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197.1 Correspondence

* Jesuits and linguistics

From Dan Everett (dan.everett@MAN.AC.UK) 25 Aug 2003:

Does anyone know of a general history/summary of the Jesuits and linguistics?

--Dan Everett
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* Native Nations, Native Voices

From Gordon Bronitsky (g.bronitsky@att.net) 24 Aug 2003:
Throughout Native America, a small but growing body of writers are giving new voice to Native languages, using their own languages to write about and confront the 21st century world they live in. Often unknown outside their own communities, such writers have much to say to all of us.

I am working with the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center of Albuquerque, New Mexico, to create "Native Nations, Native Voices"—a festival to honor contemporary Native language writers. Ten writers will be invited to participate in a three-day festival. Writers will read from their works in their own languages; English translations will be made available to the audience at the option of each writer. A special effort will be made to include and honor high school and college authors in Native languages, for they are the future of languages. Selected writers will represent as broad a range of languages and styles as possible.

I would welcome any suggestions readers of the Bulletin might have about Native language writers (prose, poetry, or drama) who might be interested in participating, and about possible sources of funding. I would also welcome any leads to Native language theater companies.

--Gordon Bronitsky
Bronitsky and Associates

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* Looking for a paper on reduced vowels

From Lloyd Anderson (ECOLING@aol.com) 7 Sep 2003:

I'm trying to find a paper (I think it was in IJAL) on a language, probably in South America, in which vowels are reduced next to stops, and the quality of the barely-remaining vowel can be predicted from the neighboring consonant. Something like

/u/ or barred-i after /k/
/e/ after /t/
/i/ after affricate "ch"
/a/ after /p/

Can anyone direct me to this paper? Or to treatments of similar topics? Or to individuals with a specialty in something like this?

--Lloyd B. Anderson
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197.2 FEL Announces 2003 Grant Awards

From Blair Rudes (BArudes@aol.com) 1 Sep 2003:

The Foundation for Endangered Languages is pleased to announce the following grant awards for 2003.

-- Paul Hegarty (UK): $912 for salvage fieldwork on the lexis, phonetics, and phonology of the Kwaki (Aymara) language with the few remaining speakers.
-- Ana Valentina Fernandez Garay (Argentina): $970 for fieldwork to study the phonology and collect texts of the Wichi (Matao-Mataguayán) language.

-- Maximilian Viatori (USA): $500 for fieldwork on the phonology and morphology of the Zapara (Zaparoan) language.

-- Anna N. Gerasimova (Russia): $1,000 for fieldwork on the Uilta (Tungus-Manchurian) language and the preparation of an Uilta grammar for beginning learners, a Russian-Uilta phrase book, and an Uilta dictionary.

-- Jeffrey Gould (USA): $987 to support the development of a multimedia program for teaching the Nahuatl-Pipil (Uto-Aztecan) language.

-- Mark Anderson (Australia): $1,000 to support fieldwork on code-switching and code-mixing in natural speech between Ryukyuan (Altaic) and Japanese on Okinawa.

-- Barbara Capoeman (USA): $1,000 on behalf of the Taholah School District No. 77 to correct and update an existing dictionary of the Quinault (Salishan) language and to develop a grammar book for use in the language component of the district's cultural revitalization project.

197.3 Positions Open

* Senior linguistic anthropologist, Southern Illinois U, Carbondale

From Andrew Hofling (ahofling@siu.edu) 3 Sep 2003:

Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Department of Anthropology invites applications for a senior linguistic anthropologist or cultural anthropologist with active research interest in linguistic issues at the advanced associate or full professor rank, beginning August 16, 2004. Salary dependent on qualifications. This position forms part of the SIUC Faculty Strategic Hiring Initiative intended to enhance our program and its national standing. Applicants must have earned a Ph.D. degree in linguistic anthropology or closely related areas of cultural anthropology and have an established record of excellence in research and teaching. Area of focus open, but Department is especially interested in indigenous languages and cultures of the Americas. Topical specializations open, but should complement existing faculty strengths in a four-field oriented department. Teaching to include introduction to linguistic anthropology; advanced undergraduate and graduate courses in the candidate’s geographical and topical areas of interest. Closing date for applications is December 10, 2003, or until position is filled. Send vitae, letter detailing professional interests and teaching experience, and names/addresses/e-mail addresses/phone/fax #s of three references to:

Search Committee Chair
Linguistic Anthropology Position
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SIUC is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer that strives to enhance its ability to develop a diverse faculty and to increase its potential to serve a diverse student population. All applications are welcomed and encouraged and will receive consideration.

* Assistant professor of Linguistics, Rice U

From Robert Englebretson (reng@RUF.RICE.EDU) 2 Sep 2003:
(Please direct all e-mail replies and inquiries to ling@ruf.rice.edu).

The Department of Linguistics, Rice University, is seeking to fill a tenure-track position in linguistics at the level of assistant professor beginning fall, 2004. The Ph.D. is required.

The Department of Linguistics at Rice has a strongly functionalist, usage-based orientation emphasizing language description. The Department adopts an integrative approach that is sensitive to language in many dimensions: discourse, social, typological, cognitive, historical and developmental.

We expect the successful candidate to share the orientation of the Department and to have an outstanding record in research and demonstrated excellence in teaching undergraduate and graduate courses. Fieldwork on a non-Indo-European language is highly desirable.

Rice University is a private, selective institution with undergraduate and graduate strengths in science, engineering, the social sciences and the humanities. Rice places strong emphasis on research and excellence in classroom teaching. The normal course load is six hours (two courses) per semester.

Interviews will be held in January, 2004 at the LSA meeting in Boston, MA. For full consideration, applications including cover letter, CV, three names of references, and one representative article must be received by November 15, 2003.

Reply to: Faculty Search, Department of Linguistics MS23, Rice University, P.O. Box 18921, Houston, TX 77251-1892. E-mail: ling@ruf.rice.edu. URL: http://linguistics.rice.edu. AA/EOE

* Assistant professor of Anthropology, U of Arizona

From Norma Maynard (mmaynard@email.arizona.edu) 29 Aug 2003:

The University of Arizona Department of Anthropology invites applications for a tenure-track position in linguistic anthropology at the Assistant Professor level, to begin in the fall of 2004, contingent upon availability of funding. The Ph.D. in Anthropology is required, as is a demonstrated potential for excellence in teaching and research. The area of specialization is open. However, we are particularly interested in hearing from applicants with research and teaching interests in political, aesthetic and/or affective dimensions of verbal art, in language socialization, and in pidgins and creoles. For these specializations we are especially interested in identifying applicants who have carried out ethnographic research in the Middle East, the Caribbean, or Sub-Saharan Africa. Review of application materials will begin September 1, 2003 and will continue until the position is filled. To apply, please submit a letter of application, stating research and teaching interests (and citing job #26485), curriculum vitae, and the names and addresses of three references to:

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197.4 Upcoming Meetings

* Oklahoma Native Language Conference (Preston, OK, Oct. 9-11)

From Mary S Linn (mslinn@ou.edu) 1 Sep 2003:

This is to let you know that we are going to have the annual Language Conference at Preston this year. The dates are set for October 9, 10, and 11. I will send out registration and such at a later date. LeRoy Sealy, our Vice-Pres, is busy getting our keynote speaker lined up. Of course the OMLA Team will be there to do their thing as well.

Right now we would like to know who wants to do something at the conference. We would like people to sign up to give teaching demonstrations. You can do this by yourself or in a group. We want you to share, very much like last year, a dynamic class that will help other teachers get good ideas for the classroom and see immersion in action.

We are also taking ideas for presentations. If you have an idea that you would like to present, please let us know.

We will have a vcr, dvd, overhead projector, and Powerpoint projector for people to use for teaching or other demonstrations/presentations.

Please let me know AS SOON AS POSSIBLE if you want to teach or present. Please let me know your preferred day as well. Feel free to pass along this invitation if you know of someone who would like to share with us.

p.s. The directories are almost ready. I will have them at Preston to give out to try to help save mailing costs.

--Mary S. Linn
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* 2004 Siouan-Caddoan Conference (Wayne, Nebraska, June 11-13)

From Catherine Rudin (Carudini@wsc.edu) 28 Aug 2003:

Having weeded out Memorial Day, Father's Day, family-complication days, and the weekend when both motels are already booked solid for a big family reunion -- and having checked for linguistic conflicts everywhere I could think of -- it looks like the best date for next year's Siouan-Caddoan conference is June 11-13.

I'll go ahead and reserve blocks of rooms etc. now, so we don't get bumped by someone's wedding or something. Calls for papers and whatnot will be along eventually -- in a few months -- watch this space.

--Catherine Rudin
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* Indigenous Language Institute Symposium (Seattle, August 20-23, 2004)
From ILI 2004 (1112004@u.washington.edu) 26 Aug 2003:

A Multimedia Technology Symposium, "ANCIENT VOICES, MODERN TOOLS: Language and Tech-Knowledge," will take place in Seattle on the University of Washington campus, August 20 through 23, 2004. It will be presented by the Indigenous Language Institute, of Santa Fe, NM, in collaboration with the University of Washington.

The program is still in development stage and more information will be made available on the ILI website (www.indigenous-language.org) and by mail in due course. In the meantime, we are interested in hearing from those who would be willing to demonstrate their language technologies as part of a workshop presentation.

--Sue Ellen Jacobs, University of Washington
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