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.

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   - Cultural Studies 560
     Intro to Qualitative Research
     MW 5-8:50
   Fall 2008
   - Linguistics 200
     Language, Linguistics, and Society
     11:15-12:05 MWF
   - Linguistics/English 321
     Introduction to Old English
     TR 3:40-4:55
   - Linguistics/English 372
     Structure of Modern English
     TH 11:10-12:25

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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. 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. Attendance is free to all
locals; however, you do need to register at:
http://www.secol.org/tnconference/accomodations/accomodation.html

For more information, see the website:  http://www.secol.org/

If you are interested in joining SECOL, you can do so online at http://www.secol.org/membership.html Dues are $30 a year, $15 for students.

**Linguistics Reading Group**
Students and faculty interested in linguistics plan to gather on 15 April 4-5pm to discuss Robbins Burling's *The Talking Ape: How Language Evolved*. If you are interested in joining us, send an email to Ilona Leki at leki@utk.edu for the location to be announced.

**Outstanding Paper in Linguistics**
The Interdisciplinary Program (IDP) in Linguistics wishes to honor its outstanding students by instituting an award for the best paper written in a linguistics class in academic year 2007-2008. If you are interested in participating, contact your linguistics professor for details.

### 3. New Linguistics Website

Although the address has not changed, our Linguistics website has been updated and has a new look. Thank you to Jeremy Hughes for his careful work on this project. Check it out at [www.utk.edu/linguistics](http://www.utk.edu/linguistics).

### 4. New Linguistics Faculty

Welcome to two new members of the Linguistics faculty!

**Professor Harriet Wood Bowden**, a professor of Spanish in the Department of Modern Foreign Languages and Literatures, is a specialist in Second Language Acquisition and neurolinguistics, coming to UT with a PhD from Georgetown University.

**Professor Kimberly Wolbers** in Theory and Practice of Teacher Education is a specialist in Deaf Education and second language writing, coming to UT with a PhD from Michigan State University.

We look forward to working with you.
5. **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](http://www.utk.edu/linguistics).

6. **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:

**Harriet Wood Bowden (Modern Foreign Languages/Spanish)**

**Clara Lee Brown (Theory & Practice of Teacher Education)**
Presentation: Content-based ESL for EFL learners. (October) Korea Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (KOTESOL), Seoul, Korea.

**Pattie Davis-Wiley (Theory & Practice of Teacher Education)**
Presentations: Keynote address at NEH FLES* Conference (Dallas, summer 2007); Tennessee TESOL (two in Memphis); American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (San Antonio, fall 2007); SETESOL (Louisville); Tennessee FL Teaching Association (Nashville).

**Bethany Dumas (English)**

**Gregory Kaplan (Modern Foreign Languages/Spanish)**
(with C. Stokes) El impacto lingüístico de la Guerra Civil: El éxodo rural y el habla madrileña. *Actas del Congreso Internacional: La Guerra Civil Española,*

Ilona Leki (English)
Presentation: From brilliant ideas to published manuscript: Joining an international professional conversation. (June) Jilin University, Changchun, PRC.

Trena Paulus (Educational Psychology)

Robert Sklenar (Classics)

Kimberly Wolbers (Theory & Practice of Teacher Education)
Using balanced and interactive writing instruction to improve the higher order and lower order writing skills of deaf students. *Journal of Deaf Studies and Deaf Education, 13*(2), 255-257.

7. *Items of interest*

1. Georgetown University’s Center for Intercultural Education and Development is pleased to announce that the English Language (EL) Fellow Program is currently accepting applications for the Academic Year 2008-2009 Fellowships.

The English Language (EL) Fellow Program sends talented, highly qualified U.S. educators in the field of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) on ten-month fellowships to overseas academic institutions in all regions of the world. Fellows serve as full-time ESL/EFL instructors and may be engaged in some teacher training, ESP instruction, curriculum/materials development, test design, assessment, evaluation, programming, summer camps, and outreach projects. Senior Fellows serve primarily as teacher trainers and may be engaged in supervision,
advising, ESP instruction, curriculum/materials development, test design, assessment, evaluation, programming, research, and outreach projects.

Requirements:
- U.S. citizenship
- Master's degree with a focus in TESL/TEFL
- A minimum of two years professional TESL/TEFL experience
- (For Senior Fellows) A minimum of four years teacher training experience

For further information:
email: elf@georgetown.edu
website: elf.georgetown.edu

2. The 7th Symposium on Second Language Writing will be held June 6-7, 2008 at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. The theme is *Foreign Language Writing Instruction: Principles and Practices*

Preceding the conference, on 5 June, the Graduate Student Conference on Second Language Writing will take place in conjunction with the Symposium, providing opportunities for graduate students to present their research and scholarship on second language writing.

For more information:
email: tony@purdue.edu

3. TIRF (The International Research Foundation for English Language Education) announces the 2008 competition for doctoral dissertation grants. Grants of up to US $5,000 will be awarded for the highest rated proposals.

- Information can be found at TIRF's website: http://www.tirfonline.org
- The specific website for the doctoral grants is: http://www.tirfonline.org/2008ddgcall.html
  Linguistic Field(s): Applied Linguistics

8. *Newsletter list information*

If you know of anyone who might want to receive this periodic newsletter, please have such persons send their email addresses to: leki@utk.edu

If you would like to be removed from this list, please send following message:
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Please visit the Linguistics Program website for additional information at:
http://www.utk.edu/linguistics