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* Reminder: Abstracts for Annual Meeting due on September 7

Proposals for papers to be given at the January 2005 annual meeting of SSILA in San Francisco must be received by Tuesday, September 7. The Call for Papers, with detailed guidelines for the preparation of

abstracts, is included with the July 2004 SSILA Newsletter, and can also be found at the SSILA website (www.ssila.org) on the "Winter Meeting 2005" page.

We prefer abstracts to be submitted by e-mail, preferably as Word or RTF attachments. All submissions should be sent to the Program Committee at <ssila@ssila.org>. Questions about submission procedures should be directed to the secretary (golla@ssila.org). Inquiries about Program Committee policy should be directed to the committee Chair, Pam Munro (munro@ucla.edu).

The Call for Papers neglected to restate the Society's policy regarding the language in which a presentation can be made at the Annual Meeting. Although English is the working language of the meeting, papers may also be delivered in Spanish. However, if an abstract is submitted in Spanish, it should be accompanied by an English version (for review purposes).

* Correction of address for ordering Cook's Dene grammar

The University of Manitoba web address given in the July 2004 Newsletter for ordering Eung-Do Cook's grammar of Dene Suline (Chipewyan) was not correct. The correct address is:

http://www.umanitoba.ca/linguistics/pubs/memoirs.html

Our apologies.

212.1 Correspondence

* Archiving indigenous oral traditions From Thiel, Mark (mark.thiel@marquette.edu) 22 Jul 2004:

No doubt some SSILA members will find these recent articles to be of interest from _Comma_, the International Journal on Archives. The issue 2003.1 is exclusively devoted to archives and indigenous peoples with an emphasis on documenting oral traditions worldwide. Of particular interest is this Canadian example, "Archiving Actualities: Sharing Authority with Dane-zaa First Nations," by Robin Ridington and Jillian Ridington, pp. 61-68. The issue 2004.1 follows with this related linguistic article, "Respect for Fonts: Linguistic Documentation and Lesser-Used Orthographies" by Brian Doyle, pp. 77-86.

> --Mark Thiel Marquette University (mark.thiel@marquette.edu)

212.2	Positions	Open		

* North American Indian linguistics at Ohio State

The Department of Linguistics at Ohio State University seeks candidates for a tenure-track position in North American Indian Languages. The rank is open, although preference will be given to senior candidates.

The successful candidate will: (1) contribute to the scholarly mission of the Department of Linguistics with a substantial publishing record in the linguistic study and documentation of North American Indian languages, including experience in linguistic field work with Native American

communities; and (2) create and offer courses that contribute to OSU's comparative/interdisciplinary ethnic studies curriculum and OSU's American Indian Studies curriculum.

The area of specialization in Linguistics is open. Experience in development of language education policy is a plus. The successful candidate will be expected to be active in research and publication, to meet standard departmental teaching requirements and to perform service duties as required by the department and university. The successful candidate is expected to have the Ph.D. at the time of the appointment, and will have a record of excellence in research and teaching and a history of positive relationships with undergraduate and graduate students.

Review of applications will begin on November 15, 2004 and will continue until the position is filled.

Dossiers consisting of a letter of interest, current curriculum vitae and the names of three references should be sent to:

American Indian Linguistics Search Committee Department of Linguistics The Ohio State University 222 Oxley Hall 1712 Neil Avenue Columbus, OH 43210-1298

For questions, please contact Brian Joseph at

bjoseph@ling.osu.edu>.

The Ohio State University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. Women, minorities, Vietnam-era veterans, disabled veterans, and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

* Senior position in linguistic anthropology, UC San Diego From Kathryn Woolard (kwoolard@UCSD.EDU) July 27, 2004:

The University of California, San Diego, Department of Anthropology (<u>http://anthro.ucsd.edu</u>) invites applications and nominations for a new position in linguistic anthropology at the senior, tenure level.

Applicants must have a distinguished record of research and publication integrating the analysis of linguistic form and language use within social and cultural formations. Geographic area is open.

The position starts July 1, 2005. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and based on UC pay scales. To assure consideration, send a cover letter of interest describing research and teaching interests, vita and name/address of three referees to:

Linguistic Anthropology Search Committee A Department of Anthropology-0532, UCSD 9500 Gilman Drive La Jolla, CA 92093-0532

Review of applications will begin August 15, 2004 and continue until the position is filled.

UCSD is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer with a strong institutional commitment to the achievement of excellence and diversity among its faculty and staff.

* Linguistic anthropologist at Sarah Lawrence College

Sarah Lawrence College, in Bronxville, New York, invites applications for a full time, tenure-track position in linguistic anthropology to begin September 2005. We seek an innovative teacher-scholar whose work explores the role of language in society. A wide range of research interests will be considered; these can include the study of theories of language and culture, linguistic ideologies and practices, the politics of language, verbal art, language and identity, discourse analysis, and sociolinguistic methods of analysis. The successful candidate should have demonstrated excellence, or clear promise of excellence, in teaching linguistic anthropology at the undergraduate level, including courses in general linguistic theory, and working individually with students. We are especially interested in candidates who conduct research in non-English speaking communities. Sarah Lawrence as a strong commitment to the principle of diversity. In that spirit, we especially welcome applications from underrepresented groups. The doctorate is required.

Applicants should submit a letter describing their approach to teaching and their scholarly interests; a curriculum vitae; syllabi for two proposed courses; a sample of writing; and three letters of recommendation by November 1, 2004, to:

> Anthropology Search c/o Barbara Hickey Coordinator of Faculty Support Sarah Lawrence College Bronxville, NY 10708

Some interviews will be conducted at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association in San Francisco, November 17-21.

For more information about Sarah Lawrence College's distinctive approach to teaching, which stresses small seminars and individual tutorials, please see our website at:

http://www.slc.edu

212.3 Grants and Fellowships

* ELDP invites applications for next round of grants

The Hans Rausing Endangered Languages Documentation Program (administered by SOAS, University of London) is now inviting applications for its third funding round. Full details of the application procedure are on the website at:

http://www.hrelp.org

Deadlines, according to application type, are as follows:

--Major Documentation Projects and Individual Postdoctoral Fellowships:

Preliminary applications - 7th August, 2004 Full applications (on invitation) - 5th November, 2004

--Individual Graduate Studentships and Pilot Projects:

Full applications - 7th January, 2005

--Field Trip Grants (for projects starting between April 1, 2005 and March 31, 2006):

Full applications - 7th January 2005

--Field Trip Grants (for projects starting between June 1 2005 and May 31, 2006):

Full applications - 28th March 2005

Please address all queries to: ep21@soas.ac.uk

* Support for field research at La Trobe University (Australia) From Alexandra Aikhenvald (A.Aikhenvald@latrobe.edu.au) 18 Jun 2004:

(1) Ph.D. scholarships in grammatical description

The Research Centre for Linguistic Typology at La Trobe University in Melbourne, Australia, invites applications from suitably qualified students to enter the Ph.D. program with full scholarship support.

Our Ph.D. candidates generally undertake extensive fieldwork on a

previously undescribed (or scarcely described) language and write a comprehensive grammar of it for their dissertation. We prefer students to work on a language which is still actively spoken, and to establish a field situation within a community in which it is the first language. Fieldwork methodology should be centred on the collection, transcription and analysis of texts, together with participant observation, and -- at a later stage -- judicious grammatical elicitation in the language under description (not through the lingua franca of the country). Our main priority areas are the languages of Amazonia and the Papuan and Austronesian languages of New Guinea. We also welcome applications to work on indigenous languages from other areas such as the Aslian language group from Malaysia and the Aboriginal languages of Australia.

Ph.D.s in Australian universities generally involve no coursework, just a substantial dissertation. Candidates must thus have had a thorough coursework training before embarking on this Ph.D. program. This should have included courses on morphology, syntax, semantics, phonology and phonetics and comparative-historical linguistics, taught from a nonformalist perspective. We place emphasis on work that has a sound empirical basis but also shows a firm theoretical orientation (in terms of general typological theory, or what has recently come to be called basic linguistic theory).

The Research Centre for Linguistic Typology consists, at any one time, of about 20 scholars, working on a variety of languages and typological issues. Besides the permanent staff of Prof. R. M. W. Dixon (Director) and Prof. Alexandra Y Aikhenvald (Associate Director) we have an array of Research Fellows and Ph.D. students. Each year a number of senior scholars from across the world spend from three to six months with us as Visiting Fellows. Our personnel this year includes specialists on spoken languages from the following families or areas: Tsimshian, Mayan, Oto-Manguean, Eskimo-Aleut, Arawak, Carib, Arawa, Panaoan, Jivaro, Tacanan, Indo-European, Niger-Congo, Chukchee, Afroasiatic, Khoisan, Tai-Kadai, Tibeto-Burman, Austroasiatic, Papuan, Austronesian and Australian.

There is also an excellent Department of Linguistics in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at La Trobe University, whose faculty includes Prof. Randy LaPolla, Associate Prof. David Bradley, and Dr. Hilary Chappell. In addition, there are fine Departments of Linguistics at the University of Melbourne and at Monash University.

The scholarship will be at the standard La Trobe rate, Aust \$17,500 per annum (Aust \$1 = US \$.72). Students coming from overseas are liable for a visa fee (effectively, a tuition fee); we will pay this. A small relocation allowance may be provided on taking up the scholarship. In addition, an appropriate allowance will be made to cover fieldwork expenses. The scholarship is for three years.

Further information about RCLT is at our website:

http://www.latrobe.edu.au/rclt

See, in particular, our February 2004 Newsletter, which is available at the website.

Prospective applicants are invited to get in touch with Professor

Aikhenvald at <a.aikhenvald@latrobe.edu.au>, providing details of their background, qualifications and interests.

(2) Two-year postdoctoral research fellowship

The RCLT also invites applications for a two-year Research Fellowship offered by La Trobe University. Applicants should have completed (or submitted) a Ph.D. focused on language description and analysis within a functional-typological framework. Prospective applicants should, in first instance, get in touch with Prof. Alexandra Y. Aikhenvald, enclosing their CV and proposed topic for the Fellowship (a.aikhenvald@latrobe.edu.au).

The closing date is 27 August. The application details for the La Trobe Fellowship are available on:

http://www.latrobe.edu.au/rgso/grants/ltuschemes/index.htm.

212.4 Upcoming Meetings

* FEL VIII - Linguistic Rights (Barcelona, October 1-3)

From Nicholas Ostler (nostler@chibcha.demon.co.uk) 10 Aug 2004:

A reminder that the 8th International Conference hosted by the Foundation for Endangered Languages will take place in Barcelona, on October 1st through 3rd. With the theme "On the Margins of Nations: Endangered Languages and Linguistic Rights," this year's conference is being co-organized by Institut d'Estudis Catalans.

The conference will take place in central Barcelona, but there will be excursions--29-30 September (Aranese-Occitan in the Val d'Aran) and 4 October (Catalan in French Catalonia).

The website for the conference is at:

http://www.iecat.net/recerca/centreslabs/8FELConference/8FELConference.htm

and is also accessible via the FEL website:

http://www.ogmios.org/

The site includes conference and registration information, the program, details of excursions and the original call for papers.

If you are planning to come, please register as soon as possible. If you intend to register on site (despite the surcharge), please at least inform the organizers in Barcelona in advance by SENDING AN E-MAIL NOW to: Catedra.Unesco@iecat.net. This is particularly important if you are hoping to come on one of our excursions. * California Indian Conference (Hesperia, California, October 1-3)

From Lee Davis (davislee@sfsu.edu) 6 August 2004:

The 19th annual California Indian Conference will be held at Four Directions Institute (Hesperia Lake campus, 7500 Arrowhead Lake Road) and the Ranchero campus (17607 Ranchero Road) in Hesperia, California on October 1-3, 2004. The California Indian Conference is an annual gathering for the exchange of views and information among academics, American Indians, students, and other community members. Any topic reflecting humanistic, scientific, social, literary, or historical concern with California Indian people and their heritage is welcome.

Anyone interested in giving a paper or making a presentation should send an abstract of 150 words to the address below by September 1. Abstracts received after this date will be considered only if space is available on the program. Please be sure to include an address, phone number, e-mail address, and affiliation.

Admission to the conference will be \$30.00 for all persons attending. Special conference airfare, rental car, hotel rates and other benefits available.

Abstracts, registration, or inquiries should be submitted to:

Dr. LaMay California Indian Conference P. O. Box 400385 Hesperia CA 92340 E-mail: jlamay@chaffey.edu Tel: 909-941-2162 (message),

Website: http://drlamay.com/California%20Indian%20Conference.htm.

* High Desert Linguistics Conference (Albuquerque, Nov. 4-6) ^^^^^ From High Desert Linguistics Society (hdls@unm.edu) August 2, 2004:

The 6th High Desert International Linguistics Conference will be held at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM, November 4 -6, 2004. We invite you to submit proposals for 20-minute talks with 10-minute discussion sessions in any area of linguistics -- especially those from a cognitive/functional perspective Papers in the following areas are particularly welcome:

> Evolution of language Grammaticization Metaphor & Metonymy Language change & variation Sociolinguistics Bilingualism Signed languages Gesture

Native American languages Language acquisition Computational Linguistics.

The deadline for submitting abstracts is September 3rd, 2004. Abstracts should be sent via e-mail, as an attachment, to <hdls@unm.edu>. Please include the title "HDLS-6 abstract "in the subject line. MS-Word format is preferred or RTF if necessary. The e-mail and attached abstract must include the following:

- 1. Author's Name(s)
- 2. Author's Affiliation(s)
- 3. Title of the Paper
- 4. E-mail address of the primary author

The abstract should be no more than one page and no less than 11-point font. A second page is permitted for references and/or data. Only two submissions per author will be accepted and we will only consider submissions that conform to the above guidelines. Notification of acceptance will be sent out by the evening of September 5th, 2004

If you have any questions or need for further information please contact us at <hdls@unm.edu> with "HDLS-6 Conference" in the subject line.

* Aboriginal Oral Traditions (Halifax, April 21-23, 2005)

From Robert M Leavitt (rleavitt@unb.ca) July 2, 2004:

A conference on "Aboriginal Oral Traditions: Theory, Practice, and Ethics" will be held at the Gorsebrook Research Institute, St. Mary's University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, on April 21-23, 2005

The increasing emphasis on traditional Indigenous knowledge in a number of academic disciplines calls for new ways of understanding how Aboriginal communities produce and preserve knowledge. Contemporary environmental, social, and cultural studies of collective knowledge communicated through oral tradition encourage collaboration between researchers inside and outside aboriginal communities. While these partnerships are important in the sharing of knowledge within and beyond communities, they also present challenges. Who should interpret and disseminate such knowledge? For what purpose?

This interdisciplinary conference will explore theory and practice, as well as aspects of research ethics, regarding oral traditions in an Aboriginal context. We welcome proposals from all disciplines on diverse topics, including:

- -- archival research on collections of oral narratives
- -- intellectual property rights and the repatriation of stories
- -- the importance of oral traditions in contemporary Aboriginal literatures
- -- storytelling in Aboriginal communities today
- -- the role of electronic media in the dissemination of oral narratives
- -- partnership between community and university researchers

-- the role of stories in environmental studies -- the role of stories in economic development

The conference will be held at the Gorsebrook Institute, in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in partnership with the Native Studies Department of the University of Manitoba and the Mi'kmaq-Maliseet Institute of the University of New Brunswick, and with the participation of the Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq.

The Gorsebrook Institute is dedicated primarily to promoting and supporting interdisciplinary research on Atlantic Canada. While we welcome proposals on a range of topics on Aboriginal oral traditions in any community, a special focus of the conference will be work being done by, with, and in the Aboriginal communities of Atlantic Canada, especially Mi'kmaq communities. The program will include invited Mi'kmaq speakers, a trip to the archives of Acadia University (Silas T. Rand collection), as well as a workshop on Silas Rand's "Legends of the Micmac."

If you are interested in participating, please e-mail a proposal (250-300 words), an abstract (50 words), and a short biographical note (100 words) by September 10, 2004 to:

gorsebrook@smu.ca

* Typology of Stative-Active Languages (Leipzig, May 20-22, 2005)

From Soeren Wichmann (sa_conf@eva.mpg.de) July 9, 2004:

A conference on the Typology of Stative-Active Languages will be held at the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig, May 20-22, 2005. The aim of the conference is to explore similarities and differences among languages of the stative-active (or split intransitive, agent-patient, agentive, etc.) type of marking. Particularly welcome are papers that address argument structure and phenomena related to voice or valency in these languages -- the areas where stative-active languages are likely to show common behavior distinct from languages without stative-active morphology. Papers can be language-specific, reporting on field research on individual stative-active languages, or might directly address typological issues from a broader perspective. English is the preferred language at the conference.

Invited speakers will include Johanna Nichols (UC Berkeley), Marianne Mithun (UC Santa Barbara), and Marian Klamer (Leiden). The conference organizers are Mark Donohue (Singapore) and Søren Wichmann (MPI EVA).

A one-page abstract should be e-mailed (sa_conf@eva.mpg.de) no later than December 1, 2004. The title of the paper, the name(s) of the author(s), and one mailing address, with telephone, fax, and e-mail address as available, should be included in the body of the e-mail, and not be included on the abstract. Authors will be notified of their acceptance by January 1, 2005. Abstracts may also be snail-mailed or faxed to:

> Søren Wichmann Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology Deutscher Platz 6

D-04103 Leipzig Germany (fax +49-341-3550-333)

For fuller information visit the conference web page at:

http://email.eva.mpg.de/~wichmann/as_gen.html

The 17th International Conference on Historical Linguistics will be held from July 31 to August 5, 2005 in the Pyle Center on the University of Wisconsin campus in Madison, overlooking Lake Mendota.

The deadline for submission of abstracts for papers (20 min. + 10 min. for discussion) is March 1, 2005, and decisions will be e-mailed to authors by April 1. Those who need an earlier decision on abstract should contact the conference organizers (see below). Abstracts (of no more than 250 words) can be submitted through the ICHL website (see below), or can be mailed to:

> ICHL Organizing Committee Department of German, 818 Van Hise Hall University of Wisconsin Madison, WI 53706, USA

In addition to broad general sessions, ICHL will include several special topics:

- * Native American historical linguistics
- * Linguistic theory and language change
- * Socio-historical linguistics
- * Immigration and language change

Invited speakers will include:

B. Elan Dresher, University of Toronto Steven Fassberg, Hebrew University of Jerusalem William Labov, University of Pennsylvania Michele Loporcaro, University of Zurich Keren Rice, University of Toronto Ans van Kemenade, University of Nijmegen

For additional details (including on travel, lodging and registration), please visit:

http://csumc.wisc.edu/news_files/ICHL.htm

or contact Joe Salmons at <jsalmons@wisc.edu>.

212.5 New on the Internet

* The EMELD Language Query Room From (queryroom@emeld.org) 8 Jul 2004:

The Endangered Language Fund as part of an EMELD grant from the National Science Foundation (<u>http://www.emeld.org</u>), is pleased to announce the availability of the Language Query Room at:

http://www.emeld.org/queryroom

The principal purposes of the Query Room are: (a) to allow speakers of endangered languages a chance to post messages to each other; (b) to allow learners of a heritage or endangered language to ask questions of native speakers; and (c) to allow linguists and other interested folk to ask questions about specific endangered languages.

The Query Room is divided into areas devoted to various endangered languages. Each area has a host, who is typically a native speaker of the language. Anyone interested in the Language Query Room can register for free (no outside use will be made of any information collected). Users can sign up for as many languages as they have an interest in. Registering for a language means that the user can post queries which will be seen by everyone signed up for that language. Further, any time a new posting is made, an e-mail will be sent to everyone on that list. If a native speaker feels like answering, then the answer will be posted and an announcement sent out. All postings are archived and will be available to users indefinitely.

Languages that have unusual orthographies will be able to make use of a pop-up, Unicode-compliant keypad that can adapt to many scripts, including Cyrillic, Arabic and Cherokee. (Chinese and Japanese characters are not currently supported.) The Query Room also supports audio files, allowing easy uploads and playback.

The languages currently with rooms are: Ainu, Akha, Basque, Cherokee, Cree, Degema, Kumiai [Diegueño], Eastern Oromo, Hmar, Nafusi, Miami, Manx, Monguor, Navajo, and Hiri Motu. We are quite happy to add new rooms as we find hosts for them. Please consider becoming a host for a new room (contact queryroom@emeld.org).

Our hope is that this room will allow for greater communication among native speakers who might be separated by large distances, and for the easier learning of these languages by those who are interested in them. As open forums, these areas should be used with respect, and the expertise of the native speakers should not be overtaxed. Asking how to say half a dozen sentences is a reasonable query; asking how to say 200 connected sentences is not.

Your comments and reactions are also welcome. Please write us at <queryroom@emeld.org>.

(The Language Query Room was developed by ELF with the help of the Rosetta Project (<u>http://www.rosettaproject.org</u>), under the direction of Jim Mason. Lameen Souag at Rosetta was responsible for organizing and

launching the site. The orginal design was Doug Whalen's.)

* "Oregon" article posted

From Ives Goddard (goddard.ives@nmnh.si.edu) July 14, 2004:

The full text of Tom Love's and my article on "Oregon", as published in the summer issue of the Oregon Historical Quarterly, is now accessible online in pdf format at:

http://www.ohs.org/publications/loader.cfm?url=/commonspot/security/getfile.c
fm&
PageID=14865

* The Omushkego Oral History Project

The "OurVoices.ca" website, supported by a Canadian government grant, has recently been established to provide access to audio material on the history and culture of the people of Canada. The website features the Omushkego Oral History Project, a permanent digital record of Louis Bird's extensive collection of audiotapes documenting Swampy Cree legends and oral history. The URL is:

http://www.ourvoices.ca/

212.6 E-Mail Address Updates

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

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