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188.1 Correspondence

* Terms for blushing?

From Christine Patricia Murphy (cpm23@columbia.edu) 27 Feb 2003:

I am currently a senior in Columbia University's Anthropology department,

and would like to ask if I may draw on the experience and resources of the members of SSILA to help inform my senior thesis.

I am looking into the cross-cultural significance of the physiological and emotional responses associated with blushing, and their implications for nonverbal communication. I wonder if any of you have encountered related terms in his/her studies of Native American languages (for the internal response, if not for an outward physical sign: verb, noun, or adjective).

The scope of such terms might include (but is certainly not limited to) associations with the physical manifestations of embarrassment, shame, anger, sexual attraction, or modesty, my particular interest being evidence of perceivable facial difference, perhaps by a change in skin appearance (as is indicated in the English verb "to blush"). I could consult dictionaries, but I am sure that your experience as researchers (and perhaps speakers) of these languages would provide a greater

opportunity to make sure that the terms and uses I refer to in my paper are current and salient, not artifacts produced by linguists overeager to find one-to-one relationships between familiar and foreign language systems.

--Christine Murphy (cpm23@columbia.edu)

188.2 Upcoming Meetings: Calls for Papers on Short Notice

[The two Calls for Papers below require immediate attention from prospective participants. We apologize for the short notice.]

* SLA/SSILA sessions at AAA (Chicago, Nov.19-23)

From Leanne Hinton (hinton@socrates.berkeley.edu) 27 Feb 2003:

Although SSILA will be having its primary meeting with the LSA from now on, we are also developing a closer relationship with the Society for Linguistic Anthropology, and will be submitting some SSILA sessions through the SLA for this year's AAA meeting in Chicago (November 19-23). As in previous years, papers are welcome on any topic in linguistics or linguistic anthropology dealing with indigenous American languages.

Since SSILA no longer has a formal agreement with the AAA, we will be working through the SLA for our papers. SSILA has no "guaranteed slots" now, but hopefully most of our sessions will be accepted. We will also have a SSILA business meeting at the AAA, where we can discuss the way we have handled things this year and decide if we should make any changes.

How to submit papers

This year, the AAA is strongly encouraging on-line submissions, and charges an extra \$35 for proposals submitted by mail! To submit your abstract, go to the AAA meetings home page at

http://www.aaanet.org/mtgs/mtgs.htm

and follow directions. They will ask you to pay your fees on-line, so have your credit card ready. To make sure your paper gets into the right session, when you get to the submission form select "Society for Linguistic Anthropology" as your "review section."

The FIRM deadline for all submissions is April 1, 2003.

If you have questions, please e-mail me (hinton@socrates.berkeley.edu), or the SLA program chair, Jack Sidnell (jack.sidnell@utoronto.ca). (If they are technical questions about how to submit, definitely ask Jack!)

--Leanne

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* Indigenous Languages of the South (Tuscaloosa, April 15-17, 2004)

From Michael D. Picone (mpicone@bama.ua.edu):

LAVIS III, Language Variety in the South: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives, a symposium, will be held at the University of Alabama, in Tuscaloosa, April 15-17, 2004. Among the 14 sessions planned for LAVIS III will be a session on Indigenous Languages of the South. Other sessions will include:

- Endangered Languages & Dialects
- Links to the Caribbean
- Earlier Englishes of the South (Southern American English or African American English or any other variety)
- English in the Contemporary South
- Perception (in relation to any dialect of the South)
- African American English Issues
- Quantitative Methodologies
- Discourse and Southern American English
- Language and the Schools (oriented towards K-12 teachers)
- Latino Language Issues
- Southern English and the Public Interest (dialect awareness programs for the general public, language and the media, linguistic profiling, forensic linguistics, etc.)
- Language and the Arts in the South (literature, film, song, etc.)
- New Approaches and Broader Horizons

There will also be two Pre-Conference Workshops:

- The semiotics of Moundville (to be held on-site at the Moundville Archeological Park), Vernon James Knight (U Alabama)
- Using the LAGS (Linguistic Atlas of the Gulf States) database

For background on LAVIS I and II and the general vision behind LAVIS III, please visit:

http://www.bama.ua.edu/~mpicone/LAVISIIIsummary.htm

Americanists who have already committed to the conference include Pamela Munro (who will be one of the plenary speakers), George Aaron Broadwell, Robert Rankin, Wallace Chafe, and Patricia Kwachka. Papers from other established and emerging scholars working on the indigenous languages of the region are most welcome. Abstracts will be judged anonymously.

Abstracts of up to 500 words (plus references) for 20-minute papers must be submitted electronically to cone@ua.edu> by March 15, 2003.

Use MS Word to compose your abstract. In addition to sending your abstract (with title) as an attachment, please paste a copy of the abstract into the body of your e-mail message. If you use phonetic symbols in your abstract, select either Lucinda Sans Unicode (which is included with most applications of MS Word) or SILDoulosIPA (freeware available from SIL) as your IPA font. Your name, affiliation, and current contact information must be included in your e-mail message but should not appear in the attached abstract. Please also include an indication of your equipment requirements for your proposed presentation.

The University of Alabama Press will be publishing a refereed volume of papers from the conference. The conference organizers, Michael D. Picone and Catherine Evans Davies, will serve as co-editors and will provide timely information on style and deadlines in order to expedite the publishing process.

LAVIS III will take place concurrently with the seventieth meeting of the Southeastern Conference on Linguistics (SECOL LXX). At a later date, there will be a separate call for papers for SECOL LXX.

> --Michael D. Picone Dept. of Modern Languages & Classics University of Alabama

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188.3 Summer Institute

* CILLDI 2003 (Edmonton, July 28-August 14) ______

From Laura Burnouf (lburnouf@ualberta.ca) 27 Feb 2003:

The 4th annual Canadian Indigenous Languages and Literacy Development Institute (CILLDI) will be held at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada from July 28 to August 14, 2003. It is sponsored by the Faculty of Education, Arts, and Extension and the School of Native Studies. Participants include undergraduate and graduate students interested in learning an Indigenous language or gaining expertise in the areas of linguistics, language and literacy, curriculum development and second language teaching.

Students choose a maximum of six credits from the following course offerings:

LING 101 - Introduction to LING 1 LING 205/599 - Practical Phonetics

NS 380 - An introduction to Dene Language and Culture

NS 380Lec B3 - Web-based Resource Development for Indigenous Languages

EDEL 445/595 - Teaching Second Languages in the Elementary School

EDES 402/502 - Literacy and Drama in Aboriginal Language Education EDEL 505 - Theory and Practice in Language arts

Tuition: Undergraduate: \$576.60/3 credits, \$979.80/6 credits Graduate: \$559.24/3 credits, \$1,118.48/6 credits.

Costs in addition to tuition include a \$60 application fee, housing and food is approximately \$30 to \$40 per day. For room reservations contact guest services at Lister Hall (780) 492-4281 or 1-800-615-4807. For further information contact: Laura Burnouf at (780) 492-4273 ext. 277 or Heather Blair at (780) 492-4273 ext. 232. e-mail: daghida@ualberta.ca or lburnouf@ualberta.ca

188.4 E-mail Address Updates

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