
SGL Newsletter

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SGL News and Reports

SGL Annual Business Meeting

Highlights from the Annual Business Meeting held at GLAC-14 included the introduction of the new Executive Committee members, Mary Grantham O'Brien of the University of Calgary and John te Velde of Oklahoma State University. Rob Howell was reelected as Secretary-Treasurer. It was decided, after discussion, that students could win the Diebold Prize (see below) only once. Locations for future Germanic Linguistics Annual Conferences were announced: GLAC-15 (2009) will be held in Banff, while GLAC-16 (2010) will be held at the University of Texas in Austin.

GLAC 2008

From May 2–4 2008 the fourteenth Germanic Linguistics Annual Conference was held at the Pyle Center on the shores of Lake Mendota on the campus of the University of Wisconsin. The conference program consisted of 61 papers representing the many subfields of Germanic Linguistics, and the 150 conference participants came to Madison from ten countries. While many sessions were devoted to language change in Germanic, there was also good representation in applied linguistics, dialectology, language and immigration, and in synchronic linguistics. Conference participants enjoyed beautiful spring weather and the lakeside venue.

The program featured two plenary speakers. On May 2 Jan Terje Faarlund (Oslo) presented a talk entitled "Reduction and reanalysis: The two main factors in linguistic change". Heidi Harley (Arizona) followed on May 3 with the paper "The 'Linate' ban on dative shift in English: A morphosyntactic explanation".

GLAC-14 benefited from the generous support of the Max Kade Foundation, the University of Wisconsin Anonymus Fund, the University of Wisconsin Departments of German, English, Linguistics, Scandinavian Studies, and the Center for the Study of Upper Midwest Cultures. (*Robert Howell*)

Diebold Prize

Every year, students presenting at GLAC have the opportunity to submit a written version of their paper for consideration for the Diebold Prize. The SGL is very grateful to the Diebold Foundation for making this award possible. The Diebold Prize for 2008 was awarded to two students, Megan Hartman, for her paper entitled "Old Saxon, Kuhn's Laws, and the Hypermetric Line", and Björn Köhnlein, for his paper "There's No Reversal in 'Rule B': Evidence against Traditional Claims about Tone Accents in the Westerwald". Congratulations to the authors! Many thanks to our judges, Carlee Arnett, Marc Pierce, and Joe Salmons.

Journal of Germanic Linguistics

Each year at GLAC, the editor gives a report to the Executive Committee of the Society for Germanic Linguistics. Here are some excerpts from that report.

1. Manuscript (Article) Acceptance Rate (JGL 17.3–20.1).

- About 42%.

2. Processing Time (17.3–20.1).

- From receipt to acceptance: approximately 4 months
- From receipt to negative decision (resubmit or reject) takes longer.

3. Total Items Published (16.4–20.1).

- Articles: **23**
- Reviews: **28**
- Notes: **2**

4. Language and Research Areas (16.4–present).

Below is a *very rough* classification of published articles, with some double counting.

4.1. Languages.

Afrikaans: **1**
 Dutch: **5**
 English: **5**
 German: **10**
 Gothic: **2**
 Icelandic: **3**
 Norwegian: **1**
 Old Norse: **4**

4.2. Historical.

8

4.3. Synchronic.

15

4.4. Areas.

Meter: **2**
 Morphology: **2**
 Runes: **1**
 Phonology: **3**
 Psycholinguistics: **2**
 Syntax/Semantics: **13**

5. Authors: Affiliation (published articles, including co-authors).

France: **1**
 Great Britain: **2**
 Germany: **3**
 Japan: **1**
 The Netherlands: **4**
 Norway: **2**
 United States: **15**

6. Advisory Board.

As *JGL* is co-sponsored by the Forum for Germanic Language Studies (with membership based primarily in Great Britain), it was appropriate to expand the Advisory Board to better reflect this co-sponsorship. The following colleagues have kindly agreed to serve on the Board:

Winifred V. Davies, Aberystwyth University
Carol Fehringer, University of Newcastle
Nils Langer, University of Bristol
Nicola McLelland, University of Nottingham
Andreas Musolff, University of Durham
Gertrud Reershemius, Aston University
Roel Vismans, University of Sheffield

7. Cambridge Initiatives.

Cambridge University Press is creating a digital archive of all its journals, which can be accessed through Cambridge Journals Online. The Press is presently in the process of adding approximately 370,000 articles (some 3.5 million pages). All volumes of (A)JGL(L) (1989–present) should be available within 18 months or so. (*Robert Murray, Editor*)

Conference Report

World Congress of Applied Linguistics (AILA) 2008

by Grit Liebscher

From August 24–29, 2008, the 15th World Congress of Applied Linguistics (AILA) with its special theme *Multilingualism: Challenges and Opportunities* took place in Essen, Germany. This five-day congress with about 30 parallel sessions throughout and several parallel symposia is easily the largest congress of its kind. The presence of applied linguists working in German probably exceeded other years, due to the Congress's prominent location in Germany. Among the five keynotes were two by scholars of (in) German(y): Claire Kramsch's lecture was entitled "Third Places in Applied Linguistics" and Konrad Ehlich spoke on "Modalitäten der Zweisprachigkeit".

Keeping with the special theme, the majority of talks focused on aspects of multilingualism, including the areas of child language acquisition, second and third language development, intercultural communication, language and migration, and language of German communities outside of Germany. In general, there were more talks on qualitative as opposed to quantitative research and the relatively new research area of third language development was well represented.

Due to the sheer number of choices, a more specific description can only be selective (and biased). Engaging were two organized symposia: the panel *Migration and multilingualism in Europe* organized by Ulrike Meinhoff and *Multilingual Identities: New global perspectives on immigrant discourse* organized by Janet Fuller, Inke Du Bois and Nicole Baumgarten.

More information on the conference can be found at <http://www.aila2008.org/>. AILA 2011 will take place at Beijing Foreign Studies University (BFSU).

Forum for Germanic Language Studies (FGLS 8)
Germanic Linguistics Annual Conference (GLAC-15)
Studies in the History of the English Language (SHEL 6)

Banff, Alberta, Canada
April 30–May 3, 2009

Abstract Deadline: January 7, 2009

Faculty, graduate students, and independent scholars are invited to submit abstracts for 20-minute papers for presentation at FGLS, GLAC, and/or SHEL. Abstracts for FGLS and GLAC 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. Proposals to SHEL may be on any linguistic or philological aspect of the history of English. 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 as an email attachment to: banff09@ucalgary.ca

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. The accompanying email should include the author's institutional affiliation, title of the paper, and conference affiliation (that is, FGLS, GLAC, and/or SHEL). Notification of acceptance will be sent out by February 15, 2009.

Tips for writing a good abstract are provided by the Linguistic Society of America.

Workshops

Deadline: October 19, 2008

The organizers also welcome proposals for two-hour workshops. Proposals reflecting the broad interests of the three groups (FGLS, GLAC, and SHEL) are especially encouraged. Please provide a one-page statement of purpose that includes the name(s) of the organizer(s), the goals of the workshop, and a list of possible participants, if known. The statement of purpose should be submitted in PDF format as an email attachment to: banff@ucalgary.ca

GLAC-15 Website: <http://ling.ucalgary.ca/banff2009/>

We are pleased to announce our plenary speakers:

- Professor Kersti Börjars, School of Languages, Linguistics, and Cultures, University of Manchester
- Professor Antonette diPaolo Healey, The Dictionary of Old English, Centre for Medieval Studies, University of Toronto, Ontario
- Professor Paul T. Roberge, Department of Germanic Languages, University of North Carolina

Upcoming Conferences and Workshops

Expressions of Posture and Motion in Germanic

On October 24, 2008, the Facultés universitaires Saint-Louis in Brussels will host a conference dedicated to the topic of Expressions of Posture and Motion in Germanic. It will deal with the expression and the marking of horizontality, verticality and movement in general, and their linguistic patterns of lexicalization in Germanic languages in particular. Invited speakers include Marcel Den Dikken (CUNY Graduate Center, New York), Per Durst-Andersen (Copenhagen Business School), Maarten Lemmens (Université Lille 3 & CNRS (UMR 8163 'STL')) and John Newman (University of Alberta). Information on the conference can be found at <http://www.fusl.ac.be/linguistics>.

Prosodic Alignment at the Word Level

The Institut für Deutsche Sprache in Mannheim is hosting a two-day workshop on alignment, with focus on word-internal morphological and prosodic constituents, with a specific focus on empirical findings. The workshop will take place on November 20 and 21, 2008. More information can be found on the website: <http://www.ids-mannheim.de/gra/wortphonologie.html>.

Diversity in Language Corpora

From April 22 until April 24, 2009, the Diversity in Language Corpora Conference will take place in Basel, Switzerland, to bring together representatives from the fields that make use of language corpora. In addition, an aim of the conference is to present the newly completed Swiss Text Corpus Project (www.schweizer-textkorpus.ch). For more information, contact Christoph Schoen at christoph.schoen@unibas.ch.

Workshop on Affixes, Clitics and Possessives

The University of Manchester is hosting a two-day Workshop on Affixes, Clitics and Possessives on April 3 and 4, 2009. More information can be found on the workshop's website: <http://www.llc.manchester.ac.uk/research/projects/germanic-possessive-s/Workshop/>.

Conference Call

Variation and Change in the Romance and Germanic NP/DP

From January 29 to January 30, 2009, the Variation and Change in the Romance and Germanic NP/DP conference will be held with the goal of investigating similarities and differences in NPs in Romance and Germanic languages. The conference will be held at the University of Amsterdam, and invited speakers include Norbert Corver (Universiteit Utrecht), Östen Dahl (Stockholms Universitet) and Giuseppe Longobardi (Università degli Studi di Trieste). Abstract deadline is November 1, 2008. For more information, visit the conference website at <http://www.hum.uva.nl/variation-and-change>.

Job Announcement

The Pennsylvania State University

Assistant or Associate Professor. The Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures at Penn State seeks an experienced scholar to coordinate the German language program and contribute to the expanding Ph.D. option in German linguistics and applied linguistics. The successful candidate will have a joint appointment with the Department of Applied Linguistics and/or an affiliation with the Center for Language Science.

Ph.D. in German linguistics or German applied linguistics required, subfield open. Native or near-native proficiency in German and English. Electronic submission strongly preferred. Submit letter, c.v. and dossier to cqb2@psu.edu If unable to send electronically, applications can be mailed to Ms. Cindy Bierly, Box S, Penn State, 427 Burrowes Building, University Park, PA 16802-6204, or faxed to (814) 863-8882. Applications must be received by November 4 to be assured full consideration, but applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Visit our Web site at <http://german.la.psu.edu>. Penn State is committed to affirmative action, equal opportunity and the diversity of its workforce.

Message from the Editors

We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to our “Program Profile” and “Conference Reports” sections. We encourage you to consider providing an overview of your program for our “Program Profile” feature. Additionally, we solicit news and other information that may prove valuable to Germanic linguists including but not limited to job postings, conference announcements, and departmental news. Please send your information to Amanda Pounder (apounder@ucalgary.ca). The deadline for the next Newsletter is February 15, 2009.

To join the SGL or report a change of address, fill out the form below and send it with a check, money order, or transfer receipt to:

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