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142.0 SSILA BUSINESS

Reminder: The Mary R. Haas Award

Members are again reminded that the selection committee is now accepting submissions for the Mary R. Haas Award for 2001, presented annually to a junior scholar for an unpublished manuscript that makes a significant substantive contribution to the knowledge of native American languages. (See SSILA Bulletin #140, 141 for details.) The deadline for receipt of submissions is August 25, 2001. Five full copies of the manuscript should be submitted, accompanied by a short letter indicating whether the work is a dissertation or was prepared under other circumstances. These should be sent to:

Sarah Thomason Department of Linguistics 1076 Frieze Building University of Michigan Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1285 Inquiries should be directed to Prof. Thomason, preferably by e-mail at: thomason@umich.edu

142.1 CORRESPONDENCE

Language not a hoax?

>From Peter Bakker (linpb@mail.hum.au.dk) 7 Jul 2001:

The message in SSILA Bulletin #141.1, in which I suggested that the language for which identification was sought earlier was a hoax, was a bit premature. Most messages with suggested identifications were sent directly to the man who had sent me the text (which I had forwarded to the Bulletin), and only a message from someone who doubted its veracity actually reached me. The more serious replies have now been forwarded to me. I will check these and return to the question in a few weeks.

--Peter Bakker

Help needed with names

>From Doreen Rappaport (Rapabook@aol.com) 12 Jul 2001:

I am a writer of children's books and have just finished a book called WE ARE THE MANY: A PICTURE BOOK OF AMERICAN INDIANS, for children from 6 to 9. It contains twelve mini-vignettes dramatizing one moment in the lives of twelve Indian people, one that sums up their achievements. I have located the Indian names for many of these people and would like to include them in the book, but I really need to have a pronunciation guide or the whole point of the children seeing the names written out phonetically will be irrelevant. The people are from different nations, as you see below.

I've tried to organize the guide simply for the children. If you can help me fill in the blanks, I will be deeply grateful and so will the children. You can e-mail me at <<u>rapabook@aol.com</u>>, or call me collect at 518-325-7616. I have copied the names from reputable reference sources, but am more than aware that there may be errors in these. Please let me know of any corrections you feel are necessary.

I have one more question. Most children know Tisquantum as 'Squanto" but this is a "nickname" or shortened version, probably based on the

Pilgrims' inability, disinterest, or whatever, to pronounce his real name. I want to correct this and only write Tisquantum. Is there a problem with this?

Many thanks!

-- Doreen Rappaport

Indian name Translation Pronunciation Euro-American name

Lone dog Shunka-ishnala (?)

Tisquantum Door, entrance Tisquantum (?) (Patuxet)

Konwatsi'tsienni Someone lends? Molly Brant (Mohawk) her a flower

Insta Tehumba Bright eyes ? Susan La Flesche (Omaha)

Asiyahola asi: tealike? (Seminole) ceremonial drink

Osceola, Yahola: ceremonial cry

Wa Tha Huck Bright Path Wah Thah Huck (?) Jim Thorpe (Sauk and Fox)

Sacajawea Boat pusher? (Shoshone) (I have translated her name in Shoshone not Hidatsa)

142.2 SEMINARIO LENGUAS INDIGENAS (CHILE)

>From Eugenio Alcaman (antin@mi.terra.cl) 13 Jul 2001:

Nosotros, preocupados especialmente de la revitalización de las lenguas indigenas de Chile, estamos preparando un Seminario Internacional sobre la Ensenanza de las Lenguas Indigenas en la Escuela como Segundas

Lenguas. A este efecto, deseamos conocer las experiencias especialmente sobre los mitodos y los programas de ensenanza formal o escolar de lenguas indigenas como segundas lenguas (donde la primera lengua es la lengua oficial) existentes en otros paises. Ojala estos programas estuvieran dentro de la ensenanza bilingue. Quisieramos solicitarle pudiera indicarnos con que especialistas contactarnos para este efecto, indudablemente con experiencia en revitalizacion de lenguas indigenas en Estados Unidos.

La realización de este Seminario Internacional esta contemplada para en dos meses mas. De antemanos, estamos muy agracedecidos de su cooperación y dispuestos a mantener una colaboración.

--Eugenio Alcaman

Encargado Nacional del Programa de Educacion Intercultural Bilingue Corporacion Nacional de Desarrollo Indigena (CONADI) Ministerio de Planificacion Gobierno de Chile (antin@mi.terra.cl)

142.3 CALIFORNIA INDIAN LANGUAGE CENTER GRANTS

The California Indian Language Center will be awarding several grants of up to \$1,500 each to assist in salvage work on indigenous American languages. No grants will be made for language revival or for archival research -- grants will be awarded solely for field expenses and the recording of new data. Faculty members are not eligible. Applicants may be linguistics students or members of the public, so long as they present evidence of some skill in, or knowledge of, the unusual sounds of the languages they propose to work with. More favored are proposals for salvage work among languages close to extinction and languages which are less well documented. Queries and applications may be sent at any time to: CILC Grants, 99 Purdue Avenue, Kensington, CA 94708.

142.4 WORKSHOP PROCEEDINGS AVAILABLE

>From UBCWPL (Linguistics-UBCWPL@arts.ubc.ca) 4 Jul 2001:

The University of British Columbia Working Papers in Linguistics is pleased to announce publication of UBCWPL Volume 5: Proceedings of WSCLA 5 (The Workshop on Structure and Constituency in Languages of

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142.5 UPCOMING MEETINGS

* 36th Salish Conference (Chilliwack, BC, August 8-10)

The 2001 International Conference on Salish and Neighboring Languages will be held August 8-10 in Chilliwack, BC, hosted by the Sto:lo Nation,

in conjunction with the UBC Department of Linguistics. The conference will take place at the Skowkale Hall, 7686 B Chilliwack River Road in Chilliwack. A registration fee of \$40 CDN will be charged for the conference (students \$20, elders no charge) to cover on-site costs. This year the conference preprints will be printed and distributed by the UBC Working Papers in Linguistics; a limited number of copies will be available for purchase at the conference (\$25 CDN/ \$20 US). If you plan to attend the conference or order preprints, please e-mail Martina Wiltschko at <wmartina@interchange.ubc.ca>. Late papers will be scheduled as time permits.

The 4th Chinuk Lu7lu -- a weekend gathering to help people learn and practice speaking Chinook Jargon -- will be held this summer at Neah Bay, on the lands of the Makah Nation, Washington State. The dates are Saturday and Sunday, August 11th and 12th. (People attending the Salish conference in Chilliwack should be able to drive to Neah Bay on Friday the 10th and get there in time.)

Activities being brainstormed for this gathering include small-group collaborations in Jargon storytelling, a salmon bake, a session of bonegame (slahal), and a presentation on the sizeable Nootkan/Makah component of the Jargon.

Those interested in, or definitely planning on, attending this Chinuk Lu7lu please notify Maria Pascua < mpascua@hotmail.com or Dave Robertson < ddr11@columbia.edu. This will help our committee make the best plans possible for all who attend.

Economical but comfortable accommodations are available at Bays Best, in the Makah Tribal Center complex (phone 360/645-3325). There are a few other resorts/motels in the area, including a new facility at Bowman Beach (a 5 minute drive from Neah Bay) and a bed and breakfast in Clallam Bay (about a 35 minute drive). For more information about the Makah and Neah Bay, visit the Tribe's website (www.makah.com).

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* SIOUAN List archives

As many SSILA members know, the LINGUIST List maintains archives for

a number of smaller mailing lists in linguistics, including several that deal with American Indian languages. A particularly lively one is the SIOUAN List (siouan@lists.colorado.edu), which has been in operation since 1998 under the able supervision of John Koontz. During the last few weeks two discussion threads have been attracting some interesting postings: (1) the attempts that some tribes are making to copyright their languages; and (2) the reconstructibility and culture-historical implications of terms for 'bow' in Siouan, Iroquoian, and other language families. These postings can be accessed in the June and July 2001 files for 'Siouan" on the LINGUIST List's list-archives page:

http://linguistlist.org/list-archives.html

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