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FELLOWSHIPS

The Society is continuing its fellowship program for a fourth academic year beginning September 2016. Under the program, cash awards are provided to students who complete Columbia School analyses under the direction of a faculty mentor. The fellowships are for \$15,000 and cover a period of one year. The call for applications was widely circulated through direct emails to Society members and through CSLing.

For the current 2016-2017 academic year, three fellowships have been awarded, two of them to returning fellows and one to a new applicant. The fellowships are supported through private donations to the Society and are evaluated by a committee of Society members who are appointed by the Executive Committee. Funds for one of the fellowship came from David and Jaseleen Sackler; funds for the second one came from an anonymous donor. Funds for the third came from general fund-raising efforts.

The returning recipients for the 2016-2017 fellowship are **Eduardo Ho-Fernández**, a doctoral student in the Ph.D. Program in Hispanic & Luso-Brazilian Literatures & Languages at the Graduate Center of CUNY, and **Lauren Spradlin**, a doctoral student in the Ph.D. Program in Linguistics at the same institution. The new fellow is **Kelli Hesseltine**, who is an MS student at the City College of New York. Ho-Fernández is mentored by Alan Huffman, and Lauren Spradlin by Ricardo Otheguy. Hesseltine is mentored by Joseph Davis.

The titles of the fellowship projects are:

Kelli Hesseltine: *Signaled meaning in Adjective-Noun word order in English*

Eduardo Ho-Fernández: *The communicative motivation for Spanish word order in two-participant events*

Lauren Spradlin: *Lexical precision in three-participant events.*

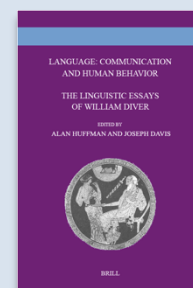
As required by the fellowship, the three fellows have already started presenting their research at the bi-monthly University Seminar held at Columbia University. They will be submitting reports at the end of the academic year.

The recipient of the first two fellowships, Dr. Nadav Sabar, finished his dissertation in 2015 and returned to his home country, Israel. He is preparing several publications and post-doc applications based on his fellowship-sponsored work.

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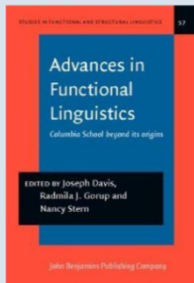
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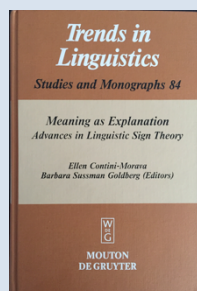


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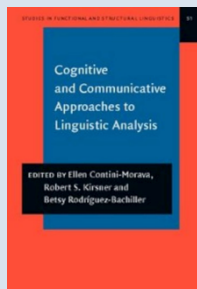


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CONFERENCE 2016

Several preliminary steps have been taken for the preparation of the next conference, but there are as of now few specifics. Anyone interested in helping in the organization of the next conference should contact Joseph Davis.

INSTITUTES

Two Columbia School of Linguistic institutes will be held this academic year. As announced in the previous issue of this newsletter, the first took place November 12 - 18, 2016 at the **Universidad Nacional de La Plata (UNLP)**, in La Plata, Argentina, where an active group of Columbia School linguists works under the leadership of Professor Angelita Martínez.

The Columbia School Linguistics Society's Executive Committee has asked Jaseleen Ruggles to coordinate this initiative. She has been working with Eduardo Ho-Fernández, Angelita Martínez and Ricardo Otheguy. They have been busy organizing the trip and preparing presentations and other institute activities. Presenters at the institute will include Joseph Davis, Bob de Jonge, Eduardo Ho-Fernández, Ricardo Otheguy, Wallis Reid, Jaseleen Ruggles, and Nancy Stern. The La Plata institute will be attended by graduate students and faculty from the UNLP and several other universities in the River Plate area.

Angelita is very proud that participants saw a video of a lecture by Erica García given at the Universidad Nacional de San Juan (UNSJ), Argentina, many years ago; a trip down memory lane for many of us, and, for the younger members of the group who never met EG, a chance to see her in action for the first time.

The second institute will be held January 9 - 12, 2017 on the campus of **Columbia University in New York City**. The Columbia School of Linguistics Society's Executive Committee has asked Nancy Stern to chair this initiative. She has been working with Ricardo Otheguy and Lauren Spradlin. Presenters at the institute include Joseph Davis, Eduardo Ho-Fernández, Alan Huffman, Robert Leonard, Ricardo Otheguy, Wallis Reid, Jaseleen Ruggles, Nadav Sabar, Lauren Spradlin and Nancy Stern. The institute is intended to provide an intensive introductory experience to Columbia School linguistics to a selected group of participants. The institute will be attended by fully funded graduate students and faculty members from universities in Denmark, Mexico, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Ten students and one faculty member have confirmed their attendance.



CSLS EXPANSION

The Society expands fund-raising efforts

With the goal of being able to expand such programs as the graduate fellowships, institutes, and conferences, the Columbia School Linguistics Society has been increasing its fund raising efforts. The Society is grateful to Jaseleen Ruggles for spearheading this effort. On May 7, 2016, a fund-raising dinner was held at the home of Jaseleen Ruggles and David Sackler with very positive results. As the Society's financial position improves, members are encouraged to submit ideas for new initiatives and programs. Please write to the Society President, Joseph Davis, with any suggestions or ideas.

Financial Advisory Committee

As part of its increased efforts at fund raising, the Society's Executive Committee has created a Financial Advisory Committee and named four unpaid Financial Advisors:

Jeremy Bronfman
David Elliot Cohen
Maria Yang
Will Zeckendorf

The job of the new Financial Advisors is to help the Society's Executive Committee plan fund-raising efforts and administer its funds. The Financial Advisors, who are among the highest donors to the Society, play no policy role and are not consulted on how the Society's funds are to be spent. Advisors Bronfman, Cohen, Yang, and Zeckendorf are well-known members of the New York philanthropic community. The Society is grateful for their generosity in time and money, and for their efforts on the Society's behalf.

UNIVERSITY SEMINARS

Biweekly seminars continue to be held at Columbia University under the auspices of the University Seminars. Please e-mail Wallis Reid at wallis.reid@gse.rutgers.edu for dates and information about seminars, which are co-chaired by Radmila Gorup.

PUBLICATIONS

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Otheguy, Ricardo. 2015. Variationist sociolinguistics and linguistic theory in the context of pronominal perseveration. *Linguistic variation: Confronting fact and theory*, ed. by Rena Torres Cacoullous, Nathalie Dion & André Lapierre. Routledge Publishers, pp. 319-334.

PROFESSIONAL NEWS

This section records news about Society members regarding professional and scholarly matters. This newsletter has a new editor. Please forgive any initial lapses. If you're a Society member, please forward your news for this section to Ricardo Otheguy at rotheguy@gc.cuny.edu. It will appear in the next issue.

The faculty of the Ph.D. Program in Linguistics at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York has invited [Joseph Davis](#) and [Nancy Stern](#) to join the program, effective September 2016. Membership on the doctoral faculty includes many privileges, among them the supervision of doctoral dissertations. Congratulations Joseph and Nancy.

[Eduardo Ho-Fernández](#) earned this past Spring 2016 semester his M.Phil., defending a Columbia School analysis of Spanish *QUE*. He was advanced to candidacy in the Program in Hispanic and Luso-Brazilian Literatures and Languages at the Graduate Center of CUNY. In addition, he completed a supervised research residency program in Spanish philology at the *Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas* in Madrid during the summer months of 2016.

[Nancy Stern](#) has been awarded a \$ 2.6 million grant by the Office of English Language Acquisition, U.S. Department of Education. This is a collaboration between the City College of New York and New Visions Multilingual Learner Project. The principals are, in addition to Nancy, Tatyana Kleyn and Jermy Greenfield. The project will provide education to certified subject-area high school teachers in New York City to support emergent bilingual students in their classrooms.

[Bonny Gildin](#) is moving from New York to San

Francisco to become the Executive Director of the All Stars Project of the San Francisco Bay Area. She is planning partnership projects with Stanford University's Center on Poverty and Inequality. Bonny tells us that her e-mail and cell number remain the same and that she welcomes visits from East Coast friends.

[Robert Kirsner](#) has retired from the Department of Germanic Languages at UCLA after 42 years of teaching linguistics. A celebration honoring Kirsner was held last May. Here's a link to the event. [https://ucla.app.box.com/s/4c88sg0mr8thkpaw8dwck7v98rrfg4w8\[ucla.app.box.com\]](https://ucla.app.box.com/s/4c88sg0mr8thkpaw8dwck7v98rrfg4w8[ucla.app.box.com])

[Ricardo Otheguy](#) announced his retirement from the Ph.D. Program in Linguistics at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York. Ricardo has been teaching linguistics for 40 years. He's been heard to say that the students need a break.

And in case you missed it:

[Tanya Christensen](#) was awarded tenure as of August 2015, and is now Associate Professor in Danish Language at the Department of Nordic Studies and Linguistics at the University of Copenhagen.

[Nadav Sabar](#) defended his dissertation successfully in November 2015 in the Ph.D. Program in Linguistics at the Graduate Center of CUNY. The title of his project is *A meaning hypothesis to explain speakers' choice of the sign look*.

NEW PAPERS

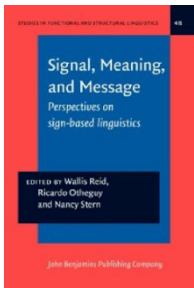
There is a group of editors preparing a new volume of papers from the last two conferences. The editorial effort is being led by Nancy Stern. Working with her are Ricardo Otheguy, Wallis Reid, and Jaseleen Ruggles. The editors have been busy reviewing abstracts and now first drafts from 12 authors who have submitted contributions.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

The Bibliography is a useful research tool that can be found in the Society's web page at www.csling.org. It lists published works by Columbia School scholars. The bibliography is divided into sections on papers, single-author books, books containing collections of papers, working papers, dissertations, and MA essays.

**Signal, Meaning and Message:
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Linguistics**

Edited by Wallis Reid, Ricardo Otheguy
and Nancy Stern

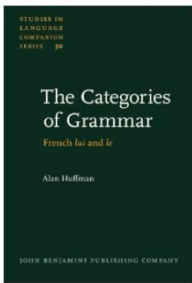


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