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176.0 SSILA Business

* Record number of paper proposals received for Atlanta meeting

Ninety-five papers proposals were submitted to the Program Committee for the SSILA Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, January 2-5,2003. Over 40 of these were included in the proposals for four special thematic sessions. The number of submissions is an all-time record for an SSILA meeting, exceeding the 91 papers submitted to the San Francisco meeting last January.

The Program Committee is now reviewing the submissions. The preliminary program will be announced within the next few weeks.

176.1 Correspondence

* Grant deadline

>From Doug Whalen (whalen@alvin.haskins.yale.edu) 11 Sep 2002:

I would like to remind readers of the Bulletin that the deadline for initial proposals to the new Lisbet Rausing Charitable Fund grants is coming up on October 11th. The preliminary proposals are *extremely* brief; the detailed proposals will be due in January, by invitation only, based on the brief proposals. This is a great opportunity to propose any of a broad range of work on endangered languages. Please look at the full details at:

http://www.eldp.soas.ac.uk

--Doug Whalen Haskins Laboratories (whalen@haskins.yale.edu)

176.2 Upcoming Meetings

* North American Linguistic Prehistory at ARCLING II (Canberra, Oct.1-4)

The 2nd Conference on the Archaeology and Linguistics of Australia will take place in Canberra, Australia, October 1-4. The first ARCLING conference was held in Darwin in 1991, and resulted in the publication of _Archaeology and Linguistics: Aboriginal Australia in Global Perspective_, edited by Patrick McConvell and Nicholas Evans. ARCLING II will being together archaeologists, linguists, and others to record the progress made in the last decade and to map out challenges for the future. The conference is being sponsored by the National Museum of Australia and the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islands Studies, and has been organized by Patrick McConvell.

Many of the presentations will be methodological and theoretical in nature, and several of the papers will draw on examples from North America. A session on "Language spread among Hunter-gatherers" includes papers by Robert L. Bettinger, Jane Hill, Jack Ives, and James Kari -- the last two papers focusing on the Athabaskan expansion. Other sessions will deal with "Methods and models in interdisciplinary prehistory"; "Perspectives from genetics and biological anthropology"; "Hunter-gatherers: spreads in the interior"; "Coasts, islands and the peopling of the Sahul periphery"; "Artifacts: Technology and terminology"; and "Stories, places and names: Indigenous landscapes and views of the past."

The full program of the conference, and the complete texts of all papers, can be found at:

http://crlc.anu.edu.au/arcling2/

* Maya Symposium at Tulane (New Orleans, November 1-3)

The First Annual Tulane Maya Symposium and Workshop will be held on the weekend of November 1-3, 2002, at Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana. The theme will be "Archaeology, Astronomy, and Texts from the Northern Maya Lowlands," and the Symposium will focus on current excavations and decipherments from the Yucatan Peninsula.

The Symposium will open on the evening of Friday, November 1st with a keynote address by Merle Greene Robertson ("Thirty Years Rubbing Yucatan").

Saturday will feature a series of lectures on topics ranging from astronomy in the Maya codices to new discoveries at Mayapan. The presentations will include:

Anthony Andrews, E. Wyllys Andrews V & Fernando Robles Castellanos,
"The Elimination of the Northern Maya Early Postclassic Period"
Crorey Lawton, David S. Anderson & Tony Andrews, "Survey of the
Northwest Coast of the Yucatan Peninsula"

Traci Arden & David Hixson, "The Unusual Sculptures of Telantunich, Yucatan: Portals and the Concept of Masculinity in Ancient Maya Thought"

Victoria R. Bricker & Harvey M. Bricker, "Astronomical Orientations in Architecture from the Northern Lowlands"

Anthony Aveni, "Astronomy Among the Ancient Maya"

Clifford T. Brown, "New Views at Mayapan"

Gabrielle Vail & Christine Hernandez, "Ritual Texts in the Maya Madrid Codex and Cognate Almanacs from the Central Mexican Borgia Codices"

The program for Sunday will include a selection of half-day workshops, offered both for beginners and for those who have some background in working with Maya texts and the calendar. The topics will include:

- * Introduction to Maya Hieroglyphic Texts (beginning level)
 Gabrielle Vail
- * Maya Monuments for Beginners, Part I Bryan Just
- * Maya Monuments for Beginners, Part II Matthew Moriarty
- * Astronomical Tables in the Maya Codices (intermediate/advanced) Victoria R. Bricker & Harvey M. Bricker
- * The Calendar System (beginning level) Anthony Aveni
- * Year Dates and Ceremonies in the Maya Codices(intermediate/advanced) Gabrielle Vail
- * Texts from Northern Lowlands (intermediate/advanced)
 Markus Eberl

For more information, including registration fees and accommodations, please visit the Symposium website:

http://stonecenter.tulane.edu/html/Maya02.htm.

Abstracts are invited for contributions to a colloquium on "Indigenous language stability and change: Multilingualism and political autonomy" that is being organized by Donna Patrick (Brock University) for the 8th International Pragmatics Conference, Toronto, Canada, 13-18 July 2003.

The colloquium will explore the issue of indigenous language stability and change in multilingual contexts, where aboriginal languages are used and valued alongside other languages used in the community. It will examine indigenous communities that are concerned with the vitality and "survival" of their own territory, language, and way of life but, at the same time, are engaged in political, legal, and other campaigns that require the use of "modern" methods, including a dominant state language. We will investigate how multilingual resources are used to gain greater autonomy and control over local institutions, land, and economic activities and the consequences of these language practices for the "survival" of indigenous languages. We welcome papers that explore language practices in the paradoxical situations in which many indigenous groups around the world find themselves: trying to protect their rights and to maintain their cultural and linguistic practices, but needing to master a dominant state language in order to engage in the modern political processes necessary to achieve these goals.

Possible topics include the problems of implementing language rights in multilingual communities and of standardizing languages in these contexts, the notion of linguistic hybridity, and the role and value of dominant state languages in minority settings.

Please e-mail your abstract by 15 October 2002 to Donna Patrick at <dpatrick@spartan.ac.brocku.ca>, or mail it to her at the Department of Applied Language Studies, Brock University, St. Catharines, ON, Canada L2S 3A1. Please state your full name, address and e-mail address in the message.

For more details on the conference see:

http://ipra-www.uia.ac.be/ipra/

176.3 Positions Open

From Laura Graham (laura-graham@uiowa.edu) 13 Sep 2002:

^{*} Native American Studies at U of Iowa

The University of Iowa College of Liberal Arts and Sciences seeks a tenure-track assistant professor for a joint appointment in Native American Studies and one other department to begin August 2003. The percentage of the appointment will be equally divided between the two academic units, but tenure will reside in the other department. Ph.D. required by date of appointment. Candidates should have active research projects and innovative theoretical approaches to historic or contemporary issues appropriate for an interdisciplinary North American Indians Studies curriculum. For more information about the position, consult the AINSP web site (www.uiowa.edu/~ainsp).

The teaching assignment is two courses per semester. Tenure-track assistant professors can apply for a summer fellowship from the University to do research early in their career, and in their fourth year at the University they may be assigned a reduced teaching load.

Send letter of application and curriculum vitae to: Helena Dettmer, Chair, Search Committee, AINSP, 404 Jefferson Building, U. Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242. Three letters of reference should also be sent directly to the committee. Screening of applications will begin on November 15, 2002. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

The University of Iowa is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. This employer does offer employment benefits to domestic partners of employees. This employer does prohibit discrimination on the basis on sexual orientation/preference and gender identity/expression.

176.4 Websites of Interest

* Madrid Codex

From Gabrielle Vail (fihr@tampabay.rr.com) 13 Sep 2002:

A new website is available on the Maya Madrid Codex and its hieroglyphic texts. The website was compiled by Gabrielle Vail and is being hosted by Dumbarton Oaks Research Library in Washington, D.C.

It can be accessed at:

http://www.doaks.org/Pre-Columbian.html

* Kemosabe

From Koontz John E (John.Koontz@Colorado.EDU) 14 Sep 2002:

Judging by past discussions in the SSILA Newsletter, SSILA members might be interested in the summary on "Kemosabe" and "Tonto" that I have posted at:

http://spot.colorado.edu/~koontz/faq/etymology.htm#Kemosabe

--John Koontz University of Colorado

176.5 E-mail Address Updates

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Eva Schultze-Berndt's address was incorrectly noted in Bulletin #175. Her correct address is <schultzeberndt@eva.mpg.de>. Our apologies.