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Last chance for submissions to January meeting

Friday (September 7) is the deadline for the submission of abstracts for papers for this year's annual meeting (San Francisco, January 3-6, 2002). Abstracts may be submitted by e-mail to <<u>ssila@ssila.org</u>>, or by mail to SSILA, P.O. Box 555, Arcata, CA 95518. (If a street address is required for courier delivery, send to: Victor Golla, Native American Studies, Humboldt State University, 1 Harpst Street, Arcata, California 95521.)

146.1 INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES OF LATIN AMERICA AT U OF TEXAS

* Center for the Indigenous Languages of Latin America (CILLA)

I'm now at the University of Texas, in the Department of Linguistics (and Anthropology as well), where I will be helping to establish a new Center for the Indigenous Languages of Latin America (CILLA). We are principally interested in contributing to the maintenance of Latin American indigenous languages, and hope to be able to bring speakers of these languages to UT to study in various programs that have something to do with linguistics or languages, with the idea that they will then be in a better position to contribute to their own languages in a number of different ways.

--Nora England University of Texas at Austin (nengland@mail.utexas.edu)

* Archive of the Indigenous Languages of Latin America (AILLA) >From Joel F.Sherzer (jsherzer@mail.utexas.edu) 1 Sep 2001:

The Archive of the Indigenous Languages of Latin America (AILLA) has recently received funding from both the National Science Foundation and the National Endowment of Humanities that enables the continuing development of this interactive web resource. The AILLA website is now operational (<u>http://www.ailla.org</u>) and a Project Manager has been hired (Heidi Johnson). People who have materials that they might like to contribute to the archive are invited to contact us.

--Joel Sherzer, Co-Director, AILLA University of Texas at Austin (jsherzer@mail.utexas.edu)

146.2 Ph.D. SCHOLARSHIPS IN GRAMMATICAL DESCRIPTION

>From Alexandra Y. Aikhenvald (a.aikhenvald@latrobe.edu.au) 5 Sep 2001:

The Research Centre for Linguistic Typology at La Trobe University in Melbourne, Australia, once again invites applications from suitably qualified students to enter their Ph.D. program.

Ph.D. candidates at RCLT generally undertake extensive fieldwork on a previously undescribed (or scarcely described) language and write a comprehensive grammar of it for their dissertation. It is preferred that students work on a language which is still actively spoken, and establish a field situation within a community in which it is the first language. Fieldwork methodology should be centred on the collection, transcription and analysis of texts, together with participant observation, and -- at a later stage -- judicious grammatical elicitation in the language under description (not through the lingua franca of the country). RCLT's main areas of specialization are the languages of Amazonia, the Papuan languages of New Guinea, and the Aboriginal languages of Australia.

Ph.D. work in Australian universities generally involves no coursework, just a substantial dissertation. Candidates must thus have had a thorough coursework training before embarking on the program. This should have included courses on morphology, syntax, semantics, phonology and phonetics, and comparative-historical linguistics, all taught from a non-formalist perspective. RCLT places emphasis on work that has a sound empirical basis but also shows a firm theoretical orientation (in terms of general typological theory, or what has recently come to be called basic linguistic theory).

The Research Centre for Linguistic Typology consists, at any one time, of about twenty scholars, working on a variety of languages and typological issues. Besides the permanent staff of Professor R M W Dixon (Director) and Professor Alexandra Y Aikhenvald (Associate Director) the Centre has an array of Research Fellows and doctoral students; each year a number of senior scholars from across the world spend from three to six months with us as Visiting Fellows. Our personnel this year includes specialists on spoken languages from the following families or areas: Siouan, Tsimshian, Arawak, Arawa, Barbacoan, Macro-Je, Dravidian, Indo-European, Turkic, Uralic, Afroasiatic, Nilo-Saharan, Tibeto-Burman, Sinitic, Papuan, Austronesian and Australian.

There is also an excellent Department of Linguistics in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at La Trobe University, with Professor Barry Blake, Associate Professor David Bradley, Associate Professor Kate Burridge, and Dr Hilary Chappell. And there are fine Departments of Linguistics at the University of Melbourne and at Monash University.

The scholarship will be at the standard La Trobe University rate, Australian \$16,432 p.a. Students coming from overseas are liable for a visa fee (effectively, a tuition fee); RCLT will pay this. A small relocation allowance may be provided on taking up the scholarship. In addition, an appropriate allowance will be made to cover fieldwork expenses. The scholarship is for three years (with the possibility of extension for an additional six months if circumstances warrant).

Further information about RCLT can be found at:

http://www.latrobe.edu.au/www/rclt

See, in particular, the February 2001 Newsletter, available at this site.

Prospective applicants are invited to get in touch with Prof. Aikhenvald at <<u>a.aikhenvald@latrobe.edu.au</u>>, providing details of their background, qualifications and interests.

146.3 POSITIONS OPEN

* Tenure-Track Position in Applied Linguistics at U of Utah

The Department of Linguistics at the University of Utah invites applicants for a tenure-track Assistant Professor position beginning July 1, 2002. The Ph.D.in Applied Linguistics, or Linguistics with an Applied emphasis, is required by the time of appointment. Applicants must be prepared to participate in our L2 teacher education programs and have U.S. public school experience. The prefered research specialization is in bilingualism and/or a Native American or other U.S. minority language. Primary teaching contributions will be in L2 theory and practice at the graduate and undergraduate levels. The ability to teach introductory linguistics is highly desirable.

The Department of Linguistics at Utah has strong undergraduate and graduate programs in theoretical and applied linguistics, and important programmatic ties to the Department of Languages & Literature and to the School of Education. Further information about the Department can be found at <<u>http://www.hum.utah.edu/linguistics</u>>.

Salary is competitive, with full benefits. The University of Utah provides excellent opportunities and support for research.

Send vitae, 3 letters of recommendation, and a cover letter expressing research interests and qualifications to: Marianna Di Paolo, Chair, Department of Linguistics, 255 S. Central Campus Dr. Rm. 2328, Salt Lake City, Utah 84112-0492. The deadline for full consideration is Dec. 3, 2001, but the position will remain open until filled. Selected applicants will be interviewed at the LSA meeting in January, and possibly at the MLA, and if the position remains unfilled, at the AAAL. The University of Utah is an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action employer and encourages applications from all qualified individuals including women and minorities, and provides reasonable accommodation to the known disabilities of applicants and employees.

146.4 WEBSITES OF INTEREST * More maps ^^^^^ >From Don Macnaughtan (macnaughtand@lanecc.edu) 30 Aug 2001:

My website has an outline and map of the languages and dialects of Western Oregon -- a very diverse area with 4 language families and 17 different languages. The URL is:

http://www.lanecc.edu/library/orelang.htm http://www.lanecc.edu/library/don/don/map1.gif (map)

--Don Macnaughtan Eugene, Oregon (<u>macnaughtand@lanecc.edu</u>)

* Additional Web resources for endangered languages funding >From Jonathan David Bobaljik (jbobal@po-box.mcgill.ca) 28 Aug 2001:

Following up on Erik Rauch's note in the SSILA Newsletter XX:2 (July 2001), I'd like to draw people's attention to another site with a more narrow topic focus (but a broader geographic focus), namely, the "Funding Opportunities for Endangered Language Maintenance and Research" site which I curate for the LSA's Committee on Endnagered Languages and Their Preservation. It's at:

http://linguistlist.org/el-page/funding/

It's not particularly extensive at the moment, and I'd be very appreciative of pointers to additional information that should be included on this page. --Jonathan Bobaljik McGill University, Montreal (jbobal@po-box.mcgill.ca) * Encontro Internacional do GTLI e Atualização da home-page do GTLI

>From Ana Suelly A. C. Cabral (<u>asacc@amazon.com.br</u>) 30 Aug 2001: A home-page do GTLI (<u>http://www.gtli.locaweb.com.br</u>) foi atualizada durante os ultimos dias. Ja se encontram disponiveis as seguintes informacoes:

1) sobre o Encontro Internacional do GTLI que devera ocorrer em Belem, de 8-12 de outubro proximo, na Universidade Federal do Para

2) sobre novos membros do GTLI

- 3) novos textos on-line
- 4) chamadas para publicacao e participacao em encontros
- 5) novas teses defendidas
- 6) novas dissertacoes defendidas
- 7) novas publicacoes de membros do GT (livros e artigos)

Observamos que outras informacoes sobre o encontro serao incluedas em breve na pagina especefica desse evento.

--Ana Suelly Arruda Camara Cabral (asacc@amazon.com.br)

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