University Seminar

The principal seminar this fall was led by Boris Gasparov, Columbia University, on Dec. 5. His topic was “Saussure’s principle of ‘arbitrariness’—does it make la langue immanent or unsustainable?” The seminar was followed by a dinner at Faculty House.

Other seminars this fall included: Joss Ruggles Sackler on the Spanish tenses; Nadav Sabar on English any and some (see below); and a discussion of Boris Gasparov’s book Beyond Pure Reason: Ferdinand de Saussure’s Philosophy of Language and its Early Romantic Antecedents (Columbia Univ. Press, 2013). Our joint project on the analysis of the English Control system continues, led by Wallis Reid, Ricardo Otheguy, and Nancy Stern. Email Wallis Reid at wallis.reid@gse.rutgers.edu for dates and information; co-chaired by Radmila Gorup.

Graduate Student Fellowship

Nadav Sabar, a doctoral student in linguistics at the Graduate Center (CUNY), has been carrying out his analysis of English any and some as the first Society Fellow, under the mentorship of Ricardo Otheguy, also of the Graduate Center. The (anonymous) donor has announced to the Executive Committee the intention to fund a second fellowship for the 2014-15 academic year. This time, the competition will be nationwide. Stay tuned for details.

Seventh Institute, Summer 2014

Planning is ongoing for a Seventh Institute for the Study of Form, Meaning, and Human Behavior in Language, to be held Aug. 19-21, 2014, at the New York City College of Technology (CUNY). The theme is anticipated to be the teaching of (particularly introductory) linguistics. Alan Huffman and Joseph Davis are planning the preliminaries. Stay tuned as details emerge.

Twelfth Conference: 2015

The next conference will be held February 14-16, 2015, at Columbia University, under the auspices of the University Seminars.

CS News Solicited

Members are always encouraged to help us keep our web site up to date. Please e-mail
Nancy Stern at nstern@ccny.cuny.edu with advance information about upcoming events such as presentations that others might wish to attend. Let us know of any publications, appointments, promotions, and awards. Links to personal web pages can be posted. Thanks to Michael Kaplan for assistance.

**Discussion List**

Our electronic discussion list is at https://list.mail.virginia.edu/mailman/listinfo/csling. For information: Betsy Rodriguez-Bachiller at b.r.bachiller@gmail.com.

**Membership Dues**

Joss Ruggles Sackler has taken over the task of membership dues collection. Everyone will be hearing from her soon.

**Financial Report**

See the attached, from Vice President Betsy Rodriguez-Bachiller.

**News from Members**

Ellen Contini-Morava announces:

Marcin Kilarski & Ellen Contini-Morava, "Functions of interstitial nominal classification systems," presented at Workshop on Variation Within and Between Systems of Nominal Classification, annual conference of the Australian Linguistic Society, Melbourne, Australia, October 2.


Ellen reports that she continues working on a joint project with Eve Danziger on the noun classifiers and "article" of Mopan Maya.


Angelita Martínez announces:


Two PhD Projects on morpho-syntactic variation directed by Martínez, recorded in the National University of La Plata, Buenos Aires. These were:


Ricardo Otheguy announces:


Ricardo has two co-authored papers related to bilingualism in press.

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