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# SGL Newsletter

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## News and Reports

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### Journal of Germanic Linguistics

Our new editor, Robert Murray, sends the following report:

Mark Loudon and Robert Murray have been working hard to ensure a smooth transition of the editorship of the *Journal of Germanic Linguistics*. The regime change was already in place for JGL 16.4. Richard Page replaced Sarah Fagan as Review Editor, and Mark Loudon replaced Paul Roberge as Consulting Editor. In addition, Ilana Mezhevich, a doctoral student at the University of Calgary, began her term as Editorial and Production Assistant. For more details on the transition, check out **Murray's Musings** in JGL 17.1.

JGL 16.4 should already be in the hands of subscribers, and 17.1 will be mailed out within a few weeks. It contains an interesting article by Heike Wiese and Joan Maling on "Restaurant Talk" Coercions in English, German, and Icelandic. There are also four Reviews: K. Grohmann's *Prolific domains: On the anti-locality of movement dependencies* is reviewed by Justin M. Fitzpatrick; E. Anagnostopoulou's *The syntax of ditransitives: Evidence from clitics* is reviewed by Gunnar Hrafn Hrafnbjargarson; D. Fertig's *Morphological change up close. Two and a half centuries of verbal inflection in Nuremberg* is reviewed by Brian D. Joseph; and J. Berman's *Clausal syntax of German* is reviewed by Annie Zaenen.

JGL 17.2 is scheduled to ship on May 6th, so your Editorial Committee continues to be busy as little bees. It contains two articles:

"The syntax of Old Norse kviðuhátt Meter," by Kari Ellen Gade (Indiana University), and "The conceptual structure of German impersonal constructions," by Michael B. Smith (Oakland University).

As always, the Editor encourages members of the Society for Germanic Linguistics and the Forum for Germanic Language Studies to continue submitting their highest quality work to the Journal.

### Collaboration between the SGL and the FGLS

At the joint SGL/FGLS meeting in January 2003 in London, Martin Durrell and Mark Loudon, then editor of the journal, discussed the possibility of making the JGL a jointly-sponsored publication. This met with the approval of everyone involved, the SGL and FGLS membership, as well as CUP, so the cosponsorship will begin this year. We see this as an important step toward strengthened ties between the SGL and the FGLS, as well as a way of increasing the visibility of the JGL beyond North America.

### GLAC 11 at UC Davis

The GLAC organizers, Carlee Arnett and Wilbur Benware, encourage SGL members and prospective members to come out to Davis for the 11th Germanic Linguistics Annual Conference, April 22-23. For more information, see the website at <http://linguistics.ucdavis.edu/glac11>.

## 17<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Historical Linguistics

The 17th International Conference on Historical Linguistics will be held July 31–August 5, 2005 at University of Wisconsin, Madison. Special themes will be Native American historical linguistics, linguistic theory and language change, socio-historical linguistics, immigration and language change, and language acquisition and language change. ICHL will also offer the following workshops: The Diachrony of Morphological Case (Organizers: J. Barðdal & S. L. Chelliah); Constructions and Language Change (Organizers: A. Bergs & G. Diewald); Language Reconstruction and Relations in Northeast Asia (Organizer: A. Vovin); Dating Indo-European Dialectal Changes in Grammatical Category (Organizer: C. Justus). There will be seven plenary lectures, as follows: B. E. Dresher, University of Toronto, “Cause and Effect in Phonological Change”; S. Fassberg, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, “Infinitival Forms in Aramaic”; A. van Kemenade, University of Nijmegen, “Morphosyntactic change through language contact: The rise of new forms”; R. Kempson, King's College, London, “Dynamic Syntax, dialogue modelling, and syntactic change”; W. Labov, University of Pennsylvania, “Fitting family tree and wave models into a general theory of language change”; M. Loporcaro, University of Zurich, “Facts, theory and dogmas in (Romance) historical linguistics”; K. Rice, University of Toronto, “Reexamining preverbs in Athapaskan languages: Some apparent scope paradoxes.”

For additional details (including on travel, lodging and registration), please visit [http://csumc.wisc.edu/news\\_files/ICHL.htm](http://csumc.wisc.edu/news_files/ICHL.htm) or contact Conference Assistant Andrea Menz at [almenz@wisc.edu](mailto:almenz@wisc.edu).

## Discussion Group for Germanic Philology

The Discussion Group for Germanic Philology will be holding a session at this year's MLA meeting in Washington, DC. Papers will cover approximately the same thematic range as our GLAC papers do, namely any linguistic or philological aspect of any historical or modern Germanic language or dialect, including English (to the Early Modern period) and the extra-territorial varieties, and from a range of linguistic subfields, including phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, sociolinguistics, language acquisition, contact, and change, as well as differing theoretical approaches. Please contact K. Aaron Smith at [kasmit3@ilstu.edu](mailto:kasmit3@ilstu.edu) for details.

## Conference Calls

GAL – Jahrestagung der Gesellschaft für angewandte Linguistik (the various sections seem not to be able to agree on whether it's the 35<sup>th</sup> or the 36<sup>th</sup>!), Koblenz, Germany, 22–24 September 2005.

- a) Profession und Kommunikation  
deadline: March 31<sup>st</sup>
- b) Advertising: Intercultural and Multilingual  
deadline: April 1<sup>st</sup>

for more information: <http://www.uni-koblenz.de/~gal05>

Workshop: Deutsch als Zweitsprache in Dialektumgebung, Berne, Switzerland, 22–23 July 2005.  
Deadline: May 15<sup>th</sup>. For more information: <http://www.germanistik.unibe.ch/DaZiD>

SHEL 4 – Studies in the History of the English Language, Flagstaff, Arizona, 30 September–2 October 2005. Deadline: June 1<sup>st</sup>. For more information: [susan.fitzmaurice@nau.edu](mailto:susan.fitzmaurice@nau.edu).

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