

Welcome to the **Linguistics Newsletter**

We in the Interdisciplinary Program in Linguistics use this vehicle to pass on information we think will be useful to you, such as announcements of events, conferences, or scholarships and news about course offerings in linguistics. In this issue we offer information on the following:

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 Spring 2008
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1. Linguistics course offerings

Linguistics courses Spring 2008

Linguistics/English 371 Foundations of the English Language TR 5:05-6:20	Heffernan
Linguistics/Anthropology 411 Linguistic Anthropology TH 11:10-12:25	Qirko
Linguistics 423 Diachronic and Synchronic Linguistics MWF 9:05-9:55	Gallmeier
*Linguistics/Modern Foreign Languages 426 Methods of Historical Linguistics MWF 12:20-1:10	Gallmeier
Linguistics 431/Spanish 430 Spanish Applied Linguistics M 3:35-4:25, W 3:35-5:30	Young
Linguistics/German 436 History of the German Language MWF 1:25-2:15	Mellor
*Linguistics/English 472 American English MWF 11:15-12:05	Dumas
*Linguistics/English 476 Second Language Acquisition M 5:05-7:45	Leki
Cultural Studies 560 Introduction to Qualitative Research in Education T 5:05-7:45 Syllabus: http://web.utk.edu/~tpaulus	Paulus
*English 680 Discourse Analysis Conversation, Narrative T 5:05-7:45	Dumas

Foreign Language/ESL Education 566 Evaluation and Assessment T 5:05-7:45	Brown
Foreign Language/ESL Education 578 ESL Methods W 5:05-7:45	Davis-Wiley
French/Modern Foreign Languages 421 Phonetics and Phonology (in French) TR 12:40-1:55	Dubreil
Spanish/Modern Foreign Languages 421 Fonética y Fonología (in Spanish)	Young

*Check website for description

2. Plans for the future: SECOL AT UT Spring 2008

Linguistics will host the 2008 meeting of the SouthEastern Conference on Linguistics (SECOL), April 3-5. We last hosted in 2001, and the meeting was a great success. SECOL is one of the more dynamic and successful of the regional linguistics conferences. It is also very student-friendly. In fact, one of our linguistics majors won an annual prize for the best student paper in 2001.

For more information, see the website:

<http://www.secol.org/>

The SECOL journal, Southern Journal of Linguistics (SJL), publishes high quality articles. See:

<http://www.secol.org/journal.html>

or consult the Hodges Library periodical holdings:

Microforms/Periodicals: P1.S68.

If you are interested in joining SECOL, you can do so online:

<http://www.secol.org/membership.html>

Dues are \$30 a year, \$15 for students.

One must be a member to submit an abstract or present a paper; abstracts for the 2008 meeting will be due on or about December 7, 2007.

Linguistics Presentation in early spring term

We welcome to East Tennessee Professor Michael Putnam, our new colleague in Linguistics at Carson-Newman. Professor Putnam will be addressing us at UT in late January or early February on a linguistics topic to be decided. Stay tuned for details.

Events at Carson-Newman

Professor Putnam is also organizing a linguistics conference at Carson-Newman in February called Exploring Crash-Proof Grammars, which will feature

presentations by linguistics scholars including Cedric Boeckx (Harvard), Omer Preminger (MIT), C.J.W. Zwart (University of Gronigen), and John Hale (Michigan State University). For more details, visit the website:

<http://web.cn.edu/foreignlanguages/conference.htm>

3. Graduate Certificate in Linguistics

The Certificate in Linguistics program offers graduate students the opportunity to acquire a certificate of study in linguistics with 18 hours of course work. See our website or the graduate catalogue for more information. (Please note that no more than six credit hours accumulated before admission to the program can be counted toward the certificate.) For more information visit the Linguistics Program website at <http://www.utk.edu/linguistics>)

4. Selected recent professional activities of Linguistics faculty

The following list is a very restricted sampling of some of the recent publications, presentations, grants, and awards of Linguistics faculty:

Clara Lee Brown (Theory & Practice of Teacher Education)

Content-based ESL instruction and curriculum. Academic Exchange Quarterly, 11(1), 114-119.

Making social studies texts more comprehensible for English language learners: Some strategies. The Social Studies, 98(5), 185-188.

Supporting English language learners in content-reading. Reading Improvement, 44(1), 32-39.

with Krashen, S. What is academic language proficiency? STETS Language & Communication Review, 6(1), 1-4.

Pattie Davis-Wiley (Theory & Practice of Teacher Education)

Presentations at ACTFL, TFLTA, and SETESOL fall '07.

BethanyDumas (English)

Presentation: Roger W. Shuy: Contributions to Forensic Linguistics. Special Plenary Panel Honoring the Work of Roger Shuy. International Association of ForensicLinguists Conference, Seattle, Washington, July 2007.

(<http://depts.washington.edu/iafl/>)

Ilona Leki (English)

Undergraduates in a Second Language: Challenges and Complexities of Academic Literacy Development. Mahwah, NJ: Erlbaum.

Trena Paulus (Cultural Studies)

Finalist for the Chancellor's Excellence in Teaching Award, 2007

Taught intensive course "Introduction to Research in Education" in Quito, Ecuador, fall 2007.

Robert Sklenar (Classics)

Presentation: The influence of Petronius on Scott Fitzgerald's "The Great Gatsby" at the annual meeting of the Classical Association of the Atlantic States in Washington, D.C.

5. Items of interest

1. The debate on the language of the Piraha in Brazil is discussed in a 16 April 2007 article in New Yorker magazine (pp. 118-137). The language of this Amazonian group is claimed to be unlike any other human language and to contradict ideas on universal grammar. Also see response in "The Mail" section of the 30 April 2000 issue.

2. Linguistics involved with the Enduring Voices project identified five global locations where indigenous languages are being lost at the alarming average rate of one every two weeks: Northern Australia, Central South America, North America's Pacific Northwest, Eastern Siberia, and the Southwestern US.

3. Lang-8 (currently an invitation only site) is a new website devoted to foreign language education and exchange that hopes to imitate the success of online networking sites like MySpace and Facebook. The site will allow users to write daily diaries in their foreign language and have them edited by native speaker users on the same network, who themselves write diaries in turn to be corrected by others. The site exists in simplified and classical Chinese, Japanese, and English and current users are studying French, Spanish, German, Greek, Korean, Vietnamese among others.

6. Newsletter list information

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