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Thanks to Joss Ruggles-Sackler for the new look to the newsletter. Comments to the editor are welcome.

CONFERENCE 2015

12th International Columbia School Conference on the Interaction of
Linguistic Form and Meaning with Human Behavior

The Twelfth International Columbia School Conference on the Interaction of Linguistic Form and Meaning with Human Behavior was held Feb. 14-16 at Columbia University, co-sponsored by the Society and the University Seminars.

Presenters were: Joanna Birnbaum (Graduate Center, City University of New York), William Carrasco (Hunter College and The City College of New York), Tanya Karoli Christensen (Copenhagen), Mary Anne Cosentini, Ellen Contini-Morava and Eve Danziger (Virginia), Berenice Darwich (CUNY), Joseph Davis (CCNY), Bob de Jonge (Groningen), Thomas Eccardt, Radmila Gorup (Columbia), Hmoud Alotaibi (Shaqra), Eduardo Ho Fernández (GC-CUNY), Alan Huffman (CUNY), Robert S. Kirsner (UCLA), Robert A. Leonard (Hofstra), Andrew McCormick (GC-CUNY), Angelita Martínez (U. Nacional de La Plata), Ricardo Otheguy and Lauren Spradlin (GC-CUNY), Nurit Peled-Elhanan (Hebrew U. and David Yellin Teachers College), Wallis Reid (Rutgers), Hidemi Sugi Riggs (UC-Irvine), Danielle Ronkos (GC-CUNY), Jaseleen Ruggles (GC-CUNY), Nadav Sabar (GC-CUNY), Leanne Schreurs (Groningen), Nancy Stern (CCNY), and Xuehua Xiang (Illinois – Chicago).

A dinner, preceded by a reception, was held at the Faculty House on the first night of the conference.

Thanks to organizers Radmila Gorup, Ricardo Otheguy, Jaseleen Ruggles, and Nancy Stern, and to Billur Avlar for technical assistance. Thanks to Ricardo, Jaseleen, and Wallis Reid for support for student scholarships.
Tentative plans are to hold an Eighth Institute for the Study of Form, Meaning, and Human Behavior in Language at Universidad Nacional de La Plata. Campus coordinator is Angelita Martínez. If you can assist in planning, please communicate with the Executive Committee.

13TH CONFERENCE

The next conference is expected to be held in the New York City area on dates to be determined. If you can assist in planning, please communicate with the Executive Committee.

UNIVERSITY SEMINARS

The principal seminar of the fall was given on Dec. 11 by Dan Everett (Bentley Univ.), followed by a dinner at Faculty House.

Presenters this winter have been Mary Anne Cosentini, Thomas Eccardt, and Nadav Sabar.

Email Wallis Reid at wallis.reid@gse.rutgers.edu for dates and information about seminars, which are co-chaired by Radmila Gorup.
Ballots for the election of a new Executive Committee to a three-year term are due March 15. Paid members of the Society should have received a ballot. Thanks to Election Committee members Tulay Altin (chair), Eric Chambers, Andrew McCormick, and Bernice Rohret. And thanks to all who are running and voting.

Membership in the Society is open to all scholars who are interested in the work of the Society or who share its goals. Membership is for the calendar year.

All members enjoy significant discounts on selected publications and on Society-sponsored activities.

To join by mail, send a check or money order in U.S. dollars, made out to Columbia School Linguistic Society, Inc., to the address below. Please include a note giving your name, institutional affiliation, mailing address, and e-mail address.

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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.
NEWS FROM MEMBERS

Joseph Davis gave a presentation titled “Substance and Structure in Columbia School Linguistics” at the Workshop on Substance and Structure in Linguistics, University of Copenhagen, Feb. 27-28.


BIBLIOGRAPHY

An updated Columbia School bibliography is now available, thanks to Editor Ricardo Otheguy, with the assistance of Production Editor Ksenija Ajdinovic. See the web site at www.csling.weebly.com.

IN MEMORIAM

FLORA KLEIN

The Society notes with sadness the passing of Flora Klein-Andreu. She received the Ph.D. from Columbia in 1972 with a dissertation titled “The Role of Meaning in Grammatical Change: The Shift of ge to se,” sponsored by William Diver. She taught for many years at Stony Brook University. Her publications include Discourse Perspectives on Syntax (Academic 1983), Variación actual y evolución histórica: Los clíticos le/s, la/s, lo/s (Lincom Europa 2000), and Spanish Through Time: An Introduction (Lincom Europa 2010).

ABDUL AZIM

The Society notes with sadness the passing of Abdul Azim. Professor Azim received the Ph.D. from Columbia in 1978 with a dissertation titled “The System of the Verb in Classical Urdu,” sponsored by William Diver. He taught for many years at Aligarh Muslim University, from which he retired to New York City. He was a founding member of the Society. Members may know him best from his 2002 paper “Problems of Aspiration in Modern Standard Urdu” in the volume edited by Reid, Otheguy, and Stern, and from conference presentations.

DISCUSSION LIST

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