does human conscious choice play a part in language change? Puristic 'Phonosemantic matching' in Israeli, Turkish and Mandarin"

Claude Hag., Coll. de France, Paris, "On the part played by human conscious choice in language structure and language evolution" Concluding discussion: What we didn't talk about but should have.

The social program will be announced later.

* 2003 Athabascan Languages Conference (Arcata, June 5-7)

Full information on the 2003 Athabascan Languages Conference, to be held at Humboldt State University in Arcata, California, June 5-7, is now posted at the Athabascan Conference Website maintained by the Alaska Native Language Center:

http://www.uaf.edu/anlc/alc/

The abstract deadline is April 15.

The 10th Annual Stabilizing Indigenous Languages Conference will be hosted by the Ho-Chunk Nation in Baraboo, Wisconsin on June 25-28, 2003. Papers are invited in the areas of Native American and other indigenous language preservation, education and research programs.

Further information, including registration forms, can be found at:

http://fp1.centurytel.net/elhuccoga/SILC/SILCndx1.html

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* Western Humanities Alliance (Salt Lake City, Oct. 16-18)

From WHA (jdvandenheuvel@ucdavis.edu) 4 Mar 2003:

The Western Humanities Alliance invites proposals for participation in the 22nd Annual Western Humanities Conference on the theme of "Memory, Material, and Meaning", to be held in Salt Lake City on October 16-18, hosted by the University of Utah. Paper Abstracts (250 words, max.) must be postmarked on or before April 22, 2003. Complete panel submissions are also encouraged.

The goal of the conference is to explore theories, representations, and performances of memory and its role in history and culture. Among the many questions to be addressed are several that may attract the interest of students of Native American languages:

- * What are the markers of how memory is presented or used across generations? Across cultures? In structuring, representing identity?
- * How do indigenous, including Native American, cultures (and historically oral traditions) employ memory? What are the roles of memory in cultural exile and for diasporic individuals and communities?
- * How do language and linguistic nuances affect or reproduce memory?
- * What roles do oral histories play, and what is the role of the interviewer?
- * What do post-colonial, post-genocidal, or Trans-Atlantic, literatures and histories tell us about memory's role?

The Western Humanities Alliance seeks a rich variety of contributions to such questions from a wide array of disciplines including the humanities, social sciences, fine and performing arts. We urge participants to prepare and deliver their presentations, keeping in mind the needs of an intelligent, critical audience primarily composed of non-specialists.

Please submit proposals by mail to:

WHA Conference Committee, Tanner Humanities Center University of Utah 380 S. 1400 E.
Room 201 C Hall
Salt Lake City, UT 84112

Or by e-mail to:

hcampbel@mail.hum.utah.edu

Postmark Deadline for Submissions: April 22, 2003

For further information on the Western Humanities Alliance visit:

http://wha.ucdavis.edu

The WHA maintains a limited fund for graduate students from member institutions only, to help meet travel expenses to present at the conference. Eligible graduate student participants, who wish to apply for travel funding, should indicate intent in proposal.

The institutional members of the Western Humanities Alliance are: Arizona State U, UC Riverside, Claremont Graduate U, UC San Diego, Stanford U, UC Santa Cruz, U of Arizona, U of Nevada-Las Vegas, UC Berkeley, U of Oregon, UC Davis, U of Southern California, UC Irvine, U of Utah, UCLA, U of Washington, Utah State U.

* 2nd Tulane Maya Symposium (New Orleans, Oct. 31-Nov. 2)

From FIHR (FIHR@tampabay.rr.com) 28 Feb 2003:

We are pleased to announce that Tulane University's Stone Center for Latin American Studies will be hosting the Second Annual Tulane Maya Symposium and Workshop the weekend of October 31-November 2, 2003. Our theme this year is "Cities and Towns of the Ancient Maya North in Classic Times."

Our program includes a series of lectures, discussions, and workshops on the Classic Period Northern Maya Lowlands. It is designed to be of interest to Mayanists and other Mesoamerican scholars, students, and researchers from related fields, as well as members of the public. This year's program will feature talks on current archaeological investigations in the northern Yucatan Peninsula, as well as the latest discoveries made by epigraphers studying the growing corpus of hieroglyphic texts from this area.

For further information about the 2003 program, please visit our website beginning in April:

http://stonecenter.tulane.edu

Or contact:

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* Lecturer on Linguistics at Rice University

From Suzanne Kemmer (kemmer@RICE.EDU) 8 Mar 2003:

The Department of Linguistics, Rice University, seeks a Lecturer for the AY 2003-2004. Ph.D. required. We are a functionally oriented department, and we are looking for a recent Ph.D. who shares that approach to language. Course load is two per semester. Possible courses are Introduction to Linguistics, Phonetics, Phonology, Syntax & Semantics, and Historical Linguistics. For full consideration, reply by April 4 with three letters of recommendation to Chair, Department of Linguistics MS23, 6100 Main St., Rice University, Houston, TX 77005. E-mail: ling@rice.edu. AA/EOE.

189.5 E-mail Address Updates

The following additions or changes have been made to the SSILA mailing list since the last Bulletin:

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