SGL News and Reports

SGL Annual Business Meeting

Highlights from the Annual Business Meeting held at GLAC-15 included the introduction of the new Executive Committee members, John Sundqvist from Purdue University and Garry Davis from University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee. It was also announced that Neil Jacobs was reelected as Vice President. After discussion, it was decided that the annual dues will be raised to $50 for regular members and $75 for sustaining members. Student dues will remain at $15. In addition, a decision was made that students should be members of the SGL by the time they submit papers for consideration for the Diebold Prize. There was a unanimous decision to amend the bylaws to allow for electronic ballots for elections and to approve changes in the bylaws. Locations for future Germanic Linguistics Annual Conferences were announced: GLAC-16 (2010) will be held at the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, GLAC-17 (2011) will be at the University of Texas at Austin, and GLAC-18 (2012) will be held at Indiana University–Bloomington.

The conference was a wonderful success. For the first time in history, three independent societies with common interests were brought together: the Forum for Germanic Language Studies (FGLS-8), the Society for Germanic Linguistics (SGL), holding the Germanic Linguistics Annual Conference (GLAC-15), and the Society for the History of the English Language (SHEL-6). We had close to 150 participants from all over the world, including Europe, the US, and Japan. Thanks to the financial support we received, we were also able to bring in three plenary speakers: Kersti Börjars, University of Manchester; Antonette diPaolo Healey, University of Toronto; and Paul Roberge, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Their topics are representative of the fascinating range of subjects dealt with at the conference: “Form, function mismatches: Evidence from Germanic;” “Taking hand in hand: Mapping its meaning in Old English and later;” and “The creativist account of the Creole genesis.”

The conference website remains available at: http://ling.ucalgary.ca/banff2009/.

(Robert W. Murray)

Diebold Prize

Congratulations to Katharina Schuhmann, from SUNY at Stony Brook, the 2009 recipient of the Diebold Prize, awarded annually for an outstanding student paper based on a GLAC presentation.
The winning paper, “Categorical and gradient wellformedness judgments in German,” presents empirical evidence from German i-truncations (Gorbi < Gorbatschow) that phonological grammar can determine categorical judgments between grammatical and ungrammatical structures as well as determine gradient wellformedness judgments. The SGL would like to thank the members of the committee that judged the submissions: Barbara Fennell, Kristine Horner, and Thomas Shannon. (Sarah Fagan)

Journal of Germanic Linguistics

Here is the report on the Journal of Germanic Linguistics given by the editor Robert Murray at GLAC 2009.

1. Notes of Gratitude.
   • Richard Page—our very dedicated Review Editor
   • Yuri Yerastov—editorial and production assistance
   • Referees—to be acknowledged in the pages of JGL on a five-year cycle

2. Publication Schedule.
Publication of the most recent issue is ahead of schedule.
- Volume 20.3 (September 2008)
  Mailed to subscribers on October 13, 2008.
- Volume 20.4 (December 2008)
  Mailed to our subscribers on November 21.
- Volume 21.1 (March 2009)
  Mailed to subscribers on February 20, 2009.
- Volume 21.2 (June 2009)
  Mailed to subscribers on May 1.

3. Manuscript (Article) Publication Rate (17.3–20.1).
   • About 40%.

   • From receipt to acceptance: approximately 3–4 months
   • From receipt to negative decision (resubmit or reject) takes longer (!)
   • From acceptance to publication: usually within 4 months (fast by Social Sciences/Humanities standards)

5. Total Items Published (16.4–21.2).
   • Articles: 36
   • Reviews: 36
   • Notes: 2

Below is a very rough classification of published articles, with some double counting.
6.1. Languages.
   Afrikaans: 1
   Dutch: 8
English: 6
German: 19
Gothic: 2
Icelandic: 3
Norwegian: 1
Old Norse: 4
Scandinavian: 1
Germanic: 1

6.2. Historical: 10

6.3. Synchronic (Present-Day): 26

6.4. Areas.
   Metre: 2
   Morphology: 7
   Runes: 1
   Phonology: 5
   Psycholinguistics: 2
   Syntax/Semantics: 15
   Sociolinguistics: 4

7. Authors: Affiliation (published articles, including all co-authors).
   France: 1
   Great Britain: 12
   Germany: 4
   Japan: 1
   The Netherlands: 5
   Norway: 2
   United States: 17

Germanic Linguistics Annual Conference (GLAC) 16

April 30–May 2, 2010
University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee

Abstract submission deadline: January 15, 2010

Faculty, graduate students, and independent scholars are invited to submit abstracts for 20-minute papers for presentation at GLAC-16. Papers may be on any linguistic or philological aspect of any historical or modern Germanic language or dialect, including English (to the Early Modern period) and the extraterritorial varieties. Authors may submit a maximum of two abstracts. Papers from the full range of linguistic and philological subfields, including phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, pragmatics, sociolinguistics, stylistics, metrics, language acquisition, contact, and change, as well as differing theoretical perspectives, are welcome. All abstracts will undergo anonymous review.
Abstracts must be submitted electronically in PDF format on the conference website: http://www4.uwm.edu/letsci/conferences/glac. This website is not yet operational, but should be able to accept submissions by early December. Other conference information and updates will also be posted on this site. If you experience problems with the website or have questions, please contact the organizing committee at GLAC16@uwm.edu.

Abstracts should be a maximum of one single-spaced page in length, and be written in a standard 12-point font. The page should be headed only by the title of the paper, and the abstract should contain no self-identification. Follow the directions on the website to submit the author’s name, institutional affiliation (if any), title of the paper, and e-mail address. Notification of acceptance will be sent out by e-mail by approximately February 15, 2010. Those not receiving notification by that date are advised to check the spam folder on their computer before contacting the conference organizers.

Tips for writing a good abstract are provided by the Linguistic Society of America at: http://lsadc.org/info/abstract-models.cfm

Conference email: GLAC16@uwm.edu

Local Organizers: Garry Davis (gdavis@uwm.edu), Greg Iverson (iverson@uwm.edu), Hamid Ouali (ouali@uwm.edu).

Program Profile

Germanic Linguistics at the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee (UWM)

by Garry Davis

Located in what was once a major center of German immigration and culture, the German Program at the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee offers an MA degree with a concentration in German through the MALLT program (Master of Arts in Foreign Language, Literature, and Translation). The program offers graduate/undergraduate courses in Introduction to German Linguistics, the History and Structure of German, and German Phonetics and Phonology. Applied upper-level language courses in German for Professional Purposes, German for the Global World, and in German Translation round out our course offerings in addition to courses in German language, literature, culture, and Swedish language courses.

Upon completion of the MALLT program, German concentrators are eligible to apply to the “Plan D” Ph.D. program in Linguistics at UWM, which is currently being restructured, and will soon be offered through the Linguistics Department. Faculty in this doctoral program represent a wide range of research interests including, but not limited to:

- Arabic and Berber linguistics
- Germanic linguistics
- Historical linguistics
- Second language acquisition theory
- Phonological, morphological and syntactic theory
- Language typology
- Language contact, areal linguistics, and dialectology
The Plan D program is also in the process of restructuring a TESOL (Teaching English as a Second Language) certificate, which students can combine with a Ph.D. concentration or complete independently. Faculty and students in the Department benefit from the extensive library and archival resources in Germanic and in general linguistics available in the UW-library system.

UWM hosted GLAC-6 in 2000, and is known for the many linguistics conferences and symposia it has organized over the years.

**Conference Calls**

**16th International Conference on English Historical Linguistics**

ICEHL-16 will be hosted by the Institute of English Studies, University of Pécs (Hungary) August 23–27, 2010. Invited speakers are: Roger Lass (U. of Cape Town), April McMahon (U. of Edinburgh), Hans F. Nielsen (U. of Southern Denmark, Odense), and Matti Rissanen (U. of Helsinki). Call deadline: **October 30, 2009**. For more information see: [http://www.icehl-16.pte.hu](http://www.icehl-16.pte.hu)

**Germanic Languages: Syntax, Phonology, and Pragmatics - The Division of Labor**

This is a special session within the Southeast Conference on Foreign Languages and Literatures 2010, taking place at the University of South Florida, Tampa. The session will be held on February 27\(^{th}\), 2010. For this special session, papers are invited on Germanic linguistic topics that investigate the correlation between form and function with special regard to potentially post-syntactic effects, such as ellipses, scrambling, stylistic fronting, and object shift. In general, theoretical proposals based on new data are preferred.

Each paper is allotted 30 minutes, including time for questions (no less than 5 minutes). Abstracts should not exceed one page (font: Times New Roman, size 12, US letter; references must be included) and be sent to shuber@cas.usf.edu. After a short review process, notifications will be sent out at the beginning of December 2009. Call Deadline: **November 15, 2009**. For more information, contact Stefan Huber at shuber@cas.usf.edu.

**Germanic Sandwich 2010**

A Germanic Sandwich 2010 will be the third in a series of conferences in which Dutch is compared with its closest Germanic neighbours, English and German. In 2008 the conference took place in Sheffield (a report on that meeting as well as presentations that were given there can be found here: [http://dutchcentre.group.shef.ac.uk/sandwich.htm](http://dutchcentre.group.shef.ac.uk/sandwich.htm)). This third two-day conference will be hosted by the Department of Dutch, and the faculty of arts of the Carl von Ossietzky University in Oldenburg. The conference organising committee consists of Esther Ruigendijk (Oldenburg), Roel Vismans (Sheffield) and Freek van de Velde (Leuven). The conference languages will be Dutch, English, and German.
Abstracts are invited in which Dutch is compared to German and/or English (other Germanic languages may of course be included as well). The organizers welcome studies with a typological perspective, with questions about structural aspects of the languages, their history or their status. Comparative studies from a language acquisition or psycholinguistic perspective will find their place as well. There will be the option to either present a plenary talk, or a poster presentation. Talks will be 20 minutes with 10 minutes discussion time. For more information, contact: Esther.Ruigendijk@uni-oldenburg.de. Call deadline: January 9, 2010.

English and German Nationalist and Anti-Semitic Discourse

The Historical Discourse Working Group would like to announce its first international conference to be held at Queen Mary, University of London on September 10–11, 2010. The conference organisers, Professor Felicity Rash and Dr. Stefan Baumgarten, invite proposals in the form of abstracts of about 150–200 words on relevant topics in the analysis of pre-1945 nationalist, colonialist or anti-Semitic discourse. They welcome contributions which discuss issues of methodology or which adopt interdisciplinary approaches, and they hope to foster debate on points of contact between linguistics and the historical analysis of political and ideological discourse. They would be particularly interested in contributions on nationalist figures who are less well-represented in discourse research. It is hoped that academic colleagues at all levels of their careers, including postgraduate students, will offer to present papers or lead workshops.

The conference will be one of the events organised as part of the major research project, The Discourse of German Nationalism and Anti-Semitism 1871–1924, funded by the Leverhulme Trust and led by Professor Felicity Rash and Dr. Geraldine Horan. The project web-site has been live since June 1, 2009.

Key note speakers will include Ruth Wodak and Andreas Musolff. It is intended that the conference proceedings will be published. Please send expression of interest and abstracts to Dr. Stefan Baumgarten (s.baumgarten@qmul.ac.uk) by January 15, 2010.

Berkeley Linguistics Roundtable

The Roundtable will take place April 9–10 2010 at the University of California, Berkeley. Invited speakers are: Charles Barrack (U. of Washington), Grzegorz Dogil (U. Stuttgart), and Veronika Ehrich (U. Tübingen). Scholars (faculty and students) concentrating on Germanic Linguistics and associated Indo-European and non-Indo-European languages—diverse approaches, synchrony and/or diachrony, historical and/or contemporary language—are invited to submit a maximum one-page abstract (non-pdf please) by February 1, 2010 to the conference organizer: irau@berkeley.edu.
Upcoming Conference

Konstruktionsgrammatik: Neue Perspektiven zur Untersuchung des Deutschen

From February 18 until February 20, 2010, this conference focusing on construction grammar in English and German will be held at the Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel. Invited guests include Heike Behrens (Basel), Karin Birkner (Bayreuth), Hans C. Boas (Texas) and Gabriele Diewald (Hannover). For more information, visit the conference website: http://germa.germsem.uni-kiel.de/hundt/konstruktionsgrammatik.shtml.

Book Notices

In this new section of the newsletter, we will include information about new books (published within the past year) written or edited by SGL members.

$39.99
ISBN: 978-0-521-61803-8
Publisher website: http://www.cambridge.org

€ 148.00
Publisher website: http://www.olms.de/

€ 98.00
ISBN: 978-3-8253-5564-7
Publisher website: http://www.winter-verlag-hd.de

$49.95
ISBN: 0-89357-342-3
Publisher website: http://www.slavica.com/
Additional Notices

Research fellowships at YIVO

The YIVO Institute for Jewish Research offers 14 annual fellowships for research in its library and archival collections. The deadline for academic year 2010–2011 fellowships is December 31, 2009. For further information and to apply, see http://www.yivo.org/max_weinreich/index.php?tid=53&aid=434.

Max Weinreich’s History of the Yiddish Language:
Now available in full in English

Originally published in four volumes in Yiddish by the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research in 1973, Max Weinreich’s History of the Yiddish Language is a classic of Yiddish scholarship and is the only comprehensive account of the Yiddish language from its origin to the present.

The 1980 English edition, published by the University of Chicago Press, included a translation of the two volumes of text only. The new translation includes a reprint of the two volumes of text as well as the two volumes of notes. Weinreich’s notes are no ordinary footnotes; they include vast elaboration on the text, as well as copious bibliographical information.

The late Max Weinreich was cofounder of the YIVO Institute in Vilna and one of the world’s most important scholars of the Yiddish language. He completed History of the Yiddish Language, his magnum opus, shortly before his death.

For further information and to order, see http://www.yivo.org/publications/index.php?tid=169&aid=422.

Message from the Editors

We are thankful for everyone’s assistance with the Newsletter. We hope that you will consider sharing information about newly published books with us for inclusion in our “Book Notices” section. Please also consider sending us news and other information that may prove valuable to Germanic linguists including, but not limited to, job postings, conference announcements, and departmental news. We would also like you to consider writing a short piece about your program for our “Program Profile” section or about a conference you attended for our “Conference Report” section. Please send your information to Mary O’Brien (mgobrien@ucalgary.ca). The deadline for the next Newsletter is February 15, 2010.
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