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SSILA BUSINESS

1993 CAIL: Preliminary Program

Marianne Mithun, organizer of the 1993 Conference on American Indian Languages (at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association in Washington, DC, Nov. 17-21), reports that 44 papers were submitted for this year’s Conference. She has organized these into five half-day sessions, and has recommended to the AAA Program Committee that they be scheduled as indicated below. This schedule is not final, and participants should wait until the AAA formally announces the program in September before making unalterable travel plans.

Thursday, November 18:


Friday, November 19:


Noon: SSILA Business Meeting


Late Afternoon: Reception in Honor of Norman McQuown

Saturday, November 20:

Morning: Languages of Western North America (Chair: Sally Mclendon). Papers by: James Armagon, Wick R. Miller, Paul Kroskriy, Catherine Callaghan, M. Dale Kinkade, Steven Egesdal, Brent Galloway, Toshitane Nakayama, Melissa Axelrod, and James Collins.


1992 Donations

During the 1991-92 fiscal year the Society received donations from 89 members totalling $3,440.50. The contributors included:

$100 or more: Elizabeth Bowman, Geoffrey Gamble, Victor Golla, William H. Jacobsen, Jr., Sally Midgette.

$50 to $99: Emmon Bach, Catherine Callaghan, Ives Goddard, Keren Rice, Catherine Rudin, Greg Urban.


OBITUARY

George L. Trager (1906-1992)

George Trager, one of the most important figures in American linguistics in the 1940s and 1950s, and the senior scholar in Kiowa-Tanoan studies, passed away in December 1992 at the age of 86 after many years of declining health.

Trager was born in Newark, New Jersey, on March 22, 1906. He took his bachelor’s degree at Rutgers and went on to graduate study in Slavic and Romance Philology at Columbia; his 1932 doctoral dissertation was on the source of the Romance article in Latin demonstratives. His first teaching position was at Adams State College, in Alamosa, Colorado, and it was from this base, in 1935, that he began the fieldwork on Taos and other Tanoan languages that was his major contribution to American Indian studies.

In 1936 Trager went to Yale, where he joined the lively circle of linguists around Edward Sapir. (He was one of the contributors to Linguistic Structures of Native America (1946), the collection of grammatical sketches — Trager’s work on Taos — that summed up Sapir’s “Yale School” of linguistics.) During this time Trager was especially close to Benjamin L. Whorf, with whom in 1937 he coauthored “The Relationship of Uto-Aztecan and Tanoan,” the first significant exploration of “superstock” relationships in the Americas since Sapir’s work in the 1920s. For the rest of his career, Trager remained an outspoken proponent of long-range genetic connections among American languages. He also championed Whorf’s daring forays into cognitive linguistics. It was in fact Trager — as director of the innovative language research project of the US Foreign Service Institute in the early postwar period — who edited and published the enormously influential collection of Whorf’s papers, Four Articles on Metalinguistics (1950), that launched the “Sapir-Whorf Hypothesis.”

Trager will probably be longest remembered for his contributions to linguistic theory during the heyday of American Structuralism. His and his Yale colleague Bernard Bloch’s Outline of Linguistic Analysis, published by Linguistic Society of America in 1942, was in its day as influential as Chomsky’s Syntactic Structures a generation later, and An Outline of English Structure, coauthored with Henry Lee Smith, 1951, was regarded as the exemplar of “Neo-Bloomfieldian” methodology. From 1956 through 1967, when his career was at its zenith, Trager made the University of Buffalo (later SUNY-Buffalo) his academic headquarters, building a strong linguistics program there (Paul Garvin and Henry Lee Smith were among his colleagues) and editing a journal, Studies in Linguistics.

After the mid-1960s, with the rise of the generative paradigm, Trager’s influence sharply declined. He left Buffalo in 1967 for Southern Methodist University in Dallas, where he reestablished himself as a leading American Indianist. During his last years of teaching he was involved in a vigorous program of Tanoan field research (working out of the Ft. Burgwin Research Center near Taos) and trained several graduate students in Americanist work, among them Elizabeth Brandt and William Leap.

Trager married three times. His second and third wives, Edith Crowell Trager-Johnson and Felicia Harben Trager, followed him into American Indian linguistics and Kiowa-Tanoan studies. Trager’s culminating work was a textbook of general linguistics, Language and Languages (Chandler, 1972). A festschrift, Studies in Linguistics in Honor of George L. Trager, edited by M. Estelle Smith (Mouton: Janua Linguarum, Series maior 52), was published in 1973.

--V.G.

Publications of George L. Trager on American Indian Languages

1936 The Language of the Pueblo of Taos, New Mexico. Le Maître Phonétique 56:59-62. [Phonetic transcription.]
1941 Review of Tanica, by Mary R. Haas. Language 17:353-357.
1945a Analysis of a Keetlahan Text. JIAL 11:88-96.
1948a The Indian Languages of Brazil. JIAL 14:43-48.

With Felicia Harben (Trager):

With Edith C. Trager:

With Benjamin L. Whorf:
CORRESPONDENCE

Okanagans Make Some Corrections

March 1, 1993

way’ miktur,
tali? k’u limt tl q’ay’nix’? i sce’ul’tt i? i anq’ay’min, ul yay’ay swit wiks st’m a c’ul’tm, ala? i l a n?awq’n. naxmî l ut’q’ay’nix’ t put yay’ay t’ se’umnt. ax?’ i pharyngeal (? ) i? s’ac’e’s; ul xkitsu’ i? pharyngeal i? I ’scuw’isx’?

way’ ti’i xast an’iks, naxmî t mnimît misq’âm’q’m’t: xi’ s’ac’nix’, ul sux’nix’ta c’ak’kin ka? cqq’ay’ (i? sqq’ay’). ul k’u fa? cqq’yam misx’ast ta? c’ul’mstm i? cqq’i’n.

sax’i’k’i? ?asi’l an’êz? way’ emistl sax’i’k’i. naxmî mnimît ti’ naqs i? fett way’ nkk’a’licn, ul q’oy’nim i? t a], naxmî nkk’exwilx, ul kpp’ina’tim t a ckl’a? [a1. ul kpp’ina’tim yay’at a n k’cin a k’s?um. ax?’ asl’ay/a anwì i? l acsq’ay’? tama?i, cay’iq’ws, cax’ax’ap, cùcw’i’kx.n.

way’ lîmnlmt.

i? suknax’i’ns tl n?awq’n 1 snp’intkn

[Dear Victor,

We’re glad you wrote about our work in the Newsletter[“Creating Names for Okanagan Letters,” January 1993, p. 3], so that people can see what it is we are doing here at En’owkin. But you didn’t print some of our words quite right. This is what a pharyngeal looks like: ‘, What happened to the pharyngeal in scuw’i’kx?n?

Your x’s [written with an underdot: x] are excellent, but ours are even better: x. Look at them, and you’ll see how we write ours. We prefer writing a wedge.

Why is it you wrote two different a’s [a and u]? We think we know how it happened. When the a is not stressed we write a, and when it is stressed we write â. We mark stress on all vowels that are stressed. You missed these: tama?, cay’iq’ws, cax’ax’ap, cùcw’i’kx.n.*

Thank you.

The Okanagans from En’owkin, Penticton
The En’owkin Centre
257 Brussiwck Street
Penticton, BC V2A 5P9, CANADA]

Tillamook Roots

March 4, 1993

A friend suggested that SSILA might be able to help me. I am collaborating with another writer — Yvonne Montgomery — on an historical novel using the Tillamook Indians of NW Oregon. Our sources blithely refer to the “yetska” root (or as the Handbook of North American Indians has it, yfqa) as a staple of the Tillamook diet. But no one describes this root or offers a scientific or common name. In one of the myths given in Nehalem Tillamook Myths, the narrator lists wapato, camas, shtaytoo, and yetska in one sentence, so we assume that yetska was none of the other three. Yvonne and I have become rather expert on the edible roots and tubers of Northwest Oregon — something we hadn’t planned on doing — yet we can’t find a good candidate. Cattail and fern are possible.

If you can shed any light on this subject, we’d really appreciate it. We’ve asked so many people. Your organization is our last hope. If you have no idea, would you just tell us that? Then, in our book, the Tillamooks will eat wapato.

Mary Jo Adamson
7995 E. Mississippi, J-10
Denver, CO 80231

— Readers with any relevant information should correspond directly with Ms. Adamson. Ed.

Reduced Rate for SSILA Couples?

March 23, 1993

Have you all ever thought of having a couple’s rate? Some kind of reduced fee in exchange for sharing a copy of the newsletter?

Donna Gerdts
Department of Linguistics, Simon Fraser University
Burnaby, BC CANADA

— We could easily establish a special membership rate for cohabitants who are both SSILA members, but who wish to receive only one Newsletter between them. Perhaps $15 instead of $12 + $12? I will take this up with the Executive Committee. Ed.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ICA Symposium on Endangered American Languages

A symposium on Threatened and Endangered Languages of the Americas will form part of the International Congress of Americanists that will meet in Stockholm and Uppsala, Sweden, July 4-9, 1994. Yolanda Lastra (UNAM) and Wick Miller (U. of Utah), who will co-chair the symposium, have sent us the following prospectus:

The linguistic diversity among the people of the world provides the appropriate backdrop for understanding the nature of language. The Americas contained almost half of the world’s languages, and nowhere is the threat to linguistic diversity of greater urgency. Many languages of the Americas are extinct, and of those still spoken many are not being learned by children.

We hope to attract to this symposium a variety of participants, including those who have studied the topic of language death, those who are being affected by the demise of these languages, and those who are actively involved in programs dealing with the problem. We invite presentations on a wide range of topics, including at least the following: an inventory of American languages and their degree of vitality; programs (both in place and proposed) that attempt to halt the extinction of languages; the participation of native peoples in this work; and the range of knowledge that will be gained through the study of endangered languages and language extinction.

Since travel expenses for native people who do not have an academic affiliation may be a problem — and we want in particular to include them — any ideas on funding would be welcome.
For further information, contact (Canada and the US): Wick R. Miller, Linguistics Program, Univ. of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT 84112, USA; or (Mexico, Central, and South America): Yolanda Lastra, Instituto de Investigaciones Antropológicas, UNAM, Ciudad Universitaria, México, DF 04510, MEXICO.

1993 AILDI

The 14th annual American Indian Language Development Institute (AILDI) will be held at the Univ. of Arizona, Tucson, from June 7 to July 2.

AILDI brings together linguists, tribal elders, bilingual/ESL specialists, teachers, aides, parents and school administrators for an integrated learning experience. The 1993 AILDI offers four weeks of intensive study in American Indian linguistics, bilingual-bicultural education, and culture-based curriculum development, with follow-up projects implemented in the participants’ home schools and communities. Courses emphasize holistic, interactive teaching strategies. Six graduate or undergraduate credits are available to participants, and all courses lead toward regular Univ. of Arizona degree programs and bilingual and ESL endorsements.

The 1993 AILDI faculty will include: Mary Carol Combs, Larry Evers, Geane Hanson, Jane Hill, Teresa McCarty, Willem de Reuse, Richard Ruiz, Luis Salazar, Catherine Steele, Mary Ann Willie, and Ofelia Zepeda. Guest speakers and topics will include: Vivian Ayoungman (“Language Renewal and Maintenance”); Jim Crawford (“Language Loyalties”); Agnes & Wayne Holm (“Renewing Threatened Language Resources”); Arlene Stairs & Betsy Annabatah (“Language and Culture Renewal in the Canadian Arctic”); Ken & Yetta Goodman, and Dottie King (“Conversations on Whole Language”); Luci Tapahonso (“Oral Traditions”); and Mike McGuffey (“Science and Native Cultural Resources”).

Tuition is $498 (for 6 credit hours), and the cost of housing ranges from $400 to $700. Financial assistance up to $400 for housing, living, travel and books is available on a limited basis.

For registration forms and other information, contact: Dr. Geane Hanson, College of Education, Dept. of Language, Reading & Culture, Univ. of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85721 (tel: 602/621-1291; fax: 602/621-1853).

Oklahoma Institute Continues Work This Summer

The 1993 Oklahoma Native American Languages Development Institute (ONALDI) will meet from June 1 to July 2 at the NALI Headquarters in Harrah, Oklahoma, and at the Univ. of Central Oklahoma in Edmond.

Among the approximately 40 participants in the 1993 ONALDI will be native speakers of the following languages (the figure in parentheses indicates the number who will attend): Cherokee (2), Chickasaw (1), Choctaw (2), Creek (1), Kickapoo (7), Absentee Shawnee (2), and Yuchi (1). There is also a possibility of speakers joining from four other groups — Cheyenne, Delaware, Potawatomi, and Kiowa.

A group of linguists will work closely with the native speakers and the other participants to help develop effective strategies and materials for language retention programs. The areas they will focus on include: (1) investigating some aspects of the structure of the particular languages, and contrasting these with English structures; (2) preparing appropriate examples that can be built into the curriculum and teaching materials; (3) familiarizing the participants with the writing system in use for a particular language, or, where none exists, developing one; (4) formulating strategies for effective preparation of teaching materials; and (5) developing strategies for collecting data on language acquisition and development.

The linguists who have so far responded to ONALDI’s call for assistance are: Laura Buszard-Welcher, Louanna Furbie, George Ann Gregory, Maya Honda, Pat Kwachka, Melko Lewis, Jack Martin, Sonya Manuel-Dupont, Dale Nicklas, Wayne O’Neill, Janine Scancarelli, Laurel Watkins, and Robert William. Which of these individuals will be needed in the 1993 ONALDI depends on the final roster of native speakers.

The 1993 ONALDI is being directed by Akira Yamamoto, with the assistance of Jane Beall, Julie Garcia, Mary Linn, and David Skeeter. Other linguists with expertise in the relevant languages and topics, and who might be interested in working with ONALDI at this or future meetings, are urged to contact: Akira Yamamoto, Dept. of Anthropology, Univ. of Kansas, Lawrence, KS 66045-2110 (tel: 913/864-4103).

BLS Session on Native American Syntax

The 19th Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society, held at UC-Berkeley on the weekend of February 12-14, 1993, featured a special session on Syntactic Issues in Native American Languages. On the program were the following papers:


Native American Languages to be Theme of WECOL93

The 23rd Western Conference on Linguistics (WECOL) will be held at the Univ. of Washington (Seattle) on October 22-24, 1993. The special session theme of WECOL93 will be “Theoretical Contributions of Native American Languages.”

Invited speakers will include Emmon Bach and Patricia Shaw. Subject to funding availability, the organizers hope to invite several other speakers in the areas of phonetics, morphology, syntax, and historical linguistics/ language classification. It is hoped that many of the volunteered papers will also focus on American Indian languages.

Abstracts may be submitted in any area of linguistics. Presented papers will be 20 minutes long followed by a 5 minute question period.
anonymous copies of a one page abstract (references may be on a separate page) accompanied by a 3x5 card containing name, paper title, institution, addresses (both e- and snail-mail) to: WECOL, Dept. of Linguistics, GN-40, Univ. of Washington, Seattle, WA, 98195. No e-mail abstracts, please.

Abstracts are due June 1, 1993. Decisions will be announced in mid-July. A limited amount of on-campus housing will be available. For more information, write to WECOL at the above address or send e-mail to: wecol@u.washington.edu.

American Indian Languages at German Meeting

The 1993 Annual Meeting of the German Society for Linguistics (DGfS), in Jena (Thuringia), 3-5 March, included three papers of potential interest to Americanists. These were:


Papers on Americanist History

Two papers on Americanist topics were presented at the January 9, 1993 meeting of the North American Association for the History of the Language Sciences (NAAHoLS), which convened during the LSA meeting in Los Angeles. The papers were:


Future Meetings of Sister Organizations

- The American Society for Ethnohistory will hold its 1993 Annual Conference at the Indiana University Memorial Union, Bloomington, Indiana, November 4-7. Deadline for proposals for organized sessions and individual abstracts (50-100 words) is July 15. Abstracts must be accompanied by $30 preregistration fee ($15 for students and retired). The program chair is Raymond J. DeMallie; local arrangements co-chairs are Douglas R. Parks and R. David Edmunds. Address all communications to: American Indian Studies Research Institute, Indiana University, 422 N. Indiana Ave., Bloomington, IN 47405 (tel: 812/855-4086; Bitnet: demallie@IUBACS).

- The Association for the Study of American Indian Literatures (ASAIL) will sponsor a session at the December 1993 MLA meetings in Toronto on “Intellectual Property Rights in Native North America: Whose Story is This, Anyway?” Papers should explore “ethics of criticism in relation to translating, editing, anthologizing, copyrighting, or critiquing traditional and contemporary Native literatures” and should ask “how professional academics can avoid a mercantile relation to the texts of literary ethnography.” Anyone interested in giving a paper in this session should contact the session chair, David L. Moore, 407 N. Aurora, Ithaca, NY 14850.

MEDIA WATCH

[Notices of newspaper and magazine articles, popular books, films, television programs, and other “media exposure” for American Indian languages and linguistics. Readers of the Newsletter are urged to alert the Editor to items that they think worthy of attention here, sending clippings where possible.]

- The University of Oregon’s alumni magazine, Old Oregon, in its Winter 1992 issue, carried (p. 40) a story about Colette Craig’s work on the indigenous Nicaraguan language, Rama, and similar “linguistic rescue operations” being carried out by other members of the UO’s linguistics department. Besides Craig, mention is made of Tom Givón, “for 15 years the Ute Nation’s official linguist,” Doris Payne, Noel Rude, and Scott DeLancey. This commitment extends to the training of students, and UO is in the process of setting up a new Program for Indigenous Languages and Cultures. “Linguistic theory is amazingly eurocentric,” Craig is quoted as saying, “but not in our school.”

- Francophone listeners to the Canadian Broadcasting Company’s National Cultural Network were treated to two 30-minute programs on Native languages last summer, both produced by Guy Buchholtzer. The first (August 24) featured an interview with Prof. Michél Launey (University of Paris) about the necessity of linguistic research on American Native languages. In the second (August 31) Buchholtzer discussed the use of computers in the study of Native languages with M. Eisinger (IBM) and M. Thouvenot (CNRS).

- Under the headline Sounds of Sioux Echo at Stanford the San Jose (California) Mercury News for March 2, 1993 ran a long article (by staff writer Barbara Koh) on the American Indian language courses now being offered at Stanford, UC-Berkeley, and some other major universities. The article focused on the Lakota courses being given this year at Stanford by Calvin Fast Wolf:

Dances With Wolves introduced millions to the rippling sound of Lakota, but the five students in Fast Wolf’s intermediate Lakota class are well past the introduction. They huddle around a table in a closet of a room, fussing over the six variants of “to come” and “to go” and the permutations for coming and going home.

Koh interviewed both Fast Wolf and his students, and appears to have visited the class on several occasions. The background and motivations of the students are explored in some detail. One student describes himself as “a classic liberal arts case... trying to avoid law school,” and in the meantime enjoying Lakota. Another of the students who is quoted, Peggy Dunn, is the daughter of SSILA member John Dunn.

Over the years Stanford has offered courses in Cherokee, Navajo and Tlingit, while UC-Berkeley regularly offers courses in Hopi and Lakota. Fast Wolf, a home health care worker in San Francisco, began teaching Lakota at Stanford last fall. When asked by Koh to comment on Dances With Wolves, he said that while it aroused interest in Indian cultures, it was “an apologia for all white people. There were no Dunbars in those days.” As for the film’s Lakota dialogue, in his judgement the actors “weren’t taught very well.” He’d give Costner himself a C.
A Finnish-Ojibwa alliance? So it would seem, to judge from a recent *Suomi College* newsletter (forwarded to us by an ever-alert Fran Karitunen). Suomi, a small Lutheran institution on the Upper Peninsula of Michigan that (from its name on down) emphasizes the Finnish heritage of the area, is reaching out to nearby Ojibwa communities. According to the newsletter, two courses focusing on Ojibwa culture are being offered this winter at Suomi’s extension program at the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Center. One of these is an Ojibwa language class, taught by a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community named Lynn Ketola (a Finnish name, Fran says, suggesting a Finnish-Ojibwa alliance of a more personal sort). She is quoted in the story as saying that there are people more fluent in the language than she is, but few are teachers. “Rather than watching the language die, I thought it better to teach what I know.”

The course will look at basic vocabulary and grammar, as well as Ojibwa culture and history, and will use Bishop Baraga’s dictionary as a reference. (Aply, Suomi’s extension center at Keweenaw Bay is housed at the Baraga elementary school.)

**Leanne Hinton** was the subject of a front-page story in the UC-Berkeley campus newspaper, *The Daily Californian*, on March 9. The occasion was the recent publication of *Ishi’s Tale of a Lizard*, a children’s book (illustrated by Susan Roth) that includes Hinton’s translation of part of one of the Yahi texts collected by Edward Sapir from Ishi in 1915. The article also describes the work of the team of linguists who have been collaborating since 1987 on preparing a full edition of the Yahi materials (Victor Golla, Herb Luthin, Jean Perry, and Ken Whistler, in addition to Hinton).

Marie-Lucie Tarpent has sent us a bizarre and distressing article clipped from volume 6, no. 6 (1992) of *Italian Journal*, a “bi-monthly digest of Italian affairs” published by the Italian Academy Foundation of New York. The article, by Prof. Valentino J. Belfaglio of Texas Woman’s University, is entitled *Did Indian Texans Encounter the Ancient Romans?* (pp. 51-55). Prof. Belfaglio is intrigued by the archaeological evidence for Roman landfalls on the Texas coast during the third or fourth century AD (Roman coins washed up on Texas beaches, petroglyphs “deciphered” by Barry Fell, etc.) and sets about investigating possible linguistic traces of Roman-Indian contact in the vocabulary of Karankawa. He cites ten “selected” Karankawa-Latin comparisons, attributing the less-than-perfect fit of some of the sets to the unlettered sailors having spoken Vulgar Latin (in which, apparently, semantics got very vague). On the other hand, he must believe there were some sophisticates on board, since he explains his connection of Karankawa mel ‘god’ to Latin mel ‘honey’ by appealing to “the Orphic tradition” in which “honey is a symbol of mystical wisdom.” While the possibility exists that all this is an erudite exercise in leg-pulling (Vladimir Nabokov risen from his grave?) the practical thrust of Prof. Belfaglio’s concluding paragraph suggests otherwise. He urges the Texas Antiquities Commission to put up money for a full-scale search for pre-Columbian shipwrecks off St. Joseph Island, and for traces of Roman canal boats on the shores of Matagorda Bay.

According to a full-page article (p.57) in the April 5, 1993, issue of *Time*, anything SSILA member Marc Okrand writes is “the word of God,” at least to the legions of Trekkies who have devoted hundreds of hours to mastering the vaguely Germanic phonetics, and distinctly PenoUtian morphology, of Marc’s “Klingon.” Back in the early 1980s, at the request of a Hollywood friend, Marc agreed to create some “alien” dialogue for *Star Trek III: The Return of Spock*, and, linguist that he is (his UC-Berkeley dissertation is a grammar of Mutus Canostano), he couldn’t resist the temptation to write a fuller description of what bubbled up from his subconscious. In 1985 he published *The Klingon Dictionary* (Pocket Books), complete with a grammatical sketch and detailed phonetic guide. Intended as a recreational spoof (the syntax, of course, is OVS), it slowly developed an audience of enthusiasts. Then suddenly, in the late 80s, the book “hit linguistic pay dirt,” as *Time* puts it. Over 250,000 copies have now been sold. A snazzy new edition has been issued. A set of audio lessons (*Conversational Klingon*) has been produced. A “Klingon Language Institute” has been set up (with a quarterly journal, *HolQeD — Klingon*) for ‘linguistics’. And Marc himself gets superstar billing at Star Trek conventions. . . . Kind of makes you want to try your hand at Vulcan, doesn’t it?

**NEWS FROM REGIONAL GROUPS**

**Inuit Studies**

- In November 1992, the Northwest Territories Language Bureau began distributing a new Inuktut syllabics chart (*Inuktut Tiniratsiq*), both in poster form and on hand-held cards, to promote the understanding and use of the writing system. The poster is currently available in two sizes (17” x 23” and 8 1/2” x 11”). For copies, contact: Doug Hitch, Inuktut Linguist, Language Bureau, Dept. of Education, Culture and Employment, Government of the NWT, P.O. Box 1320, Yellowknife, NT X1A 2L9, Canada (tel: 403/920-6533; fax: 403/873-0107).

**Athabaskan**

- The 1993 *Athapaskan Language Conference* will be held at the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico, on June 3-4. Papers are invited from all areas of Athabaskan language study including Literacy, Bilingual Education, Sociolinguistics, Language Preservation, Historical Linguistics, Syntax, Morphology, Pragmatics, Phonology, Semantics. Three copies of a 1-page abstract were requested by April 5, but late-joining participants should not hesitate to contact: Peggy Speas, Dept. of Linguistics, South College, Univ. of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003. The hosts for the Conference, the Institute for American Indian Arts, has reserved a block of 40 dorm rooms, 25 singles and 15 doubles @ $17.00 per night (single). The nearest major airport is Albuquerque, NM, and the organizers urge participants to reserve car rentals early, as Santa Fe gets crowded in tourist season! For information on logistics, contact Gloria Emerson, IAIA (505/988-6431). For information on the program, contact Peggy Speas, U Mass (413/545-6835; e-mail: spcas@cs.umass.edu).

- Clay Slate sends us the following summary of the current instructional program at Navajo at Navajo Community College:

  Over the last few years, the instructional element of the Navajo Language Program at Navajo Community College has experienced a spurt of growth that bodes well for the future of study in and about the language. The program now offers 13 undergraduate courses in Navajo, from the introductory (numbered 100) through advanced (numbered 400) level. Our
priority has always been the courses that are designed for speakers (currently 9 of the 13); however, careful attention is also given to courses for non-native speakers. This semester, including all campuses, NCC’s Navajo language faculty is teaching 42 sections of 9 separate language courses. The total enrollment in these courses is 470 (about 25 of whom are taking more than one course). Of these, 153 are taking courses for non-native speakers (Navajo 101, 102, 201 or 202), while the remaining 317 are Navajo speakers taking courses in reading and writing, grammar, linguistics, and teaching methods.

NCC is continuing to expand its Navajo language offerings, and in the near future the college should be in a position to seriously consider establishing a B.A. program in Navajo language. Most importantly, the vast majority of people now doing Navajo language work are Navajo, and we all benefit from the quality and depth of their work.

For further information on Navajo language courses at NCC, contact: Clay Slate, Navajo Community College, Tsaiye, AZ 86556.

Algonquian

• The 1992 Algonquian Conference (Carleton Univ., Ottawa, October 23-25) included the following papers of linguistic or related interest:


The 1993 Algonquian Conference will be held at the Université du Québec à Montréal, October 29-31. [For information on the Proceedings of the 1991 Algonquian Conference, edited by William Cowan, see “Recent Publications” below.]

Plains/Southeast

• The Univ. of Colorado’s Center for the Study of the Native Language of the Plains and Southwest (CeSSNaLPS) has available a limited number of copies of a draft dictionary of the Ioway-Otoe language, Basojo-Jiwete-Nyut aji — Ma’unka: Ioway-Otoe-Missouria Language to English, compiled and edited by Jimm G. Good Tracks (first edition, January 1992; 287 pp, $30). The dictionary has Ioway-to-English and English-to-Ioway lists, plus a brief introduction and key. Good Tracks uses as sources his own notes and unpublished materials prepared by Dorsey, Marsh, Whitman, and Wistrand-Robinson. Copies can be ordered from: John Koontz, CeSSNaLPS, Dept. of Linguistics, Campus Box 295, Univ. of Colorado, Boulder, CO 80309-0295. Make checks payable to the University of Colorado. Price includes postage and handling.

Far Western Languages

• The 1993 Hokin Penutian Workshop will be held at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio on July 3, in conjunction with the Linguistic Institute and as part of the SSILA summer meeting, July 2-4. For further information, contact: Catherine A. Callaghan, Dept. of Linguistics, 222 Oxley Hall, OSU, Columbus, OH 43210 (tel: 614/292-5880).

• The UC-Berkeley Library recently received over $250,000 from the US Dept. of Education for the preservation of the C. Hart Merriam Collection. Merriam, a distinguished naturalist, spent the later decades of his life collecting extensive data, primarily of a lexical nature, on California Indian languages and cultures. His work is especially strong in ethnography. The award will enable the library to create preservation copies of Merriam’s manuscripts and photographs and make the collection more accessible. During the next few months, however, most of the Merriam collection will be unavailable to researchers. For further information, contact the project director, John Voneuw, Manuscript Division, Bancroft Library, UC-Berkeley, Berkeley, CA 94720 (510/642-8175).

• In the February issue of the Newsletter of the J. P. Harrington Conference Kathryn Klar announced her intention to undertake a full intellectual biography of Harrington. She would very much appreciate hearing from anyone who can suggest sources of information or people to contact, or who have memories or experiences of their own to share. She would also be interested in hearing what people think should (or should not) be covered in a biography of Harrington. Her aim is to produce a work of maximal use to the scholarly community that will, at the same time, provide a balanced picture of the man and his work. Correspondence should be sent to the following address: Kathryn A. Klar, 710 Courtland, Richmond, CA 94805. She can also be contacted by telephone (510/237-7733), by fax (510/642-4607 until July 1, 1993), and by e-mail (kkrestel@garnet.berkeley.edu).

Nahuatl Studies

• An intensive summer course in Nahuatl is being offered by the Institute of Latin American Studies, Univ. of Texas, Austin, from July 12 through August 16, 1993. The instructor is Frances Karttunen. The class will meet five days a week and will concentrate on the basics of Nahuatl grammar. There will be daily written work. Class size is limited to 15. If fewer than 15 enroll for credit, the remaining places will be open to auditors. Persons interested in enrolling for credit should contact Ann Dibble at ILAS, Univ. of Texas, Austin, TX 78712 (512/471-5551). Persons interested in auditing should write to Frances Karttunen at the same address.

• Frances Karttunen (Linguistics Research Center, Univ. of Texas - Austin, P.O. Box 7247, Austin, TX 78713-7247) writes:

The new four-volume critical edition of the Codex Mendoza from the University of California Press (1992) contains an alphabetical catalogue of all the place-name glyphs, personal-name glyphs, and the title glyphs in the document. Since the Mendoza is a major source of Central Mexican glyphs, this catalogue is of great importance. I have prepared a critique of the catalogue which suggests alternative glosses of the Nahuatl names and separate morphemic analyses of the names from the glyphic elements used to represent them. Because my critique runs to over 100 pages, I am not offering it as hard copy, but I will make it available to anyone who sends me a 3.5 double density (not high density) disk. It will be readable with MS-Word on a Macintosh.

Computer-aided lexicography and related archival work has a longer and more interesting track record on the Northwest Coast than in most other areas of Native America. This compilation—dedicated to the Thompsons, the pioneers of computer-intensive linguistics in the Northwest—surveys the present scene. Much of the work, interestingly enough, is being carried out under the auspices of Native communities with the aim of preserving their remaining cultural and linguistic heritage.


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George F. Aubin, "Comments on 'A Pocket Vocabulary of Terms Alphabetically Arranged, 1822'" (1-11); Eleanor Blain, "A Prosodic Look at Ojibwa Reduplication" (22-44); William Cowan, "Cree Vocabulary in the Works of James Oliver Curwood" (63-78); Matthew S. Dryer, "A Comparison of the Obviation Systems of Kutenai and Algonquian" (119-163); George Fut ford, "The Pictographic Account Book of an Ojibwa Fur Trader" (190-233); Ives Goddard, "Fox (Mesquarie) Kinship Terminology" (244-262); Robert M. Leavitt, "Lexical Exploration and Educational Insight" (263-273); Margaret MacKenzie, "Negative Markers in East Cree and Montagnais" (274-284); and John O'Meara, "Intransitive Verbs with Secondary Objects in Munsee Delaware" (322-333).

Order from: Dept. of Linguistics, Carleton Univ., Ottawa, Ontario K1S 5B6, Canada. Checks should be made payable to "Papers of the Algonquin Conference" and should be in US dollars to US addresses, Canadian dollars to Canadian addresses.

concerning the nine indigenous languages of Quebec. Contents include:


— Order from: Les Publications du Québec, C.P. 1005, Québec, Québec G1K 7B5, Canada. Order number Eq. 2-551-15172-0. For Canadian orders add 7% GST.]

Arctic Languages: An Awakening. Edited by Dirmid R. F. Collis. UNESCO Press, Paris, 1990. 458 pp. $45. [Essays on retention and renewal efforts in linguistic communities in the Arctic areas of Europe, Asia, and North America. The contributions on North American languages (Eskimo and Aleut) include:


— Order from: UNIPUB, Division of Kraus Organization, Ltd., 4611-F Assembly Dr., Lanham, MD 20706-4391 (tel: 800-274-4888; in Canada 800-233-0504).]

Dictionary of the Alabama Language. Cora Sylestine, Heather K. Hardy, & Timothy Montler. Univ. of Texas Press, 1993. 768 pp. S35. [This magnificent, “state-of-the-art” analytical dictionary, made possible by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, includes over 8,000 entries for roots, stems, and compounds. Each entry contains precise definitions, full grammatical analyses, and other parts-of-speech classifications, variant pronunciations, example sentences, and extensive cross-references. An English-Alabama finder list functions as a full index to the definitions in the Alabama-English section. This is undoubtedly the fullest dictionary of any Muskogean language, and is a tribute to Cora Sylestine, Alabama tribal member and teacher, who joined independently working on a dictionary of her native language long before teaming up with Hardy and Montler in the 1980s. ( Sadly, Mrs. Sylestine died in a tragic accident before her dictionary was typeset. See SSILA Newsletter X:2, July 1991, p.3.) — Order from: Sales Dept., Univ. of Texas Press, P.O. Box 7819, Austin, TX 78713 (tel: 1-800-252-3206). Add $2 postage.]

Deer Women and Elk Men: The Lakota Narratives of Ella Deloria. Julian Rice. Univ. of New Mexico Press, 1992. 211 pp. $22.50. [Ella Deloria is usually remembered as a linguist and ethnologist, and the Dakota Grammar (1941) that she coauthored with Boas is probably her best-known work. In fact, according to R., she was primarily a literary artist. In addition to a well-crafted novel in English (Waterlilly, published posthumously in 1988) she should be credited with the authorship of thousands of pages of Lakota (as well as Santee and Yankton), since the “texts” she collected for Boas were largely her own writing. R. compares her to Isaac B. Singer, another American who chose to write in his native language (in his case, Yiddish) in order to “protect . . . the atmosphere of a culture and way of regarding the world that was sick but far from dead.” R. (who has apparently learned Lakota in order to carry out this study) devotes most of this interesting book to a close analysis of Deloria’s literary techniques in her native language. — Order from: Univ. of New Mexico Press, 1720 Lomas Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87131-1391 (tel: 505/277-4810; fax: 1-800-622-8667 or 505/277-3350. Add $2.25 for postage and handling.]

Winds of Freedom: The Story of the Navajo Code Talkers of World War II. Margaret T. Bixler. Two Bytes Publishing Co., 1992. 200 pp. $16.95 (paper)/$21.95 (hardcover). [An expanded version of her 1981 M.A. thesis, B.’s well-documented study is the fullest account of the Navajo-based code developed by the Marine Corps during World War II. Included are the reminiscences of a number of Code Talkers about their wartime experiences; an assessment of the Code Talkers’ importance in the Pacific Theater, particularly in taking Iwo Jima; and (in an appendix) the full Navajo code, only recently declassified by the Pentagon. Among B.’s sources are extensive interviews with surviving Code Talkers, the University of Utah Oral History Project, and the U.S. Marine Corps Archives. — Order from: Two Bytes Publishing Co., 219 Long Neck Point Road, Darien, CT 06820 (tel: 203/655-9851. Add $3.30 shipping/handling.)]

of the book summarize the beliefs and institutions of the precontact period. A central section contains musicological analyses of the different musical styles associated with various public rituals and individual “medicine” songs and formulas. In Chapter 10 (“Music and Culture History”) K. takes a comparative approach and attempts to relate the various strands of the Northwest California musical tradition to the prehistory of the area. Among K.’s more daring hypotheses is a correlation of Yurok animal songs with an Arctic Asian substratum, while relating the parallel Karok genre — cantonometrically very differently profiled — to a South American substratum: “The distinction between Yurok and Karok animal songs may well correspond to the ancient split that divided northern hunting cultures from more southerly seed-gathering ones in Paleo-Indian times” (p. 231). In his final chapter, K. considers what Northwest California music expresses within its own cultural context, finding the key in the “sobbing” quality of many songs.


The History of Tense/Aspect/Mood/Voice in the Mayan Verbal Complex. John S. Robertson. Univ. of Texas Press, 1992. 261 pp. $35. [R. proposes a scheme for the major changes that have occurred in the core structures of the Mayan verb, from Proto-Mayan through the attested colonial languages to contemporary Mayan subgroups. In this work R. continues the sometimes controversial exploration of Mayan diversification that he began with his dissertation, The Structure of Pronoun Incorporation in the Mayan Verbal Complex (Garland, 1980) and that he has elaborated in a number of subsequent papers. — Order from: Marketing Dept., Univ. of Texas Press, P.O. Box 7819, Austin, TX 78713 (fax: 512/320-0668). Add $2 shipping.]


Inca Cosmology and the Human Body. Constance Classen. Univ. of Utah Press, 1993. 214 pp. $29.95. [A study of how the human body served as the basic organizing metaphor of cosmology in pre-Conquest and immediate post-Conquest Inca thought, and how the Conquest itself was perceived by the Incas within this symbolic system. C.’s primary source is the large body of 16th and 17th century chronicles, in particular the extensive illustrated chronicle of Guaman Poma, a native speaker of Quechua. C. (a student of comparative religion, not an anthropologist or linguist) works largely from the linguistic encodings implicit in these texts. An appendix lists the Quechua body and sensory nomenclature of Colonial Quechua and of modern (Cuzco) Quechua. — Order from: Univ. of Utah Press, 101 University Services Building, Salt Lake City, UT 84112. Add S2 for postage. Visa and Mastercard customers may call (toll-free) 1-800-444-8638, ext. 6771.]

Two Ojibwa Dictionaries Reprinted

Eastern Ojibwa-Chippewa-Ottawa Dictionary. Richard Rhodes. Mouton de Gruyter, 1993. 625 pp. S35 (paper; available only in North America). [A new printing — in paperback — of the only modern comprehensive dictionary of Ojibwa, originally published in 1985. In addition to its 9,000 entries, there is information on dialects, variation, and borrowing, and a lengthy guide to pronunciation is included. — Order from: Mouton de Gruyter, 200 Saw Mill River Road, Hawthorne, NY 10532. Add S3 postage and handling for the first copy ordered, S1 for each additional copy. NOTE: Mouton no longer accepts orders for the original hardcover edition at the SSILA discount price.]


The Red Record — The Wallam Olum: The Oldest Native North American History. Translated and annotated by David McCutchen. Avery Publishing Group, 1992. 232 pp. $14.95 (paper). [A new interpretation of the pictographic symbols, said to be a record of the origin and migration legend of the Lenni Lenape (Delaware), that were transcribed in the 1820s—with a Delaware “translation”—by the flamboyant natural historian, Constantine S. Rafinesque (1783-1840). According to Rafinesque, the pictographs, painted on wooden tablets, preserved the history of the Delawares, or of the Algonquin peoples as a whole, back to a Central Asiatic homeland. The tablets do not survive (if they ever existed). Rafinesque’s manuscript was acquired by Daniel G. Brinton, who published it in 1885 in his Library of Aboriginal American Literature. Whatever the literary or cultural value of M.‘s “recreation” of the legend (the publicity for his book notes that “the clean, fresh language of his translation” was endorsed “by the tribal descendants of the Lenni Lenape in Bartlesville, Oklahoma”), scholars should continue to rely on the critical edition that was published in 1954 by a research team led by Carl Voegelin (Walam Olum, or Red Score, The Migration Legend of the Lenni Lenape or Delaware Indians. A new translation, interpreted by linguistic, historical, archaeological, ethnological, and physical anthropological studies. Indianapolis, Indiana Historical Society). Brinton’s edition has also been reprinted and is available in many libraries (The
IN CURRENT PERIODICALS

Anthropological Linguistics [130 Student Bldg, Indiana U, Bloomington, IN 47405]

32.3-4 (Fall & Winter 1990) [published Dec. 1992]:
Allan R. Taylor, “A European Loanword of Early Date in Eastern North America” (187-210) [A term for the domestic pig—basically kar—is possibly the most successful example of a truly naturalized European loanword in North American languages.]

Monica Macaulay, “Negation and Mood in Mixtec: Evidence from Chalcatongo” (211-227) [The first of the two “negative” prefixes ma- and me- found in most dialects of Mixtec is systematically related, at least in the Chalcatongo dialect, to the “hortatory” prefix na-, and actually marks mood. By contrast, me- is a general negator.]

Jan P. van Eijk, “VC Reduplication in Salish” (228-262) [van E. confirms earlier observations by Carlson & Thompson and by Kinkade that, in most Salish languages, reduplication of a non-initial consonant (with preceding vowel, if present) generally expresses a modal “out-of-control” function, but he further distinguishes an aspectual (“continuative-telic”) function.]

Gary B. Palmer, “‘Where There Are Muskrats’: The Semantic Structure of Coeur d’Alene Place Names” (263-294) [Langacker’s Cognitive Grammar allows a “parsimonious, exhaustive, and, for the most part, intuitional” analysis of the spatial semantics of 135 place names in an Interior Salish language.]

Karl V. Teeter, “Errata to Teeter’s The Wiyot Language” (354-361) [Errors noted by the author while compiling a glossary of Wiyot words in his 1964 monograph.]

California Linguistic Notes [D of Linguistics, CSU-Fullerton, Fullerton, CA 92634-9480]

24.1 (Fall-Winter 1992-3):
Alexis Manaster Ramer, “‘One’ and ‘Only’” (4) [M.R. proposes an etymology for Tubatulabal chıči ‘one’].

Alexis Manaster Ramer, “Arguing About ‘Quail’” (4-6) [A rebuttal to Bright’s critique of M.R.’s proposals regarding the prehistory of Tubatulabal takaaah ‘quail’ and related forms in other Uto-Aztecan languages.]

Alexis Manaster Ramer, “Languages in the Americas” (21-25) [Using Greenberg’s own methods, the similarities between Tonkawa and Na-Dene are shown to far outweigh those between Greenberg cites to link Tonkawa to Amerind, and a stronger case can be made for Zuni being Indo-European than Greenberg makes for it being Penutian and Amerind.]

Ethnography [Duke U Press, Box 90660, Durham, NC 27708]

39.4 (Fall 1992):
Karen M. Booker, Charles M. Hudson, & Robert L. Rankin, “Place Name Identification and Multilingualism in the Sixteenth-Century Southeast” (399-451) [Early Spanish explorers of the SE United States—particularly Juan Pardo in the 1560s—recorded many place names, as well as other linguistic information. Analysis of this data indicates that the linguistic map of the native SE must be redrawn. It also indicates that two of the chiefdoms encountered by these explorers—Coituchequi and Coosa—were multilingual.]

International Journal of American Linguistics [U of Chicago Press, Journals Division, PO Box 37005, Chicago, IL 60637]

58.4 (October 1992):
Jane H. Hill & Ofelia Zepeda, “Derived Words in Tohono O’odham” (355-404) [Prosodic morphology permits a new approach to the deletion of morphs in unstressed vowels, and the “demotion” of the laryngeal consonants /i/ and /h/, in Tohono O’odham (Papago).]

Margaret Langdon, “Yuman Plurals: From Derivation to Inflection to Noun Agreement” (405-424) [Despite “maddeningly irregular and complex” morphology, as well as semantic and lexical complications, a historical scenario can be constructed that accounts for the development of Yuman plurals in a relatively simple way.]

Stephen A. Marlett, “Nasalization in Mixtec Languages” (425-435) [M. analyzes Mixtec nasalization as an autosegmental morpheme-level feature which links to the right edge of a morpheme and spreads to adjacent sonorants. This results in a drastic revision of the usual inventory of segments.]

Alexis Manaster Ramer, “Proto-Uto-Aztecan Phonology: Evidence from Tubatulabal Noun Morphophonemics” (436-446) [Tubatulabal noun inflection and derivation can best be understood on the assumption that certain stems formerly ended in *-t and *-r. This indicates that Sapir was essentially right in hypothesizing a contrast between open and closed syllables in Proto-Uto-Aztecan.]

Geoffrey Kimball, “A Critique of Muskogean, ‘Gulf,’ and Yukon Material in Language in the Americas” (447-501) [Greenberg does not cite sources; uses obsolete data; wrongly retranscribes; mistakenly transfers data between languages; does not make comparisons between languages explicit; rarely uses existing reconstructions; compares noncognate material; and uses the same lexical item in different sets.]

Journal de la Société des Américanistes [Musée de l’Homme, 17 Place du Trocadéro, 75116 Paris, France]

78.1 (1992):
Claudette Kemper Columbus, “Llamastronomers-Eyes-and-Roads: Chaupiñameca of Huaroichiri” (31-44) [C. subjects narratives of the goddess Chaupiñameca—preserved in an early 17th century collection from Huaroichiri, south of Lima—to etymological, semantic, syntactic, and symbolic analyses.]

78.2 (1992):
Marie-France Parre, “Kentyoroi et Korinto: le piège de la trahison” (181-203) [Myth text in Matsiguenga (Arawakan, Peru), with extensive linguistic notes.]

Journal of Anthropological Research [U of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131-1561]

48.4 (Winter 1992):
Richard E. Hughes, “California Archaeology and Linguistic Prehistory” (317-338) [An enduring research strategy in California archaeology involves seeking linkages between “archaeological cultures” and contemporary language groups. H. critically examines the underlying assumptions of this approach, focusing on Whistler’s “Wintun Invasion”
hypothesis, and calls for archaeologists to develop “their own independent tools to monitor archaeo-linguistic relationships.”

Latin American Indian Literatures Journal [LAILJ, Pennsylvania State U, McKeesport, PA 15132-7698]

8.2 (Fall 1992):
Juan Adolfo Vázquez, “Guest Editor’s Foreword” (113-114) [Papers in this issue deal with myths from groups in Peru, Bolivia and Argentina.] Graciela Beatriz Hernández, “Southern Tehuelche Mythology According to an Unpublished Manuscript” (115-141) [Eight short myth texts (interlinear format) from southern Patagonia, collected early in this century by J. C. Wolf, with extensive ethnographic commentary by the editor.]
Rodolfo M. Casamiquela, “Comments on the Texts of J. C. Wolf” (142-151) [Philological remarks on the texts in the preceding paper.]
Eusebia Herminia Martí, “Poetic Language, Culture, and Translation: Analysis of an Aymara Poem” (152-164) [Linguistic and stylistic analysis of a poem written in Aymara by the modern Bolivian poet, Juana Vázquez.]
Jaime Pantingozzo Montes, “Malika, a Quechua Story of the Andes” (165-175) [Quechua text of a “magic flight” tale, with paragraph-by-paragraph English translation.]
Eduardo Lozano, “Recent Books on Indian Literatures” (187-198) [Continues lists published in earlier issues of this journal.]

Lingua [Elsevier Science Publishers B.V., P.O. Box 103, 1000 AC Amsterdam, Netherlands]

88.3/4 (Dec. 1992):
M. H. Klaiman, “Inverse Languages” (227-261) [Inverse subject-object marking (essentially a passivization rule conditioned by the relative animacy ranking of the arguments in a construction) has been attributed to a number of languages — most of them “head-marking” in J. Nichols’ sense — from East Asia to North America, with Algonquian being the type example. K. surveys the enormous formal and semantic variability in inverse systems and attempts to clarify the discussion.]

RECENT DISSERTATIONS AND THESES


Gildea, Spike L. Ph.D., Univ. of Oregon, 1992. Comparative Cariban Morphosyntax: On the Genesis of Ergativity in Independent Clauses. 304 pp. [Previous studies have suggested that Proto Cariban used an ergative-absolutive system in both main and subordinate clauses, and that the nominative-accusative system found in main clauses in some daughter languages is an innovation. Comparing 19 Cariban languages, G. reconstructs a Proto Cariban in which all main clauses utilized a nominative-accusative system. Later, in some languages, subordinate clause ergativity “invaded” main clauses. G. devotes the larger part of his dissertation to explaining and documenting the mechanism by which subordinate clause grammar is allowed into main clauses. DAI 53(8): 2792-A. [Order DA 9238921]

Halpern, Aaron L. Ph.D., Stanford Univ., 1992. Topics in the Placement and Morphology of Clitics. 331 pp. [A general study of the treatment of clitics and of “the division of labor between morphology, syntax, and prosody which accounts for their characteristic behaviors.” Data is largely from Balkan languages and other Indo-European, but some attention is given to resemblances between clusters of clitics and groups of bound morphemes, with data primarily drawn from the inflectional prefixes of the Sekani (BC Athabaskan) verb. DAI 53(9): 3194-A. [Order DA 9302213]

Hurley, Joni K. Ph.D., Univ. of Pittsburgh, 1992. A Cross-Cultural Pragmatic Study of Spanish and Quichua Request Strategies as Influenced by Language Contact in Otavalo, Ecuador. 312 pp. [Widespread Spanish-Quichua bilingualism in Highland Ecuador has resulted in changes in both languages, including the development of media lengua, a variety of Quichua with Quichua syntax and Spanish vocabulary. A study of nearly 5,000 requests in interviews and conversations reveals a close correlation between request strategies in both languages. H. argues that this indicates the languages share a common pragmatic system. DAI 53(8): 2793-A. [Order DA 9233235]

Mellow, John D. M.A., McGill Univ., 1989. A Syntactic Analysis of Noun Incorporation in Cree. 114 pp. [Using Baker’s theory of Incorporation, M. analyzes Algonquian medials as base-generated nouns within an “object” NP which are then optionally adjoined to the verb stem by head (X’) movement. MAI 30(4): 1021. [Order DA MM63589]

Meyer, Richard H. Ph.D., UC-Santa Barbara, 1992. The True, the False, and the Sacred: Making Sense in Mesoamerican Oral Traditions. 191 pp. [Exploration of the ways in which the conceptual category of “the sacred” (vs. “the commonplace”) is created, focusing on the ethnohistory of the Mesoamerican “soul” concept called tonalli (“radiance”, “heat”) in Nahualt and ch’iel in Maya, from the late pre-classical Maya period (50 B.C.) to the present. DAI 53(9): 3270-A. [Order DA 9303199]


Remnant, Daphne E. M.A., Univ. of British Columbia, 1990. Tongue Root Articulations: A Case Study of Lillooet. 151 pp. [A study of retraction and pharyngealization processes in an Interior Salish language. Pharyngealization occurs whenever a vowel immediately precedes a pharyngeal glide. Retraction, on the other hand, has four distinct triggers. The existence of a class of pharyngeal segments distinct from the uvulars is proved. MAI 30(4): 1021. [Order DA MM64125]

Schwink, Frederick W. Ph.D., Univ. of Texas at Austin, 1992. Linguistic Typology and the Reconstruction of Proto-Languages: A Study in Methodology. 212 pp. [A detailed examination of the questions of realism and formalism in reconstructing proto-languages. S. argues that “because languages are known to operate according to a limited number of parameters... a realistic reconstruction should fall within these parameters, i.e., belong to a specific type.” In addition, statistical methods that rely on various typologically linked features allow for the probability-ranking of reconstructions that go beyond what strict comparison and internal reconstruction can achieve. DAI 53(8): 2789-A. [Order DA 9239346]

Slate, Clay. Ph.D., Univ. of New Mexico, 1989. Navajo Verb Theme Categories and a Navajo Lexicon Database. 184 pp. [A dictionary-focused analysis of the morphologically rich Navajo verb, followed by the outline of a relational lexical database. Designed to “examine the verb theme category problem in greater detail,” this database has five relations: VerbBasics, Prefixes, PrefixCombinations, Roots/Stems, and VerbThemes. S. presents the record fields of each relation and discusses the uses to which such a database can be put. DAI 53(7): 2353-A. [Order DA 9231363]
Sloan, Kelly D. Ph.D., MIT, 1991. *Syllables and Templates: Evidence from Southern Sierra Miwok.* [S.S.M. provides strong evidence for a model of phonological organization incorporating an x-slot tier (a "segmental model"). This includes: (1) floating x-slots and floating phonemes, involving length and alternation phenomena; (2) the behavior of morpheme-final geminates; and (3) the nature of the S.S.M. templatic system. DAI 53(6): 1895-A.] [Copies available exclusively from MIT Libraries, Rm. 14-0551, Cambridge, MA 02139-4307.]

Tarpey, Marie-Lucie. Ph.D., Univ. of Victoria (Canada), 1989. *A Grammar of the Nisgaha Language.* 913 pp. [A structural overview—"conservative and eclectic [and] oriented towards functional explanation"—of the Tsimshianic language of the Nass Valley of British Columbia. Sections cover phonology, the main features of morphology, and most of the syntax. Also included is a detailed reference guide to word-classes, word-formation, and morphophonemic rules. T. makes a special attempt to deal with features of Tsimshian that are of current theoretical interest, including syntactic ergativity, focusing, noun-incorporation, and reduplication. DAI 53(6): 1895-A.] [Order # DA NN68126]


Yang Lixin, Ph.D., Univ. of North Texas, 1992. *An Investigation of the Semantics of Active and Inverse Systems.* 335 pp. [A survey of the pronominal reference marking in active and inverse languages. Reference marking in active languages primely encodes the semantics of Verbal Aspect, Agency (Control), Volition, Affectedness, and Animacy, the relevant semantic categories being language-specific. In inverse languages, the primary determiner of direct vs. inverse marking is the relative position of Actor and Undergoer in the animacy hierarchy. DAI 53(6): 1897-A.] [Order # DA 9225021]

*We seem to have overlooked the following two dissertations in earlier compilations. Thanks to John Nichols for bringing them to our attention (see Algolianrounded & Iroquoian Linguistics 18:2, 1993, pp. 15-16).*

Ayoumgan, Vivian. Ed.D., Arizona State Univ., 1991. *Siksika Language Renewal Efforts: A Description and Assessment.* 266 pp. [A study of the response of the Siksika (Blackfoot) of southern Alberta to the endangerment of their ancestral language. A. describes in detail the development and implementation of community and school revitalization efforts. The impact of these efforts was mixed. While student scores on language proficiency tests were not significantly raised, there were indications that the status of the language had improved in other ways. DAI 52(4): 1188-A.] [Order # DA 9124783]

Leahy, Margaret J. Ph.D. (History), Johns Hopkins Univ., 1991. *To Hear with My Eyes: The Native Language Acquisition Project in the Jesuit Relations.* 274 pp. [L. argues that the different native language acquisition experiences of several 17th century Jesuit missionaries in Canada—especially Fathers Biard, Le Jeune, and Brebeuf—were reflected in their subsequent interpretations of native cultures and in their mission policies. DAI 51(12): 4246-A.] [Order # DA 9113692]

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**Another Cherokee Font**

Joseph (Soaring Eagle) LoCicero is about to release a preliminary version of a Tsalagi (Cherokee) font for IBM, MAC, and NeXT computers. It was developed (with a grant from the Mellon Fund at Yale) on Fontographer 3.5 and contains the full set of the 85 characters of the syllabary. The file contains: a TrueType version of the font for use with Windows 3.1: an Adobe Type 1 font for use with AT & T's font system. Windows, OS/2, and DOS; an Adobe Type 3 font for use as a bitmapped font; a TrueType version for use with System 7 for Macintosh; and a font version for use with Mac Systems 6.0 and previous. This file (tsalagi.zip) will be available at a number of FTP sites in the near future. Meanwhile, anyone interested in helping John develop its (i.e., looking at it and recommending changes in the way it looks before the first true version is released), should e-mail him at <locicero-joe@yale.edu> or <locicero@minerva.cis.yale.edu>.

**Notes on Linguistics**

SIL's quarterly journal, *Notes on Linguistics*, is often—as we have remarked before in this column—a good source of information about new linguistic software, particularly the products of SIL's own developers. Here are some pieces that have appeared in recent issues:

• Geoffrey Hunt, "A Good Phonology Program" (NL 57, May 1992, pp. 4-10), describes FindPhone, a "friendly" program originally developed by SIL's British School. Now in version 5, FindPhone stores data in IPA and allows searches for specific segments, classes of segments, sequences of segments, or a segment in a defined environment. Searches can ask for just one example, all possible examples, or a count. The results of a search may be viewed, sorted, edited, sent to a file, or printed. FindPhone runs on IBM-compatibles with CGA, DSGCA, HGC, or VGA graphics.

• In "Syllable-based Hyphenation" (NL 58, August 1992, pp. 4-17) David Weber discusses his experiences with automating the hyphenation of both Quechua and Spanish text using SYL, a parser that breaks words into syllables on the basis of user-supplied information about syllable structure.

• Mike Cahill's "A Few Practical Tips for Using CECIL" (NL 59, Nov. 1992, pp. 11-16) is an enthusiastic report on the capabilities of a hardware and software package that SIL has developed for measuring amplitude and frequency (stress and pitch) in short samples. Among other results, Cahill reports successfully using CECIL to identify the phonetic correlates of discourse structure.

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**Coding Standards for Syllabics in Canada**

CASEC—the Canadian Aboriginal Syllabics Encoding Committee, responsible for the creation of a standard for computer keying of syllabic (and other non-standard) scripts in use among Canadian native groups—has been active for the past two years. The committee continues to elicit input in several areas from the native community and linguists. Any native group using syllabics or "hard-to-construct" roman characters in writing
their language is welcome to submit their character set for inclusion in the eventual standard. The committee is also collecting information about special keyboard layouts for syllabic or "hard-to-construct" roman typing and computing that are currently in use in the community. All contributors will be recognized in the final report, and each will receive a copy. The next CASFC membership meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 19-20 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and submissions should be sent (or faxed) as soon as possible to the following address: Dirk Vermeulen, CASEC Chairperson, 4834 Tufford Rd., Beamsville, Ontario CANADA LOR 1B0 (fax: 416/563-5136). Although Mr. Vermeulen is not yet on Internet, submissions sent to <marie@calvin.dgbt.doc.ca> will be forwarded to him.

LINGUIST Update

The moderators of the LINGUIST discussion list, Anthony Aristar and Helen Dry, have proudly announced that as of February 15, the list had over 3,000 subscribers and had become the largest academic discussion network in the world. If you have access to Internet or Bitnet and are one of the few who have not yet joined LINGUIST, by all means consider doing so. It is full of information, controversy, and intellectual stimulation. To join in, all you need to do is send a message to <listserv@tamvm1.tamu.edue> or <listserv@tamvm1.bitnet>, the message should consist of the following line only: subscribe linguist (your name), e.g., subscribe linguist Otto Jespersen.

Directory of E-Mail Addresses for Linguists

An updated copy of the LSA directory of e-mail addresses for linguistics is now available. To obtain an electronic copy of the list on the LINGUIST listserv, send the message get lsa 1st linguist to the address <listserv@tamvm1.bitnet> or <Listserv@tamvm1.tamu.edu>. Hard copies are available for $3 from the LSA Secretariat, 1325 18th St., NW, Suite 211, Washington, DC 20036. All orders must be prepaid.

LEARNING AIDS

[A list of published and "semi-published" teaching materials and tapes for American Indian languages was pointed in the September 1988 SSILA Newsletter, and additions and updates have appeared subsequently. Further contributions are most welcome. A printout of all Learning Aids information accumulated to date is available to members on request.]

Ojibwe

Basil H. Johnston offers a language course, Learn Ojibway, with 35 hours of instruction on 29 cassette tapes. Tribal stories are also available. For prices and other information, write: Basil H. Johnston, c/o Tibby Johnston, R.R. 5, Cape Croker, Wiarton, Ontario N0H 2T0, Canada.

Patricia Ningewance has just published Survival Ojibwe: Learning Conversational Ojibwe in Thirty Lessons, a 244 pp. book, with accompanying cassette tape in NE Ontario/Manitoba Ojibwe. The package is $20 plus $2 shipping (plus $140 GST on Canadian orders). Make checks to Patricia M. Ningewance, at Box 33026, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3G 3N4, Canada.

K'iche' and Quechua

Tulane University is setting up a pilot project to offer courses in five Less Commonly Taught Languages. Among these will be two American Indian languages, K'iche' (Quiché) and Quechua (a any variety). For further information about these courses contact Tom Larsen, Dept. of Anthropology, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA 70118 (e-mail: tatija@rs1.tcs.tulane.edu).

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[Although the Society’s Membership Directory appears once a year (the 1993 edition was distributed in February) the Newsletter lists new members and changes of address—including electronic mail address—every quarter. Please note that these lists are not cumulative from issue to issue.]

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Inuit Studies Conference. Linguistics and anthropology. Most recent meeting (8th): Université Laval, Québec City, Canada, Oct. 25-28, 1992. The 9th Conference will be held at Arctic College, Iqaluit, Northwest Territories, Canada, on June 12-15, 1994. Contact: Don Couch, Arctic College-Nunatsa Campus, P.O. Box 600, Iqaluit, NWT X0A 0H0, Canada. Fax: 819/979-4579.

Études/Inuit/Studies. Interdisciplinary journal devoted to the study of Inuit (Eskimo) societies, traditional or contemporary, from Siberia to Greenland. Linguistic papers are frequently published. Two issues/year, sometimes supplements. Editor: F. Thérien, Dépt d’anthropologie, U Laval, Québec, Canada G1K 7P4 (tel: 418/656-2353; fax: 418/656-3023).

ALGONQUIAN/IRUQOIAN

Algonquian Conference. Interdisciplinary. Meets annually during the last weekend in October. The 1992 meeting was held at Carleton U in Ottawa, Ontario, Oct. 23-25 [see “News from Regional Groups: Algonquian” in this issue]. The 1993 meeting will take place at the U du Québec à Montréal, October 29-31. Contact: Lynn Drapeau, Dept of Linguistics, UQAM, C.P. 8888, Succ. A, Montréal, Québec H3C 3P8, Canada (Bitnet: c34534@uqam).

Papers of the Algonquian Conference. The papers of the 6th Algonquian Conference (1974) were published by the National Museum of Man, Ottawa; papers of the 7th and all subsequent conferences have been published by Carleton U, Ottawa. A limited selection of volumes 7-20 (1975-88) is available (except for the 14th) at $20 each. Volumes 21-23 (1989-91) are $25 each. Write: William Cowan, Dept of Linguistics, Carleton U, Ottawa, Canada K1S 5B6. Prices are in SCanadian to Canadian addresses, $US to all other addresses.


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Hokan-Penutian Workshop. Linguistics, sometimes with papers on prehistory and ethnography. Meets annually, usually in late June or early July. The 1993 meeting will be held on July 3 in Columbus, Ohio, in conjunction with the Linguistic Institute at Ohio State U. Contact: Catherine A. Callaghan, Dept of Linguistics, Ohio State U, Columbus, OH 43210.


News From Native California. News magazine for and about California Indians. Carries articles and other features on anthropological and linguistic topics, among others. Four issues/year. $15.95/year. Order from: Heyday Books, PO Box 9145, Berkeley, CA 94709.


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Tlalocan. Journal, specializing in texts in Mexican indigenous languages. Contact: Karen Dakin, Instituto de Investigaciones Filológicas, UNAM, 04510 Mexico, DF.

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Mayan Languages Conference (Taller de Línguística Maya). Meets in late June or early July in alternate years, sometimes annually. The XV Taller Maya will be held in June 1993 in San José Petén or Huchuetenango, Guatemala. Para más información, puede dirigirse a: ALMG, 13 calle 11-40, Zona 1, 01001, Guatemala, Guatemala: tel: (502) 02 51 16 86.


Workshop on Maya Hieroglyphic Writing/Maya Meetings at Texas. An annual series of meetings and workshops in Austin, Texas, for Mayan glyph researchers at all levels. 1993 meetings were held March 11 through 20. For further information and copies of this or a previous year’s Notebook, write: Peter Keeler, Texas Maya Meetings, P.O. Box 5665, Austin, TX 78763; or call and leave a message at: 512/471-6292.

Mayan Linguistics Newsletter. $3.50/year to US, Canada and Mexico ($6 elsewhere). Editor: Susan Knowles-Berry, 12618 NE 5th Ave., Vancouver, WA 98685. Make checks payable to the editor.

Winak: Boletín Intercultural. Journal of Guatemalan linguistics and anthropology. $6 (US)/year ($15 to institutions). U Mariano Gávez, Finca El Zapote, 3a Avenida 9-00, zona 2, Guatemala, Guatemala.

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Andean Newsletter. Newsletter for Andeanist linguists. $4/year. Editor: Cloydado Soto, Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies, U of Illinois, 910 S 5th St #201, Champaign, IL 61820.

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Latin American Indian Literatures Journal. Texts and commentaries, other papers, on indigenous literatures. $25/volume (2 issues) ($35 to institutions). Editor: Mary H. Preuss, Box 31, Pennsylvania State U-McKeeepson, McKeeepson, PA 15132.

International Congress of Americanists. Meets every 3 years. Most meetings have several sessions on linguistic topics, usually focusing on C and S American languages. The 48th ICA will be held in Sweden, July 5-9, 1994, and will have as its principal theme “Threatened Peoples and Environments in the Americas.” Contact: Instituto de Latin American Studies, S-106 91 Stockholm, Sweden.


Ibero-Americanisches Institut. German research institute concerned with the indigenous languages and cultures of Latin America; publishes a journal, Indiana. Contact: Ibero-Americanisches Institut PK, Potsdamer Strasse 37, Postfach 1247, D-1000 Berlin 30, GERMANY.

SIL Publications in Linguistics. Grammars, dictionaries, and other materials on numerous American Indian languages, particularly those of Central and South America, prepared by members of the Summer Institute of Linguistics. For a catalog, write: International Academic Bookstore, SIL, 7500 W Camp Wisdom Rd, Dallas, TX 75236

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**Athapaskan Linguistics: Current Perspectives on a Language Family.**
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**Transitivity and Discourse Continuity in Chamorro Narratives.**
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*A Grammar of Taula.*
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*A Grammar of Slave.*
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Phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax and semantics, as well as texts and a dictionary, of an Athabaskan language of the Northwest Territories of Canada. Recipient of the LSA’s Leonard Bloomfield Award, 1991. SSILA price: $40.

Gunter Senft

*Kilivila: The Language of the Trobriand Islands.*
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George van Driem
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Case and Agreement in Inuit.
1991. 308 pp. (Studies in Generative Grammar)
B.-B. analyzes the case system of Inuit (Eskimo) in the Government and Binding framework, and argues that case in transitive clauses follows from the agreement rules that apply between verbal subjects and direct objects. B.-B. also presents an overview of ergativity, relating it to the theory of abstract case. The claim that Inuit is actually split-ergative is examined. SSILA price: $30.

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