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261.0 SSILA Business

* Location of Chicago meeting is moved (five blocks)
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From Felix Oliver (foliver@lsadc.org) 28 Nov 2007:

Hilton Hotels has found it necessary to relocate the 2008 Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America and sister societies (3-6 January 2008) from the Palmer House to the Hilton Chicago (five blocks away), due to unforeseen and unpredictable changes in remodeling and construction schedules. The Hilton chain assures us that the move to the new location will be seamless. As a result, members may continue to register as instructed on the website. LSA will continue to keep you informed of any further developments.

Please note that the address of the Hilton Chicago is:

Hilton Chicago
720 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60605
Tel: 312-922-4400 or 1-800-HILTONS
<http://www.hiltonfamilychicago.com>

If you have any questions about the relocation, or any aspect of the Annual Meeting, please feel free to contact me at foliver@lsadc.org.

--Felix Oliver
Executive Director, LSA

* 2007 SSILA election (reminder)
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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.

261.1 Correspondence

* Article in Natural History
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From Sally Thomason (thomason@umich.edu) 13 Nov 2007:

In the December 2007/January 2008 issue of Natural History magazine (vol. 116, #10, pp. 24-29), the lead feature article is "At a Loss for Words" (not my title, but my article), about my fieldwork on Salish-Pend d'Oreille in Montana and endangered languages more generally.

-- Sally Thomason
University of Michigan
(thomason@umich.edu)

* Bibliographie Linguistique back online
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From Sijmen Tol & Hella Olbertz (tol@inl.nl) 13 Nov 2007:

Due to circumstances completely beyond our control, BL Online was off line for 12 days. We are very happy to announce that the problems are solved. Our database with over 227,000 references to linguistic publications from 1993 to the present is available again to be searched by linguists all

please contact me (or have them contact me) at <tgivon@uoregon.edu>.

261.3 Academic Programs

* Linguistic Anthropology at SIU Carbondale

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From C. Andrew Hofling (ahofling@siu.edu) 12 Nov 2007:

The Department of Anthropology at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale (<http://www.siu.edu/~anthro/>) is building its graduate program in Linguistic Anthropology and invites interested students to apply.

SIUC has a vibrant four-field anthropology department, where students receive training in all major sub-disciplines. Linguistic anthropology students are trained in current linguistic and sociocultural theory as well as current methods of linguistic description and analysis. Our approach to language is ethnographic and eclectic, stressing the need to master basic analytic skills in order to address anthropological problems.

Our faculty includes Janet Fuller, whose research currently focuses on the social roles of language in bilingual communities (<http://www.siu.edu/~anthro/fuller/index.html>); C. Andrew Hofling, whose interests include Mayan linguistic history and language documentation (<http://www.siu.edu/~anthro/hofling/index.html>); and Anthony Webster, whose research focuses on Native American verbal art (<http://www.siu.edu/~anthro/webster/index.html>).

Some major themes of special interest to the faculty include:

- Discourse approaches to language and culture
- Native American languages and their documentation
- Orality, literacy and cognition
- Discourse genres and verbal art
- Linguistic practices and power relationships
- Language and identity
- Linguistic and cultural history
- Language in its social and cultural contexts and functions
- Bilingualism and language shift

The Department has a Linguistic Anthropology Lab with equipment for analog and digital audio and video recording and analysis.

Interested students and others are encouraged to visit our web page, where information on the program and application materials are available (<http://www.siu.edu/~anthro/>).

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261.4 Upcoming Meetings and Workshops

* WAIL-11 (Santa Barbara, May 23-24)

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From Andrea Berez (aberez@umail.ucsb.edu) 14 Nov 2007:

The Linguistics department at the University of California, Santa Barbara announces its 11th annual Workshop on American Indigenous Languages (WAIL), which provides a forum for the discussion of theoretical and descriptive studies of the indigenous languages of the Americas.

Anonymous abstracts are invited for talks on any topic in linguistics. Talks will be 20 minutes, followed by 10 minutes for discussion. Abstracts should be 500 words or less (excluding examples and/or references) and can be submitted by hard copy or email. Individuals may submit abstracts for one single-authored and one co-authored paper. Please indicate your source(s) and type(s) of data in the abstract (e.g. recordings, texts, conversational, elicited, narrative, etc.). For co-authored papers, please indicate who plans to present the paper as well as who will be in attendance.

Special Panel on Language Policy: This year we are welcoming abstracts for a Special Panel on all issues concerning language policy. Talks will be 20 minutes each, followed by a group discussion and question-and-answer period.

For e-mail submissions, include the abstract as an attachment. Please limit your abstracts to the following formats: PDF, RTF, or Microsoft Word document.

Include the following information in the body of the e-mail message: (1) your name; (2) affiliation; (3) mailing address; (4) phone number; (5) e-mail address; (6) title of your paper; (7) whether your submission is for the general session or the Special Panel.

Send e-mail submissions to: wail.ucsb@gmail.com

For hard copy submissions: Please send four copies of your abstract, along with a 3x5 card with the following information: (1) your name; (2) affiliation; (3) mailing address; (4) phone number; (5) e-mail address; (6) title of your paper; (7) whether your submission is for the general session or the Special Panel.

Send hard copy submissions to:

Workshop on American Indigenous Languages
Attn: Joye Kiester or Verónica Muñoz Ledo
Department of Linguistics
University of California, Santa Barbara
Santa Barbara, CA 93106

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ABSTRACTS: February 8, 2008. Notification of acceptance will be by e-mail no later than February 29.

The UCSB campus is located near the Santa Barbara airport. Participants may also fly into LAX airport in Los Angeles, which is approximately 90 miles southeast. Shuttle buses run between LAX and Santa Barbara. Information about hotel accommodations will be posted on our website (<http://orgs.sa.ucsb.edu/nailsg/>).

For further information contact the conference coordinators, Joye Kiester and Verónica Muñoz Ledo, at wail.ucsb@gmail.com or (805) 893-3776, or check out our website at <http://orgs.sa.ucsb.edu/nailsg/>

* AILDI 2008 (Tucson, June 4-July 2)

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From AILDI (aildi@email.arizona.edu) 15 Nov 2007:

The 29th American Indian Language Development Institute (AILDI), "Creating Spaces for Indigenous Languages in Everyday Life," will take place June 4 Through July 2, 2008, at the University of Arizona, Tucson. AILDI 2008 will have a special focus on Native teachers in the classroom and language. Special topics will include NCLB & Native students, language immersion methods in the classroom and Native children's literature & writing.

AILDI offers six graduate credits or undergraduate credit hours during four weeks of intensive study. Courses can be applied toward regular degree programs and teacher endorsements.

AILDI 2008 Topics

Language Maintenance
Revitalization Language Acquisition
Immersion for Native American
communities Curriculum
Instruction in Native Language Settings
Native Language Policy & Planning
Schooling in America
Linguistics for Native American Communities
What Teachers need to know about Language

Special Presentations & Events

Native American children's authors and poets
Esther Martinez NALA
Promoting language through microteaching
Cultural fieldtrips and activities

Visit the AILDI website in early December for updates:

<http://www.u.arizona.edu/~aildi>

* CILLDI-9 (Edmonton, Alberta, July 7-25)

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From Anna-Leah King (annaleah@ualberta.ca) 7 Nov 2007:

The University of Alberta is pleased to present the 9th annual Canadian Indigenous Languages and Literacy Development Institute (CILLDI) over the course of three weeks in July 2008. This program provides a unique

opportunity to earn university credit while learning about selected Indigenous languages and culture.

Location: Education North Building, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta.

Course Offerings: Courses will be offered in one of two blocks (for 3 credit courses) or in both blocks (for 6 credit courses). Each block is 7 1/2 days long. Students may register for a maximum of one course per block from the following course listings, or alternatively may take one 6-credit course for the duration of CILLDI. Each course will meet for five hours per day for each block of the Institute.

BLOCK 1: July 7-16

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- EDEL 395 -- Introduction to Language and Literacy Development (3)
 - EDEL 496/595 -- Developing Classroom Materials and Curriculum for Indigenous Languages (3)
 - EDEL 496/EDEL 595 -- Sustaining Language and Culture through Traditional Knowledge and Practices (3)
 - INT D 312 -- Techniques for Endangered Language Documentation and Teacher Resource Development (3)
 - LING 111 -- Introduction to Linguistic Analysis for Indigenous Language Revitalization (3)
 - LING 212 -- Morphosyntax of Indigenous Languages (3)
 - NS 103 -- Cree Immersion for Adult Beginners (3)
 - EDES 402/502 -- Significant Aboriginal Sites in the Edmonton Area: A Place-Based Curricular and Pedagogical Inquiry (6, both blocks)

BLOCK 2: July 16-25

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- EDEL 496/EDEL 595 -- Second Language Acquisition: Teaching Indigenous Languages in an Immersion Context (3)
 - EDEL 496/595 -- Assessment in Indigenous Languages Classrooms (3)
 - EDEL 595 -- Policy and Planning for Indigenous Language and Literacy Development (3)
 - INT D 313 -- Language Policy and Planning for Indigenous Language Communities (3)
 - LING 211 -- Phonetics of Indigenous Languages (3)
 - LING 213 -- Sentence and Discourse Patterns of Indigenous Languages (3)
 - NS 104 -- The Structure of Cree through Immersion (3)

Tuition fees (in Canadian dollars) are: Undergraduate - \$612 (3 credits), Graduate - \$670 (3 credits). Additional costs include a \$100 application fee, housing, and food. For housing on campus, contact Guest Services, Lister Hall (780) 492-6056. CILLDI also includes an Elders Cultural Program and children's Cree Immersion Day Camp.

For additional information, contact CILLDI office at (780) 492-4188 or Anna-Leah King, CILLDI Coordinator at (780) 492-8761. The CILLDI office can also be reached by e-mail at cilldi@ualberta.ca, or visit our website at <http://www.ualberta.ca/~cilldi>.

Community Linguist Certificate Program Bursaries

The Community Linguist Certificate is a new program offered through CILLDI to help develop linguistic analysis skills and language documentation techniques in speakers of Canada's Indigenous languages. For more information, and to apply for a bursary for the program, please see the

CILLDI website (www.ualberta.ca/~cilldi). CLC bursaries cover the costs of tuition, travel, accommodation and meals.

Landrex Bursaries

Dr. Sally Rice, CILLDI co-director and frequent CILLDI instructor from the Department of Linguistics has been named the Landrex Distinguished Professor for 2007-2012 in the Faculty of Arts. As part of this award, Dr. Rice has created five annual CILLDI bursaries for the five years of the Professorship (or 25 bursaries in all). These bursaries are dedicated to CILLDI students from the Treaty 6 area (including both Alberta and Saskatchewan). For more information, please see the CILLDI website. Landrex bursaries cover the costs of tuition, travel, accommodation and meals.

261.5 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>).