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190.0 SSILA Business

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\* SLA/SSILA joint session on Endangered Languages at Chicago AAA

The Society for Linguistic Anthropology and SSILA are jointly sponsoring a session on Endangered Languages at the 2003 meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, November 19-23.

Organized by Leanne Hinton and Elinor Ochs, and chaired by Elinor Ochs, the session will bring together linguists and anthropologists for presentations and discussion of endangered languages and the issues of linguistic rights of individuals and communities that impact endangered languages. The potential for cross-fertilization is great. Linguists have long recognized the need for the study and protection of endangered languages, and have been increasingly involved in issues of language death and revitalization. Linguistic anthropologists tend to take a broader approach to language than do core linguists, and have much to add to questions of adequate documentation, researcher ethics, and the linguistic and intellectual rights of communities.

The organizers will begin with a general statement setting the scene for the 13 papers that follow:

Nora C. England and B'alam Mateo-Toledo, "What Can Linguistics Offer to Communities that Speak Threatened Languages?"

Michael Cahill, "SIL and Endangered Language Groups"

Michael Silverstein, "From Glottoprospecting to Antiquarian Curating: Dilemmas of Reflexivity in the Linguistics of Local Language Communities"

Robert E. Moore, "Endangered languages and the local politics of redemption"

Pamela Munro, "Orthography and Language Preservation"

Ian Maddieson, "Phonetic models for contracting languages: issues and challenges"

Kathryn Howard, "Care-giving, convergence, and language shift in a Northern Thai community"

Angela Nonaka, "Sign Languages--The Forgotten Endangered Languages: Lessons on the Importance of Remembering from Thailand's Ban Khor Sign Language"

Suzanne Wertheim, "Language mixing and style reassignment in contracting languages"

Paul V. Kroskrity, "Vanishing Voices and Ideologies of Extinction"

Pamela Bunte, "Speaking San Juan Southern Paiute: Ideologies and Practices"

John B. Haviland, "Linguistic accommodation in a swirl of tongues"

Akira Yamamoto and Arienne Dwyer, "UNESCO's policies toward endangered languages: a progress report"

The discussants will be William Hanks and Alexandra Jaffe.

\* Call for session proposals for January 2004 meeting in Boston  
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The 2003-04 Annual Meeting of SSILA will be held in conjunction with the 78th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America in Boston, Massachusetts, from Thursday January 8 through Sunday January 11, 2004. The Call for Papers will be distributed in the early summer, in both electronic and paper form. Proposals for special thematic sessions are solicited at this time.

Proposers should submit a short session abstract (150 words would be sufficient) and a tentative list of participants and their paper topics to the SSILA Program Committee before June 1, 2003. Abstracts for individual papers should not be sent at this time.

Thematic sessions may be of variable length, up to 3 hours, and may include introductions and discussions as well as substantive presentations. If the organizer(s) will consider additional papers on the session theme, the session--if accepted by the Program Committee --will be announced in the Call for Papers and prospective participants asked to contact the session organizer(s).

Send proposals to: SSILA Program Committee, PO Box 555, Arcata, CA 95518 USA, or by e-mail to <ssila@ssila.org>.

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190.1 Endangered Languages Documentation Program (SOAS): 2003 Proposals  
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From e.potts (info@eldp.soas.ac.uk) 7 Apr 2003:

The Endangered Languages Documentation Program, which was recently established with support from the Lisbet Rausing Charitable Fund at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, has now completed the review of its first round of grant applications. (For general information on the ELDP and its grant program, visit: <http://www.eldp.soas.ac.uk>).

The ELDP is now moving on to the second call for Preliminary Applications. The purpose of this e-mail is to outline the timetable and the key structural changes to the program. It should be noted that the timetable has been brought forward when compared with that of 2002.

2002 outcomes  
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The ELDP received approximately 150 applications in response to its first call for applications. About 40 of these were invited to submit detailed applications, and although it was not possible to offer financial support to all good proposals, the Fund was able to make formal offers of grants to 21 applicants: Studentships, Fellowships and Project grants. Details of the offers, and subsequently the details of those accepted, will be published on the ELDP web page shortly ([www.eldp.soas.ac.uk](http://www.eldp.soas.ac.uk)).

2003 timetable  
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- 16 May 2003 - Revised guidelines and forms available on the web page.
- 8 August 2003 - Deadline for submission of Preliminary Applications.
- 19 September 2003 - Invitations to submit Detailed Applications sent.
- 14 November 2003 - Deadline for submission of Detailed Applications.
- 27 February 2004 - Announcement of Funding Awards.

The timetable will be repeated annually.

2003 guidance  
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The new guidelines and application forms for the 2003 funding round will be published on the website by Friday 26 May 2003. In the meantime, the 2002 guidelines may be used as a general guide. The five types of application used in 2002 will remain, although additional guidelines as to funding limits will be provided.

The main aims of the Fund remain the documentation of seriously endangered languages and the criteria remain (a) endangerment, (b) significance of the language and (c) quality of proposal. The Fund's primary concern is with documentation rather than focused revitalization, although the link is appreciated and sometimes desirable. As such, prospective applicants should structure the documentation in such a way as to assist local

communities in preserving and fostering highly endangered ancestral languages and speech ways.

While in essence the guidelines will remain broadly similar, there will be a number of budgetary refinements. Key changes that you may wish to note will be as follows:

- Overhead/ Institutional Administration costs will not be eligible.
- Top-up salaries for established/ employed academics will not be eligible (this includes the funding of non-institutional funded summer vacation periods).
- A limit of #2000 (pounds sterling) may be requested for publications.
- Major equipment costs (i.e. laptops, camcorders etc) will not be provided for projects where the period of fieldwork is limited.
- Modest training activity for local communities (within the context of a substantive project) will be eligible for support.

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190.2 Upcoming Meetings

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\* NSU Indian Symposium (Tahlequah, April 16-18)

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From Mayrene Bentley (bentley@nsuok.edu) 24 Mar 2003:

The 31st annual Symposium on the American Indian will be held at Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, Oklahoma, April 16-18, 2003. The theme will be "Native American well-being 2003: Traditions of healing." The meeting will be hosted by NSU's Center for Tribal Studies.

Native languages will be a featured part of the meeting. On Thursday, evening, April 17, Akira Yamamoto and Linguistics faculty from the University of Kansas will discuss "Revitalization of Indigenous Languages: Tribes Working Together." On Friday, April 18, Dr. Yamamoto will coordinate a day-long Seminar on Revitalization Strategies for Native American Languages" with Native language teachers from various tribes Also on Friday there will be separate presentations by Dupree ShadowWalker on "Native Language Teaching through Technology", and by the Osage County Interlocal Coop on "Osage Language in Public Schools."

For the full schedule, information on accommodations, and other information visit the Symposium website:

<http://arapaho.nsuok.edu/~indiasym/>

\* Friends of Uto-Aztecan (Guadalajara, June 26-27)

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From Karen Dakin (karendakin@prodigy.net.mx) 25 Mar 2003:

De nueva cuenta, los amigos de las lenguas yutoaztecas nos reuniremos en Guadalajara, en la Universidad de Guadalajara, los días 26 y 27 de junio de 2003. La fecha límite para recibir sus títulos de ponencias es el 30 de abril, por lo que les pedimos los manden a las siguientes cuentas de correo electrónico: <ryanez@cencar.udg.mx>, <dakin@servidor.unam.mx>. Favor de mandar el título de su ponencia, su domicilio, número de teléfono y su cuenta de correo electrónico. En una siguiente convocatoria les mandaremos la información del hotel para que puedan hacer sus reservaciones. Nos vemos en Guadalajara.

[Once more, the Friends of Uto-Aztecan Languages will meet in 2003 at the University of Guadalajara, June 26-27. Deadline for sending paper titles is April 30th. Please send them to either of the following addresses: <ryanez@cencar.udg.mx> or <dakin@servidor.unam.mx>. Please send your paper title, your address, phone number and your e-mail address. We will be sending you the hotel information soon so that you can make your reservation. We hope to see you in Guadalajara.]

-- Rosa Y?z, Universidad de Guadalajara  
--Karen Dakin, UNAM

\* Salish and Neighboring Languages (Lillooet, BC, August 13-15)

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From (jcb@interchange.ubc.ca) April 01, 2003:

The 38th International Conference on Salish and Neighboring Languages will be hosted by the Upper St'a't'icm Language, Culture and Education Society and will take place in Lillooet, British Columbia on August 13-15. Papers on all aspects of the study, preservation, and teaching of Salish and neighboring languages are welcome.

Papers for the ICSNL should be submitted by Friday, May 31, 2003, and will be printed and distributed prior to the conference by the University of British Columbia Working Papers in Linguistics, as was done last year. There are no page limits. An electronic copy as well as a hard copy of the paper should be submitted. Word files with any special fonts will be accepted, however, PDF files are preferred. A style sheet is available at

<http://www.linguistics.ubc.ca/UBCWPL/>

Contact the editors at <Linguistics-UBCWPL@arts.ubc.ca> for updated information.

Papers should be submitted to:

The editors, ICSNL 38, 2003  
UBCWPL  
c/o Department of Linguistics, UBC  
E-270 1866 Main Mall  
Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z1  
Canada

Information on ordering the preprints will follow in a separate announcement. For inquiries about the conference itself, please



Gram?ca	Antropolog?Ling??ica
Socioling??ica	Planificaci?ing??ica
Políticas Ling??icas	Teor?Ling??ica
Ling??ica Hist?a	Mantenimiento o P.ida Ling??ica
Discurso	Literatura Ind?na
Colaboraci?omunidad/Ling??a	

Se prefiere castellano para las presentaciones; ingl.y portugu.tambi.son aceptables.

CONFERENCISTAS ESPECIALES:

Fidencio Brice?Instituto Nacional de Antropolog?e Historia de Yucat? M.co  
Paulette Levy, Universidad Nacional Aut?a de M.co  
Denny Moore, Museu Goeldi, Brasil

PANEL ESPECIAL:

Invitados de proyectos colaborativos entre comunidades y ling??as que contribuyen al mantenimiento del idioma.

Ponencias son de 20 minutos con 10 minutos para preguntas y comentarios. Se seleccionar?con base en una evaluaci.n?a del resumen/abstracto, el cual no debe exceder 300 palabras. Se prefieren res?es enviados electr?amente.

La fecha l?te para recibir los res?es es el 1 de mayo de 2003. Favor de mandar el resumen a: co.iglesias@mail.utexas.edu. Sujeto: Resumen, CILLA I. Favor de incluir la siguiente informaci.en este orden):

1. T?lo
2. Nombre y apellidos del autor
3. Afiliaci.nstitucional del autor
4. Direcci?tel.no y correo electr?o donde se puede mandar la notificaci.
5. Un resumen/abstracto de 300 palabras. Inclu? en el mensaje y tambi.como attachment Word. Nombre del attachment: Apellido.Inicialdenombre.CILLA.doc
6. Equipo necesario para la presentaci.Se manda notificaci.e aceptaci. no el 31 de mayo.

INSCRIPCION:

Estudiantes US \$20; no estudiantes US \$40; hay becas de inscripci.ara estudiosos ind?nas.

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

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The first Conference on Indigenous Languages of Latin America (CILLA I) will be held October 23-25, 2003, at the University of Texas at Austin. We invite the submission of abstracts on research about any aspect of Latin American indigenous languages. Already published papers will not be accepted. Topics may include, but are not limited to:

Grammar	Linguistic Anthropology
Sociolinguistics	Language Planning
Language Politics	Linguistic Theory
Historical Linguistics	Language Vitality
Discourse	Indigenous Literatures
Community/Linguist Cooperation	

Spanish is encouraged for presentations; English and Portuguese are also acceptable.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

Fidencio Brice?Instituto Nacional de Antropolog?e Historia de  
Yucat? Mexico  
Paulette Levy, Universidad Nacional Aut?a de M.co, Mexico  
Denny Moore, Museu Goeldi, Brazil

SPECIAL PANEL:

Invited panel on community/linguistic projects designed to contribute to language maintenance.

Speakers will be allowed 20 minutes for presentation and 10 minutes for discussion. Papers will be selected based on the evaluation of an anonymous written abstract, which may not exceed 300 words. Electronic submissions are encouraged.

Deadline for receipt of abstracts is May 1, 2003. Please send your abstract to <co.iglesias@mail.utexas.edu>, Subject: CILLA I abstract. Please include in the following order:

1. Title of the paper
2. Author's name
3. Author's affiliation
4. Address, phone number, and e-mail address at which the author wishes to be notified
5. A 300 word abstract. Please send as a Word attachment as well as in the body of the message. Title of Word file:  
Lastname.Firstinitial.CILLA.doc
6. Equipment needs for the presentation

Notification of acceptance or rejection will be sent by May 31, 2003.

REGISTRATION:

\$20 students; \$40 non-students; registration scholarships for indigenous scholars



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190.3 Websites of Interest  
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\* Archive of the Indigenous Languages of Latin America  
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From Heidi Johnson (ailla@ailla.org) 26 Mar 2003:

The Archive of the Indigenous Languages of Latin America at the University of Texas at Austin is pleased to announce the formal launching of its new website at:

<http://www.ailla.org>

The new site provides interfaces in English and Spanish to the new, permanent database and the new graded access system, which allows depositors to restrict access to sensitive materials in various ways. We hope that you will explore the site and the archive and send us your comments and suggestions. We also hope that those of you who work in Latin America will be inspired to send us materials that you have collected to add to the archive. We are most interested in recordings of discourse, but welcome deposits in almost any genre, including word lists, grammatical sketches, unpublished articles or theses, teaching materials, etc. We accept deposits on any medium; all materials will be digitized and archived according to your access specifications. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please write to us at <ailla@ailla.org>.

We are also happy to announce that we have recently been awarded a second grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, extending their generous support for AILLA for another two years. AILLA is currently funded by grants from NEH and the National Science Foundation.

--Heidi Johnson, Project Manager, AILLA  
Dept. of Anthropology, Univ. of Texas at Austin  
(ailla@ailla.org)

\* Two Algonquian sites  
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-- The Mi'kmaq Association for Cultural Studies (Sydney, Nova Scotia) maintains an interesting website at:

<http://www.mikmaq-assoc.ca/>

Among the materials posted is a "Mi'kmaq Hymnal", with Mi'kmaq lyrics and audiofiles of various Catholic hymns sung by a Mi'kmaq choir, and a "Stories and Songs" page with 7 audiofiles of field recordings of Mi'kmaq narratives.

-- There is a well-researched links page for the Algonquian languages (Algonquian, Wiyot, and Yurok) at the portal site, "Native Languages of the Americas," that is maintained by Laura Redish:

<http://www.native-languages.org/famalg.htm>

\* PARADISEC  
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From Nicholas Thieberger (thien@UNIMELB.EDU.AU) 26 Mar 2003:

A brief note to alert you to a new digital archive for languages of the Pacific and South-East Asian region, PARADISEC ("Pacific And Regional Archive for DIgital Sources in Endangered Cultures"). Visit the website at:

<http://www.paradisec.org.au>

--Nick Thieberger  
Project Manager  
(nickt@paradisec.org.au)

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190.4 E-Mail Address Updates

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The following additions or changes have been made to the SSILA mailing list since the last Bulletin:

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