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22.1 OKLAHOMA ANTHROPOLOGY DEPARTMENT SEEKS AMERICANIST LINGUIST

The Anthropology Department at the University of Oklahoma is in the process of strengthening its doctoral program in the anthropology of the Americas, with emphasis on ethnology, ethnohistory, and archaeology. In cooperation with the Native American Studies program, directed by

Clara Sue Kidwell, the Anthropology Department is also developing a program in Native American languages. Courses in Creek, Cherokee, Choctaw and Kiowa are currently taught though the department and there are plans to expand these offerings. Ample opportunities exist in Oklahoma for research on Native American languages.

The Anthropology Department is seeking a descriptive linguist for a tenure-track appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor, beginning August 16, 1996. Salary will be commensurate with experience. Candidates must have a doctorate in linguistics or linguistic anthropology, with a specialization in Native American languages and a commitment to consult with Native American communities in Oklahoma. Research and publication are required. Applicants must have a specialization in one of the following language families: Algonquian, Athabaskan, Caddoan, Iroquoian, Muskogean, Siouan, or Uto-Aztecan. Interested individuals should send a letter describing their research and teaching interests, a copy of their curriculum vitae, and the names of three references to: Loretta Fowler, Chair, Dept. of Anthropology, 455 West Lindsey, Room 508, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK 73019. Materials must be received by December 1, 1995.

For further information telephone 405/325-3261; fax 405/325-3261; or e-mail WLDOWNS@aardvark.uccs.uoknor.edu.

22.2 NEW JOURNAL ESTABLISHED FOR AMAZONIAN LANGUAGES

The University of Pittsburgh and the University of Rondonia, Brazil, announce the establishment of a new journal: The Journal of Amazonian Languages.

JAL will be edited by Daniel L. Everett (U of Pittsburgh). The Editorial Board will include: Desmond Derbyshire (SIL); Bruna Franchetto (Federal U of Rio de Janeiro); Peter Ladefoged (UCLA); Yonne Leite (Federal U of Rio de Janeiro); David Payne (SIL); Doris Payne (U of Oregon); Geoffrey Pullum (UC-Santa Cruz); Aryon Dall'Igna Rodrigues (U of Brasilia); Filomena Sandalo (U of Pittsburgh & Federal U of Rondonia); Lucy Seki (State U of Campinas); Marilia Facó Soares (Federal U of Rio de Janeiro); and Leo Metzels (U of Amsterdam).

JAL will seek to publish high-quality, peer-reviewed articles on any aspect of the languages of lowland Amazonia. In addition to Amazonian languages proper (those spoken in the Amazonian or Orinocan basins, primarily in Brazil), JAL will welcome submissions on other indigenous languages of lowland South America, including languages of Columbia, Chile, Argentina, and other adjacent countries.

Topics or areas might include survey results (e.g., reports on newly identified languages and dialects, or the updating of inaccurate or vague older survey data), theoretical or typological linguistics, issues in language survival, descriptive linguistics (especially grammar fragments, i.e. sketches of whole grammars or parts of grammars that are too large for other journal outlets, but too small to be published as separate monographs), sociolinguistics, historical and comparative linguistics, and other areas of relevance to the classification, history, and general understanding of Amazonian languages and their contributions to development of ideas on human language.

All submissions to JAL will be rigorously reviewed by members of the editorial board and/or outside referees as needed. Manuscripts may be

submitted in Portuguese, English, Spanish, or French, but if accepted must be translated into English for publication. There is no absolute size limit on mss., but the maximum suggested size is 40-60 pp. double-spaced. Contributors should follow the LSA stylesheet carefully.

The JAL editorial board states that there are three motivations for the establishment of yet another journal. First, many of the types of article they are looking for, as mentioned above, are less likely to be published by other journals. Second, since so little is known about Amazonian languages, it is important to have an authoritative, central source of information on these languages. Finally, research on Amazonian languages has been increasing over the last few years to such an extent that they believe there is a sufficient amount of high-quality research being conducted to warrant a focused journal.

Manuscripts for review should be sent to the Editor:

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Journal of Amazonian Languages
Department of Linguistics
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University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, PA 15260

email: dever@isp.pitt.edu; fax: 412/624-6130; tel: 412/624-8101

JAL will be published once a year. The first issue is projected to appear in October 1996, with an estimated size of 250-300 pp. The subscription price will be US \$25 (plus postage and handling). Latin American mailings will be sent from the Federal University of Rondonia. For subscription information, contact: Carolyn Anderson, Dept. of Linguistics, Univ. of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15260 (anderson@pupdog.isp.pitt.edu).

22.3 CALL FOR PAPERS: SPECIAL ISSUE OF _NAMES_

NAMES, the Journal of the American Name Society, now in its 43rd year of continuous publication, invites proposals for papers for a special issue on NATIVE AMERICAN GEOGRAPHIC NAMES: PROBLEMS, PRACTICES AND PROSPECTS, to be edited by William Bright (University of Colorado), scheduled for publication in early 1997.

The focus will be on native geographic names and naming, and issues involved in their investigation. Papers should not primarily report research, but on-going or completed research should provide a framework for discussing larger issues involved in the study of native geographic names and the presentation of the results of that study. Papers may have to do with the use of place names *within* Native American societies (ethnogeographic studies), or with the etymology and history of Native American place names which have been borrowed into English, Spanish, French or other European languages.

Possible topics may include (but are not limited to):

- * problems arising in the identification, definition, and use of native geographic names
- * concerns arising from the social, political, cultural or religious contexts of native geographic names
- * problems arising in the encoding and sorting of information, and with the transliteration or transcription of native names

- * current practices among scholars of native geographic names
- * prospects for the future understanding of native geographic names.

The term 'American' is purposely vague, intended to include all of the Western Hemisphere.

Contributors need not be members of the American Name Society.

Send proposals for papers and requests for further information to:

William Bright, Editor, Special Issue of NAMES
1625 Mariposa Ave., Boulder, CO 80302
(e-mail: brightw@spot.colorado.edu).

Completed MSS must reach the editor no later than March 1, 1996. Shortly after that date, the editor will be traveling outside the US, and communications will be uncertain.

[Bill adds that he would be especially interested if someone could contribute an article on the use of American Indian placename data in recent claims brought by tribes for land, indemnity, government recognition etc. -V.G.]

22.4 SPECIAL WORKSHOP ON NATIVE AMERICAN LANGUAGES AT WCCFL-XV

The 15th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (UC-Irvine, Feb. 29 through March 3, 1996) will include a special workshop on Native American languages.

Abstracts are invited for 20-minute talks on topics related to Native American languages in all areas of formal linguistics, from any theoretical perspective, including:

- Discourse Analysis
- Historical Linguistics
- Language Acquisition
- Phonetics
- Phonology
- Semantics
- Morphology
- Syntax
- Typology...

Field reports on endangered languages will also be welcome.

REQUIREMENTS: Abstracts should be anonymous, no more than one page, single spaced, with all margins at least one inch wide and in at least 11-point type (examples may be in 10-point type). Mail ten copies of the abstract along with a 3"x5" card with paper title, name of author(s), affiliation and status (student/non-student), address, phone number, e-mail and, to facilitate the reviewing process, primary area of affiliation and status (student/non-student), address, phone number, e-mail and, to facilitate the reviewing process, primary area of linguistics addressed in the paper. These same requirements apply to the workshop. Submissions are limited to a maximum of one individual and one joint abstract per author. Please do not send abstracts by e-mail or fax.

Deadline for receipt of abstracts is November 1, 1995

Address abstracts to: WCCFL-XV Committee
Department of Linguistics
University of California, Irvine
Irvine, California 92717

For further information, contact the WCCFL Committee at the above address,

22.5 CD-ROM WORKSHOP AT U OF IOWA IN SUMMER 1996

The University of Iowa's Anthropology Department, in collaboration with Second Look Computing, is planning to hold a CD-ROM WORKSHOP FOR AMERICAN INDIAN LANGUAGES on the Iowa campus in June-July 1996. The workshop is being organized by Brenda Farnell, who writes:

This small 4-week intensive workshop will train linguists and indigenous scholars in the basics of multi-media production to provide hands-on assistance with the design and development of CD ROM projects. The specific goal is to bridge the current gap between the needs of American Indian communities anxious to preserve and revitalize their languages and the scholarly products of linguists. On a CD ROM you can combine voice sounds, written text, video, photo, visual arts and music in responsible, accurate presentations of linguistic knowledge that are also exciting and user-friendly. Have a project in mind? Plan to join us!

Space will be limited to 10 projects (up to 30 people). Knowing of your interest and needs will help Brenda in the planning stages. Please contact her at: Dept. of Anthropology, Univ. of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242 (tel: 319/335-0522; fax: 319/335-0653; e-mail: brennda-farnell@uiowa.edu).

Brenda's own CD-ROM "Miyuta: Assiniboine Storytelling With Signs" has just been released by the Univ. of Texas Press (see SSILA NEWSLETTER XIII:4, January 1995, p. 14).

22.6 CORRESPONDENCE

~~Cherokee Assistance Needed~~

>From Ann M. Haugo (a-haugo@students.uiuc.edu) 2 Sep 1995:

I'm currently working on a production of THE KENTUCKY CYCLE, a nine-play production which recently closed on Broadway. In the first four plays of the cycle, several characters speak Cherokee, in scenes dated between 1775 and 1819. While we have been able to locate tutorial tapes which seem to help us somewhat, our actors would tremendously benefit from hearing the dialogue spoken as it should sound, rather than trying to piece it together. As we are a university theatre dept., our funds are minimal, but we do have the technology to record through a phone conversation.

We will greatly appreciate any assistance, with probably the heaviest debt of gratitude coming from our actors!

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~~Manual on Ethnobotany Methods Available~~

>From Gary J. Martin (100427.1260@compuserve.com) 3 Sep 1995:

I am a field coordinator of the People and Plants Initiative, a program of WWF, UNESCO and the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew which focuses on ethnobotany, community development and biodiversity conservation. Earlier, I did my doctoral research on ethnobotanical classification among Chinantec and Mixe speakers of Oaxaca, Mexico.

Sponsored by People and Plants, I have written an *Ethnobotany Methods Manual* which includes a chapter on linguistics & ethnobotany. It was published by Chapman & Hall in November of last year. As part of a special buyback deal, UNESCO can distribute free copies to colleagues in developing countries. We may also be able to provide complimentary copies to Native Americans who are interested in documenting their traditional knowledge of the environment. I would be very pleased to hear from SSILA members who may be interested in this possibility.

Please contact me at the e-mail address below.

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