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# An Update on the Columbia School Linguistic Society

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# **Eleventh Conference: 2012**

The Eleventh International Conference on the Interaction of Linguistic Form and Meaning with Human Behavior was held October 13-15, at Rutgers University. Organizers were Ricardo Otheguy, Wallis Reid, Bernice Rohret, and Nancy Stern.

Participants hailed from five countries (Argentina, Denmark, Israel, the Netherlands, and the U.S.), and analyses were presented involving several languages. Greetings were given by Wallis Reid, Radmila Gorup, and Ricardo Otheguy. Presentations were given by: Joseph Davis, Bob de Jonge, Jaseleen Ruggles, Verónica Mailhes (coauthored by Angelita Martínez), Rachel Varra, Berenice Darwich, Victor Prieto, Wallis Reid, Alexandra Beytenbrat, Tanya Karoli Christensen, Alan Huffman, Sune Sønderberg Mortensen, Robert Leonard, Ricardo Otheguy (co-authored by Wallis Reid), and Tom Eccardt. A new feature was a group discussion, involving participants generally, led by Tanya Karoli Christensen, Joseph Davis, and Wallis Reid. Meals both on- and off-site offered additional opportunities for discussion. Thanks to organizers, presenters, attendees, and all who helped to make the conference possible, including

additionally Billur Avlar, Michael Kaplan, and Betsy Rodríguez-Bachiller.

# Twelfth Conference: 2015

The next conference will be held February 14-16, 2015, at Columbia University, under the auspices of the University Seminars. Stay tuned as details from organizers emerge.

# **Diver Conference: Addendum**

The most recent issue of *NPB* failed to report that, following the May 31 conference at Columbia University celebrating the publication of the works of William Diver, a garden party was given on June 1 in Pelham, N.Y., by Ricardo Otheguy and Ofelia García (both of CUNY). Many of the participants at the conference were able to attend. It was an excellent opportunity to visit with friends and colleagues in a less formal setting, to catch up on news, to eat well and drink well, and in general to continue the festivities. Thanks to Ricardo and Ofelia!

### Linguistics at CUNY College

After years of effort, Alan Huffman has succeeded in getting an undergraduate linguistics course approved at New York City College of Technology (CUNY). It is called Language, Culture, and Society. Huffman is Professor in the English Department there, as well as a member of the Linguistics Program at the CUNY Graduate Center.

#### **University Seminar**

Presenters so far this fall at seminar have been Joseph Davis (on Italian impersonals), Radmila Gorup (on Serbo-Croatian Focus), Jaseleen Ruggles (on Spanish tenses), Nadav Sabar (on linguistic tools), Wallis Reid, and Ricardo Otheguy (both on English Control). Our joint project on the analysis of the English Control system continues. And we continue to enjoy meeting (mostly) at Faculty House at Columbia University on Friday mornings. Email Wallis Reid at wallis.reid @gse.rutgers.edu for dates and information; co-chaired by Radmila Gorup.

# **Diver Volume**

Have your institution's library order a copy of the 2012 Diver volume, published by Brill. ISBN 978-90-04-20858-2.

# **CS** News Solicited

Members are always encouraged to help us keep our web site, www.csling.org, up to date. Please e-mail Nancy Stern at nstern@ ccny.cuny.edu with advance information about upcoming events such as your presentations, talks, or other appearances that others might wish to attend. Let us know of any publications, appointments, promotions, and awards. Links to personal web pages can be added to the site. Continuing thanks to Michael Kaplan for technical expertise and assistance.

### **Discussion List**

Our electronic discussion list is at https:// list.mail.virginia.edu/mailman/listinfo/ csling. For information, email Betsy Rodríguez-Bachiller at b.r.bachiller@ gmail.com.

### **News from Members**

Robert S. Kirnser was honored in August at the 18th triennial conference of the International Association for Dutch Studies (Internationale Vereniging voor Neerlandistiek) at the University of Antwerp (Belgium), which held a special session on "Robert S. Kirsner and Dutch as an Exotic Language."

Mailhes, Verónica (2012). "Discurso político argentino", Chapter II. In: Adolfo García (Editor). *Aproximaciones teóricas y empíricas a la Lingüística Cognitiva*. 1a ed. (pp. 35-46). Mar del Plata: Martín. ISBN: 978-987-543-561-2

Under the direction of Angelita Martínez, Adriana Speranza has defended her Ph.D. thesis in linguistics at Facultad de Filosofía y Letras, Universidad de Buenos Aires. Prof. Martínez has been appointed Coordinator of the Master Programme in Linguistics at Universidad Nacional de La Plata, Argentina. There, she is carrying out a workshop called "DIVERsidad" where researchers, teachers and students meet regularly to read and discuss Diver's papers.

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