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267.0 SSILA Business

* 2008 elections

The ballot for the 2008 elections will soon be available at the SSILA website (www.ssila.org). Candidates are:

  Vice-President and President-elect: Pat Shaw
  Member-at-Large of the Executive Committee (3 years): Frank Trechsel
  Member of the Nominating Committee (3 years): Doris Payne, Tim Montler

Please read the candidates' biographical notes, and then select one
candidate for each position. You can either print out and mail your
Ballot (to SSILA, PO Box 1295, Denton, TX 76202), or cast your vote online.
Please vote only once.

* Membership renewal
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Membership renewal notices are being sent to all members via e-mail.
Please renew at the same time you vote. Payment can be made by check or
credit card. Just print the form, fill it out, and mail it to SSILA,
PO Box 1295, Denton, TX 76202, with your payment or credit information.

* Annual meeting
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The 2008-09 annual winter meeting of SSILA will be held jointly with the
Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America in San Francisco, at
the Hilton San Francisco, January 8-11, 2009. The preliminary program is
below. Information about the hotel and location can be found at the LSA
website (www.lsadc.org). All meeting participants (regardless of whether
they are LSA members) may use the LSA website to preregister for the
meeting and reserve hotel rooms.

The schedule of SSILA sessions below is preliminary, but no major changes
are anticipated. Updates will be posted at the SSILA website (www.ssila.org)
if needed.

Thursday, 8 January
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6:00-8:30 pm

1. LANGUAGE IN USE. Chair: Douglas Parks (Indiana U). Papers: (6:00)
Bill Poser (UBC), "Writing BC native languages: Success by what measure?";
(6:30) Michal Brody (U Oriente), "Feature awareness in the graphetic
strategies of Maaya/Spanish bilingual children"; (7:00) Susan Kalt
(Roxbury CC), "Bilingual children's object and case marking in Cusco
Quechua"; (7:30) Wesley Leonard (Miami Tribe), "On creating the 'Home'
domain in Miami language reclamation"; and (8:00) Gabriela Perez Baez
(U Buffalo), "Exporting language loss."

2. SYNTAX. Chair: George Aaron Broadwell (U Albany). Papers: (6:00)
Carmen Jany (CSU-SB), "Clausal nominalization as relativization strategy
in Chimariko"; (6:30) Tim Thones (U Central Arkansas), "Detransitivity
and relative clauses in Northern Paiute"; (7:00) Michael Barrie (U
Ottawa), "On Wh-movement in Blackfoot: Evidence for feature strength"
(7:30) Mily Crevels (Radboud U Nijmegen), "That's the polar question in
Itonama (Isolate; Bolivia)"; and (8:00) Scott AnderBois (UCSC),
"Disjunction and polar questions in Yukatek Maya."

8:30 - 10:00 pm

* SSILA President's Meet and Greet Reception [The other LSA sister
societies are invited.]

Friday, 9 January
3. PHONETICS & PHONOLOGY I. Chair: Karin Michelson (U Buffalo). Papers: (9:00) Siri Tuttle (U Alaska-Fairbanks), "Acoustic correlates of stress in the Inland dialect of Dena'ina Athabascan"; (9:30) Elizabeth Kickham (U Oklahoma), "Muskogean tonogenesis: Reconstructing Proto-Muskogean glottal stop and tone"; (10:00) Julia Colleen Miller (U Washington), "The phonetics of tone in two dialects of Dane-zaa" (Athabaskan); (10:30) Melissa Frazier (UNC-Chapel Hill), "A moraic analysis of tone and glottalization in Yucatec Maya"; and (11:00) Sharon Hargus (U Washington), "A H+L% boundary tone in Athabaskan."

4. SEMANTICS. Chair: David Beck (U Alberta). Papers: (9:00) John Boyle (NE Illinois U), "The semantics of the active-stative pronominal systems in Siouan"; (9:30) Gale Gomez (Rhode Island C), "Not speaking of the dead: Euphemism and metonymy in Yanomae (Brazil)"; (10:00) Conor Quinn (MIT & U Southern Maine), "Semantic packaging and the manner/means constraint on Algonquian verbal stem structure"; (10:30) Timothy Henry (UC-SB), "From inalienable to indefinite in Ventureño Chumash"; and (11:00) Colette Grinevald (U Lyon), "Nominal classification systems in Mayan languages: A typological and family perspective."

11:30 am - 12:30 pm

* SSILA Presidential Address. Chair: Leslie Saxon (U Victoria). Donna Gerds (Simon Fraser U), "Women, fire, and not so dangerous things: Explorations in Halkomelem gender."

2:00-4:30 pm

5. SPACE & TIME. Chair: Harriet Klein (U Stony Brook). Papers: (2:00) Susan Smythe Kung (U Texas-Austin), "Expressing Space and Location in Huehuetla Tepehua" [Mary Haas Award Recipient]; (2:30) Rodrigo Romero Mendez (U Buffalo), "Spatial relations and path in Ayutla Mixe"; (3:00) Gary Holton (U Alaska), "Landscape and the ontology of places at the intersection of Athabaskan and Eskimo-Aleut"; (3:30) Hein van der Voort (Radboud U Nijmegen), "Areal diffusion of fictive interaction: Future tense in Aikanã (isolate, Brazil)"; and (4:00) Carolyn O'Meara (U Buffalo), "The semantics of Seri ground phrases."

6. MORPHOLOGY & MORPHOSYNTAX. Chair: Timothy Montler (U North Texas). Papers: (2:00) Leslie Saxon (U Victoria), "Historical-comparative morphosyntax in Tlicho Yati [Dogrib]"; (2:30) Elizabeth Bogal-Allbritten (Swarthmore), "The morphosyntax of Navajo comparatives and the degree argument"; (3:00) Doris Payne (U Oregon) & Kelsey Wilson (Rosetta Stone), "Yagua color terms and their morphosyntactic properties"; (3:30) Susan Steele (UCSC), "Luiseño stem classes"; and (4:00) Marianne Mithun (UCSB), "The potential value of defectiveness: Yup'ik and Mohawk inflectional gaps."

4:30-5:30 pm

* Annual Business Meeting & Presentation of the Mary Haas Award and the Ken Hale Prize.

Saturday, 10 January
9:00 am - 12:30 pm

7. MORPHOSYNTAX. Chair: Richard A. Rhodes (UC-Berkeley). Papers: (9:00) Alejandra Vidal (CONICET/UNAF), "Reciprocals in Pilagá"; (9:30) Fernando Zúñiga (U Zurich), "The applicatives of Mapudungun"; (10:00) Amy Dahlstrom (U Chicago), "Second' objects with no first object: a typology of Meskwaki objects"; (10:30) Marine Vuillermet (CNRS/U Lyon), "Double perspective on the Ese Ejja absolutive construction: Historical reconstruction and synchronic readjustment"; (11:00) Amy Rose Deal (U Mass-Amherst), "Nez Perce verbs of speech and mental attitude"; (11:30) Pilar Valenzuela (Chapman U) & Lindsay Butler (U Arizona), "Argument encoding and valence-changing in Kawapanan"; and (12:00) Jean-Pierre Koenig & Karin Michelson (U Buffalo), "The structure of nominal expressions in Oneida."

8. ZAPOTEC. Chair: Pamela Munro (UCLA). Papers: (9:00) Laura Tejada (USC), "Vowel phonation in San Miguel Cajonos Zapotec"; (9:30) Juan José Bueno Holle (U Chicago), "Lexical tone in Isthmus Zapotec"; (10:00) George Aaron Broadwell (U Albany), John Foreman (Utica C) & Lee S. Bickmore (U Albany), "Floating H tones and the tonology of Macuiltianguis Zapotec"; (10:30) Kevin Ryan (UCLA), "Released glottal stop and prosodic constituency in Matatlán Zapotec"; (11:00) Aaron Sonnenschein (CSU-LA), "Number systems in colonial Sierra Zapotec"; (11:30) Natalie Operstein (U Sonora/UCLA), "Verb classes in Zaniza (Papabuco) Zapotec"; and (12:00) George Aaron Broadwell (U Albany), "A movement paradox in Zapotec."

2:00-5:00 pm


10. HISTORICAL LINGUISTICS & ARCHIVAL RESEARCH. Chair: Bill Poser (UBC). Papers: (2:00) Marie-Lucie Tarpent (Mt St Vincent U), "What are Takelma's closest relatives?"; (2:30) Catherine A. Callaghan (Ohio State U), "Ancient i/a ablaut in Yokuts and Utian pronouns"; (3:00) Juliette Blevins (MPI-EVA), "More phonological innovations in Ritwan: Ejectives to aspirates in Wiyot"; and (3:30) Eugene Buckley (U Pennsylvania), "Glottalization in Alsea."

3:30-5:00 pm

11. PHONETICS & PHONOLOGY II (Poster Session) Heriberto Avelino (UC Berkeley/U Toronto), "Diachronic phonology and dynamic optimization in Pame languages"; Sharon Hargus (U Washington) & Virginia Beavert (U Oregon), "Sahaptin intonational phonology"; Joyce McDonough (U Rochester), Jordan Lachler (Sealaska Heritage Inst) & Sally Rice (U Alberta), "Aspiration as phonation: An acoustic analysis of aspirated affricates in the Dene languages"; Donald Frantz (U Lethbridge) & Mizuki Miyashita (U Montana), "Measuring Blackfoot consonant length"; and Ryan Shosted (U Illinois, Urbana-Champaign), "Uvular variation in Q'anjob'al"
Sunday, 11 January
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9:00-noon

12. PHONETICS & PHONOLOGY III. Chair: Patricia Shaw (UBC). Papers:
   (9:00) Kosuke Matsukawa (U Albany), "Phonetic evidence for extra harmonic
          vowel as historical innovation in Chicahuaxtla Triqui"; (9:30) Dylan
          Herrick (U Oklahoma), "A multi-speaker acoustic analysis of Comanche's
          'high' central vowel"; (10:00) Sunghwa Lee (U Victoria), "Vowel length
          adjustments and contrast enhancement in Nuuchahnulth"; (10:30) Thiago
          Chacon (U Utah), "Nasality in Tukanoan languages: Synchrony and
          diachrony"; (11:00) Lynda Boudreault (U Texas-Austin), "Nasal phenomenon
          in Sierra Popoluca (Mixe-Zoque)"; and (11:30) Veronica Munoz-Ledo (UCSB),
          "Laryngealization and the voicing of stops in Sierra Popoluca."

13. SYNTAX & SEMANTICS. Chair: Marianne Mithun (UCSB). Papers: (9:00)
   Indrek Park (Indiana U), "Ergativity in Hidatsa"; (9:30) Pilar Valenzuela
   (Chapman U), "Pragmatic ergative marking in Shiwilu (Kawapanan, Peru)"
   (10:00) I-Wen Lai (U Texas-Austin), "Discourse modes in the Iquito
   language"; (10:30) Maura Velazquez-Castillo (Colorado State U), "The place
   of evidentiality in Guaraní grammar"; (11:00) Neil Walker (UCSB),
   "Southern Pomo dependent clause markers"; and (11:30) Anna Berge (ANLC/
   U Alasks-Fairbanks), "Coordination in Pribilof Islands Aleut."

* Special session at Annual Meeting focuses on NW Coast

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The 2008-9 Annual Meeting in San Francisco (see program above) will
feature a special session on "Inflectional Contrasts in the Languages
of the Northwest Coast," organized by SSILA President Donna Gerdts
(Simon Fraser University) and co-sponsored by LSA and SSILA.

The Pacific Northwest is home to one of the world's most geographically
extensive Sprachbunds, stretching from northern California to southern
Alaska and encompassing more than half a dozen phylogenetically distinct
families and some eighty individual languages. In spite of this genetic
diversity, the languages of the area share many phonological, morpho-
logical, and syntactic features, several of which are rare or under-
reported in other parts of the world and, as a consequence, are
potentially of great importance for theoretical and typological research.

One of the most challenging aspects of research on Northwest Coast
languages is their inflectional systems. A central goal of current
linguistic theory is to accommodate inflection in a range of languages
in an insightful way, and Northwest Coast languages are especially
relevant to this enterprise. Recent in-depth fieldwork has shown that
their central inflectional contrasts are very different from those of
Indo-European and other well-studied languages, and they are packaged
within the word and clause in unfamiliar ways.

Addressing this issue will be a panel of linguists with extensive
knowledge based on original research on the languages of the area.
In addition to Gerdts, these include David Beck (University of Alberta);
Suzanne Urbanczyk (University of Victoria); Lisa Matthewson (University
of British Columbia); Seth Cable (University of Massachusetts); and
Henry Davis (University of British Columbia).
Summer 2009 meeting at UC Berkeley in July

SSILA is planning to hold a Summer Meeting in 2009 during the LSA Summer Institute at the University of California, Berkeley. The meeting is scheduled for the weekend of July 17-19. Information about location and accommodation can be found at the LSA website (www.lsadc.org). The call for papers and posters will go out on February 1, 2009, and abstracts will be due on April 1, 2009.

267.1 Correspondence

* Philip Parker's inaccurate language books

From Wayne Leman (wayne.leman@gmail.com) 5 Aug 2008:

I contacted Amazon.com today to express my concerns about Dr. Philip Parker, who operates a scam in which he copies language material from Internet web sites and republishes this material verbatim, leaving his data sources uncited. He has "published" literally hundreds of such "language" books (and many, many more on other topics) under his own name and sells them on Amazon.com and other Internet booksellers.

I became personally aware of Dr. Parker when he republished in this fashion copyrighted data from our Cheyenne-English Online Dictionary (http://hammer.prohosting.com/~cheydic/).

I ordered the book he produced ("Webster's Cheyenne-English Thesaurus Dictionary") from Amazon.com and was shocked to see what he had done, without even once stating the source of his information. He even copied one of my typos! Unsuspecting readers might assume that Dr. Parker had personally studied the language and had accurately described it. I posted an Amazon.com "reader's review" (feeling moderately well qualified, since I have been studying Cheyenne professionally since 1975), pointing out some of the problems with the book. You can read it at:

http://www.amazon.com/Websters-Cheyenne-English-Thesaurus-Dictionary/dp/0497834677/ref=3Dsr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=3Dbooks&qid=3D1217956569&sr=3D8-1

There is increasing concern among linguists and language communities Around the world at what Dr. Parker is doing. He not only does not state where he has copied the data from (which is unethical) but his books are grossly inaccurate, since he imposes an English thesaurus template on all of the languages he "describes".

What Dr. Parker has done for another Native American language is offensive to the speakers of that language, as you can read in the recent review of his book on Potawatomi:


Dr. Parker tells those who contact him that what he is doing is legal. He may or may not be right about that, but he has definitely not received
permission from the speakers of the affected languages to publish these books without their permission. And they have what are called intellectual property rights to their own languages. If they are willing for data from their language to be published, they want it published accurately, not inaccurately as Dr. Parker is doing. He simply has his computers churning out books for many languages (as well as other topics) without regard to accuracy. There may be action taken by tribal attorneys for some of the language groups which have had their intellectual property rights abused by Dr. Parker, both by lack of citation of his data sources and by the distorted descriptions of the languages he produces by his mass production program.

I have asked Amazon.com if they would be willing to suspend sales of Dr. Parker's books until tribal attorneys have an opportunity to review the copyright and intellectual property issues.

I am cc-ing Dr. Parker with this message. I have e-mailed him in the Recent past, as well, but he has not responded to any of my messages.

--Wayne Leman
Cheyenne tribal linguist

Wayne appended this postscript on August 5:

Since writing the above, I have discovered that there is a considerable amount of background information about Parker and his books already available on the internet. Especially relevant to my own concerns is Bill Poser's July 26 posting on the Language Log blog (and the many good comments it generated):
http://languagelog.ldc.upenn.edu/nll/?p=3D407

--a New York Times article:
http://www.nytimes.com/2008/04/14/business/media/14link.html

--a short posting on the Print Media Matters blog:
http://fryskbiz.blogspot.com/2008/05/philip-parker-author-of-86000-books.html

--a profile on the INSEAD site, where Parker is listed as a professor:
http://www.insead.edu/facultyresearch/faculty/profiles/pparker/

--the Wikipedia article on him:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philip_M._Parker

--another of Parker's ventures, "Webster's Online Dictionary with Multilingual Thesaurus Translation":
http://www.websters-online-dictionary.com/

[To these your editor would add a 10-minute YouTube video demonstrating "Long Tail", Parker's "automated content authorship" software (patented, he is quick to say). God help us, it even generates desk references for physicians! (See http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3DSkS5PkHQphy).

There are a number of other Parker videos on YouTube. Some fairly influential people take him very seriously. "Long Tail", coined in 2004 by the editor of Wired to describe the niche strategy of businesses such as Amazon.com or Netflix that sell a large number of unique items in
relatively small quantities, is apparently a very hot idea among the techno-libertarians. --VG]

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267.2  Revitalizing Huron-Wendat: suggestions and advice?
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From L-J Dorais (Louis-Jacques.Dorais at ant.ulaval.ca) 30 July 2008:

The community of Wendake, located just 15 kilometres north-west of Quebec City, is the only Huron-Wendat community in Canada. The overwhelming majority of its 3,200 members claim French as their first language, making them the only French-speaking nation within the Iroquoian linguistic family.

For several decades, the Huron-Wendat (also known as Hurons of Lorette) have recognized the cultural importance of teaching their traditional language. Unfortunately, due to a number of socioeconomic and historical factors, the Huron-Wendat language has not been spoken for over a century. At the end of the 1980s, many members of the Huron-Wendat community began to reclaim their traditional values and customs. During this cultural revival, it became more and more apparent that the revitalization of the Huron-Wendat language was essential to the renewal of national identity.

For this reason, a CURA (Community-University Research Alliance) program, funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), was initiated through a close collaboration between the Huron-Wendat Nation and the Inter-University Centre for Aboriginal Studies and Research (CIERA) based at Laval University in Quebec City. The 5-year (2007-2012) Yawenda ("The Voice") program aims at:

1) Reconstructing the phonological, morpho-syntactic, and semantic structures of the Huron-Wendat language through the use of historical documents.

2) Producing pedagogical materials, including a grammar, a dictionary, and academic programs, in order to teach the Huron-Wendat language to children and adults of the community.

3) Training qualified teaching personnel capable of transmitting Huron-Wendat linguistic and cultural knowledge to other members of the community.

By its very nature, the program relies on the exchange of knowledge, resources, and skills between the academy, the community organizations of Wendake, the Huron-Wendat population in general, and other institutions dedicated to the preservation of First Nations languages and cultures. The objectives of the program cannot be reached without the active involvement and close collaboration of all interested parties. Academic participants provide--or acquire, in the case of students--the experience and technical expertise vital to the advancement of such a project. However, it is the community itself that is taking the lead in this program. It is teachers, scholars, and political leaders from the community, along with members of the Huron-Wendat Language Committee, who are working towards the revitalization of the Huron-Wendat language, through participating in the preparation of pedagogical materials, learning anew their ancestral language and being trained to teach it. Furthermore, the community of Wendake as a whole will take part in this project through either learning their native language or supporting language education to
their children and fellow community members. This research project will not only renew the centuries-old Huron-Wendat tradition of alliance and cooperation, but it will bring this tradition to a new level of intellectual collaboration profitable to all, Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal alike.

Reviving a language which is not spoken at all is not a simple task. If other SSILA members have experience in—or can suggest references on—techniques for producing pedagogical materials and training teachers in an Aboriginal language that nobody speaks, I would be most grateful to hear from them. I can be contacted at the address below.

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267.3 Filming of 3rd "Finding Our Talk" Series Begins

From Paul M Rickard (okimah at mac.com) 12 August 2008:

Mushkeg Media Inc., a Montreal-based production company, is gearing up to begin production this fall of "Finding Our Talk 3", a new series of 13 documentaries on the state of aboriginal languages. The third season will explore innovative language recovery programs both within Canada and in the broader indigenous world. From September to December 2008, the production crew will be traveling to Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii, Guatemala, Bolivia and Norway as well as to destinations within Canada to document stories of language preservation and restoration.

Indigenous people everywhere are fighting to beat the odds on language survival, and the series will discover the linguistic challenges and opportunities faced by individuals and their communities and explore current initiatives to maintain indigenous languages.

"Finding Our Talk" is produced by Mushkeg Media in association with APTN, the Aboriginal People's Television Network, a government-sponsored channel that is available on cable and satellite throughout Canada. Although not broadcast in the US, all episodes in the first two series can be purchased in both DVD and VHS formats. The first and second seasons are available on VHS in English, French, Cree or Mohawk versions. The DVD version is only in English at this time. Episodes are $29.95 each, $350.00 for each series (13 episodes) or $650.00 for both (26 episodes), plus shipping and applicable taxes. (For ordering information, visit http://www.mushkeg.ca).

Mushkeg is also working in conjunction with Maori TV for a Maori version of the series.

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267.4 Workshops and Symposia
From Pieter Muysken (p.muysken at let.ru.nl) 2 Oct 2008:

A one-day workshop on "Multi-verb constructions: a view from the Americas", organized by Alexandra Y. Aikhenvald (La Trobe University, Australia) and Pieter Muysken (Radboud University, Nijmegen), will take place at the MPI in Nijmegen on Monday 20 October 2008.

The focus of the workshop is on monoclausal multi-verb constructions such as: Serial verb constructions, understood as a sequence of verbs which act together as a single predicate, without any overt marker of coordination, subordination or syntactic dependency of any other sort; Auxiliary verb constructions; Light verb or support verb constructions, consisting of a non-verbal element (including ideophones and onomatopoeia) which combines with the verb to form a predicate; Converb constructions consisting of a dependent verb form and an inflected verb and acting as a single predicate; and Bipartite stems consisting of two morphemes, at least one of which cannot occur on its own.


For further information contact Alexandra Aikhenvald (a.y.aikhenvald at live.com).

From Brad Martin (research.north@gmail.com) 6 August 2008:

The Government of Canada and the Inuit Circumpolar Council (Canada) will take leading roles in supporting and organizing an Arctic Indigenous Languages Symposium to be held in Tromso, Norway, on 20-21 October 2008. The Symposium is a project initiative of the Arctic Council's Sustainable Development Working Group (SDWG) and will be hosted by the Saami Council, Norway.

The broad goals of the symposium are to enhance and promote Arctic Indigenous languages and all the Arctic knowledge contained therein. Specific objectives include the following:

1. To share best practices from across the Arctic and elsewhere on enhancing and promoting Arctic Indigenous languages
2. To engage policy-makers and indigenous experts in discussion of the state of the languages and on revitalization strategies
3. To explore the role of language in understanding, maintaining, and increasing Arctic-specific knowledge
4. To investigate the many ways language is transmitted through cultural expressions, stories, and literature across the Arctic
5. To provide guidance and recommendations on circumpolar-wide language issues to the Arctic Council and indigenous peoples, as well as other bodies such as the Arctic states, UNESCO, UNPFII, legislative
jurisdictions responsible for Arctic Indigenous language policy, and other interested groups, such as universities and research institutes.

The Arctic Indigenous Languages Symposium is an Arctic Council-related event. As such, delegates are to be selected from among indigenous individuals nominated by the indigenous peoples' organizations who have permanent participant status in the Arctic Council and by Arctic governments who have Arctic Council member status. There will be 56 delegates, 40 nominated by the permanent participants and 16 from the eight Arctic governments.

For further information, please visit: http://www.arcticlanguages.com/index.html

267.5 Upcoming Meetings

* 16th Inuit Studies Conference (Winnipeg, October 23-25)
   The 16th Inuit Studies Conference is being held next Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 23-25, at St. John's College, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg. For further information contact Dr. Christopher Trott (trottcg at cc.umanitoba.ca).

* 40th Algonquian Conference (Minneapolis, Oct. 24-26)
   From John D. Nichols (jdn at tc.umn.edu):
   The 40th meeting of the ALGONQUIAN CONFERENCE, the annual international, interdisciplinary gathering of researchers working in the area of Algonquian studies, will be held at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities in Minneapolis 24-26 October 2008. Presentations will begin Friday morning, October 24 and will finish Sunday noon, October 26. The conference will be held on the East Bank campus in Minneapolis at the Radisson University Hotel on Friday and in nearby university buildings on Saturday and Sunday. The chair of the conference organizing committee is John Nichols (jdn at umn.edu).

* High Desert Linguistic Society (Albuquerque, Nov. 6-8)
   From HDLS (hdls at unm.edu) 1 July 2008:
   The Eighth High Desert Linguistics Society Conference (HDLS-8) will be held at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, November, 6-8, 2008. Keynote speakers will include Sherman Wilcox (U New Mexico), Marianne Mithun (UC Santa Barbara), and Gilles Fauconnier (UC San Diego).

   We invite you to submit proposals for 20-minute talks with 5-minute discussion sessions in any area of linguistics -- especially those
from a cognitive/functional linguistics perspective. This year we will include a poster session.

Papers and posters in the following areas are particularly welcome:

* Evolution of Language, Grammaticization, Metaphor and Metonymy, Typology, Discourse Analysis, Computational Linguistics, Language Change and Variation

* Native American Languages, Spanish and Languages of the American Southwest, Language Revitalization and Maintenance

* Sociolinguistics, Bilingualism, Signed Languages, First Language Acquisition, Second Language Acquisition, Sociocultural Theory

If you have any questions or need for further information, please contact us at hdls@unm.edu with "HDLS-8 Conference" in the subject line. You may also call Grandon Goertz (at 505-277-6764) or Evan Ashworth (at 505-228-4751).

* Language Documentation and Conservation (U Hawai'i, 12-14 March 2009)

The meeting includes a themed session on "GIS and Geography in Language Documentation", organized by Andrea Berez (aberez at umail.ucsb.edu). The main conference website is at http://nflrc.hawaii.edu/ICLDC09.

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267.6 New Books
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[Because of the long -- hopefully not permanent -- delay in publishing the SSILA Newsletter, which normally carries our book reviews, journal contents, and other information on American Indian linguistic scholarship, we are instituting a "New Books" section in the Bulletin for basic information about newly published books, with (where available) a link to the Amazon.com page. (This does not constitute an endorsement of Amazon.com by SSILA, and where possible we urge our readers to order through a local bookstore or to purchase the book directly from the publisher.) --VG]

* Dine Bizaad Binahoo'aah: Rediscovering the Navajo Language. Evangeline Parsons Yazzie. Salina Bookshelf, Inc. August 2008. 448 pp. $89.95. [This textbook provides a verb-based introduction to the Navajo language for college and secondary students.]
http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1893354733/ref=3Dpe_snp_733

http://www.amazon.com/dp/product/0803210892/ref=3Dsr_1_1?ie=3DUTF8&s=3Dbooks&qid=3D1224397798&sr=3D1-1

* The Arapaho Language. Andrew Cowell & Alonzo Moss Sr. University Press
reference grammar of this Plains Algonquian language.]
http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0870819011/ref=3Dpe_snp_011

* The Lost Notebooks of Robert Burkitt, Maya Linguist: A Record of the
Languages of Ancient Guatemala. Edited by Dr. John M. Weeks & Dr. Elin C.
reliable records of six Mayan languages.]
http://www.amazon.com/dp/product/0773450556/ref=3Dsr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=3Dbooks&qid=3D1224399228&sr=3D1-1

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267.7 E-Mail Address Updates
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The following additions or changes have been made to the SSILA e-mail list
since the last Bulletin. ("At" has been substituted for "@" to discourage
the harvesting of addresses by spammers.)

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