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\* 2007 SSILA election

The ballot for the 2007 SSILA election is now available on the "2007 Election" page at the SSILA website (http://www.ssila.org), together with short biographies of the candidates for the SSILA offices to be filled and the text of the proposed changes to the Society's By-Laws.

Members should print out a copy of the ballot and, after marking it, return it by regular mail to the SSILA office: P.O. Box 555, Arcata, CA 95518. To be counted, ballots must be received on or before Wednesday, January 2.

\* Updated meeting program posted at website

The program of the Annual Meeting (Chicago, January 3-6) that is posted at the SSILA website (http://www.ssila.org) will be regularly updated to reflect withdrawals, rescheduling, and other changes. 260.1 Correspondence

Thank you for mentioning the new volumes of the ILLA series in SSILA Bulletin #259.2. Unfortunately there are two mistakes in the way the discount is represented. In the first place, the discount for the set of vols. 1-5 runs only until 15th of December 2007. Secondly, the 20% discount on vol. 6 is only valid in combination with the purchase of vols. 1-5. I hope this information can still be passed on, to prevent disappointment. Thank you in advance.

> --Hein van der Voort Amsterdam

260.2 Positions Open

\* Lecturer in Linguistics & Director, LCTL Program, Emory University ^^^^^^^ Tom Don Tuten (dtuten@emory.edu) 5 Nov 2007:

The Emory Program in Linguistics and the Emory College Language Center announce a three-year renewable lectureship/senior lectureship in Linguistics, to direct a new program in self-instruction of Less Commonly Taught Languages (LCTLs) and to teach courses in Linguistics; 3/2 course load with reductions for administrative responsibilities. Ph.D. required. Must have background in linguistics or linguistic anthropology with knowledge of second language acquisition, applied linguistics or field linguistics. Experience in teaching and in directing LCTL programs preferred.

Send letter of application, c.v., and three letters of recommendation to:

Prof. Donald Tuten, Chair, Search Committee Program in Linguistics 637 Asbury Circle, 121 Trimble Hall Emory University Atlanta, GA 30322

Review of applications will begin November 15, 2007. Emory University is an AA/EO Employer.

The person hired will hold an academic appointment in the Program in Linguistics and an administrative appointment as Director of the LCTL Program within the Emory College Language Center. As indicated, the new lecturer will teach courses within the Program in Linguistics (reduced load) and will become a member of the Linguistics core faculty (Linguistics at Emory is a small but vibrant interdisciplinary program). The new lecturer will be encouraged to teach courses in her/his area of specialization as well as core Linguistics courses. It should be noted that Emory has made great efforts to improve working conditions and status of lecturers and senior lecturers, and to make more resources available to them. For instance, as regular faculty members lecturers can receive one-semester leaves with full pay for projects relating to their professional development (teaching, special projects, or research). Lecturers and senior lecturers are evaluated primarily on the basis of teaching and service, but the work of lecturers who choose to engage in research is also valued.

As Director of the LCTL Program, the new lecturer will be assured of strong support from across Emory. Indeed, we have already made significant efforts to begin organizing the LCTL Program. Funding has been secured for a half-time administrative assistant as well as for basic program activities, and our two ECLC specialists in languagerelated information technology have begun to compile a database of materials for study of LCTLs. In October, we invited Prof. Claude Mauk of the University of Pittsburgh and Prof. Maria Kosinski of Yale University to share their experiences organizing LCTL Programs and to advise us on the design of our own program. In addition, we will be running a pilot program with three students of Swahili in Spring 2008, so that we can help the person hired begin organization of the new program.

We believe this to be an ideal position for an energetic person who is interested in both Linguistics and Less Commonly Taught Languages. Given the unique nature of this position, we are aware that most candidates will need to develop some new areas of expertise, but we also want to emphasize that the person hired will receive strong support from me (as Director of Linguistics), from Prof. Carol Herron (Director of the ECLC), and from other faculty and administrators from across Emory University.

We will be holding our main interviews at the annual convention of the Modern Language Association (Chicago, Dec 27-30), but we will also be able to conduct interviews at the meeting of the American Anthropological Association (Washington, DC, Nov 28-Dec 2), and at the joint meeting of SSILA and the Linguistic Society of America (Chicago, Jan 3-6, 2008).

\* Linguistic anthropologist, San Diego State University ^^^^^^^ From Kathy Peck (kpeck@mail.sdsu.edu) 5 Nov 2007:

The Department of Anthropology at San Diego State University invites applications for a tenure track faculty appointment in linguistic anthropology at the Assistant Professor rank to begin August 2008. We seek candidates with active projects relating to language renewal, preservation, or maintenance that will complement our developing emphasis in applied anthropology. Candidates should have experience with discourse analysis and strengths in both descriptive linguistics and sociocultural anthropology. Candidates will be expected to teach a basic course in descriptive linguistics as well as a course in the ethnography of their area of regional interest, language and culture, applied linguistic anthropology, and related cultural or linguistic topics in the department's new state-of-the-art Discourse Analysis Lab.

Preference will be given to candidates who have completed a Ph.D. in Anthropology by August 2008 with a geographic focus on the Pacific Rim, specifically Asia, Southeast Asia, Oceania, the Southwestern U. S., California, Mexico, or ethnic populations from these areas in southern California. A strong record of research, publications, collaborations within and outside the academic community, and acquisition of external funding should be evident. Candidates should show evidence of success in working with a diverse student population and in relating to community groups. We are especially interested in candidates who can involve students in research and who are prepared to participate in joint projects in the department or university. We are a department committed to the four-field approach and we seek a candidate who also supports the four-field model.

The search committee will begin screening applications on December 14, 2007. Salary commensurate with experience.

Applications, including letter stating qualifications, vita, three letters of recommendation, and the most recent semester's teaching evaluation numeric scores and written comments, if available, should be sent to:

> Linguistic Anthropology Search Chair Department of Anthropology San Diego State University San Diego, CA 92182-6040

For further information on the department, visit:

http://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/~anthro/

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\* Director, American Indian Studies Center, UCLA

The University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) invites inquiries, nominations and applications for the position of Director for the American Indian Studies Center. Qualifications for success are a strong scholarly research and publication record; experience developing interdisciplinary research and instructional programs in Native American Studies; the ability to administer budgetary and personnel processes; and proven experience in obtaining and managing extramural funding in the form of research grants and development activity. Above all, we are looking for a dynamic individual to provide intellectual and programmatic leadership for the Center. This is a tenured appointment in the appropriate department or school. Established in 1969 as one of the first ethnic studies centers, the American Indian Studies Center is an Organized Research Unit whose mission is to promote research, education and community service within an academic framework. The AISC maintains a reference library, publishes books and the American Indian Culture and Research Journal. The Center provides academic counseling and support to students, and administers postdoctoral and predoctoral fellowships and research awards through the Institute of American Cultures. During the past three decades, the Center has become nationally and internationally recognized as one of the leading American Indian Studies programs.

Inquiries, nominations and applications are invited. Applications should include a c.v. and should be sent to <AISCsearch@conet.ucla.edu>. Inquiries may be addressed to Traci Considine, Manager of Executive Recruitment, at 310-206-8003. For full consideration, nominations and applications should be sent by December 15, 2007. Candidate review begins immediately, with an appointment to be made in spring 2008, and a preferred starting date of July 1, 2008.

The University of California is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer, and seeks candidates who are committed to the highest standards of scholarship and professional activities and to the development of a campus climate that supports equality and diversity.

260.3 E-Mail Address Updates

The following additions or changes have been made to the SSILA e-mail list since the last Bulletin. ("At" has been substituted for "@" to discourage the harvesting of addresses by spammers.)

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SSILA welcomes applications for membership from anyone interested in the scholarly study of the languages of the native peoples of North, Central, and South America. Dues for 2007 are \$16 (US or Canadian) and may be paid in advance at the 2007 rate. (The basic rate will rise to \$20 in 2008.) Checks or money orders should be made payable to "SSILA" and sent to: SSILA, P.O. Box 555, Arcata, CA 95518. For further information, visit the SSILA website (http://www.ssila.org).