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### 229.0 SSILA Business

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\* Meeting program to be announced early next week

The program of the January meeting in Albuquerque will be announced by the Program Committee next Monday or Tuesday. Authors of papers will be notified by direct e-mail, and the full program will be published in the next SSILA Bulletin and posted at the SSILA website. We apologize for the slight delay.

# \* Preregistration for the Albuquerque meeting

From Margaret Reynolds (mreynolds@lsadc.org) 29 Sept 2005:

Participants in the SSILA meeting, whether or not they are members of LSA, may preregister for the Albuquerque meeting at the rates listed for LSA members: Regular \$100, Emeritus \$75, Student/Unemployed \$40. Registration entitles one to a Meeting Handbook and admission to all scholarly sessions scheduled over the four day period. In addition, registrants may visit the book exhibit, use the job placement service and attend the LSA Presidential Address and hosted reception immediately after the address.

A copy of the preregistration form, as well as reservation forms for the Hyatt Regency Albuquerque and the Doubletree, may be found at the LSA website:

## http://www.lsadc.org

As the date for the meeting approaches, updated information on the events planned, and a preliminary schedule, will also be posted at the website.

229.1 Correspondence

\* New Orleans colleague safe

From Robert L Rankin (rankin@ku.edu) 8 Sept 2005:

Those who are acquainted with New Orleans linguist Geoff Kimball (author of the Koasati grammar and dictionary) will be happy to learn that he is OK. He says he stayed in his home there through the storm and had minimal damage but that the security situation afterward led him to go and stay with friends in another town for a while. He is near Houma, Louisiana at the moment.

--Bob Rankin University of Kansas

\* Tulane Maya Symposium (understandably) postponed

From (hernandez2240@bellsouth.net) 17 Sept 2005:

Dear friends and colleagues,

Thank you very much for your e-mails and expressions of concern in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. We are writing to let you know that we will be unable to host the Tulane Maya Symposium on October 28-30 at Tulane. The University will reopen for the Spring semester, however, and we are

working on plans to reschedule the Symposium. As soon as further information is available, we will be in touch.

We appreciate your patience and understanding and your support of Tulane during this difficult time.

--Thomas Reese Executive Director, Stone Center for Latin American Studies

> --Gabrielle Vail Organizer, Tulane Maya Symposium and Workshop

\* Final words on "mittase/mitasse"

From Carl Masthay (cmasthay@juno.com) 13 Sept 2005:

You guys have gone into great forced explanation when the exceedingly simple suggestion Peter Bakker, Emanuel Drechsel, and I have presented should clearly be the correct origin despite the "white child" assumed translation.

From John E Koontz (John.Koontz@Colorado.edu) 19 Sept 2005:

I agree that Mitasse(s) 'leggings' makes as much sense as anything. That was my first inclination, too. It has some historical precedent, too, cf. English Boots, Bootsie, etc., not to mention Caligula. However, the gloss and vocalization are more consistent with Metisse/Metiffe, though not overwhelmingly so. I don't think any of the languages in question has [f], so I'm not unduly bothered by [f] manifesting as [s]. However, as far as I know, neither form is attested in connection with

Wichita or southern Plains usage, so it seems something of an open question.

229.2 New Journal: Corpus Linguistics and Linguistic Theory

From Julia Ulrich (Julia. Ulrich@degruyter.com) 14 Sept 2005:

CORPUS LINGUISTICS AND LINGUISTIC THEORY, edited by Stefan Th. Gries and Anatol Stefanowitsch, is a newly founded, peer-reviewed journal publishing high-quality original corpus-based research focusing on theoretically relevant issues in all core areas of linguistic research (phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, pragmatics), or other recognized topic areas. It provides a forum for researchers from different theoretical backgrounds and different areas of interest that share a commitment to the systematic and exhaustive analysis of naturally occurring language. Contributions from all theoretical frameworks are welcome but they should be addressed at a general audience and thus be explicit about their

assumptions and discovery procedures and provide sufficient theoretical background to be accessible to researchers from different frame-works.

For FREE ONLINE ACCESS to the inaugural issue (until October 15, 2005) please contact me at the e-mail address below.

For more information, please visit:

http://www.degruyter.com/journals/cllt

--Julia Ulrich Marketing, Mouton de Gruyter, Berlin (julia.ulrich@degruyter.com)

229.3 Positions Open

\* Linguistic Anthropology at the U of Texas at Austin

From Elizabeth Keating (ekeating@mail.utexas.edu) 27 Sept 2005:

The Department of Anthropology, University of Texas at Austin, plans to fill a tenure-track position in the field of Linguistic Anthropology at the rank of Assistant Professor. The appointment is subject to budgetary approval. The successful candidate will have an active research program in linguistic anthropology. Area and specialty are open, but we are particularly interested in candidates who complement the department's strengths. Applicants must hold a Ph.D. or demonstrate clear evidence that the Ph.D. will be completed before the 2006-07 academic year begins. This position requires a record of original and significant research, excellence in publication, and superior teaching ability. Duties include graduate and undergraduate teaching; research in the candidate's area of specialization; and service to the department, college, and the University of Texas at Austin. Priority will be given to applications received by November 15, 2005. A background check must be made of the successful candidate prior to appointment. Candidates should send a vitae and a letter of intent to: Chair, Linguistic Anthropology Search Committee, Department of Anthropology, 1 University Station C3200, University of Texas, Austin TX 78712 AA/EEO employer.

\* Phonetics/Phonology at the U of Colorado

From Lise Menn (lise.menn@colorado.edu) 15 Sept 2005:

The Department of Linguistics at the University of Colorado seeks candidates for a tenure-track position as Assistant Professor of Linguistics in the area of phonetics/phonology, starting August 2006. We seek candidates who analyze primary data (e.g. experimental data, field data, or natural spoken language corpora) in order to address theoretical issues in phonetics and phonology. The department values interdisciplinary work highly.

Job requirements at the time of application include research publications or presentations and completed Ph.D., or completion of all requirements for the Ph.D. in Linguistics or a closely related field except filing the dissertation. If requested, dissertation draft or equivalent publications must be supplied promptly by the candidate. Job duties include active research and publication, meeting standard departmental teaching requirements, and performing service duties as required by the department and the university.

The department will begin to review applications on Nov. 1, 2005. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Dossiers consisting of a letter of interest, current curriculum vitae and the names of three references should be sent to:

Prof. Lise Menn
Phonetics Search Committee
Department of Linguistics, 295 UCB
University of Colorado
Boulder, CO 80309

For questions, please contact the department chair, Prof. Barbara Fox; or Prof. Lise Menn, chair of the search committee. For information about the Department of Linguistics at Boulder, please visit:

### http://www.colorado.edu/linguistics

The University of Colorado at Boulder is committed to diversity and equality in education and employment.

# \* Linguistic Anthropology at Kansas State U

From Harriet Ottenheimer (mahafan@ksu.edu) 15 Sept 2005:

Kansas State University seeks to make a tenure-track appointment for a linguistic anthropologist at the Assistant Professor level beginning August 2006.

We are especially interested in specialties complementing our program's existing expertise. Successful candidates will value diversity in all of its dimensions, employ unique approaches in their research and teaching, and consider different technical and cultural perspectives to solving problems in these core areas. Our faculty includes 6 full-time and 9 affiliated anthropologists. It is part of an interdisciplinary department with 12 sociologists and 5 social workers and maintains close ties with American Ethnic Studies and Women's Studies. We are dedicated to high-quality undergraduate teaching and productive research scholarship. Teaching responsibilities include upper-level and introductory courses. Our regular teaching load is 5 courses per year. The expectation exists that candidates have experience working with a wide range of constituencies and diverse student populations. We prefer candidates with the Ph.D. in hand, but ABDs may apply. Review of applications begins November 1 and continues until position is filled. The salary range is from \$46,000 to \$50,000. Kansas State University is an equal opportunity employer and actively seeks diversity among its employees.

Send letter of application, vitae, and names of at least 3 references to:

Dr. Harald E. L. Prins, Chair Anthropology Search Committee Dept. of SASW, 204 Waters Hall Kansas State University Manhattan, KS 66506-4003 (prins@ksu.edu)

\* Syntax at the U at Buffalo, SUNY

From Karin Michelson (kmich@buffalo.edu) 28 Sept 2005:

The Department of Linguistics at the University at Buffalo anticipates hiring a tenure-track faculty member at the Assistant Professor level beginning Fall 2006. We are looking for a specialist in syntax who works on a lesser studied language (which may include pidgins or creoles). A secondary specialization in some other area of linguistics, such as sociolinguistics, bilingualism, psycholinguistics, or typology is desirable. The department has a strong cognitive science focus, with broad theoretical diversity. The successful applicant will be expected to teach introductory and advanced courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Research and teaching competence in syntax is required.

Ph.D. must be completed by September 1, 2006. Strong potential for scholarly publication required. Review of applications will begin November 15, 2005; applications will be accepted until position is filled. Applicants should send CV, letter of application, three letters of reference, and samples of their work to Search Committee, Department of Linguistics, 609 Baldy Hall, University at Buffalo, The State University of New York, Buffalo, NY 14260-1030, USA. AA/EOE

229.4 Upcoming Meetings

\* 37th Algonquian Conference (Ottawa/Hull, October 21-23)

From Arden Ogg (acogg@cc.umanitoba.ca) 22 Sept 2005:

The Preliminary Program for the 37th Algonquian Conference, to be held at the Canadian Museum of Civilization in Ottawa/Hull from October 21 through 23, is now available online at:

http://www.carleton.ca/~mojunker/alg/37thAlgConfSchedule.pdf

and the Dictionary Round Table program is available at:

http://www.carleton.ca/~mojunker/alg/AlgonquianDictRT.pdf

--Arden Ogg, Managing Editor Papers of the Algonquian Conference \* IV Conference on Missionary Linguistics (Valladolid, March 8-11)

From O. J. Zwartjes (O.J.Zwartjes@uva.nl) 17 Sept 2005:

The 4th International Conference on Missionary Linguistics will take place in Valladolid Spain, on March 8-11, 2006. For details, visit:

http://www.hf.uio.no/ilos/forskning/forskningsprosjekter/ospromil/index.html

or contact the Conference organizers at <o.j.zwartjes@uva.nl> or <ridruejo@fyl.uva.es>.

Papers of all grammatical traditions are welcome, on all fields of grammar, (morpho)phonology, (morpho)syntax and lexicography, but we particularly welcome papers on (morpho)syntax. We also wish to include early-modern missionary studies of Amerindian languages of North America (sources not later then ca. 1850).

--Otto Zwartjes University of Amsterdam

\* Revitalizing Northern Indigenous Languages (Vancouver, March 28-April 2)

From Roy Mitchell (admin@languagesurvival.com) 27 Sept 2005:

A session on "Revitalizing Northern Indigenous Languages" is being proposed for the 65th Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, in Vancouver, BC, March 28 to April 2 2006.

SESSION ABSTRACT: The aboriginal languages of northern peoples include some of the most endangered languages at the dawn of the 21st century, as well as a few merely threatened languages which are official languages of semi-autonomous, autochthonous territories (e.g. Greenland, the Sakha Republic). Revitalizing languages whose use is in decline, as well as forestalling language endangerment among threatened languages, requires the application of sociolinguistic theory and evaluation of its efficacy.

Anyone interested in participating should send a proposed abstract before 15 OCT 2005 to Roy Mitchell at <roy@languagesurvival.com>.

Presenters must also register and submit abstracts to SfAA by 15 OCT. More information is at:

http://www.sfaa.net/sfaa2006.html

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\* Virtual Museum of Languages and People of Mexico (SIL-Mexico)

From Albert Bickford (albert\_bickford@sil.org) 23 Sept 2005:

I am pleased to announce the posting of the Virtual Museum of Languages and People of Mexico to the SIL-Mexico website:

http://www.sil.org/mexico/museo/0i-Index.htm

or

http://www.sil.org/mexico/museo/0e-Portada.htm

This electronic "museum" is intended to introduce the general public to the indigenous languages and peoples of Mexico from the perspective of modern linguistics. It covers a variety of topics from the areas of sociolinguistics, lexicon, semantics, grammar, phonology and orthography in an informal way that is intended to increase the prestige and promote the longevity of these fascinating languages.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this publication, particularly to the International Museum of Cultures in Dallas TX:

http://www.internationalmuseumofcultures.org/

which granted permission to adapt their original exhibit to electronic media, and to Barb Alvarez, who did the bulk of the work on the adaptation for the web.

The Virtual Museum is one of several recent additions to the SIL-Mexico website; for a complete list of recent publications, see:

http://www.sil.org/mexico/nuevo.htm.

--Albert Bickford Linguistics Electronic Editor SIL-Mexico

\* Sm'algyax (Tsimshian) Talking Dictionary

From Margaret Seguin Anderson (anderson@unbc.ca) 13 Sept 2005:

Please add this site to the list of resources on the SSILA website. The Sm'algyax Living Legacy Talking Dictionary was developed under the auspices of the Ts'msyen Sm'algyax Authority, and includes over 6,000 entries and thousands of sound files and photos of Tsimshian people. The URL is:

http://web.unbc.ca/~smalgyax/

--Margaret Seguin Anderson University of Northern British Columbia Prince Rupert, BC \* Trique Dictionary and Michoacán Aztec Grammar

From Barbara Hollenbach (barbara\_hollenbach@sil.org) 16 Sept 2005:

This is just to let you know that I have posted some new items on my website:

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

The two most significant are a dictionary of Copala Trique and a grammar of Michoacán Aztec; the latter represents over forty years of research by Bill Sischo.

--Barbara Hollenbach SIL International

229.6 E-Mail Address Updates

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

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When your e-mail address changes, please notify us (golla@ssila.org).

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