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#### 216.0 SSILA Business

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From Joan Bybee (jbybee@unm.edu) 19 Nov 2004:

On behalf of the Officers and Executive Committee of the Linguistic Society of America, I am writing to inform you that the site for the upcoming 2005 Annual Meeting of LSA and its sister societies has been moved from San Francisco, CA, to Oakland, CA. This change is necessitated by on-going labor disputes involving 14 hotels in San Francisco including the Hyatt Regency San Francisco. Unfortunately, it does not appear likely that a resolution will be negotiated in the immediate future.

With that in mind, the LSA Secretariat was asked to explore other venues for our meeting. In the end, Oakland was the only city in the San Francisco Bay Area that had sufficient meeting space and hotel rooms

over our published dates. The Executive Committee reviewed the various scenarios and in a conference call on Wednesday, 17 November 2004, approved the recommendation that the meeting be rescheduled at the Marriott Oakland City Center and the Oakland Convention Center (which are contiguous).

#### Program

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The program for the meeting will remain the same. No changes in the scheduling of sessions were necessitated by the change in hotels.

## Air reservations

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Those of you who have already made air reservations into the San Francisco International Airport (SFX) need not change these. The Oakland hotel is 12 minutes and two BART stops further than the Hyatt Regency San Francisco. Door-to-door shuttle transportation is available from SFX to the Marriott Oakland for between \$30 and \$39. You also have the option of traveling through Oakland International Airport, which is nine miles from the Marriot Oakland.

#### Hotel reservations

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The Marriott Oakland City Center (1001 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94607; www.marriott.com/oakdt) has reserved a block of rooms for those attending the meeting and is offering LSA members (and the members of the other societies meeting with us) a rate of \$95 per night single/double. Reservations may be made by calling Marriott Reservations at 1-800-991-7249 between 6 AM and 11 PM Pacific Time. To secure the special rate, request the "LSA 2005 Annual Meeting" rate. Reservations made after December 15 are subject to availability. Those who have already made reservations at the Hyatt Regency San Francisco and wish to change their accommodations to the Marriott Oakland, should do so immediately. For members who wish to stay in San Francisco, the Hyatt will continue to honor our special meeting rates of \$115 per night.

We very much appreciate your patience as we have reviewed the options and determined where the meeting could best be held. I think you will be pleasantly surprised with Oakland and our host hotel.

I look forward to seeing you there and send  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{my}}$  best wishes to you for the Holiday season.

--Joan Bybee President, LSA

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# 216.1 Correspondence

\* IJAL now archived on JSTOR

From Kate Duff (kduff@press.uchicago.edu) 11 Nov 2004:

This is just to let you know that IJAL was released into JSTOR

yesterday. You can view the journal and publisher page at:

http://www.jstor.org/journals/00207071.html

--Kate Duff
University of Chicago Press, Journals Division
(kduff@press.uchicago.edu)

216.2 Special Issue of American Indian Quarterly to Focus on Languages

From Jon Reyhner (Jon.Reyhner@NAU.EDU) 16 Nov 2004:

The American Indian Quarterly seeks submissions for a forthcoming Special Issue, "Indigenous Languages and Indigenous Literatures."

Indigenous languages have reached a point of crisis; few of the 500 indigenous languages of North America are expected to remain viable into the next century. The threat of language death has coincided with a rise in the use and presence of indigenous languages in works of the imagination (novels, short stories, essays, poems, and autobiographical works). The urgency of language preservation and the newly emergent and as of yet relatively uninvestigated presence of Indigenous languages in works of the imagination calls for a special issue of AIQ.

Topics can include, but are not limited to critical analyses and short commentaries of the following:

- \* The politics and protocol of indigenous language use. (Should writers of fiction be excused from responsibility for proper language use because they write creatively?)
- \* The role of language preservation in the community and in the university.
- \* An analysis of how authors use indigenous languages in their works of fiction.
- \* The role of indigenous languages in the formation and continuation of identity.
- \* Cultural authenticity and indigenous languages.
- \* The use and abuse of indigenous languages.
- \* The rise of language preservation in indigenous communities.

The deadline for submissions is January 15, 2004. Please send all queries and submissions, following the AIQ submission guidelines at:

http://jan.ucc.nau.edu/~mihesuah/aig/guidelines.htm

and also including a short author bio, to the Special Issue Guest Editor:

David Treuer, Assistant Professor
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# 216.3 Doctoral Program and Fellowships at Rice University

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From Suzanne Kemmer (kemmer@rice.edu) 15 Nov 2004:

On December 1, 2004, competition will open for academic year 2005-2006 admissions and fellowships for the Rice University Ph.D. program in Linguistics.

The doctoral program at Rice focuses on the usage-based study of human language, with primary attention to the relation of form and function, and the cognitive, interactional, and sociocultural situation of language users. The overriding theoretical orientation is that of functional linguistics, with an eclectic application of theoretical models. The department has strengths in discourse linguistics, cognitive linguistics, neurolinguistics, language typology and universals, field/descriptive linguistics (particularly of little-documented languages), sociolinguistics, and laboratory phonology and phonetics. Language areas particularly well represented in faculty expertise are Austronesian languages, Australian Aboriginal languages, Germanic and Slavic languages, Japanese, and African languages. Other languages recently studied in field methods include languages of North and South America and of South Asia.

Candidates for admission must submit an application form and university transcripts before the deadline of February 1. Also required are scores from the Graduate Record Examination, and, for non-native speakers of English, scores for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). These examinations should be taken in time for the scores to be made available by early February 2005.

The candidate should also arrange for three letters of recommendation from relevant faculty who know the candidate's work, preferably in Linguistics, to be sent to the Linguistics Dept. at the address below. A course paper or publication (written in English) in linguistics or related subject should be supplied if possible.

Admission and financial awards are competitive. Graduate fellowship packages are awarded to outstanding candidates for admission to the doctoral program. Awards generally include Rice tuition and a cash stipend for living expenses. Fellowships are normally available for 4 or 5 years of support depending on prior background. In general, the department admits applicants whom it can offer a financial package.

Applications are welcome from both U.S.-based and international students. Because international qualifications sometimes require extra time to consider, foreign students who wish to be considered for a fellowship are strongly encouraged to write a letter of intention to apply, which

briefly outlines their qualifications and indicates the linguists from whom they intend to request letters of recommendation. Letters of intention to apply should be sent as soon as possible in Fall 2004 for the current application cycle. Letters of intent received by December 15 will receive fullest consideration and will help us to identify the top candidates from outside the U.S. The letter should be addressed to the department at the address below. Students from countries with currency problems can request a waiver of the application fee and such requests will be considered on their merits.

DEADLINE for applications for admission and financial aid: February 1, 2005.

Further information about the doctoral program, faculty interests, departmental activities, links to GRE and TOEFL web sites, etc., can be viewed at:

http://www.linguistics.rice.edu

Application can be made online from this website. Go to:

http://linguistics.rice.edu/programs.cfm?doc\_id=131

Scroll down to near the bottom of the page, where there is a link to the on-line application form.

All supplementary application materials and correspondence should be sent to:

Department of Linguistics, M.S. 23 Rice University P.O. Box 1892 Houston TX 77251-1892 USA

Address e-mail correspondence to Rita Riley (rriley@rice.edu).

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#### 216.4 Positions Open

\* Coordinator, Cherokee Language Preservation, Western Carolina U

[This is a more formal version of an open position announcement that was posted in Bulletin #215.]

From Ted Coyle (pcoyle@wcu.edu) 15 Nov 2004:

Cherokee Studies seeks a linguist to coordinate Cherokee language revitalization efforts at Western Carolina University in ways that will best meet the needs of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI). Ph.D. in Linguistics or Anthropological linguistics preferred with an interest and expertise in Native American language revitalization.

Duties include working with several entities including Cherokee Studies and Modern Foreign Languages at Western Carolina University, Tsalagi

Aniwoni of the EBCI, and partnering with other institutions such as the Museum of the Cherokee Indian, the Cherokee Nation, and Northeastern State University; providing linguistic expertise to assist Cherokee language speakers to develop effective Cherokee language instruction methods and course materials; and providing assistance to native speakers in course development and teaching of Cherokee language courses at Western Carolina University.

Especially desirable are good communication, interpersonal skills, and sensitivity to the needs of Native American communities, knowledge of language immersion techniques, and the capability of writing grants to fund future language preservation efforts. The position is grant funded.

Starting date: January 2005. Applicants should send a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, official transcripts, 3 references, and contact information to:

Thomas Hatley Cherokee Studies, McKee 105B Western Carolina University Cullowhee, NC 28723

Review of applications will begin as soon as they are received and will continue through December 15, 2004 or until the position is filled.

\* Assistant Professor of Linguistics, U of Alaska, Fairbanks

From Dawn C Durtsche (fndcd@uaf.edu) 18 Nov 2004:

The University of Alaska, Fairbanks, College of Liberal Arts/Linguistics Program, is accepting applications for a regular, full-time, 9-month, tenure-track position as Assistant Professor of Linguistics. The closing date is December 2, 2004.

Typical duties will include: Teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in linguistics, second language acquisition, and second language teaching, as well as supervising graduate students in Applied Linguistics and serving as a resource on language teaching for teachers and Alaska Native communities. The Master's level degree program in Applied linguistics includes students working on ESL, foreign languages, and Alaska Native languages. Some instruction may be by distance delivery.

Minimum qualifications: Ph.D. in Linguistics or a related field by beginning of appointment; evidence of successful teaching and research.

Application materials will not be accepted via e-mail. All application packets must include:

\* UA Applicant Form (mandatory when applying for any UAF position). This form can be downloaded from:

http://www.alaska.edu/hr/forms/PDF ent/applicant form ent.pdf

\* Cover letter, professional resume or vitae, and sample of most recent work.

\* The names, addresses, telephone numbers of three (3) professional references. For a faculty position you must provide three (3) professional letters of reference.

Please submit application packet to:

UAF Human Resources Dr. Burns Cooper, Committee Search Contact 3295 College Road, Room 108 PO Box 757860 Fairbanks, Alaska 99775-7680

Phone: (907) 474-7700 Fax: (907) 474-5859

All required materials must be received by 4:30 p.m. on or before the closing date, December 2, 2004. If you choose to fax your application packet, you must transmit by 4:00 p.m. Alaska Standard Time (AST) on or before the closing date to ensure consideration of employment. \*All applicants who do not submit their application packets to UAF Resources will be eliminated from further consideration.\*

All finalists may be subject to background check

If you have questions regarding this vacancy announcement, please contact Dr. Burns Cooper, 907-474-5303.

Person(s) hired by the University of Alaska Fairbanks must comply with the provisions of the Federal Immigration Reporting and Control Act of 1986 and must possess a valid Social Security card. All Nonresident Aliens must provide proof of eligibility to work. The University of Alaska Fairbanks is an equal employment opportunity/affirmative action employer and educational institution. Your application for employment with the University of Alaska is subject to public disclosure under the Alaska Public Records Act. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. Applicants needing reasonable accommodation to participate in the application and screening process should contact the Assistant Director at 907-474-6259.

For further information contact Dawn C Durtsche, Alaska Native Language Center, PO Box 757680, Fairbanks, AK 99707 (907-474-7874; Fax: 907-474-6586; fndcd@uaf.edu).

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216.5 Upcoming Meetings

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\* Linguistic Anthropology sessions at rescheduled AAA meeting

From Leanne Hinton (hinton@socrates.berkeley.edu) 15 Nov 2004:

As announced earlier, we still plan to hold the SLA business meeting and most sessions (except those that cancel) at the AAA in December in

Atlanta. The sessions and business meeting will all be on the same day of week/same time as they would have been held in San Francisco.

The SLA business meeting will be held in the Henry room at the Atlanta Hilton, Friday December 17, 6 p.m. At 7:30, there will be a cash bar and SLA reception in the same room, co-hosted by Cambridge University Press, and honoring the many accomplishments of Jane Hill.

The Committee for Human Rights' Open Forum on Language and Social Justice has been cancelled.

A few SLA session chairs and participants elected to hold their sessions in San Francisco or Berkeley this week. An SLA miniconference was held on Friday, Nov 19 at UC Berkeley, and included:

- \* French Language Ideology and the Notion of La Francophonie.
  Organizer: Kathleen Riley. Participants: Claudine Moise, Kathleen Riley,
  Alexandra Jaffe, J. Kathe Managan, Alexandre Duchene, Monica Heller,
  Judith Irvine.
- \* The Leaky Boundaries of Language Ideologies: Code-Switching among Speakers of East Asian Languages. Organizer: Elaine W Chun. Participants: Wai Fong Chiang, Elaine W Chun, Adrienne Lo, Tetsuya Sato, Chiho Sunakawa, Risako Ide.
- \* Discourse, War and Terorism. Co-Organizers: Adam Hodges & Chad Nilep. Participants: Adam Hodges, Annita Lazar, Zala Volcic, Katherine Lemons, Monica Heller, Maija Stenvall, Gregory Stoltz, Marcel Burger, Becky Schulthies, Paul Chilton.
- \* Reframing Framing: New Approaches to Interaction Across Cultures. Organizers: Joseph S Park, Hiroko Takanashi. Participants: Annette R Harrison, Akiyo Maruyama, Minerva Oropeza, Hiroko Takanashi, Joseph S Park, John W Du Bois.

One other SLA session took place Thursday Nov 18 in San Francisco at the Best Western Canterbury: Deaf Studies' Critical Challenge to Social Theory. Organizers: Frank Bechter & Peter Graif. Participants: Frank Bechter, Hilde Haualand, Bryan K. Eldredge, Kristen C. Harmon, Theresa B. Smith, Russell Rosen, Leila Monaghan, Erich Fox Tree, Angela Nonaka Erika Hoffman, Peter Graif, Benjamin Bahan, Lennard Davis.

A Conference on Endangered Languages and Cultures of Native America (the first in what is planned to be an annual CELCNA series) will be held April 8-9, 2005, on the University of Utah campus in Salt Lake City, Utah. The conference is being sponsored by the Center for American Indian Languages (CAIL), University of Utah; Department of Anthropology, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution; and the Department of Linguistics and College of Humanities, U of Utah.

The keynote speaker will be Leanne Hinton.

We invite papers dealing with any aspect of endangered Native American languages, in particular on documentation or revitalization. Papers are 20 minutes each in length, with an additional 10 minutes for discussion. ABSTRACTS MUST BE RECEIVED by Jan 14, 2005. The program committee will attempt to provide notification of acceptance by Jan. 21 (by e-mail).

Abstract submission guidelines:

- \* The abstract should be no more than 500 words in length. It should include the title of the paper and the name (or names) of the author or authors, together with the author's/authors' affiliation. (If the paper is accepted, this abstract will be reproduced in conference materials to be distributed to other participants.)
- \* Abstracts must be submitted electronically. Submissions should be in Microsoft Word document, Rich Text Format (RTF), or Portable Document Format (PDF). If possible, avoid special fonts (or arrange with the organizers so they can be read).
- \* Please include in addition to your abstract appropriate contact details, which include: contact author's name, e-mail address for the period of time from January to April 2005, and a telephone contact number.
- \* More than one abstract may be submitted per person; however, only one paper per person will be accepted for presentation. (The only exception may be in instances where at least one of the papers has multiple authors.)
- \* Send abstracts to Lyle Campbell (lyle.campbell@linguistics.utah.edu), no later than Jan. 14, 2005.

Additional information on CELCNA will be posted at:

## http://www.hum.utah.edu/linguistics

For further information contact Jen Mitchell (Phatmandu7@aol.com) or Julia Pratt (julialice@yahoo.com). If you need information not easily arranged via e-mail, please call 801-581-8047 (Julia Pratt), or 801-585-9785 (Linguistics Dept.), during business hours (Mountain Standard Time), or Fax 801-585-7351.

Pre-conference event: For those interested, the Fourth Annual University of Utah Student Conference in Linguistics takes place immediately before the CELCNA meeting, on April 7. Leanne Hinton is the keynote speaker for this conference as well, which is a separate and independent meeting.

\* 12th Stabilizing Indigenous Languages Symposium (Victoria, June 2-5)

From Tom Hukari (hukari@uvic.ca) 15 Nov 2004:

The First Peoples' Cultural Foundation and the University of Victoria are pleased to invite the global community of indigenous language activists to the 12th Annual Stabilizing Indigenous Languages Symposium "Weaving

Language and Culture Together, " June 2 through 5, 2005, in Victoria (Vancouver Island), British Columbia, Canada. Events will take place both on the campus of the The University of Victoria and at the LÁU, WELNEW Tribal School.

Preference will be given to presentations that describe innovative, holistic approaches to Indigenous language revitalization.

Presentations can take the following formats:

- -- 20-minute talk (+ 10 min. Q&A)
- -- 1 1/2 hour workshop
- -- Panels in a choice of topics.

Suggested topics for talks, workshops and panels include: Weaving Language and Culture Programs Together; language immersion programs; revitalizing languages without speakers; repatriation of language recordings; community language Initiatives.

Application Deadline: March 30, 2005

To submit a presentation, please fill out the proposal form that can be downloaded from the SILS-12 website (http://www.fpcf.ca/SILS2005/).

For further information, visit the website or contact Ivy Charleson at 250-361-3456 (fax 250-361-3467).

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# 216.6 E-Mail Address Updates

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

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When your e-mail address changes, please notify us (golla@ssila.org).

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