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.

Linguistics Lecture Mini-Series Fall 2004
- **Monday, 13 September, 5 pm in McClung Tower 1210-1211**
  Aleka Blackwell, Middle Tennessee State University, presents:
  "Early Lexical Development: Input, Semantic Transparency, or Cognitive Biases?"

  **Abstract**
  The word lies at the core of language acquisition, so the study of how words are acquired by young children is essential to our understanding of how children develop language. What factors influence word learning? What determines which words are acquired early and which are acquired late? How does lexical development relate to properties of the input, properties of the words, and properties of the child's mind? This talk addresses these questions by examining the acquisition of English adjectives by two children from age two to age five.

- **Wednesday, 13 October** (time and place to be announced)
  Jeannette Allsopp, University of the West Indies
  *An Introduction to Caribbean Languages*

- **Wednesday, 10 November, 5 pm McClung Tower 1210-1211**
  Jeffrey Davis, University of Tennessee, ASL and Deaf Studies, *Theory and Practice in Teacher Education "Native American Sign Language: A Historical and Linguistic Account"*

All events are free and open to the public. Be sure to arrive before 5pm for the McClung Tower events so that the elevator doors will still be open.

Upcoming Courses
- **Spring 2005**
  - Linguistics 200 Introduction to Linguistics Dumas
  - Linguistics 477 Pedagogical Grammar for ESL Teachers Leki
  - Linguistics 490 Legal Studies/Linguistics Dumas
  - MFL 430 Applied Linguistics and SLA Young
  - Spanish 421 Phonetics Gregory

  We will be posting descriptions of these Spring 2005 courses on the linguistics website (http://web.utk.edu/~linguistics) once registration starts.

Other courses of interest:
- **Spring 2005**
  - FL/ESL Ed 578 ESL Methods II (pre-req: FL/ESL Ed 587) Davis-Wiley
  - TPTE 595 ESL Assessment and Evaluation Brown
  - ASP 306 Anatomy and Physiology of Speech Saltuklaroglu
  - ASP 555 Multicultural Issues in Speech Pathology Munoz/Horton-Ikard

Conference Information:
- **SECOL LXXI** 14-16 Nov. in Roanoke, VA (w/SAMLA 2004).
  See: http://www.uncc.edu/colleges/arts_and_sciences/language/secol/callpapr.htm
- **11th annual Sol Adler Memorial Conference** 1 Nov (8-5pm, UT Conference Center. Speaker: Dr Kathy Drager, Penn State U, on Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC). (Geared for speech pathologists but may be of interest to others who want to learn about dealing with non-speaking individuals.)

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 www.utk.edu/linguistics)

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