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13.1 THIS YEAR'S SSILA MEETINGS: ALBUQUERQUE & SAN DIEGO

SSILA will organize two meetings during the coming year.

\* A Summer Meeting will be held at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, July 8-9, in conjunction with the 1995 Linguistic Institute. It will also form part of a two-week series of meetings on American indigenous languages. The call for papers for the Summer Meeting (and

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a list of other Americanist meetings in Albuquerque) will be mailed with the next issue of the SSILA NEWSLETTER, which should reach subscribers around February 20. It will also be repeated in the next \*SSILA Bulletin\*. Abstracts will be due on May 1, 1995.

\* A Winter Meeting, including the Annual Business Meeting of the Society and several sessions of volunteered papers, will be held in San Diego, California, Jan. 4-7, 1996, in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. The Call for Papers for the Winter Meeting will be issued in the late Spring and will be repeated in the July issue of the Newsletter, and abstracts will be due on September 1.

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13.2 WHAT ABOUT THE 1995 AAA MEETING?

The Society will also sponsor one or more sessions at the 1995 meeting of the American Anthropological Association in Washington, DC, Nov. 15-19. The Society's relationship to these sessions (which will be labelled "The 34th Conference on American Indian Languages") will be restricted to formal sponsorship. The responsibility for organizing and submitting session proposals rests with individual members rather than the SSILA program committee. Members who are planning to organize CAIL sessions should contact the SSILA Secretary so that their calls for papers can be included with the next SSILA NEWSLETTER. As of this date only one session is known to us:

\* A session in "IRREALIS IN AMERICAN INDIAN LANGUAGES" is being organized by Harriet E. Manelis Klein. Contact her at: Dept. of Anthropology, Montclair State Univ., Upper Montclair, NJ 07043 (e-mail: klein@apolo.montclair.edu; fax: 201-655-7687; phone: 201-655-7556).

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13.3 LANGUAGES IN NEED OF STUDY

From Lynn Burley (burley@mace.cc.purdue.edu) 16 Jan 1995:

I am a graduate student at Purdue, and am interested in finding out which American Indian languages have never been analyzed, or have not been examined in many years. There seems to be a general call for linguists to gather as much information about endangered languages before they become extinct, and I am wondering if the people who know about these matters could generally make available a list of languages that have yet to be analyzed and are in danger of extinction. I'm sure many others--particularly beginning students--would find such a list useful. I'm primarily interested in North America, but I'll bet others working further South would welcome a list of Central and South American languages that desperately need attention.

-- Ms. Burley's question is a very interesting and timely one, and I think it deserves more than a cursory answer. I'd like to suggest that members forward their lists of languages in need of study to me for consolidation and dissemination in a future issue of the \*Bulletin\* (and/or SSILA NEWSLETTER). (VG)

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13.4 ONE-YEAR POSITION AT MANITOBA FOR CREE SYNTAX SPECIALIST

The Linguistics Department of the University of Manitoba invites applications for a full-time sessional position for 1995-96 (9/1/95

to 5/31/96), subject to budgetary approval, at the rank of Assistant Professor and with salary to depend on qualifications and experience.

Teaching duties and MA/Ph.D. supervision will be concentrated in, but limited to, the core areas of syntactic analysis, and syntactic theory and semantics, with a special emphasis on Cree.

The completed doctoral degree is required, together with demonstrated excellence in research and teaching in the area of specialization. This includes (1) both formal and typological approaches; (2) field and analytical experience in Cree syntax; (3) in-depth familiarity, both analytical and practical, with another non-Indoeuropean language; and (4) substantial field research experience in a language other than the applicant's own.

The University of Manitoba encourages applications from qualified women and men, including members of visible minorities, aboriginal peoples, and persons with disabilities. The University offers a smoke-free environment, save for specially designated areas. Priority consideration will be given to Canadian citizens and permanent residents.

Further details may be requested by e-mail (lingdpt@ccm.umanitoba.ca) or fax (204/275-5781). Applications (including curriculum vitae, offprints, preprints, etc.) and three letters of reference must be sent to reach the Department by February 28, 1995.

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### 13.5 OJIBWE & DAKOTA/LAKOTA INSTRUCTORS NEEDED

The Department of American Indian Studies at the University of Minnesota is currently looking for one full-time instructor for the Ojibwe language and one for the Dakota/Lakota language. Application deadline is March 1, 1995. Positions start as soon as possible. The University of Minnesota is an equal opportunity employer, etc. Anyone interested should immediately contact: David O. Born, Professor and Acting Chair, Dept. of American Indian Studies, 102 Scott Hall, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 55455 (tel: 612/625-9438 or 624-2556; e-mail: dborn@maroon.tc.umn.edu).

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### 13.6 ENDANGERED LANGUAGE SESSION AT AAAS MEETING THIS MONTH

A session on Endangered Languages will be on the program of the 1995 Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Atlanta, Georgia, Feb. 18. Presentations will include:

Kenneth Hale (MIT), "The Scientific Cost of the Global Loss of Linguistic Diversity"

Jane H. Hill (U of Arizona), "What happens to a language as it dies? Structure-function relationships in dying languages"

Leanne Hinton (UC-Berkeley), "Indigenous language loss and restoration efforts in California"

Michael E. Krauss (Alaska Native Language Center), "The Catastrophic Collapse of Human Linguistic Diversity"

Paul Platero (Division of Education, Navajo Nation), "Navajo at Risk"

Walt Wolfram (North Carolina State U), "On Preserving Dialect Heritage:"

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### A Proactive Perspective"

For further information contact the session organizer: Bill Poser, First Nations Studies, U of Northern British Columbia, Prince George, BC, V2N 4Z9, Canada (poser@unbc.edu).

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### 13.7 1995 SSILA MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY READY

The 1995 edition of the SSILA MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY has been printed and is now being distributed to those members who have ordered it. If you would like to purchase a DIRECTORY have not yet ordered one, copies are available from the Secretary-Treasurer for \$3 (Canadian \$4). As in previous years, the DIRECTORY contains a full list of current members with their mailing and e-mail addresses, as well as an index of the membership by language of specialization.

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