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26.0 MOUTON DISCOUNTS WILL CONTINUE FOR SSILA MEMBERS

Mouton de Gruyter have agreed to continue their generous offer of deep discounts to SSILA members for over twenty of their books on indigenous languages, including the Handbook of Amazonian Languages, and all titles in the expanding Mouton Grammar Library. Four new titles will be added for the 1996 offer: Anthony Liddicoat, A Grammar of the Norman French of the Channel Islands: The Dialects of Jersey and Sark; (SSILA price $30); Robert Carlson, A Grammar of SupyuRe, SSILA price $48); Nicholas S. Evans, A Grammar of Kayardild, With Historical-Comparative Notes on Tangkic, (SSILA price $50); and G. Tucker Childs, A Grammar of Kisi, A Southern Atlantic Language, (SSILA price $40).

Other titles and prices will remain as stated in the 1995 brochure. There is a change in postage costs, however, reflecting steep increases in the German postal rates. Surface mail will now be US $8 per volume, air mail US $16 per volume.

A new brochure will be mailed to all SSILA members with the January 1996 SSILA Newsletter. Meanwhile the 1995 order form may still be used, but the new postage rates are in effect.

26.1 SSILA ATLAS MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SAN DIEGO

There will be an open meeting of the SSILA Atlas Committee during the SSILA Annual Meeting in San Diego. It has been scheduled for 3 p.m., Friday, January 5. The Committee welcomes the attendance of all SSILA members who would like to be in attendance. There will be a special presentation by Yolanda Lasta (UNAM) on the problems that are raised by the inclusion of the indigenous languages of Mexico in the coverage of the proposed atlas.

26.2 ANTHROPOLOGICAL LINGUIST NEEDED AT UNM, OF NEW MEXICO

The Department of Anthropology at the University of New Mexico seeks applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professorship in Linguistic Anthropology. The successful candidate should be an anthropologist who interprets language and speech to illuminate cultural systems and social relations using contemporary ethnographic and linguistic methodology. Sustained ethnographic fieldwork and sound training in linguistic description are essential. Ph.D. is required and must be granted by June 30, 1996. Appointment starts August 15, 1996. Please send letter of application, curriculum vitae, and names of three references to:

Chair, Department of Anthropology
University of New Mexico
Albuquerque, NM 87131-1086

Applications must be received by January 5, 1996. If ABD, please provide letter from doctoral committee chair indicating expected date of Ph.D. completion. The University of New Mexico is an EOP/AA employer.

26.3 AMERICAN INDIAN LINGUISTICS AT ICHL-97 IN GERMANY

The 13th International Conference on Historical Linguistics will be held at the Universitaet der Rheinische Friedensstaat. Dusseldorf, Germany, August 10-17, 1997. Among the invited plenary speakers will be Wallace Chafe and Marilyn Strube (Santa Barbara), and one of the special topic areas of the Conference will be American Indian languages: relationships and
26.4 CLS-32 (1996) TO HAVE PARASESSION ON THEORY AND DATA

The 32nd annual meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society, April 11-13, 1996, will feature a ParaseSSION, April 12-13, that will explore the question, "Linguistics an empirical science?" Theory and data in linguistic argumentation, focusing on such issues as: the validity of external evidence, the significance of historical evidence in synchronic grammar; how decisions about notation affect both theory and data; the importance of linguistic diversity for universal claims; conflicting definitions of language; new implications from ancient and non-Western linguistics; and the relation of linguistic methodologies to those in other disciplines.

Papers are solicited on the relative roles of theory and data in linguistic argumentation, focusing on such issues as: the validity of external evidence, the significance of historical evidence in synchronic grammar; how decisions about notation affect both theory and data; the importance of linguistic diversity for universal claims; conflicting definitions of language; new implications from ancient and non-Western linguistics; and the relation of linguistic methodologies to those in other disciplines.

Please submit ten copies of a one-page, 500-word, anonymous abstract (for a 25-minute paper), along with a 3x5" card with your name, affiliation, address, phone number, e-mail address, title of paper, and indication that the paper is intended for the paraseSSION. The abstract should be as specific as possible and should clearly indicate the data covered, outline the arguments presented, and include any broader implications of the work. One page of data and/or references may be appended, if necessary. An individual may present at most one and may co-author no more than one paper. Authors whose papers are accepted agree to submit for publication a camera-ready copy of their paper by May 19, 1996. Deadline for receipt of abstracts is January 31, 1996.

Send abstracts to: Chicago Linguistic Society, 1010 East 59th Street, Chicago, Illinois 60637; e-mail abstracts will not be accepted, but further information may be obtained from <clis@april.uchicago.edu> or by phone at 312/702-5629.

26.5 CORRESPONDENCE

An SSLA Book Exchange?

From Lyle Campbell, 15 November 1995:

Do you think SSLA might want to start up a book-exchange & trading section in the Newsletter or Bulletin, especially for the old classics in the field? If so, I have two copies of the Handbook of American Indian Languages, part 2 (1922), with Sapir's Tafeu, Frachtenberg's Papago, and his Suslawen, and Roopals's Choctaw. I'd be happy to trade this one for something I don't have. I've got duplicate copies of other semi-rare and not so rare things that I'd be interested in seeing go to a good home. What do people think? Would such an exchange be a service and an interesting venture, or would it just be chaotic?

---University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand

Interest in Shawnee

From Kenneth Andrews, 13 November 1995:

For several years I have been working on and off with a native speaker of Shawnee. I would like to have determined Shawnee texts for publication. I have 301 sentences, morpheme by morpheme glosses, and a free English translation. I have done a fair amount of comparative work (particularly in Fox and Plains Cree) in trying to unravel Shawnee morphology. I am aware of where I would like to share some of my ideas with other linguists working in Shawnee or one of the other Algonquian languages on some remaining problems. Rather than posting a lengthy message for wide distribution, I would prefer that those of you who are working in the Algonquian languages (and who have an interest in this message) contact me via e-mail.

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100-Word Lists Wanted

From Alexis Manaster Ramer, 10 November 1995:

I am trying to collect Swedish 100-word lists of as many languages as possible, primarily for the purpose of demonstrating that work on language classification considering ONLY correspondences within such a list is bound to produce misleading results. I would appreciate any contributions, especially if they are sent by e-mail in ASCII format (with a key explaining any "symbol substitutions"). The list need is given below. It is a little longer than 100 words because I need to be able to handle three slightly different versions of the list that have been proposed by different scholars. Many thanks in advance.
