

Program and Information
for the Second Annual Undergraduate Linguistics Colloquium
at Harvard

on the Harvard University campus, Cambridge, Massachusetts

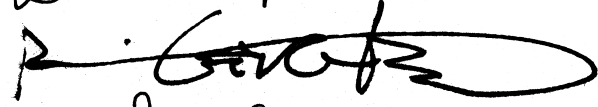
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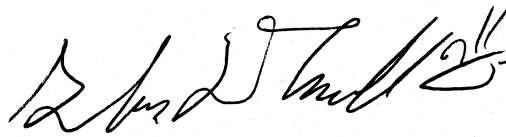
Welcome to the Second Annual Undergraduate Linguistics Colloquium at Harvard, hosted by LinG, the Harvard College Linguistics Group!

LinG is a relatively new organization at Harvard; it was established in the fall of 2001 by a group of undergraduate linguists and linguistics enthusiasts to give them a place to discuss the linguistics issues that their roommates were tired of hearing about. Among LinG's missions were the creation of study groups for the linguistics general exams, the establishment of a linguistics speaker series within the university, outreach to freshmen who might be interested in linguistics, and resources for seniors applying to linguistics graduate schools. But after the initial goals had been accomplished, it was time to attempt the ambitious project: an all-undergraduate conference where students could present their work and network with their future colleagues from other universities.

Thus the First Annual Undergraduate Linguistics Colloquium at Harvard was formed. Three other North American universities have inaugurated their own undergraduate-only colloquia in the past year, and we are proud to have begun what we see as a promising trend. This year, undergraduate linguists from across the Americas have come to Harvard to spend a weekend with each other, presenting and discussing their own ideas about linguistics which may one day shape the future of the field.

So welcome to this colloquium. Enjoy yourselves, and we hope to see you again next year!

Laura E. Openhaw

Amy Smith



Harvard College Linguistics Group Executive Board

If you need to speak with a LinG officer about any concerns during the conference, feel free to call Nassira at 617-308-1185 or Bridget at 617-610-3104.

Schedule of Events

Saturday, April 17th

- 9:00 Continental Breakfast and Registration
(registration continues outside Emerson 305 from 10:00 AM to 12:45 PM)
Ticknor Lounge, Boylston Hall, first floor
- 10:00 Opening Session: Professor Jay Jasanoff (Harvard University)
Emerson Hall 305
- 10:30 Alexander Boccio (New York University)
“A Syntactic Study of ‘New’ Russian as an Emerging Pidgin Language
in Russian Communities in New York and Philadelphia”
Emerson Hall 305
- 11:00 Bridget Samuels (Harvard University)
“Can you do that with a cheetah?
What they’re not telling you about OT, and why you should care”
Emerson Hall 305
- 11:30 Break – 15 minutes
- 11:45 Justin Nuger (McGill University)
“Case/Possessive Homophony in Tagalog and its Implications for Scrambling”
Emerson Hall 305
- 12:15 Nicholas Callaway (Reed College)
“Why has a similar thing happened among European French
and poor Latino day-laborers on the streets of the American West?”
Emerson Hall 305
- 12:45 Lunch – 90 minutes
We have listed several recommended Harvard-area restaurants on page four.
- 2:15 Laura Openshaw (Harvard University)
Discussion: “Factors in the Development of Balanced Bilinguals”
Emerson Hall 305
- 3:00 Sarah Hafer (University of New Mexico)
“Usage and/or Production of Metaphorical ASL Signs in Preschool Aged Deaf Children”
Emerson Hall 305
- 3:30 Jessica Coon (Reed College)
“Nominal Roots and Stem Formation in Chol (Mayan)”
Emerson Hall 305
- 4:00 Break – 15 minutes
- 4:15 Daniel Lassiter (Harvard University)
“Synchrony/Diachrony Interactions in Indo-European”
Emerson Hall 305
- 4:45 Eunice Petit-Homme (University of Victoria)
“An Acoustic Analysis of Duration on Vowel Perception”
Emerson Hall 305

Sunday, April 18th

- 9:00 Continental Breakfast
Ticknor Lounge, Boylston Hall, first floor
- 10:00 Liz Gannes (Dartmouth College)
“Hawaiian Language Revitalization”
Emerson Hall 305
- 10:30 Aline Okidoi (Federal University of Goias)
“Preliminary Phonological Description of Nukini-Pano”
Emerson Hall 305
- 11:00 Break – 15 minutes
- 11:15 Aurora Davis (Reed College)
“The Truth and Distance of Time:
An exploration of tense, aspect, and modality in Turkish, Turkmen, and Uzbek”
Emerson Hall 305
- 11:45 Gabriel Arellano and Wendy Severns (University of New Mexico)
“A Linguistic Analysis of Utterance Construction in American Sign Language,
British Sign Language, Mexican Sign Language, and Japanese Sign Language”
Emerson Hall 305
- 12:15 Lunch – 90 minutes
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- 1:45 Nicholas Callaway and Laura Jean Long (Reed College)
Nassira Nicola (Harvard University)
Panel/Discussion: “The Undergraduate Linguistics Curriculum”
Emerson Hall 305
- 2:30 Lauren Berk (Harvard University)
“Case in Slavic and Germanic Languages: Evidence against Universal Acquisition”
Emerson Hall 305
- 3:00 Rebecca Schiffmiller and Clare Timbie (Tufts University)
“Understanding the Multifaceted Nature of African American Vernacular English:
A comparison of children’s speech in Boston and Atlanta”
Emerson Hall 305
- 3:30 Break – 15 minutes
- 3:45 Keynote address: Professor Norbert Hornstein (University of Maryland)
“Unification in Syntax and Elsewhere”
Emerson Hall 305
- 4:45 Closing Session

*American Sign Language interpreters for the colloquium are
Rachel Cane, Luce Aubry, Laura O’Callahan, Janice Cagan-Teuber, and Robert Lee.*

Resources at Harvard

Safety Information

- Cambridge Police: 911 emergency, 617-349-3300 nonemergency. Department offices at 5 Western Avenue, Central Square.
- Harvard University Police: 617-495-1212 emergency, 617-495-1215 nonemergency. Department offices at 1033 Massachusetts Avenue, 6th floor.

Boston-Area Transportation

- Subway (the T): the Harvard T station is located in the middle of Harvard Square, just beyond the southwest corner of the Yard. Fares \$1.25 each way; trains run between 5:30 AM and 12:30 AM.
- Buses: buses leave from the Harvard T station and other clearly marked bus stops around Harvard Square; schedules for each bus line can be found in the station. Fares \$0.90 each way between 5:00 AM and 1:30 AM; \$1.50 for local buses (numbered routes) or \$2.00 for rail buses (corresponding to color-coded subway routes) each way on the Night Owl bus between 1:30 AM and 3:00 AM.
- Taxis: readily available in the Square outside the T station at any hour.
- Evening Van Shuttle Services: call 617-495-0400 between 7:00 PM and 2:30 AM; the shuttle will bring you back to Harvard.
- Harvard University Campus Escort Program: call 4-8237 from a campus phone or 617-38H-UCEP from a cell phone between 7:00 PM and 3:00 AM; a pair of students will escort you between any two points on the Harvard campus.

Recommended Local Restaurants

- Au Bon Pain: 1360 Massachusetts Avenue, bakery and café, inexpensive.
- Bartley's: 1246 Massachusetts Avenue, burgers, inexpensive/moderate. Closed Sundays.
- Bertucci's: 21 Brattle Street, pizza, inexpensive/moderate.
- Bombay Club: 57 JFK Street, Indian, moderate.
- One Arrow Street Crepes: 1 Arrow Street, crepes, inexpensive.
- Penang: 54 JFK Street, Malaysian, moderate.
- Pinocchio's: 74 Winthrop Street, pizza, inexpensive. Closed Sundays until 4:00 PM.
- Spice: 24 Holyoke Street, Thai, moderate.
- Tanjore: 18 Eliot Street, Indian, inexpensive/moderate. Closed 3:00 PM–5:00 PM daily.
- Tommy's House of Pizza: 49 Mount Auburn Street, pizza, inexpensive.
- Veggie Planet: 47 Palmer Street, vegetarian/pizza, inexpensive.
- The Wrap and Smoothie Joint: 71 Mount Auburn Street, wraps, inexpensive.

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Worship Services

- Christ Church of Cambridge (Episcopalian): 0 Garden Street; services at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:30 PM, and 5:00 PM on Sunday.
- First Church in Cambridge Congregational (United Church of Christ): 11 Garden Street; services at 11:00 AM and 5:30 PM on Sunday.
- First Parish in Cambridge (Unitarian Universalist): 3 Church Street; services at 10:30 AM on Sunday.
- Harvard-Epworth United Methodist Church: 1555 Massachusetts Avenue; services at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM on Sunday.
- Harvard Hillel (Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform Judaism): 52 Mount Auburn Street.
 - Orthodox services at 7:10 PM on Friday, 9:00 AM and 6:50 PM on Saturday, and 8:30 AM on Sunday.
 - Student Conservative services at 6:30 PM on Friday and 9:30 AM, 1:45 PM, and 8:04 PM on Saturday.
 - Reform services at 5:30 PM on Friday.
- Memorial Church (nondenominational Protestant): in Harvard Yard; services at 11:00 AM on Sunday.
- St. Paul's (Roman Catholic): 29 Mount Auburn Street; services at 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM on Saturday and 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, and 5:00 PM on Sunday.
- University Lutheran Church: 66 Winthrop Street; services at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM on Sunday.

Saturday Night Events at Harvard

- **Tickets can be ordered through the Harvard Box Office, 617-496-2222.**
- Fiesta Mondiale (international cultural festival); Dunster House Dining Hall, 8:00 PM for food (\$8), 10:00 PM for dancing (\$5).
- *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead*, Loeb Drama Center, 8:00 PM, \$8.
- Hands & Feet Across the Water (classical music and dance), Rieman Center (10 Garden Street), 8:00 PM, \$15.
- *Iolanthe* by Harvard-Radcliffe Gilbert and Sullivan Players, Agassiz Theatre, 8:00 PM, \$6 or \$4.
- The Music of Jim Hall (jazz), Sanders Theatre, 8:00 PM, \$8.
- Presencia Latina: Calle Ocho (Latin-American cultural show), Lowell Lecture Hall, 8:00 PM, \$7.
- *A Streetcar Named Desire*, Eliot House Dining Hall, 8:30 PM, \$5.

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