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183.1 Correspondence

* Who was Victor Riste?

From Jack Martin (jbmart@wm.edu) 1 Dec 2002:

I've encountered the name Victor Riste twice now in recent months. One place is on WorldCat, where he's listed as one of the authors of six reel-to-reel tapes of dances and songs deposited by John Gillespie in the Indiana Archives of Traditional Music. The second place is in Mary Haas's Creek field notes from the 1930's that include a few re-elicited texts "from Riste."

I've checked standard biographical indexes, periodical indexes, etc., But can find no mention of who Victor Riste was, or whether he left Additional items. Can any reader of the SSILA Bulletin help?

--JackMartin
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* Translations of a poem sought

From Ted Suarez (Ted.Suarez@AIG.com) 12 Dec 2002:

On 9/11/01 my son, David S. Suarez, age 24, was killed in the World Trade Center. Although for us this was a great tragedy, we were fortunate in that he left us some of his writings. In particular, a short poem that in our opinion addresses that part in all of us that helps us overcome adversity and causes us to transcend our day to day existence. The poem has been the subject of many articles in newspapers and other publications including the NY Times. It has been read on the floor of the US House of Representatives and was used by the Governor of California as part of the official ceremonies commemorating the one year anniversary of the tragic events.

The poem has been translated into about 90 different languages Including the three major ones spoken in Afghanistan, most of the major European languages, 25 languages from Africa, the language of Easter Island, the original languages of the Incas, Aztecs, Mayas, etc. Unfortunately to date we do not have a translation in a Native North American language. Would readers of the SSILA Bulletin be able to help us? I hope to present the collection of translations to the UN and also publish the collection as a non-profit project, in hopes that by providing a link of communication we as a people of the world can take one small step in recognizing that we have more in common and that we must stop the spiral of anger that will only make things worse.

The poem, the essay that he wrote explaining his thoughts about the poem, and the list of translations already completed, can be found at the web site we have established:

http://meskra.home.att.net/suarez/poem.htm http://www.Davidsuarez.org

Many thanks for any possible help.

--Ted Suarez New York City (212-770-2338) (Ted.Suarez@AIG.com)

183.2 Reception for David Rood at Atlanta Meeting

From Alma Dean Kolb (akolb@midway.uchicago.edu) 4 Dec 2002:

The University of Chicago Press will host a reception in honor of Professor David S. Rood, retiring editor of the International Journal of American Linguistics, at the LSA/SSILA meeting next month. The

reception will be held on Saturday January 4, 2003, in the Walton Room of the Atlanta Hilton, from 8:30 to 10:00 pm, immediately following the SSILA Business Meeting.

Please join us to express appreciation and best wishes to Professor $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Rood}}$

183.3 Scholarships for Speakers of Indigenous Latin American Languages

From Nora C. England (nengland@mail.utexas.edu) 6 Dec 2002:

The Center for Indigenous Languages of Latin America at the University of Texas at Austin announces the availability of two scholarships to begin in August 2003 for one year of intensive English at UT Austin for speakers of Latin American indigenous languages, preparatory to applying for admission to study graduate linguistics or linguistic anthropology at UT. The scholarships are only for English; scholarships to continue in an academic program must be sought elsewhere. The successful candidates will be speakers of indigenous Latin American languages who have completed a licenciatura degree and who intend to contribute to the vitality of their languages. The deadline for receipt of applications is March 15, 2003. Complete information and application forms in Spanish may be found on the Center's website:

http://www.utexas.edu/cola/llilas/centers/cilla/index.html

Questions may be addressed to Nora England <nengland@mail.utexas.edu>.

El Centro para los Idiomas Indígenas de Latinoamérica en la Universidad de Texas en Austin anuncia dos becas, para empezar en agosto de 2003, para un año de estudio intensivo del inglés en la Universidad de Texas en Austin para hablantes de idiomas indígenas de Latinoamérica, previo a solicitar admisión al programa de posgrado en lingüística o antropología lingüística en la misma universidad. Las becas son solamente para el inglés; becas para los estudios de posgrado se solicitan en otros

Los candidatos para la beca deben ser hablantes de un idioma indígena De Latinoamérica, tener la licenciatura terminada y tener la intención de contribuir a la vitalidad de sus idiomas. La fecha límite para recibir la solicitud es el 15 de marzo de 2003. Información completa y el formulario para la solicitud se encuentran en la página de web del Centro:

http://www.utexas.edu/cola/llilas/centers/cilla/index.html

Cualquier pregunta se dirige a Nora England onengland@mail.utexas.edu>.

183.4 Upcoming Meetings

* 2003 Athabascan Languages Conference (Humboldt State U, June 26-27)

From Victor Golla (vkg1@humboldt.edu) 12 Dec 2002:

The 2003 Athabascan Languages Conference will be held at Humboldt State University, Arcata, California, June 26-27, hosted by the Athabascan language communities of California and Oregon in collaboration with the HSU Center for Indian Community Development.

Papers and presentations on any aspect of Athabascan linguistics and language education are welcome. A thematic session on "Adaptation and Change in Athabascan Languages" will focus on such topics as:

- --Historical documentation of language change in Athabascan communities
- --Assimilation of loanwords into Athabascan languages
- --Development of new vocabulary for modern life
- --Attitudes toward "traditional" vs. "new" language usage in Athabascan

language education

--Dictionaries and language standardization

A call for papers will be issued in January and posted at the Athabascan Conference website (http://www.uaf.edu/anlc/alc). Meanwhile, inquires are welcome at <vkg1@humboldt.edu>.

* Witotoan languages at the 51st ICA (Santiago, July 2003)

From Frank Seifart (Frank.Seifart@mpi.nl) 2 Dec 2002:

There will be a Symposium on Witotoan cultures and languages at the International Congress of Americanists in Santiago de Chile next year. In the linguistic section, nominal classification will be the major focus. However, we explicitly also invite papers on related topics in two directions: (1) Any other linguistic phenomenon in Witotoan languages, and (2) Nominal classification in neighboring languages (or language groups).

For further details about the symposium e-mail <Frank.Seifart@mpi.nl>. General information about the ICA can be found at:

http://www.uchile.cl/vaa/americanista/

* Siouan-Caddoan Conference (Michigan State U, August 8-10)

From Ardis Eschenberg (ardise@hotmail.com) 1 Dec 2002:

The 23rd annual Siouan and Caddoan Languages Conference will be held in conjunction with the 2003 LSA Institute on August 8-10, 2003, at Michigan

State University, East Lansing. Papers concerning any topic in Siouan and Caddoan languages and linguistics are welcome. Abstracts should be no longer than 250 words and can be submitted in hard copy or email form.

Abstracts must be received by July 3, 2003.

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183.5 FEL VI Proceedings Available

From Nicholas Ostler (nostler@chibcha.demon.co.uk) 5 Dec 2002:

The proceedings 6th conference of the Foundation for Endangered Languages,

"Endangered Languages and their Literatures", held earlier this year in Antigua, Guatemala, are now available for general distribution. The contents of the 156-page volume include:

- R. McKenna Brown, "Preface: Endangered Languages and Their Literatures" Joel Sherzer, "Keynote Address: AILLA: Archive of the Indigenous Languages of Latin America"
- Monica Ward, "The Pedagogical and Linguistic Issues Involved in Production of EL Materials: A Case Study of Nawat"
- J.E. Lonergan, "A Tarahumara-English Computational Semantic Lexicon" Michal Brody, "To the Letter: A Microanalysis of Currently Contested Graphemes in the Maya of Yucatan"
- Pamela Innes, "I Can't Read That Way of Writing: Linguistic and Indigenous Systems Clash in the Apache Language Revitalization Movement"
- Chiroke Asogwa, "Re-Kindling Interest in an Endangered Language: A Way Forward for Igbo"
- Jule Gómez de García, Melissa Axelrod & Jordan Lachler, "'If You Play With Fire': Literary Production in Jicarilla Apache"
- Joseph Blythe & Frances Kofod, "Literatures for the Semi-Literate:

Issues for Emerging Literacies in the Kimberly Region of North-Western Australia"

- Norman Thomson & Jepkorir Chepyator-Thomson, "The Role of Educators as Biological, Cultural, and Language Exterminators: Teaching for Creativity, Measuring for Conformity"
- Alexis López, "Using Storytelling in Schools to Preserve Endangered Languages"

- Giovanna Micarelli & Hernán Gómez, "On the Steps of Memory: Theater Anthropology as an Instrument for Cultural and Linguistic Revitalization in Indigenous Communities of the Colombian Amazon" Mary Morgan & Deepa Gurung, "Languages Worth Writing: Endangered Languages of Nepal"
- V. Pérez Rivera (with I. Kungiler), "La experiencia de recopilar el conocimiento Kuna"
- David R. Margolin, Marcela Carmas, Suyapa Dilworth & Carmen Palacios,
 "The Symbolic Value of Oral Literature for the Revitalization of
 Tawahka"
- Andrew E. Liebermann & Jacinto de Paz Pérez, "The Blossoming of Our Ancestors' Words: Oral Tradition Collected and Published by Mayan Students"
- Nadine Grimm & Laura Martin, "Strategies for Promoting Endangered Language Literatures Outside Their Local Communities" Janferie Stone, "Maya Poetics: Renaissance in Continuity" María Luz García, "Bajo la montaña: Women's Stories of la violencia"
- María Luz García, "Bajo la montaña: Women's Stories of la violencia" Christopher Hadfield, "A Tissue of Lies: History versus Myth in the Nature of Time"

Copies are now available, at £15 (\$25 US), including surface postage and packing. (Add £3/\$5 if not a member of FEL.) For air-mail please add £7.50/\$12.50. You can pay by check in pounds sterling, payable to "Foundation for Endangered Languages"; by check in \$US, payable to "Nicholas Ostler"; or by credit card (Visa, MasterCard, EuroCard), enclosing card number, expiry date, name (as on card), and address (as on card). Please send orders to:

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183.6 Websites of Interest

* New URL for Northwest Coast Bibliography

From Brad Coon (bcoon@montana.edu) 2 Dec 2002:

My bibliography of Northwest Coast linguistics, anthropology, and $\mbox{\it archaeo-}$

logy has a new web address:

http://www.lib.montana.edu/~bcoon/nwcst.html

--Brad Coon Reference Librarian Montana State University

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