

\*\*\*\* SSILA BULLETIN \*\*\*\*

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\*268.1 Victor Golla Retires as SSILA's Editor\*

This is the first Bulletin since Victor Golla's retirement as editor. Words are inadequate to express our gratitude for Victor's years of service to us. We apologize to those of you who may have thought you fell off the SSILA radar. You haven't. Replacing the likes of Victor is a tall order. It's taken us much longer than expected to identify a new editor. The new interim editor is Karen Sue Rolph. Her introduction is given below. We very much appreciate your continuing membership and commitment to the SSILA, and we look forward to resuming regular correspondence with you, starting with this issue. -- Richard A. Rhodes, President

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\*268.2 Introducing the New Editor\*

Karen Sue Rolph specialized in ecological and linguistic anthropology at both U.C. Berkeley and Stanford where she completed her doctorate in 2007. Karen Sue, a scholar with Native American heritage, developed methods for mapping language, using Global Positioning Systems (GPS). She works at the intersection of language shift, traditional ecological

knowledge loss, place name dynamics, and social constructions. Karen Sue is interested in the Quechuan branch of Americas' languages, especially intra-Quechua distinctions. Overseeing an active field research program near Huaraz, Peru, Karen Sue's group currently looks at ethnobiotic vocabulary loss among (a Quechua community's) children and adolescents. Known to many in the SSILA community, Karen Sue is an advocate for the rights of native peoples to speak, protect, and preserve indigenous languages (and place names). -- Richard A. Rhodes

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\*268.3 Program- The Summer Meeting of the SSILA\*

The Summer Meeting of the SSILA will be held at the University of California, Berkeley from July 17 through July 18, 2009 during the LSA Summer Institute (<http://lsa2009.berkeley.edu>). The registration fee will be \$35, discounted to \$15 for students enrolled in the Summer Institute. Registration at the full rate is available at <https://www.regonline.com/SSILASummer2009>. Registration at the discounted rate will be available at the Institute with Institute ID.

The program is given below. Although what follows is preliminary, no major changes are anticipated. Updates will be posted on the SSILA website ([www.ssila.org](http://www.ssila.org) <<http://www.ssila.org>>) if needed.

The SSILA has made arrangements for conference rates at the Hotel Durant for the nights of 7/16, 7/17, 7/18, and 7/19. The rate is \$145 per night. Parking costs \$16 per night per vehicle. Bookings should be made prior to June 16, 2009. Indicate that you are affiliated with SSILA.  
Hotel Durant  
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\*SUMMER SSILA MEETING PROGRAM\*

Friday, July 17

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9:00-12:15

1. \*PHONOLOGY & PHONETICS.\* (9:00) Gabriele Müller (Westfälische Wilhelms-U) "Intonation in Beaver (Athabaskan)"; (9:30) Patricia A. Shaw (UBC) "Default-to-Opposite Stress: Quantity Sensitivities in a Default-to-Right System"; (10:00) Erin Haynes (UC Berkeley) "Phonetic and Phonological Features of L2 Northern Paiute"; (10:30) Maria Burgess, Richard Wright, and Guadalupe Lopez (U Washington) "An Acoustic Description of Santiago Tamazola Lowlands Mixtec".

2. \*SEMANTICS IN SOUTH AMERICAN LANGUAGES.\* (11:15) Marine Vuillermet

(CNRS/ U Lyon II) "Multi-layered Imperfective Marking in Ese Ejja: From Aktionsart to Periphrasis"; (11:45) Wilson Silva (U Utah) "Evidentiality and Clause Modality in Desano".

2:00-5:15

3. \*MAYAN SYNTAX.\* (2:00) Stavros Skopeteas (Potsdam U) "Morphological demarcation of prosodic domains in Yucatec Maya"; (2:30) Marc Peake (U Lyon II) "Untangling argument marking in Tojol Ab'al Mayan complex sentences"; (3:00) Eladio (B'alam) "Mateo Toledo (CIESAS-Sureste) "Finiteness in Q'anjob'1 (Maya): The Case of Nonverbal Predicates".

4. \*MESO-AMERICAN DISCOURSE.\* (3:45) Elisabeth Verhoeven (U Bremen) "Animacy hierarchy and passive voice in Yucatec Maya"; (4:15) Penelope Brown, Olivier Le Guen, and Mark Sicoli (MPI Nijmegen) "Dialogic repetition in Tzeltal, Yucatec, and Zapotec conversation"; (4:45) Telma Can (UT Austin) "The particle wi in K'ichee': A focus marker".

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9:00-12:15

5. \*DIALECTOLOGY.\* (9:00) Norval Smith (U Amsterdam) "The geography of Yokuts dialects: The northern San Joaquin Valley regrouped"; (9:30) Hannah J. Haynie (UC Berkeley) "A Computational Assessment of Deep Relationships Among California Languages"; (10:00) Luis Oquendo (U Zulia) "La sintaxis dialectal en yukpa".

6. \*HISTORICAL LINGUISTICS.\* (10:45) Sean O'Neill (U Oklahoma) "Athabaskan Language Ecology: On the Comparative Impact of Geography, Contact, and Ideology"; (11:15) Karen Sue Rolph (Stanford) "Some evidence of instability in traditional indigenous toponyms in the Peruvian Andes"; (11:45) Simeon Floyd (UT Austin) "Stages in the development of Cha'palaa numerals".

2:00-5:15

7. \*DISCOURSE.\* (2:00) Connie Dickinson (U Oregon) "Reference Tracking and Evidential/Mirative Constructions in Tsafiki"; (2:30) Stavros Skopeteas (Potsdam U) "and Elisabeth Verhoeven (U Bremen) "Syntax and Discourse: Field experiments in Yucatec Maya"; (3:00) Andrej Kibrik (Inst of Ling, RAN) "and Olga Markus (Moscow State U) "Local discourse structure in Upper Kuskokwim Athabaskan".

8. \*MORPHOLOGY.\* (3:45) Jack Martin (Col William and Mary) "From switch reference to case marking in Muskogean"; (4:15) Siri Tuttle and James Kari (U Alaska, Fairbanks) "U-elh Tay-tesdedzi: The Morphological Clamp"; (4:45) Richard A. Rhodes (UC Berkeley) "Construction morphology

meets the Ojibwe verb".

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\*268.4 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. ("At" has been substituted for "@" to discourage address harvesting by spammers).

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\*268.5 Call for Correspondence\*

If you have cutting-edge information about language data, research, or linguistic outreach, please send your contribution to: ksrolph@stanford.edu <mailto:ksrolph@stanford.edu>

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\*268.6 Call for papers\*

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The 2009-10 annual winter meeting of SSILA will be held jointly with the Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America in Baltimore, Maryland, at the Hilton Baltimore, January 7-10, 2010. The call for papers, instructions for abstract submission, and hotel information are available at www.ssila.org <http://www.ssila.org>.

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\*268.7 Obituary: Thomas Smith-Stark, 1948-2009\*

On 17 May 2009 Thomas Smith-Stark, a linguist at El Colegio de México, died from complications following surgery to remove a cancerous tumor in his lungs. Born in Lowell, Massachusetts, in 1948, Thom studied under Norman McQuown at the University of Chicago, receiving his doctorate in 1983 with a thesis "Jilotepequeño Pocoman phonology and morphology". After teaching for four years at Tulane University (1976-1980), he began working at El Colegio de México in 1981, where he remained for 28 years. He studied, taught, or advised students on many language of Mexico and Guatemala, including Amuzgo, Chatino, Nahuatl, North American Sign Language, Mixteco, Pocoman, and Zapotec, and will be remembered for the breadth of his interests, depth of his scholarship and, particularly, dedication to his students. He is survived by his wife of 32 years, María Esperanza Aguilar, and his two daughters, Sandra Elizabeth (born 1979) and Ana Eugenia (born 1983). He will be lovingly remembered and deeply missed. - Jonathan Amith

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