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## 122.0 SSILA BUSINESS

### **Hotel arrangements in San Francisco**

Hotel information for the AAA/SSILA meeting in San Francisco, November 15-19, is now available at the AAA website:

<http://www.aaanet.org/mtgs/mtgs.htm>

Reservations must be made by October 18, and can either be made via a secure server at the AAA site or by contacting the hotels directly. The full AAA program and other meeting information is also available on-line. The preliminary program of the SSILA-sponsored sessions was posted in Bulletin #119.

## 122.1 TRIATHLON FOR DELAWARE LANGUAGE PRESERVATION

- From Jim Rementer ([LenapeLang@aol.com](mailto:LenapeLang@aol.com)) 17 Sep 2000:

One of our Delaware tribal members has come up with a very innovative way of raising funds for our Lenape Language Project. Readers of the SSILA Bulletin who are working in similar projects with other tribes might like to hear about a method of fund-raising that does not depend on the government.

Opataexkwe (White Flower Woman), or Nicky Kay Michael, is a Ph.D. student in History at the University of Oklahoma. She plans to compete in the Isuzu Ironman Triathlon in Florida on November 4, 2000. The combined events total 140.6 miles, and for each mile she completes she is asking for a pledge of support for the Lenape Language Project. (Thus if \$1 per mile is pledged and Nicky Michael completes the entire triathlon, the total pledge would be \$140.60. Donations of a set amount will also be accepted.) She says, "This will be a difficult race for me; but no more difficult than the race to help save my people's language."

The money she raises will primarily help produce a multimedia dictionary, a project that will take 3 to 4 years and that will be done in collaboration with linguist Bruce Pearson. The Lenape Language Project currently has almost 1,000 audio and videotapes of the language made with various speakers. A great part of the expense of the project will go toward making archival quality copies of these tapes in digital format, from which sound files of individual words and phrases will be created. The words and phrases in the dictionary will then be used to produce educational materials for tribal members and those interested in the language.

For further details visit:

<http://hometown.aol.com/lenapelang/myhomepage/business.html>

## 122.2 POSITIONS OPEN

### **Two positions in Linguistics at the U of Pittsburgh**

- From Alan Juffs ([juffs+@pitt.edu](mailto:juffs+@pitt.edu)) 14 Sep 2000:

The Department of Linguistics at the University of Pittsburgh invites applications for TWO tenure track positions beginning fall 2001. One appointment will be at the assistant professor level and one may be at the full or associate professor level if a candidate has the appropriate experience and an established national reputation. Both positions are subject to budgetary approval. Applicants must have a solid training in linguistic description and analysis in either phonetics/phonology OR morphosyntax, as well as competence in one or more of the following areas: American Indian Languages, American Sign Language, first language development, child L2 development. Preference will be given to candidates with language breadth and/or expertise in computational or quantitative methodologies. Candidates should send a CV (including a list of funded research if applicable), a statement of research and teaching interests, copies of 2 reprints or other written work, teaching evaluations (if available), and the names of three references. Reference letters should be sent directly to the search committee. Send materials to: Search Committee, Dept. of Linguistics, 2816 CL, Univ. of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15260; (412) 624 5900; Fax (412) 624 6130. E-mail inquiries should be directed to Alan Juffs, Chair, at [<juffs+@pitt.edu>](mailto:juffs+@pitt.edu).

The web page for the Dept. is:

<http://www.linguistics.pitt.edu/>

To ensure full consideration, complete applications should be received by December 1, 2000. Preliminary interviews will be held at the LSA meeting in Washington, D.C. in January 2001. Women and members of minority groups that are underrepresented in academia are especially encouraged to apply. The University of Pittsburgh is an Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity employer.

### **Linguistic Anthropology at the U of Wyoming**

- From Kathleen J. Fowler ([Anthropo@uwyo.edu](mailto:Anthropo@uwyo.edu)) 12 Sep 2000:

The University of Wyoming Department of Anthropology invites applications for a tenure track appointment in Linguistic Anthropology at the rank of Assistant Professor, beginning August 2001. The department is seeking a Linguistic Anthropologist with

research and teaching expertise in the aboriginal languages of America. The candidate should have an active research program with the potential to be successful in extramural funding.

We are especially interested in someone who can contribute to a developing research focus in peopling of the Americas. The candidate will teach at both the undergraduate and graduate level, including an undergraduate Linguistic Anthropology class and a graduate core seminar in Linguistic Anthropology. The department has a strong commitment to four field anthropology and this hire is part of our continuing effort to build an integrated program. Interdisciplinary research interests and commitments a plus. The Ph.D. is required by the time of appointment.

Responsibilities include the standard faculty duties of teaching, advising undergraduate and graduate students, research, service, and possibly outreach responsibilities.

Applicants should send a letter describing teaching experience, research interests and plans, specifically addressing how they would contribute to a four-field anthropology program. Include vita and names/addresses (with e-mail addresses) of three references. Send to: Chair, Department of Anthropology, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY 82071-3431. Deadline for applications is January 3, 2001.

The University of Wyoming is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

## 122.3 UPCOMING MEETINGS

### **15th California Indian Conference, Rancho Cucamonga, Oct. 14-15**

A reminder that the 15th annual California Indian Conference will be held at Chaffey College in Rancho Cucamonga on 14-15 October 2000. The California Indian Conference is an annual gathering for the exchange of views and information among academics, American Indians, students, and other community members. Any topic reflecting humanistic, scientific, social, literary, or historical concern with California Indian people and their heritage is welcome. Past topics have included literatures, storytelling, poetry, education, basketry, linguistics, anthropology, archeology, law, repatriation, history, casinos, Hollywood, tribal recognition, song and dance, and social and political issues.

Anyone interested in giving a paper or making a presentation should send an abstract of 150 words to Dr. LaMay at the address below. While the cut-off date for abstracts has passed, some room remains in the program for additional papers. But please, get your abstracts in as soon as possible. Please be sure also to include an address, e-mail address, and phone number and state if you are available both days. Inquiries are welcome as well.

Contact: California Indian Conference, Dr. LaMay, Dept. of English, Chaffey College, 5885 Haven Avenue, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91737-2783 (tel: 909-941-2162). Visit the conference website at:

[http://www.drlamay.com/california\\_indian\\_conf.htm](http://www.drlamay.com/california_indian_conf.htm)

or <http://www.drlamay.com/tymes.htm>

### **International Conference on Endangered Languages, Kyoto, Nov. 24-25**

An International Conference on Endangered Languages will be held in Kyoto, Japan, November 24-25. Conference Liaison and Coordinator is Akira Y. Yamamoto (University of Kansas). The preliminary schedule of presentations is:

November 24 (Friday)

Opening Address: Osahito Miyaoka (Endangered Language Documentation Project and Osaka Gakuin University)

Michael E. Krauss (USA), "Mass Language Extinction and Documentation: The Race Against Time" (Discussants: Matthias Brenzinger and Megumi Korehito)

Barbara F. Grimes (USA), "Global Language Viability" (Discussants: Darrell Tryon and Toru Hayashi)

Willem F. H. Adelaar (The Netherlands), "Descriptive Linguistics and the Standardization of Newly Described Languages" (Discussants: Cecilia Ode and Kazuto Matsumura)

Matthias Brenzinger (Germany), "Language Endangerment Through Marginalization and Globalization" (Discussants: George Aaron Broadwell and Shigeki Kaji)

Stephen A. Wurm (Australia), "Ways and Methods for Maintaining and Re-invigorating Endangered Languages" (Discussant: Oscar E. Aguilera F.)

#### November 25 (Saturday)

David Bradley (Australia), "Attitudes to Languages: The Crucial Factor in Language Endangerment" (Discussants: Toshihide Nakayama and Takumi Ikeda)

Victor Golla (USA), "What Does It Mean For A Language To Survive: Some Thoughts on the (Not-so-simple) Future of Small Languages" (Discussants: Colette Grinevald and Honore Watanabe)

Yukio Uemura (Japan), "Endangered Languages of Japan" (Discussants: Michael Krauss and Yoshimichi Ueno)

General Comments: Bernard Comrie.

#### Regional and Special Sessions:

- South Pacific Rim - Norio Shibata (Chair)
- North Pacific Rim - Fubito Endo (Chair)
- East and Southeast Asia - Takumi Ikeda (Chair)
- Japan - Katsumi Shibuya (Chair)

- Africa - Osamu Hieda (Chair)
- Documentation, Description, and Ethical Issues -Tasaku Tsunoda (Chair)
- Terrence Kaufman, "Two Models for Large-Scale Linguistic Documentation"
- Colette Grinevald "Encounters at the Brink: Linguistic Fieldwork among Speakers of Endangered Languages"

Closing Address: Osamu Sakiyama (Endangered Language Documentation Project and National Museum of Ethnology)

For further information contact Akira Yamamoto, Dept of Anthropology, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS 66045 (tel: 785/864-2645; e-mail: [akira@ukans.edu](mailto:akira@ukans.edu)).



## 122.4 WEBSITE OF INTEREST

### **Evidentials**

- From Bill Anderson ([wranders@att.net](mailto:wranders@att.net)) 17 Sep 2000:

I just came across a great website on evidentials from Ferdinand de Haan (Department of Linguistics, University of New Mexico). The URL is:

<http://www.unm.edu/~fdehaan/evidence.html>

## 122.5 E-MAIL ADDRESS UPDATES

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