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214.0 SSILA Business

* Annual Meeting program
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A total of 91 paper proposals were submitted to SSILA's Annual Meeting in San Francisco, January 6-9, 2005. The Program Committee accepted 74 individual papers and one organized session. The preliminary program (still subject to revision) extends over six half-days, from Thursday afternoon, January 6, through Sunday morning, January 9. On five of these half-days (all but Sunday morning) two sessions are scheduled to run concurrently.

The annual SSILA Business Meeting, provisionally scheduled for Saturday evening, January 8, 7:00 pm, will include a report from the Program Committee and a discussion of the procedures to be followed in organizing next year's meeting.

Members of the 2004 Program Committee were Pam Munro (chair), Wally Chafe, Megan Crowhurst, and Leslie Saxon. David Rood, 2004 President, also served ex officio. Victor Golla, Secretary-Treasurer, served as secretary to the committee.

Thursday, January 6

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

I. Yokuts & Utian Languages. Organized and chaired by J. Blevins & V. Golla. Papers by: C. Callaghan, W. Weigel, R. Troike, J. Blevins & V. Golla, N. Warner et al, and C. Callaghan et al. Roundtable discussion (preceding and S. Wash).

II. Historical Syntax. Papers by: J. Enrico, G. Holton, P. Epps, J. Haugen, J. Foreman, and J. Boyle.

Friday, January 7

9:00 am - noon

III. Syntax & Semantics. Papers by: L. Boudreault, A. Reed, C. Dickinson, E. Verhoeven, M. Barrie, B. Lillehaugen, K. Murasugi, and E. Jackson.

IV-a (9:00 - 10:40 am). Discourse & Thought. Papers by: A. Berge, A. Eschenberg, O. Mueller, W. de Reuse & K. Mullin, and T. S. Harvey.

IV-b (11:00 am - noon). Electronic Applications. Papers by: C. O'Connor & A. R. Deal, G. Holton et al., and E. Bender & J. Good.

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

V. Phonetics & Phonology. Papers by: M. Paster, E. Cruz & T. Woodbury, M. Gordon & F. Rose, M. Milligan, J. Martel & L. Saxon, H. Avelino, J. Blevins, and E. Bach et al.

VI. Adjuncts & Applicatives. Papers by: P. Valenzuela, I. Goddard, C. Anderson, P. Kroeber, M. Smith, M. Mithun, and K. Kiyosawa.

Saturday, January 8

9:00 am - noon

VII. Argument Structure. Papers by: S. Marlett, C. MacKay & F. Trechsel, A. Sonnenschein, M. O'Donnell, M. Galant, M. Bentley, G. A. Broadwell, and C. Jany

VIII-a (9:00 am - 11:00 am). Language Change and Adaptation.
Papers by: C. Pye, W. Leonard, J. Sakel, D. Hintz, L. Campbell &
V. Grondona, and L. Golluscio et al.

VIII-b (11:20 am - noon). Writing. Papers by: D. Mora-Marin,
and M. Brody.

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

IX-a (2:00 pm - 3:20 pm). Glottals. Papers by: J. Lederer,
K. Stenzel S. Hargus, and R. Rhodes.

IX-b (3:40-5:00 pm). Historical Phonology. Papers by: B. Rudes,
J. Coon, and M.-L. Tarpent.

X. Tense, Voice and Transitivity. Papers by: J. Martin, J. Tonhauser,
R. van Gijn, D. Gerdts & T. Hukari, A. Vidal & V. Nercesian, and
T. Nagai.

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Annual Business Meeting. Chair: David Rood, President.

Sunday, January 9

9:00 am - noon

XI-a (9:00 am - 10:40 am). Morphology. Papers by: M. Willie et al.,
K. Haude, E. Buckley, S. Smythe Kung, and R. Graczyk.

XI-b (11:00 am - noon). Clitics. Papers by: P. LeSourd, T. Thornes,
and K. Shklovsky.

The full program will be posted at the SSILA website (www.ssila.org)
after October 15, and will be printed in the October issue of the SSILA
Newsletter.

* Session chairs needed

SSILA members who will be attending the Annual Meeting and are
interested in chairing one of the meeting sessions are invited to
contact the Program Committee (ssila@ssila.org). Please indicate
your first and second preferences. (For the purposes of chairing,
half-sessions -- such as IV-a and IV-b -- are considered separate
units and will normally have different chairs.)

* Final call for submissions: The Mary R. Haas Book Award

The 2004 Mary R. Haas Book Award committee is accepting submissions

through October 15. The Haas Award is presented, usually annually, to a junior scholar for an unpublished manuscript (often, but not necessarily, the author's dissertation) that makes a significant contribution to our knowledge of the indigenous languages of the Western Hemisphere. Manuscripts must be of monograph length and reflect substantial empirical research. Typically, these are descriptive and issue-oriented grammars or historical and typological studies, but there are no restrictions on subject-matter other than a requirement that the primary focus be on one or more indigenous American languages.

The award carries no stipend, but the selected manuscript is eligible for publication in the University of Nebraska Press series, "Studies in the Indigenous Languages of the Americas," which is reserved specifically for the recipients of the Mary R. Haas Award. The series is published in association with the American Indian Studies Research Institute at Indiana University, and is edited by Douglas Parks.

To submit a manuscript for the Haas Award, send one hard copy of the manuscript, together with 5 copies on CD, to:

Prof. Pamela Munro
Chair, Haas Award Committee
Department of Linguistics, UCLA
Box 951543
Los Angeles, CA 90095-1543

The CD copies should preferably be in pdf format (to minimize difficulties in displaying special fonts). If that is difficult, or no special fonts are used, Word or rtf documents are also acceptable. If you submit non-pdf files, please include a copy of all the non-standard fonts used on the disks. Submissions should be in the mail to Professor Munro no later than October 15. All questions should be directed to her (munro@ucla.edu).

* Mouton discount offer: clarification of payment options
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As noted on the revised order form that was distributed in July, Mouton de Gruyter books offered to SSILA members at discount are now priced in Euros rather than in US dollars. Some members have asked if it is still possible to pay by a check drawn in US dollars for the exchange equivalent of the price in Euros (the current rate is approximately Euro 1 = \$1.23). Mouton de Gruyter has informed us that, while this is technically possible, the fees charged by German banks to convert a US dollar check to Euros are "enormous." They would thus much prefer that payments be made by credit card, or (if these are options) by Eurocheque or bank transfer. Further questions regarding payment options should be sent to Kirstin Börgen at Mouton de Gruyter in Berlin (Mouton.Editorial@degruyter.com). Orders should continue to be sent to SSILA, not directly to the publisher.

214.1 Correspondence

* Visit to UK of Kuiusi Suyu

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>From Daniel L. Everett (dan.everett@man.ac.uk) 13 Sep 2004:

In early June or late May of 2005 the AHRB and ESRC will be sponsoring a trip to the UK of two representatives of the Suyu (Kiseji) community of the Xingu Park of Brazil.

There are two purposes for this trip. First, Kuiusi, the main chief of the Suyu and one of the best-known leaders in the Xingu park, will be speaking about the importance of language and culture from his perspective as chief of a highly endangered group (there are only about 200 Suyu left in the world). This lecture, by a dynamic and articulate spokesman from an Amazonian language will be a rare experience. The second purpose of the trip is to raise funds for a (yet-to-be-created) foundation for the preservation of the Kiseji culture and language.

Although details are still being worked out, I would like to know how many departments in the UK might be interested in having Kuiusi (and his son-in-law and official interpreter, Gakomberu) speak at their university. Ideally, the audience would include not only linguists, anthropologists, etc., but also laypersons with interest or potential interest in the issue of language endangerment.

The Suyu have some very well-thought out views on language and culture endangerment, intellectual property rights, and other issues that linguists and anthropologists often discuss, though at one remove from those most affected by the issues.

Aspects of Suyu culture have been studied by Anthony Seeger, an ethnomusicologist at UCLA (formerly of the Smithsonian Institution). The AHRB and ESRC are sponsoring a three-year project to document and describe the Suyu language.

If you believe that your university might be interested in hearing the Suyu's perspective on language and cultural endangerment, could you please contact me (dan.everett@man.ac.uk)?

-- Dan Everett
Professor of Phonetics & Phonology
University of Manchester
<http://ling.man.ac.uk/info/staff/DE/DEHome.html>

214.2 Contributions Sought for Book on Indigenous People and IT

From Laurel Dyson (indigenous-it@it.uts.edu.au) 22 Sep 2004:

Stephen Grant, Max Hendriks and I (all of us associated with the University of Technology in Sydney, Australia) are editing a book

entitled "Indigenous People and Information Technology," which will be published in early 2006 by the Idea Group, an American publishing house specializing in technology, information science, education and management.

Our aim is to bring together expert and up-to-date contributions from leading researchers and writers in the field of Indigenous people and Information Technology from around the world. We are especially interested in contributions from Indigenous authors.

We invite proposals for two types of submissions, full chapters and short case studies:

Chapter topics will include (but are not limited to):

- General and theoretical issues surrounding Indigenous adoption and participation in Information Technology
- Barriers and challenges to Indigenous access to IT
- Culturally appropriate technology design
- Computer education for Indigenous people
- Indigenous knowledge management issues, Indigenous intellectual property and IT, and Indigenous cultural archives
- Development of Indigenous communities through e-commerce, remote service delivery, and the creation of smart communities.

Short case studies describing Indigenous IT implementations in the field will be included in the book. These will be 1 - 2 pages long. You are invited to submit a 1-2 page proposal by e-mail on or before 15th October 2004. The proposal should include:

- A working title of your proposed chapter or case study
- An explanation of the topic in paragraph and/or point form
- Names and affiliations of authors as well as email address of first author
- The country or area of the world to which the chapter refers, if reporting on a specific case or implementation
- Estimated length of paper

Authors of accepted proposals will be notified by 31st October 2004 about the status of their proposals and sent chapter organizational guidelines. Full chapters and case studies must be submitted by 1st February 2005. All submitted chapters will be reviewed on a blind review basis by 2 expert scholars in the field. Short case studies will be reviewed by the editors. The book is scheduled to be published in early 2006.

Further details and a full list of suggested topics can be found at the "Indigenous People and Information Technology" website:

<http://project.it.uts.edu.au/indigenous-it>

Please forward your proposal by 15th October 2004 to:

indigenous-it@it.uts.edu.au

214.3 Positions Open

* Linguistic Anthropology at San Diego State
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From Philip J. Greenfeld (pgreenfe@mail.sdsu.edu) 30 Aug 2004:

The Department of Anthropology at San Diego State University invites applications for a tenure track faculty appointment in linguistic anthropology at the Assistant Professor rank to begin August 2005, Ph.D. in Anthropology required. We seek candidates with active projects relating to language renewal, preservation, or maintenance that will complement our developing emphasis in applied anthropology. Candidates should have strengths both in descriptive linguistics and in socio-cultural anthropology. Candidates will be expected to teach a basic course in descriptive linguistics as well as a course in the ethnography of their area of regional interest, language and culture, applied linguistic anthropology, and related cultural or linguistic topics.

Preference will be given to candidates whose geographic focus is on the Pacific Rim, specifically Asia, Southeast Asia, Oceania, the Southwestern U. S., California, Mexico, or ethnic populations from these areas in Southern California. A strong record of research, publications, collaborations within and outside the academic community, and acquisition of external funding should be evident. Candidates should show evidence of success in working with a diverse student population and in relating to community groups. We are especially interested in candidates who can involve our students in research and who are prepared to participate in joint projects in the department or university. We are a department committed to the four-field approach and we seek a candidate who also supports the four-field model.

The search committee will begin screening applications on Dec. 1, 2004 and will continue until the position is filled. Salary commensurate with experience.

Applications, including letter stating qualifications, vita, and letters from 3 referees, should be sent to:

Philip J. Greenfeld
Chair, Search Committee
Department of Anthropology
San Diego State University
5500 Campanile Drive
San Diego, CA 92182-4443

See also the Departmental website: <http://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/~anthro/>

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* Linguistic Anthropology at U Missouri-Columbia

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The University of Missouri-Columbia, Department of Anthropology, anticipates hiring a full-time, tenure-track anthropological linguist or cultural anthropologist with a strong interest in language and linguistics for appointment beginning Aug. 2005. Applicants should have an active, on-going research program. Ph.D. required at the time employment begins; evidence of obtaining nationally competitive research funding, publications, and previous teaching experience is desired. The successful applicant will participate in University wide linguistics program, complement departmental strengths, teach 2 courses/semester, advise graduates and undergraduates, publish, and seek outside grant funding. Send letter of application, CV, reprint(s) or other sample(s) of work, and evidence of teaching ability to:

Search Committee (Ling)
Dept of Anthropology
107 Swallow Hall
Univ. of Missouri
Columbia, MO 65211-1440

The review of applications will begin January 1, 2005, and will continue until the position is filled. The University of Missouri is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer. To request ADA accommodations, please contact our ADA Coordinator at 573-884-7278 (V/TTY).

* Native American Studies at U of South Carolina

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From Gail Wagner (gail.wagner@sc.edu) 17 Sep 2004:

The Department of Anthropology and the Institute for Southern Studies at the University of South Carolina invite applications for a tenure-track assistant professorship in Native American Studies, with a research specialization in the Southeast. The department offers B.A. and M.A.; a Ph.D. program is planned for 2005. Send description of research and teaching interests, vita, and names of three references to Gail Wagner, Search Committee Chair, Department of Anthropology, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC 29208. No application deadline, but review of applications begins Oct. 18 for interviews at AAA. This employer does not offer employment benefits to domestic partners of employees. This employer prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation/preference and gender identity/preference. USC is an EEO/AA employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

* Intern, Rosetta Project/Long Now Foundation

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From Laura Buszard-Welcher (lbwelch@longnow.org) 16 Sep 2004:

The Rosetta Project is a global collaboration of language specialists and native speakers working to build a publicly accessible online archive for all documented human languages. We are looking for people to help with the core task of scanning and/or typing in existing

materials on a wide variety of languages of the world. Our goal is to put together the most broad and complete reference work on the languages of the world to date, relevant both to academic linguists and to endangered language communities.

After three years of collection and curation, the Rosetta online archive is already the largest descriptive linguistic resource on the Internet. We currently serve over 30,000 text pages documenting writing systems, phonology, grammar, vernacular texts, core wordlists, numbering systems, maps, audio files, and demographic/historical descriptions for over 1,700 languages. A major sub-component of the Rosetta archive is the ALL Language Word List Database -- a collection of 200 term core vocabulary lists for the languages of the world.

As an intern with Rosetta, you will be exposed to important works on an extremely wide variety of languages, and will have the opportunity to see what goes into developing and maintaining a large, on-line, digital archive as you participate in a history-making project. Internships are typically for 1-2 months. Full-time interns (32+ hours/week) have access to preferential housing/rent pricing in the Presidio of San Francisco, where our offices are located (ask for details if this is of interest to you). In general, the work needs to be done here in our offices (unless you want to take on a much larger commitment, in which case we can consider ways to set you up to work off-site).

Address for Applications:

Attn: Laura Buszard-Welcher
The Rosetta Project / Long Now Foundation
P.O. Box 29462
San Francisco, CA 94129-0462

Position is open until filled.

--Laura Buszard-Welcher
(lbwelch@longnow.org)
<http://www.rosettaproject.org/live>

214.4 Upcoming Meetings

* Symposium in honor of Michael E. Krauss (Quebec City, Oct. 28-31)
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A symposium titled "Reversing Language and Knowledge Shift in the North" will be held in Quebec City, Canada, October 28-31, in honor of Prof. Michael E. Krauss, founder of the Alaska Native Language Center, who turned seventy this August. Participation is by invitation only. Besides Prof. Krauss, participants include language specialists and activists such as Nora and Richard Dauenhauer (Juneau, Alaska), Steven Jacobson and Lawrence D. Kaplan (Alaska Native Language Center, Fairbanks), Alana Johns (University of Toronto), S.T. Mick Mallon (Nunavut Arctic College, Iqaluit), Carl Chr. Olsen (Greenland Language Secretariat, Nuuk), and Nikolai Vakhtin (European University, St. Petersburg, Russia). The proceedings will be published as a thematic

issue (Vol. 29, No. 1-2, 2005) of Etudes/Inuit/Studies.

For further information about the Symposium, contact Louis-Jacques Dorais (louis-jacques.dorais@ant.ulaval.ca) or Igor Krupnik (krupnik.igor@nmnh.si.edu).

214.5 New on the Internet

* Nahuatl pages at the SIL-Mexico site

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From Albert Bickford (albert_bickford@sil.org) 5 Sep 2004:

I am pleased to announce the posting of David Tuggy's pages about Mösiehuali (náhuatl de Tetelcingo) and nawatl de Orizaba. They -- along with information about Náhuatl in general and three other specific varieties -- can be accessed through SIL-Mexico's Náhuatl page at:

<http://www.sil.org/mexico/nahuatl/familia-nahuatl.htm>

Thanks to everyone who contributed to David's work on these pages and were patient with the time it took to make them available.

--Albert Bickford
Linguistics Electronic Editor
SIL-Mexico

* Barbara Hollenbach's site

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From Barbara Hollenbach (barbara_hollenbach@sil.org) 10 Sep 2004:

This is to announce that I now have a personal website under the SIL International site:

<http://www.sil.org/~hollenbachb>

The largest item posted is "Gramatical popular del triqui de Copala", in a downloadable PDF file. There are also several smaller items about Mixtec, also in PDF format.

[Barbara's site also has a page of "Linguistic Haiku" that she has written. Some whimsical, some serious, all delightful. --Ed.]

214.6 E-Mail Address Updates

The following additions or changes have been made to the SSILA e-mail

list since the last Bulletin:

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