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26.0 MOUTON DISCOUNTS WILL CONTINUE FOR SSILA MEMBERS

Mouton de Gruyter have agreed to continue their generous offer of deep

discounts to SSILA members for over twenty of their books on indigenous languages, including the Handbook of Amazonian Languages, and all titles in the expanding Mouton Grammar Library. Four new titles will be added for the 1996 offer: Anthony Liddicoat, A Grammar of the Norman French of the Channel Islands: the Dialects of Jersey and Sark (SSILA price \$38); Robert Carlson, A Grammar of Supyire (SSILA price \$48); Nicholas D. Evans, A Grammar of Kayardild, With Historical-Comparative Notes on Tangkic (SSILA price \$50); and G. Tucker Childs, A Grammar of Kisi, A Southern Atlantic Language (SSILA price \$40).

Other titles and prices will remain as stated in the 1995 brochure. There is a change in postage costs, however, reflecting steep increases in the German postal rates. Surface mail will now be US \$8 per volume, air mail US \$16 per volume.

A new brochure will be mailed to all SSILA members with the January 1996 SSILA Newsletter. Meanwhile the 1995 order form may still be used, but the new postage rates are in effect.

26.1 SSILA ATLAS MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SAN DIEGO

There will be an open meeting of the SSILA Atlas Committee during the SSILA/LSA meeting in San Diego. It has been scheduled for 8 a.m., Friday, January 5. The Committee welcomes the attendance of all SSILA members who would like to have input. There will be a special presentation by Yolanda Lastra (UNAM) on the problems that are raised by the inclusion of the indigenous languages of Mexico in the coverage of the proposed atlas.

26.2 ANTHROPOLOGICAL LINGUIST NEEDED AT UNIV. OF NEW MEXICO

The Department of Anthropology at the University of New Mexico seeks applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professorship in Linguistic Anthropology. The successful candidate should be an anthropologist who interprets language and speech to illuminate cultural systems and social interaction using contemporary ethnographic and linguistic methodology. Sustained ethnographic field work and sound training in linguistic description are essential. Ph.D. is required and must be granted no later than June 30, 1996. Appointment starts August 12, 1996. Please send letter of application, curriculum vitae, and names of three references to:

Chair, Department of Anthropology
University of New Mexico
Albuquerque, NM 87131-1086

Applications must be received by January 5, 1996. If ABD, please provide letter from doctoral committee chair indicating expected date of Ph.D. completion. The University of New Mexico is an EOP/AA employer.

26.3 AMERICAN INDIAN LINGUISTICS AT ICHL-97 IN GERMANY

The 13th International Conference on Historical Linguistics will be held at the Heinrich-Heine-Universität, Duesseldorf, Germany, August 10-17, 1997. Among the invited plenary speakers will be Wallace Chafe and Marianne Mithun (UC-Santa Barbara), and one of the special topic areas of the Conference will be American Indian languages: relationships and

developments. Papers are invited. One page abstracts may be submitted by mail or e-mail (ASCII only), to arrive no later than October 1, 1996. Robert Rennecke at <rennecke@phil-fak-3.phil-fak.uni-duesseldorf.de> can be contacted for further information.

26.4 CLS-32 (1996) TO HAVE PARASESSION ON THEORY AND DATA

The 32nd annual meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society, April 11-13, 1996, will feature a Parasession, April 12-13, that will explore the question "Is Linguistics an Empirical Science? - Theory and Data in Linguistics." The invited speakers are: Hans Aarsleff (Princeton), Michael Krauss (Alaska), William Labov (Pennsylvania), James McCawley (Chicago), and Joseph Paul Stemberger (Minnesota).

Papers are solicited on the relative roles of theory and data in linguistic argumentation, focusing on such issues as: The validity of external evidence; the significance of historical evidence in synchronic grammar; how decisions about notation affect both theory and data; the importance of linguistic diversity for universal claims; conflicting definitions of language; new implications from ancient and non-Western linguistics; and the relation of linguistic methods to those in other disciplines.

Please submit ten copies of a one-page, 500-word, anonymous abstract (for a 25-minute paper), along with a 3x5" card with your name, affiliation, address, phone number, e-mail address, title of paper, and indication that the paper is intended for the parasession. The abstract should be as specific as possible and should clearly indicate the data covered, outline the arguments presented, and include any broader implications of the work. One page of data and/or references may be appended, if necessary. An individual may present at most one single and one co-authored paper. Authors whose abstracts are accepted agree to submit for publication a camera-ready copy of their paper by May 15, 1996. Deadline for receipt of abstracts is January 31, 1996.

Send abstracts to: Chicago Linguistic Society, 1010 East 59th Street, Chicago, Illinois 60637. E-mail abstracts will not be accepted, but further information may be obtained from <cls@sapir.uchicago.edu> or by phone at 312/702-8529.

26.5 CORRESPONDENCE

AN SSILA Book Exchange?

>From Lyle Campbell, 15 November 1995:

Do you think SSILA might want to start up a book-exchange & trading section in the Newsletter or Bulletin, especially for the old classics in the field? It turns out I have two copies of the Handbook of American Indian Languages, part 2 (1922), with Sapir's Takelma, Frachtenberg's Coos and his Siuslawan, and Bogoras' Chukchee. I'd be happy to trade this one for something I don't have. I've got duplicate copies of several other semi-rare and not so rare things that I'd be interested in seeing go to a good home. What do people think? Would such an exchange be a service and an interesting venture, or would it just be chaotic?

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-- There are a couple of details that would have to be worked out, but in general this sounds like a good idea. I myself have a small stack of duplicate copies of some classic and not-so-classic publications that, like Lyle, I'd like to see go to a good home. What the Bulletin could do is post a list of books up for swap, along with the addresses of the owners, and leave it up to individuals to contact one another and decide what is a fair exchange. If this idea interests you and you'd like to participate, send me the titles (and brief descriptions) of any books you'd like to swap. If I get any takers besides Lyle and myself I'll start a list in the next Bulletin.

-- V. G.

Interest in Shawnee

>From Kenneth Andrews, 13 November 1995:

For several years I have been working on and off with a native speaker of Shawnee to prepare certain Shawnee texts for publication. I have 301 sentences, morpheme by morpheme glosses, and a free English translation. I have done a fair amount of comparative work (particularly in Fox and Plains Cree) in trying to unravel Shawnee morphology. I am at the point where I would like to share some of my ideas with other linguists working in Shawnee or one of the other Algonquian languages on some remaining problems. Rather than posting a lengthy message for wide distribution, I would prefer that those of you who are working in the Algonquian languages (and who have an interest in this message) contact me via e-mail.

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100-Word Lists Wanted

>From Alexis Manaster Ramer, 10 November 1995:

I am trying to collect Swadesh 100-word lists of as many languages as possible, primarily for the purpose of demonstrating that work on language classification considering ONLY correspondences within such a list is bound to give misleading results. I would appreciate any contributions, especially if they are sent by e-mail in ASCII format (with a key explaining any funny symbol substitutions). The list I need is given below. It is a little longer than 100 words because I need to be able to handle some slightly different versions of the list that have been proposed by different scholars. Many thanks in advance.

1. all; 2. ash(es); 3. bark [noun]; 4. belly; 5. big; 6. bird; 7. bite; 8. black; 9. blood; 10. bone; 11. breast; 12. burn [intr.]; 13. claw; 14. cloud; 15. cold; 16. come; 17. die; 18. dog; 19. drink; 20. dry; 21. ear; 22. earth; 23. eat; 24. egg; 25. eye; 26. feather; 27. fire; 28. fish; 29. fly [vb]; 30. foot; 31. full; 32. give; 33. go; 34. good; 35. grease; 36. green; 37. hair; 38. hand; 39. head; 40. hear; 41. heart; 42. horn; 43. hot; 44. human [noun]; 45. I, me; 46. kill; 47. knee; 48. know; 49. leaf; 50. lie/recline; 51. liver; 52. long; 53. louse; 54. man; 55. many; 56. meat; 57. moon; 58. mountain; 59. mouth; 60. name; 61. neck; 62. new; 63.

night; 64. nose; 65. not; 66. one; 67. path; 68. rain [noun]; 69.
red; 70. root; 71. round; 72. sand; 73. say; 74. see; 75. seed; 76.
sit; 77. skin; 78. sleep [vb]; 79. small; 80. smoke; 81. stand; 82.
star; 83. stone; 84. sun; 85. swim; 86. tail; 87. that; 88. this;
89. tongue; 90. tooth; 91. tree; 92. two; 93. water; 94. we, us;
95. what; 96. white; 97. who; 98. woman; 99. yellow; 100. you [sg];
101. flesh 102. fat [noun] 103. walk 104. warm

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