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### An Update on the Columbia School Linguistic Society

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#### University Seminar

The principal seminar this fall was led by Boris Gasparov, Columbia University, on Dec. 5. His topic was “Saussure’s principle of ‘arbitrariness’—does it make *la langue* immanent or unsustainable?” The seminar was followed by a dinner at Faculty House.

Other seminars this fall included: Joss Ruggles Sackler on the Spanish tenses; Nadav Sabar on English *any* and *some* (see below); and a discussion of Boris Gasparov’s book *Beyond Pure Reason: Ferdinand de Saussure’s Philosophy of Language and its Early Romantic Antecedents* (Columbia Univ. Press, 2013). Our joint project on the analysis of the English Control system continues, led by Wallis Reid, Ricardo Otheguy, and Nancy Stern. Email Wallis Reid at [wallis.reid@gse.rutgers.edu](mailto:wallis.reid@gse.rutgers.edu) for dates and information; co-chaired by Radmila Gorup.

#### Graduate Student Fellowship

Nadav Sabar, a doctoral student in linguistics at the Graduate Center (CUNY), has been carrying out his analysis of English *any* and *some* as the first Society Fellow, under the mentorship of Ricardo Otheguy, also of the Graduate Center. The (anonymous)

donor has announced to the Executive Committee the intention to fund a second fellowship for the 2014-15 academic year. This time, the competition will be nationwide. Stay tuned for details.

#### Seventh Institute, Summer 2014

Planning is ongoing for a Seventh Institute for the Study of Form, Meaning, and Human Behavior in Language, to be held Aug. 19-21, 2014, at the New York City College of Technology (CUNY). The theme is anticipated to be the teaching of (particularly introductory) linguistics. Alan Huffman and Joseph Davis are planning the preliminaries. Stay tuned as details emerge.

#### Twelfth Conference: 2015

The next conference will be held February 14-16, 2015, at Columbia University, under the auspices of the University Seminars.

#### CS News Solicited

Members are always encouraged to help us keep our web site up to date. Please e-mail

Nancy Stern at [nstern@ccny.cuny.edu](mailto:nstern@ccny.cuny.edu) with advance information about upcoming events such as presentations that others might wish to attend. Let us know of any publications, appointments, promotions, and awards. Links to personal web pages can be posted. Thanks to Michael Kaplan for assistance.

### **Discussion List**

Our electronic discussion list is at <https://list.mail.virginia.edu/mailman/listinfo/csling>. For information: Betsy Rodríguez-Bachiller at [b.r.bachiller@gmail.com](mailto:b.r.bachiller@gmail.com).

### **Membership Dues**

Joss Ruggles Sackler has taken over the task of membership dues collection. Everyone will be hearing from her soon.

### **Financial Report**

See the attached, from Vice President Betsy Rodríguez-Bachiller.

### **News from Members**

Ellen Contini-Morava announces:

Marcin Kilarski & Ellen Contini-Morava, "Functions of interstitial nominal classification systems," presented at Workshop on Variation Within and Between Systems of Nominal Classification, annual conference of the Australian Linguistic Society, Melbourne, Australia, October 2.

Ellen Contini-Morava & Marcin Kilarski (2013). "Functions of Nominal Classification." *Language Sciences* 40: 263–299.

Ellen reports that she continues working on a joint project with Eve Danziger on the

noun classifiers and "article" of Mopan Maya.

Robert S. Kirsner has published *Qualitative-Quantitative Analyses of Dutch and Afrikaans Grammar and Lexicon* (John Benjamins 2013). The book, "continuing a dialogue between CS and [Cognitive Grammar]," contains six analyses. ISBN 978 90 272 1577 2 (hard cover), 978 90 272 7104 4 (e-book).

Angelita Martínez announces:

"El español de los Andes en la Argentina. Concordancias canónicas y concordancias alternativas de número," pp. 141-164 in *Neue Romania* N° 41 (2012), LINCOM, Munich (ISSN 0177-7750).

Cuadernos de la ALFAL N° 4: Etno-pragmática, editors: Angelita Martínez & Adriana Speranza.

Two PhD Projects on morpho-syntactic variation directed by Martínez, recorded in the National University of La Plata, Buenos Aires. These were:

Mailhes, Verónica, "Serás lo que debas ser." Variación morfosintáctica y género discursivo. Empleo variable de los tiempos de Futuro en el español de la Argentina.

María Gabriela Bravo de Laguna, ¿Cómo se incluye la palabra del "otro" en las narraciones cotidianas? El discurso referido: presencia/ausencia o reformulación. Su análisis en variedades del español en contacto con la lengua quechua.

Ricardo Otheguy announces:

Shin, Naomi Lapidus & Ricardo Otheguy (2013). "Social class and gender impacting change in bilingual settings: Spanish subject pronoun use in New York." *Language in Society* 42: 429-452.

Ricardo has two co-authored papers related to bilingualism in press.

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