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161.1 CORRESPONDENCE

Mystery phrase
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From (Alan187@aol.com) 26 Mar 2002:

I wonder if anyone could help me discover what the following Native American phrase means. The phrase sounds like:

unKNEE ENne unCHALKataw

The capitalization indicates emphasis on that syllable. I have no idea where it may originate from or what it means. I wish I could be more helpful.

The phrase comes from a video that was found in my brother-in-law's possessions after he passed away. The speaker is definitely Native American. There is no indication on the tape as to where it was taken or when, or anything to indicate what tribe. My brother-in-law was extremely interested in Native American history.

--Alan

Kelly

(Alan187@aol.com)

161.2 POSITION OPEN

* Curator of Native American Languages, U of Oklahoma
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From Jason Baird Jackson (jjackson@ou.edu) 25 Mar 2002:

The University of Oklahoma's Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History and the Department of Anthropology seek an Assistant/Associate Curator of Native American Languages and an Assistant/Associate Professor of Anthropology for a 12-month joint tenure track or tenured position.

The successful candidate must have a Ph.D. in linguistic anthropology or linguistics with a research specialization in Native North American languages. Candidates must demonstrate evidence of active engagement in outreach efforts to Native communities and a willingness to build a museum program with a Native North American language focus. The holder of this position will collaboratively develop language documentation and maintenance projects with Oklahoma's Native communities, integrating outreach and basic research with participation in museum exhibits and programs, and must possess a willingness to seek external funding for outreach and research. In the role of curator, the successful candidate will utilize traditional and digital archival techniques and multi-media technology to establish and utilize a public collection of American Indian language data. The holder of this joint position will teach one course each semester in the Anthropology Department and take an active role in the graduate program. Rank and salary will be commensurate with evidence of experience and publications. Scholars working on combating language endangerment and the development of language maintenance strategies, as well as those with experience in fieldwork-based descriptive linguistics, are encouraged to apply. The start date for the position is July 1, 2002, but is negotiable.

Please send a letter of interest, resume, and writing sample to: American Indian Language Curator Search Committee, Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma 73072-7029. Also, please ask three references to send letters of recommendation directly to the search committee.

Please mail hard copy applications to:

Melanie Davidson
Assistant to the Director
Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History
2401 Chautauqua
Norman, OK 73072-7029

Electronic applications and letters are welcome and may be sent to <mgdavidson@ou.edu>.

OU is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. Women and

minorities are encouraged to apply.

Review of applications will begin April 15. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

The state of Oklahoma and the University of Oklahoma possess diverse and strong resources for work on American Indian languages. The state is the ancestral home to over 40 American Indian languages representing at least six families. The Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History is a large and comprehensive center for research and public programs. Housed in a new state-of-the-art facility, the museum possesses a strong commitment to community service and has an established tradition of working with American Indian communities. Its Divisions of Ethnology and Archaeology hold large and significant collections of American Indian material culture. The museum has 14 active curators who are leading researchers in their disciplines (and an additional 135 staff members). The Department of Anthropology is a Ph.D.-granting program with a focus on American Indian studies. The department offers a full and growing curriculum of instruction in American Indian languages, with classes offered in Choctaw, Kiowa, Cherokee, and Creek/Seminole. The successful candidate will join an existing faculty that includes six linguistic anthropologists and four native language instructors. The campus is also home to a strong Native American Studies program, a rich Western history archive, and a large Native American student body.

For additional information, please contact Morris W. Foster, Search Committee Chair, Department of Anthropology, 455 W. Lindsey, Rm. 520, Norman, Oklahoma 73019 (405-325-2491, morris.w.foster-1@ou.edu). In addition, SSILA members Jason Jackson (jjackson@ou.edu) and Sean O'Neill (Sean.P.O-Neill-1@ou.edu) would be happy to discuss this position with interested scholars.

161.3 WEBSITES OF INTEREST

* Quechua website
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From Clodoaldo Soto (s-soto3@uiuc.edu):

The Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is pleased to announce a new Quechua website, complete with audio files. To view a demonstration of the first chapter, go to:

<http://edtech3.cet.uiuc.edu/quechua/demo/demo.htm>

To gain free access to the complete site -- 23 chapters -- send a note to Clodoaldo Soto Ruiz at <s-soto3@uiuc.edu> to obtain the website address and password.

* LINCOM Europa
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LINCOM Europa's complete catalogue of published and forthcoming titles on the languages of the world, including many on Native American languages, is now available on-line at:

<http://www.lincom-europa.com>

* Pequot revitalization
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The text of a long and interesting story that appeared in the Norwich (Connecticut) Bulletin a few days ago, concerning the revival of Pequot, Mohegan, and other Southern New England languages, is currently available on-line at:

www.norwichbulletin.com/news/stories/20020323/localnews/1880115.html

161.4 HOMEPAGES

In preparation for a new section of the SSILA Membership Directory, we have begun to collect addresses of the homepages maintained by SSILA members. To date, we have only a tiny selection. If you would like your homepage address to be added to this list, please send it to <golla@ssila.org>. We will publish addresses in the Bulletin as they come in, and the cumulative list will be available soon at the SSILA website.

Anderson, Bill..... <http://home.att.net/~wranders/>
Bakker, Peter
http://www.hum.au.dk/lingvist/linpb/home_uk.htm
Bach, Emmon
<http://www.umass.edu/linguist/faculty/bach.html>
Beck, David <http://www.ualberta.ca/~dbeck>
Benedicto, Elena <http://icdweb.cc.purdue.edu/~benedict>
Bobaljik, Jonathan
<http://www.arts.mcgill.ca/programs/linguistics/faculty/bobaljik>
Bright, Bill <http://www.ncidc.org/bright>
Broadwell, George Aaron..
<http://www.albany.edu/anthro/fac/broadwell.htm>
Buckley, Eugene <http://www.ling.upenn.edu/~gene/>
de Haan, Ferdinand <http://www.unm.edu/~fdehaan>
DeLancey, Scott
<http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~delancey/prohp.html>
Hardman, M. J. <http://grove.ufl.edu/~hardman/>
Hargus, Sharon <http://faculty.washington.edu/sharon/>
Hartley, Alan H. <http://www.d.umn.edu/~ahartley/>
Haviland, John <http://www.reed.edu/~john>
Jelinek, Eloise
<http://w3.arizona.edu/~ling/EloiseJelinek/index.html>
Kaufman, Terry

<http://www.linguistics.pitt.edu/people/faculty/kaufman.htm>
Koontz, John <http://spot.colorado.edu/~koontz>
Leman, Wayne <http://www.geocities.com/wayne-leman>
Macaulay, Monica <http://ling.wisc.edu/%7Emacaulay/monica.html>
Macnaughtan, Don <http://www.lanec.edu/library/don.htm>
Mattina, Tony <http://www.umd.edu/ling/faculty/amattina.htm>
Maxwell, Judith <http://www.tulane.edu/~maxwell>
Munro, Pamela

<http://www.humnet.ucla.edu/humnet/linguistics/people/munro/munro.htm>
O'Meara, John <http://www.lakeheadu.ca/~jomeara>
Osterman, Deane <http://www.knrd.org>
Picone, Michael <http://www.bama.ua.edu/~mpicone>
Poser, William <http://www.ling.upenn.edu/~wjposer/>
Salminen, Tapani <http://www.helsinki.fi/~tasalmin/>
van der Auwera, Johan ...
http://pcger50.uia.ac.be/Johan/johan_home.html
Willie, MaryAnn
<http://w3.arizona.edu/~ling/MaryWillie/index.html>
Zepeda, Ofelia
<http://w3.arizona.edu/~ling/OfeliaZepeda/index.html>

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