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## 78.1 CORRESPONDENCE

### **NWC Reader survives demise of series**

From: Dick Dauenhauer ([jfrld@acad1.alaska.edu](mailto:jfrld@acad1.alaska.edu)) 11 Nov 1998:

The bad news--which you have heard--is that the Smithsonian Press has canceled the Native American Literature series. The good news is that our Northwest Coast Reader has been picked up by the U of Washington Press. It is still very much in the cabbage patch, but we'd like to announce again that if readers of the SSILA Bulletin have anything on literature in translation from the non-Salishan languages of Oregon, Washington, British Columbia, or Southern Alaska--from the California border north to Tlingit--we would be delighted to hear from them. (The Salishan languages are being covered in a separate volume.)

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## 78.2 PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

- From Frederic W. Gleach ([fwg1@cornell.edu](mailto:fwg1@cornell.edu)) 17 Nov 1998:

Readers of the SSILA Bulletin might be interested in a list of publications I have for sale. I am beginning the process of culling my library, and I also have a number of items that came as part of a collection I bought for other pieces. Over the coming year (it seems to always take longer than one anticipates!) I'll be listing hundreds of books in anthropology, linguistics, archaeology, history, etc. At this time I have an extensive list of journals and monographic series available, principally in linguistics but also some others. The link to my main publications page is

<http://www.lightlink.com/material/publ.html>

and the list itself is at

<http://www.lightlink.com/material/linganth.html>

I am happy to sell to individuals or to insitutional libraries.

I hope you find something you've been looking for!

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### 78.3 AMERICAN INDIAN LINGUISTICS AT LSA MEETING IN JANUARY

The 73rd Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America will take place at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel in Los Angeles, January 7-10, 1999. This meeting marks the 75th anniversary of the founding of the LSA. To mark the occasion several special events have been planned. Among these festivities is a symposium on "Fieldwork and Linguistic Theory: American Indianists in the Development of American Linguistics" (organized by Amy Dahlstrom and scheduled for noon on Saturday, January 9). Presentations will include:

- Charles F. Hockett (Rice U), "Leonard Bloomfield"
- Wallace Chafe (UC Santa Barbara), "Floyd Lounsbury"
- William Jacobsen (U of Nevada-Reno), "Mary Haas"
- Ken Hale (MIT), "Carl & Florence Voegelin"
- Victor Golla (HSU/UC Davis), "Edward Sapir"

The meeting will also include a substantial number of papers on American Indian languages. The two sessions of Field Reports will be mostly devoted to American Indianist papers, including:

#### **Saturday afternoon, January 9**

- Harold D. Crook (Nez Perce Language Program/UCLA), "Making Policy Decisions Affecting the Future Phonology of a Moribund Language"
- Willem J. de Reuse (U of Northern Texas), "Western Apache as a Three Tone Language"
- William J. Poser (Prince George, BC), "Carrier Dialectology"
- Siri G. Tuttle (UCLA), "Tanana Athabaskan & the Tonal Parameter"
- Suzanne Urbanczyk (UBC/U of Victoria), "Why Stressed Schwa is Marked: Evidence from Ay7ajuthem (Mainland Comox)"

#### **Sunday morning, January 10**

- Anna Berge (UC Berkeley), "A Preliminary Analysis of Discourse Particles in West Greenlandic Texts"
- John Foreman (UCLA), "Preverbal Subjects in Macuilitianguis Zapotec"
- Donna B. Gerds (Simon Fraser U), "The Combinatory Properties of Halkomelem Lexical Suffixes"
- Christine Gunlogson (UC Santa Cruz), "Object Marking & Definiteness in Babine-Witsuwit'en"
- Marcia Haag (U of Oklahoma), "Cherokee Clitics: Sequencing from Morphology to Phonology"
- Paul D. Kroeber (Indiana U), "Emergence of an Infinitive-like Category in Thompson River Salish"

- Siri G. Tuttle (UCLA) & Esther Martinez (San Juan Pueblo), "Complex Verbs of Position in San Juan Pueblo Tewa"
- William F. Weigel (UC Berkeley), "Breakdown of Topicalization in Language Obsolescence"
- Suzanne Wertheim (UC Berkeley), "Yowlumne Reduplication, Analogy, and Language Death"

Also scattered through the program are several other papers on American Indian languages or with substantial American Indian data:

- Felicia Lee (UCLA), "VP Remnant Movement and the Mirror Principle: Evidence from Zapotec"
- Ellen H. Courtney (U of Arizona), "Explicit Arcuments in Quechua Child Language: Support for Strong Continuity"
- Rusty Barrett (U of Texas, Austin), "Uniform Exponence and Syllable Structure in Sipakapense Maya"
- Craig A. Hiltz, "Olmec Proto-Mixe-Zoquean: The Archaeology and the Language"
- Cornelia Krause (MIT), "Reduplication in Nuxalk: A Base-ic Problem"
- Gunnar Olafur Hansson (UC Berkeley), "Redefining Phonological Opacity: Yowlumne Vowel Harmony 60 Years Later"

For further information about the LSA meeting, visit the LSA website at:

<http://www.lsadc.org>

## 78.4 OTHER UPCOMING MEETINGS

### **Workshop on Structure & Constituency (Vancouver, BC, March 26-28)**

- From Suzanne Urbanczyk ([urbansu@uvic.ca](mailto:urbansu@uvic.ca)) 20 Nov 1998:

The 1999 Workshop on Structure & Constituency in the Languages of the Americas will be held at The University of British Columbia (Vancouver, BC, Canada), March 26th-28th, 1999.

Invited speakers will be: Ewa Czaykowska-Higgins (U of Victoria) "Accent and Quality-sensitivity in Salish Stress", and Charlotte Reinholtz (Queen's U) "Aspect and Negation in Cree"

Papers are invited which address questions of structure and constituency in the analysis of indigenous languages of North, Central and South America. Papers on any of the four core areas of formal linguistics (phonetics/phonology, morphology, syntax, and semantics) are welcome, as are papers that explore the various interfaces between these disciplines (morphophonology, morphosyntax, syntax/semantics, semantics/discourse structure, etc.). The workshop is entirely open-minded as to which theoretical framework is chosen by individual presenters (e.g., optimality theory, head-driven phrase structure grammar, the minimalist program, or theories with a longer history), but presenters who work in a theory that is of recent origin (or who work within a recent development in an established theory) should give a brief synopsis of their chosen framework in their presentation.

A section on the analysis of texts in Native American languages is also being planned. Participants who wish to make a presentation in this section are asked to submit a brief text (approx. 1 1/2 pages) in their chosen language, together with a morpheme-by-morpheme analysis and a running translation. If available, a tape-recording of the text should be played for the audience. The presentation of the text should address aspects of structure and constituency on the text-level, e.g. the coding of information structure by discourse particles, focus devices, mechanisms for topic maintenance and topic shift, etc. (Depending on the number of participants, it may be possible to present both a text and a theoretical paper, but conversely, it may be necessary to limit participants to only one presentation (either text or theoretical paper)).

The workshop will be preceded by a special one-day session on Thursday, March 25th 1999, devoted to language policy and planning for indigenous languages of British Columbia. Workshop participants are encouraged to attend as observers.

Participants should send in an abstract of the presentation. Abstracts should be one page (a 2nd page with references and extra examples may be included), and should be submitted in 4 copies with the author's name and affiliation, at least one copy of which should be camera-ready. Abstracts may be submitted by e-mail, but participants should make sure that their abstracts do not contain diacritics that e-mail cannot handle.

Participants should provide the following items of information on a separate page: (i) name; (ii) address; (iii) affiliation; (iv) phone number; (v) e-mail address.

Limited funds may be available to partially cover travel expenses; priority for these will be given to graduate students. Indicate whether you wish to be considered for a travel subsidy, and if yes, whether you are a graduate student, postdoctoral fellow, independent scholar, sessional faculty or regular faculty.

Abstracts should be sent to: LANGUAGES OF THE AMERICAS WORKSHOP, Attn: R.-M. Dechaine, Dept. of Linguistics, Buchanan E-270, 1866 Main Mall, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z1, CANADA. The deadline for submissions \*to be received\* is Friday, January 22, 1999. The program will be announced in mid-February.

The advance registration fee for the workshop is Can \$30 for non-students (US \$25), and Can \$20 (US \$12) for students. On-site registration will be in Canadian funds only: Can \$40 for non-students, Can \$20 for students.

For further information, contact Henry Davis ([henryd@interchange.ubc.ca](mailto:henryd@interchange.ubc.ca)) or Rose-Marie Dechaine ([dechaine@interchange.ubc.ca](mailto:dechaine@interchange.ubc.ca)).

### **High Desert Linguistics Society (Albuquerque, NM, March 26-27)**

- From James Macfarlane ([jmacfarl@unm.edu](mailto:jmacfarl@unm.edu)) 17 Nov 1998:

The High Desert Linguistics Society will hold its 2nd Student Conference in Linguistics (HDLS-2) on March 26-27, 1999, at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque.

The Keynote Speaker will be Sandra Thompson (UC-Santa Barbara). Papers are invited from all areas of linguistics, but special consideration will be given to the following specific areas of inquiry:

Form and Function  
Language Change and Grammaticization  
Discourse Analysis  
Native American Linguistics  
Sign Language Linguistics  
Computational Linguistics  
Sociolinguistics & Language Planning

For more information, visit the conference web site forthcoming in December at <http://www.unm.edu/~hdls/hdls-2>. E-mail inquiries: [hdls@unm.edu](mailto:hdls@unm.edu). Abstracts must be received by Jan. 22, 1999.

## **26th LACUS Forum (Edmonton, Alberta, August 3-7)**

- From Sydney M Lamb ([lamb@rice.edu](mailto:lamb@rice.edu)) 11 Nov 1998:

The Linguistics Association of Canada and the United States (LACUS) will hold its 26th Forum at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, August 3-7, 1999. The featured lecturers will be Joan Bybee (U of New Mexico) and Wallace Chafe (UC Santa Barbara). The conference theme will be THE LEXICON.

While abstracts are especially invited on any topics relating to the lexicon, abstracts on other linguistic topics and interdisciplinary topics involving language will also be considered.

Proposals for panels or special sessions -- identifying proposed participants -- are also welcome. Please contact Ruth Brend or Syd Lamb right away with your ideas (see addresses below).

Limited funds to assist scholars coming from countries with weak currencies may be available. For information contact the Conference Committee Chair.

Submit abstracts & proposals to: Ruth Brend, Chair, LACUS Conference Committee, 3361 Burbank Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48105, USA (tel. 734-6652787; fax 734-6652787; e-mail, [rbrend@umich.edu](mailto:rbrend@umich.edu)).

Deadline for receipt of abstracts: January 15, 1999.

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