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Thanks to Joss Ruggles-Sackler for the new look to the newsletter. Comments to the editor are welcome.

CONFERENCE 2015

The University Seminar on Columbia School Linguistics
presents the

12th International Columbia School Conference on the Interaction of Linguistic Form and Meaning with Human Behavior

February 14 – 16, 2015

Columbia University

The Columbia School of Linguistics gathers together a group of linguists developing the theoretical framework originally established at Columbia University by the late William Diver. Language is seen as a symbolic tool whose structure is shaped both by its communicative function and by the characteristics of its human users. Grammatical analyses account for the distribution of linguistic forms as an interaction between domain-specific signal-meaning pairings and domain-general pragmatic, cultural, and functional factors. Phonological analyses explain the syntagmatic and paradigmatic distribution of phonological units within signals, also drawing on both communicative function and human physiological and psychological characteristics.

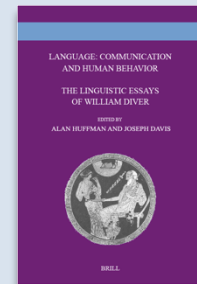
Notifications of acceptance and preregistration information will be available by November 21.

Conference organizers are Radmila Gorup, Ricardo Otheguy, Joss Ruggles-Sackler, and Nancy Stern. We look forward to seeing you at the conference.

Language: Communication and Human Behavior

The Linguistic Essays of William Diver

Edited by Alan Huffman and Joseph Davis



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Qualitative-Quantitative Analyses of Dutch and Afrikaans Grammar and Lexicon

By Robert S. Kirsner



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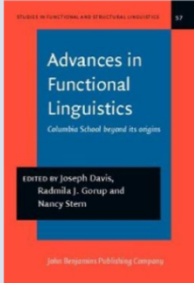
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Advances in Functional Linguistics Columbia School Beyond its Origins

Edited by Joseph Davis, Radmila J. Gorup
and Nancy Stern



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The Columbia University Seminar on Columbia School
Linguistics cordially invites you to attend a seminar by

Dan Everett

Professor of Linguistics, Dean of Arts and Sciences at Bentley University

Thursday, December 11, 5:00 pm
Faculty House, Columbia University



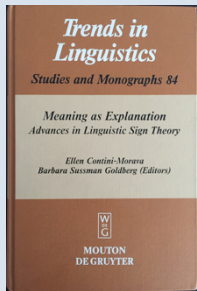
On the Role of Culture in the Emergence of Language

In the early days of American anthropology, the field was divided into four main areas of inquiry, all believed to be related: archaeology, cultural anthropology, physical anthropology, and linguistics. This view was pioneered by Franz Boas, Edward Sapir, Ruth Benedict, and Margaret Mead, among many others. This lecture is a continuation of that tradition in the sense that it argues that language and culture share a deeply symbiotic relation – neither is supervenient on nor independent of the other, but both language and culture shape and constrain the other. I address here the culture-shaping- language side of this relationship and argue that it is not possible to understand either the phonology, the discourse, or the syntax of the Piraha language without simultaneously understanding Piraha culture. This is so, it is argued, because culture is causally implicated in the structures of Piraha grammar from its sound system to its conversations, including its sentential syntax.

There is limited space available for this seminar, please RSVP by email to ba2342@columbia.edu

Meaning as Explanation Advances in Functional Linguistics

Edited by Ellen Contini-Morava and
Barbara Sussman Goldberg

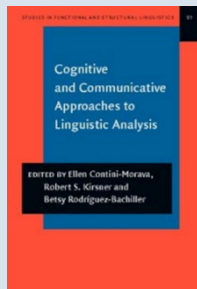


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Cognitive and Communicative Approaches to Linguistic Analysis

Edited by Ellen Contini-Morava, Robert S.
Kirsner, and Betsy Rodriguez-Bachiller



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SEVENTH INSTITUTE

AUGUST 2014

The Society held its Seventh Institute for the Study of Form, Meaning, and Human Behavior in Language Aug. 19-21, 2014, at the New York City College of Technology (CUNY) in Brooklyn. The theme was the teaching of introductory linguistics. Speakers included Mary Carpenter (CCNY), Ellen Contini-Morava (UVA), Alan Huffman (CUNY), Robert Leonard (Hofstra), Wallis Reid (Rutgers), Rebecca Shapiro (NYCTC), and Rachel Varra (CCNY). There was also general discussion of relevant issues. The planning committee consisted of Tulay Altin, Eric Chambers, Andrew McCormick, and Ignacio Montoya, with Huffman as campus coordinator and Joseph Davis also planning. Thanks to all who participated! Many interesting issues were raised and useful insights and techniques

UNIVERSITY SEMINARS

The principal seminar this fall will be given on Dec. 11 by Dan Everett (Bentley Univ.), beginning at 5 p.m., followed by a dinner at Faculty House.

Other seminars this fall include: Joseph Davis on Italian grammar, Thomas Eccardt on English phonology, and Joss Ruggles-Sackler on Spanish grammar. Nadav Sabar will

give two seminars related to his CSLS Fellowship for the 2014-15 year, on English *look, seem, and appear*.

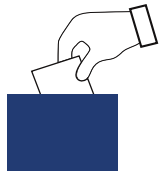
Email Wallis Reid at wallis.reid@gse.rutgers.edu for dates and information about seminars, which are cochaired by Radmila Gorup.

IN MEMORIAM

TAKASHI AOYAMA

The Society notes with sadness the passing of Takashi Aoyama in 2012, following a lengthy illness. Many members will know Takashi primarily from his 1995 article on Focus in Japanese, from his editing of a talk that William Diver gave at Tezukayama College in 1985, and from his photograph of Diver which graces the frontispiece of the 2012 volume of Diver's collected works. Others will remember Takashi fondly from his time as a student of Diver's at Columbia (M.A., M.Phil.) and from his participation in seminars. Takashi taught most recently at Kansai University, where a commemoration was held in honor of his retirement in 2012 (*English and American Literature English Studies Journal*, No. 1). Takashi will be missed as a teacher, scholar, and friend.

ELECTION 2015



A new Executive Committee will be elected by current members in March. The Election Committee will be chaired by Tulay Altin. You will be hearing from them regarding candidacies and voting. Thanks to them for agreeing to serve, to those who stand for election, and to all who will vote.

GOVERNANCE

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

NEWS FROM MEMBERS

Bill Carrasco gave a presentation titled “From the *Sign* to the *Passage*: A Neo-Saussurean Perspective” at the 39th Annual Meeting of the Semiotic Society of America, in Seattle, Oct. 2-5, 2014. In spring 2015, he will be teaching a linguistics course at The City College of New York.

Robert S. Kirsner published *Qualitative-Quantitative Analyses of Dutch and Afrikaans Grammar and Lexicon*, Amsterdam / Philadelphia: John Benjamins.

Ricardo Otheguy is an invited participant at a symposium sponsored by LANCHART, Univ. of Copenhagen, Nov. 13-14, on “Socio-syntax: The Relation Between Social and Linguistic Factors in Explaining Syntactic Variation and Change.”

Ricardo announces the publication of:

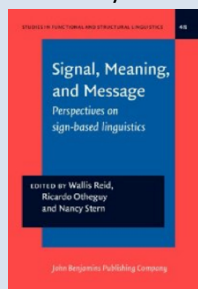
García, Ofelia & Ricardo Otheguy. 2014. Spanish and Hispanic bilingualism. *The Routledge Handbook of Hispanic Applied Linguistics* (Chapter 36), ed. by Manel Lacorte. Routledge Publishers, pp. 639-658.

Otheguy, Ricardo. 2014. Remarks on perseveration and functional explanation. *Perspectives in the study of Spanish language variation*, ed. by Andrés Enrique Arias, Manuel Gutiérrez, Alazne Landa, and Francisco Ocampo. *Anejos de Verba*, pp. 367-391.

A third 2014 publication is in press.

Signal, Meaning and Message: Perspectives on Sign-Based Linguistics

Edited by Wallis Reid, Ricardo Otheguy and Nancy Stern

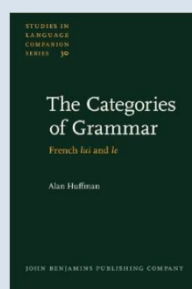


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The Categories of Grammar French *lui* and *le*

By Alan Huffman



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