

* Program to be announced soon; preregistration reminder

The preliminary program of the Atlanta meeting will be announced in a special SSILA Bulletin to be posted soon. Participants are reminded that all paper givers must preregister for the meeting by October 15. A pre-registration form was distributed with the July Newsletter, and is also available at the SSILA website (www.ssila.org).

177.1 Last Call for Papers on Historical Linguistics for Prague Congress

From Lyle Campbell (l.campbell@ling.canterbury.ac.nz) 19 Sep 2002:

This is a reminder that the deadline is October 1, 2002, for submission of abstracts for the XVII International Congress of Linguists, Prague, Czech Republic, July 24-29, 2003 (see SSILA Bulletin #172.3). I draw your attention to the session on "Comparative Linguistics" (i.e. "historical linguistics and language change generally"). Details (including information on registration and accommodation) can be found on the ICL website:

<http://www.cil17.org/>

The relevant sections of the call for papers are:

- > Three-page abstracts of papers ... should be sent (preferably
- > ELECTRONICALLY, or in four hard copies) to the organizer of the
- > session (or workshop) relevant for the topic of the paper [i.e. to me,
- > address below, for historical linguistics--LC]. The authors should
- > clearly indicate whether they submit an abstract of a full paper or
- > a description of a poster. Authors of the accepted papers will be
- > asked to send in a one-page summary of the paper in a camera-ready
- > format (the instructions will be sent to the authors together with
- > the information of acceptance), and this summary will be printed in
- > the volume of abstracts. The slot for paper presentation will be 30
- > minutes long (including discussion)... Papers can be delivered in
- > English, German, French or Russian; summaries published in the volume
- > of abstracts should be written in English or French.
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- > Important dates for submission of abstracts of papers, workshop
- > contributions and poster descriptions:
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- > -- 3-page abstracts: October 1, 2002 [Note: I do not know the reasons
- > why 3-page abstracts were asked for, but some of the abstracts already
- > submitted are much shorter and there is no plan to eliminate them from
- > consideration.--LC]
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- > -- Notice of acceptance/rejection will be sent out before Dec. 31, 2002
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- > -- 1-page summary for publication in the Proceedings: March 31, 2003
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- > Each abstract should contain: a separate page with the title of the
- > paper/poster, the author's name and affiliation, postal address,

> e-mail address, and fax. The author's name should not be written on
> the abstract itself.

My address (for abstract submissions or other matters concerning this session) is:

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177.2 Research Fellowships at American Philosophical Society Library

From Joseph-James Ahern (jjahern@amphilsoc.org) 19 Sep 2002:

The American Philosophical Society Library is now accepting applications for short residential fellowships for research during 2003-04. The Society's Library, located near Independence Hall in Philadelphia, is a leading international center for research in the history of American science and technology and its European roots, as well as early American history and culture. The Library has significant holdings in linguistics, anthropology and Native American languages, including the papers of Franz Boas, Frank Speck, Elsie Clews Parsons, and others. The Native American manuscripts equal about twenty per cent of the total manuscript collections in the Library. Approximately 350 tribes and languages are represented, some in great depth. Items date from the sixteenth century to the present, with the greatest concentration from the periods 1780-1840 and 1890 to the present. While the primary emphasis of these collections is linguistic, supporting and independent materials constitute no mean portion of the whole.

The fellowships are intended to encourage research in the Library's collections by scholars who reside beyond a 75-mile radius of Philadelphia. The fellowships are open to both U.S. citizens and foreign nationals who are holders of the Ph.D. or the equivalent, Ph.D. candidates who have passed their preliminary exams, and independent scholars. Applicants in any relevant field of scholarship may apply. The stipend is \$2,000 per month, and the term of the fellowship is a minimum of one month and a maximum of three, taken between June 1, 2003 and May 31, 2004. Fellows are expected to be in residence for four consecutive weeks during the period of their award. Funding for the fellowship comes from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the Isaac Comly Martindale Fund, the Philips Fund, the John C. Slater Library Research Fund, and other generous gifts

by individual donors.

There is no special application form and this notice provides all the essential information needed to apply. Applicants should submit the following: (1) cover sheet stating a) name, b) title of project, c) expected period of residence, d) institutional affiliation, e) mailing address, f) telephone numbers, and e-mail if available, and g) social security number; (2) a letter (not to exceed three single-spaced pages) which briefly describes the project and how it relates to existing scholarship, states the specific relevance of the American Philosophical Society's collections to the project, and indicates expected results of the research (such as publications); (3) a c.v. or résumé; and (4) one letter of reference (doctoral candidates must use their dissertation advisor). Guides to the collections are available on the Society's website (www.amphilsoc.org). Applicants are strongly encouraged to consult the Library staff by mail or phone regarding the collections.

Address applications or inquiries to:

Library Resident Research Fellowships,
American Philosophical Society Library,
105 South Fifth Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106-3386

Telephone: (215) 440-3400.

Applications must be received by March 1, 2003. Notice of awards will be mailed after May 1, 2003.

177.3 Endangered Languages on the BBC

From Nicholas Ostler (nostler@chibcha.demon.co.uk) 24 Sep 2002:

A series of documentaries on endangered languages ("Lost for Words") has been produced for BBC Radio 4. The first installment is being broadcast today, Wednesday, September 25. According to The Guardian:

"Lost for Words" reports on the death of linguistic diversity currently taking place at a shocking rate across the globe. There are around 6,000 languages, but roughly every 2 weeks another language dies. Gavin Esler visits places where languages are under threat, hearing dialects from Australia, Ireland, Africa and Hawaii and tries to find out what can be done to turn the tide.

I have no inside information on this program, and had no part in recording it, but I have heard that it will contain a fair number of recordings of speech in different endangered languages.

I presume the next two installments will occur at the same time in following weeks. The producer was Amber Dawson <amber.dawson@bbc.co.uk>.

The series will also be available at the Radio 4 website:

* WSCLA 8: "Languages in Contact" (Brandon, Manitoba, March 7-9, 2003)

From WSCLA8 mail (WSCLA8@BrandonU.CA) 24 Sep 2002

The 8th Workshop on Structure and Constituency in the Languages of the Americas (WSCLA) will be held at Brandon University, Brandon, Manitoba, Canada, March 7-9, 2003.

The main goal of this workshop is to bring together linguists doing theoretical work on the indigenous languages of North, Central, and South America. Papers in all core areas of linguistics (phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics) within any theoretical framework will be considered, but we especially invite papers which address the theme of this year's conference, "Languages in Contact."

While the bulk of theoretical work in linguistics has by and large relied on the notion that languages are stable, uniform synchronic systems that are consistent and self-contained across communities of speakers, linguists working on the languages of the Americas -- the majority of which are unwritten and have no normative or "standard" form -- have often been confronted with a startling degree of variation within what speakers consider to be a single language. Conversely, languages which have been in contact for generations often borrow heavily from one another in extreme cases creating a new language based on parts of two or more founding languages.

Manitoba provides at least two examples of contact languages: Oji-Cree and Michif. Oji-Cree is spoken in N.E. Manitoba (Island Lake) spanning the border into Northern Ontario (Severn River). This area forms a boundary between two related but distinct indigenous languages, Cree and Ojibwe, and the status of the resulting language mixture has long been debated. Michif is a mixture of Cree and French spoken in communities scattered throughout an area which spans North Dakota, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta.

Invited speakers will be:

John D. Nichols (U of Minnesota), "Anihshiniimowin (Severn Ojibwe): Is it Oji-Cree?"

Peter Bakker (Aarhus U, Denmark), "Three languages in one word: English verbs in Michif"

The invited student speaker will be:

Nicole Rosen (U of Toronto, "A Phonology of Michif"

Following the tradition of this workshop, we dedicate the final day to a linking between our research and work being done on language preservation and revitalization. This year, we have invited a presentation on the status of one of our local indigenous languages, Dakota (Sioux), by an experienced language teacher, Doris Pratt, of Brandon University. Her talk will be followed by a roundtable discussion on this topic by all workshop participants.

Abstracts should be e-mailed to: [<Wscla8@brandonu.ca>](mailto:Wscla8@brandonu.ca). They may also be

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