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PARASESSION: THE ROLE OF LEARNABILITY IN GRAMMATICAL THEORY

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY  
FEBRUARY 16-19, 1996

SPECIAL SESSION, February 16, 1996. Sproul Rooms, International House,  
2299 Piedmont Avenue

GENERAL SESSION, February 17-19, 1996. Valley Life Sciences Building,  
UC Berkeley

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1996 : Special Session

8:00 Registration opens

9:00 Scott DeLancey, University of Oregon, The Bipartite Stem Belt:  
Disentangling Areal and Genetic Correspondences

9:40 Gregory Anderson, University of Chicago, Interior Salish  
Reduplication in a Diachronic Perspective

10:10 Johannes Helmbrecht, Northeast Illinois University, On the  
Grammaticalization of First and Second Person Pronominal Affixes in  
North American Indian Languages

Break (10:40-11:00)

11:00 Margaret Langdon, UC San Diego, Some Mysteries in the  
Reconstruction of Proto-Yuman

11:40 Lieve Jooken, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, The Grammar of  
Moluche in Thomas Falkners A Description of Patagonia (1774)

12:10 Emanuel J. Drechsel, University of Hawaii at Manoa, The  
Historical Significance of Indigenous Pidgins in North America

LUNCH BREAK (12:40-2:00)

2:00 Laurel Watkins, University of Colorado, Reconstructing Person and  
Voice in Kiowa-Tanoan: Pitfalls and Progress

2:40 Lynn Nichols, Harvard University, Toward a Reanalysis of  
Kiowa-Tanoan Ablaut

3:10 Richard Rhodes, UC Berkeley, Sound Symbolism in the History of an  
Algonkian Semantic Domain

Break (3:40-4:00)

4:00 Jocelyn Ahlers, UC Berkeley, Metonymy and the Creation of New  
Words in Hupa

4:30 Rusty Barrett, UT Austin, The Effects of Mamean/Kichean Contact  
in Sipakapense

5:00 Robert Rankin, University of Kansas, Deeper Genetic Relationships  
in North America: A Pessimists View

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1996

8:00 Registration opens

9:00 Paul Hopper, Carnegie Mellon University, Discourse and the  
Construction of Categories

9:40 Sara Gesuato, UC Berkeley & Universi di Padova, Perception of  
Alveolar and Velar Allophones of English /l/ in Word-Initial and  
Word-Final Positions

10:10 Holger Diessel, SUNY Buffalo, Processing Factors of Pre- and  
Postposed Adverbial Clauses

Break (10:40-10:50)

10:50 Paula Kadosse Radetzky, UC Berkeley, To Will or Not to Will: The  
Evolution of Willy-Nilly

11:20 Chung-hye Han and Laura Siegel, University of Pennsylvania, An  
Account of NPIs in Wh-Questions

11:50 A. Krisjanis Karins, University of Pennsylvania, Optimal Stress  
Feet in Latvian

12:20 Natsuko Tsujimura, Indiana University, Another Look at  
Unaccusative Mismatches in Japanese

LUNCH BREAK (12:50-1:50)

1:50 Adele Goldberg, UC San Diego, Words by Default: Complex  
Predicates in Persian

2:30 Matthew L. Juge, UC Berkeley, Shift from Perfect to Present  
Meaning in Periphrastic Passives

3:00 Yelena Belyaeva, UC San Diego, Advice and Sovet: A Cross-Cultural  
Perspective on Speech Acts

3:30 Margaret R. MacEachern, UCLA, Ordering Restrictions on Aspirated  
and Ejective Stops in Bolivian Aymara

Break (4:00-4:10)

4:10 Manuela Romano, Universidad Autonoma de Madrid, Revising Old  
English Definitions of FRIEND: A Cognitive Account

4:40 Daniel Silverman, UCLA, Voiceless Nasals in Burmese and Auditory  
Phonology

5:10 William Raymond and Kristin Homer, University of Colorado, The  
Interaction of Participant Role and Pragmatic Function in the  
Selection of Question Form

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1996

8:30 Registration opens

9:00 Tracy Holloway King, Stanford University, Licensing Negative  
Pronominals in Georgian

9:30 Sean Erwin, UC San Diego, Weightless Epenthesis in Malagasy

10:00 Li-chiung Yang, Georgetown University, Intonational Structures of  
Mandarin Discourse

Break (10:30-10:40)

- 10:40 Natasha Warner, UC Berkeley, Classical and Modern Japanese Verb Morphology: Sound Change and Grammaticalization
- 11:10 Robert Malouf, Stanford University, A Constructional Approach to English Verbal Gerunds
- 11:40 Shigeko Okamoto, California State University, Fresno and UC Santa Cruz, Indexical Meaning, Linguistic Ideology, and Japanese Womens Speech

LUNCH BREAK (12:10-1:10)

PARASESSION

- 1:10 Melissa Bowerman, Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics, Nijmegen, "Argument Structure and Learnability: Is a Solution in Sight?"
- 1:50 Christopher Johnson, UC Berkeley, Learnability in the Acquisition Multiple Senses: SOURCE Reconsidered
- 2:20 Ted Gibson, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Triggering Data and Parameter Setting

Break (3:00-3:10)

PARASESSION

- 3:10 Lise Menn, University of Colorado, Evidence Children Use: Learnability and the Acquisition of Grammatical Morphemes
- 3:50 Matthew Saxton, University of London, "No Negative Evidence": What's the Problem?
- 4:20 Geoffrey K. Pullum, UC Santa Cruz, Hyperlearning, Complexity, Learnability, and Stimulus Poverty

Break (5:00-5:10)

- 5:10 Yoon-Suk Chung and David Gamon, UC Berkeley, Easy-Class Adjectives in Old English: A Constructional Approach
- 5:40 Minsu Shim, Indiana University, Edge Reduplication and Anchoring in Correspondence Theory
- 6:10 David Embick, University of Pennsylvania, Causativization and Possession in Hupa

BLS PARTY!! 9:00 p.m. to ?? (Details t.b.a.) Tickets (\$2) will be sold at conference.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1996

- 9:00 Johanna Nichols, UC Berkeley, The Geography of Language Origins
- 9:40 Misao Okada, University of Minnesota, How the Length and Pitch of aizuti back-channel utterances and the Nature of the Speech Activity Determine Preference Structure in Japanese Conversation
- 10:10 Kathleen Carey and Patricia Cukor-Avila, University of North Texas, Preposition Usage in African-American Vernacular English: What it Reveals about Semantic Extension

Break (10:40-10:50)

- 10:50 Seongha Rhee, UT Austin, Pragmatic Inferences and Grammaticalization of Serial Verbs of Displacement in Korean
- 11:20 Hye-Young Um, UT Austin, The Distribution and Representation of

Laryngeals

- 11:50 Satoko Suzuki, Macalester College, The Discourse Function of the Quotation Marker tte in Conversational Japanese
- 12:20 John Victor Singler, New York University, An OT Account of Pidgin Phonology: Coda Consonants in Vernacular Liberian English

LUNCH BREAK (12:50-1:50)

- 1:50 Armindo S. A. Ngunga, UC Berkeley, Historical Development of Nasals in Ciyao
- 2:20 Shoji Azuma, University of Utah, Borrowing and Politeness Strategy in Japanese
- 2:50 Eugene Buckley, University of Pennsylvania, Levels vs. Domains: The Case of Kashaya Vowel Length
- 3:20 Xiaozhao Huang, University of North Dakota, A Syntactic Study of African-American Vernacular English in "Middletown": Evidence of Convergence
- 3:50 Eleanor M. Blain, University of British Columbia, The Covert Syntax of Wh-Questions in Plains Cree

Break (4:20-4:30)

- 4:30 Jane Tsay, National Chung Cheng University and James Myers, York University, Taiwanese Tone Sandhi as Allomorph Selection
- 5:00 Elly van Gelderen, Arizona State University, The Emphatic Origin of Reflexives
- 5:30 Hyeon-Seok Kang, The Ohio State University, Variability in Deletion of Palatal Glide /y/ in Seoul Korean: The Variable Process and its Implications for Feature Theory
- 6:00 Andrew Kehler, SRI International, Coherence and the Coordinate Structure Constraint

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Language as a functional system. Language and speech. The subject of theoretical grammar is a systematic study of the grammatical structure of Modern English. The difference between practical and theoretical grammar is that grammar theory makes it possible to understand the laws according to which any language functions. Practical grammar gives the rules of using the laws of the language in speech. - An early XX century Swiss scholar Ferdinand de Saussure commented on the correlation between those two phenomena: language is a system of means of communication; speech is the activity using langu... Clahsen, H. (1988) Parameterized grammatical theory and language acquisition: A study of the acquisition of verb placement and inflection by children and adults. In: Linguistic theory in second language acquisition, ed. Flynn, S. & O'Neil, W.. Kluwer. [aSDE]Google Scholar. Clahsen, H. (1991) Constraints on parameter setting: A grammatical analysis of some acquisition stages in German child language. *language Acquisition* 1:361-391. [AV]CrossRef Google Scholar. Cook, V. J. (1973) The comparison of language development in native children and foreign adults. *International Review: of Applied Linguistics in language Teaching* 11:13-28. [aSDE]Google Scholar. Cook, V. J. (1985) Chomsky's universal grammar and second language acquisition. Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California. Press. 1976. University of California Publications in Linguistics 82. 5. *Studies in Uto-Aztecan Grammar*, vol. 1, An Overview of Uto-Aztecan Grammar. Dallas: Summer Institute of Linguistics and University of Texas at Arlington. Functional Stratigraphy. Robin E. Grossman et al. (eds.), *Papers from the Parasession on Functionalism*, 351-397. Chicago: Chicago Linguistic Society. 1975. 17. Language is the primary method of human communication, but there are also other ways to communicate without the use of language. When asked to define language we tend to think of a verbal and written system in which certain sounds and symbols come together in a specific way to convey meaning. Language in its most complex form is unique to humans, although some animals have been found to have basic communication patterns. Languages often have verbal and written components, but how we classify something like American Sign Language? Animals manage to communicate - do they have language? How did l...