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CONGRATULATIONS

Ph.D.

Nora Onizan successfully defended her Ph.D. dissertation, *Copular Constructions in Modern Standard Arabic, Modern Hebrew, and English*; **Maisoun Abu-Joudeh** successfully defended her Ph.D. dissertation, *A Minimalist Approach to*, and **Maria Carmen Parafita** successfully defended her Ph.D. dissertation with honors, *Focus at the Interface*.

M.A.

Yumie Saito successfully defended her M.A. thesis, *Native and Non-Native Production and Perception of the Japanese Affricate /ts/ and fricative /s/*, **Pedro Mateo** successfully defended his M.A. thesis, *The Acquisition of Inflectional Morphology in Q'anjo'al*, and **Nathan Poell** successfully defended his M.A. thesis, *A Phonetic Study of the Vowels and Tones of Western Cherokee*. **Nina Radkevich** defended her M.A. thesis, Multiple wh-questions in Russian, on May 13, 2005.

Ph.D. Oral Comprehensive Exams

Both **Wael Zuraiq** and **Farah Alenezi** have passed their Ph.D. Oral Comprehensive Examinations.

UPCOMING DEFENSES

Ph.D.

Ling Yan will be defending her Ph.D. dissertation, *Movement to the Left Periphery of μP* , on May 27, 2005.

M.A.

Olga Dmitrieva will be defending her M.A. thesis, *Incomplete Neutralization during Final Devoicing in Russian: Acoustic Evidence from Native Speakers and Second Language Learner*, on May 23, 2005.

STUDENT AWARDS

Ariane Rhone, received an undergraduate Summer Honor's Research Fellowship as well as the Nelson scholarship for the 2005-2006 school year.

Wendy Herd and **Yuwen Lai** received the Linguistics Scholarship Award for the academic year 2005-2006.

Pedro Mateo received the Linguistic Award, a one year subscription to the Linguistics Society of America (LSA).

Brad Weiss received the Erasmus Award, a one year subscription to an applied linguistics journal of his choice.

Emily Tummons received the Foreign Language Area Studies fellowship to attend Tulane University's six-week intensive Kaqchikel Maya course this summer.

Yuwen Lai and **Bradley Weiss** both received LSA Fellowships covering tuition to attend the 2005 Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute, June 27 - August 5, in Cambridge, Massachusetts, which is being co-hosted by Harvard and MIT.

STUDENT HAPPENINGS

Nathan Poell is now working for the University of Kansas in KUCR as a Grant Specialist. If you have any grant proposals you would like to do remember we have a fellow linguist who will be more than happy to assist you. Nathan is also continuing his work towards a Master of Library Science (MLS) degree from Emporia State.

Melissa Stamer has been accepted into the Education PhD program in T&L at the University of Kansas.

Sam Hopkins received travel funds from the Honors Program to travel to Qinghai (N. Tibet) China for one month this summer with Prof. Arienne Dwyer. He will be assisting in her fieldwork on Monguor, an endangered Mongolic language

Maria Carmen Parafita has accepted a Visiting Assistant Professor position at Kenyon College (Gambier, OH) in the Department of Modern. She will be teaching Spanish, Spanish Linguistics and helping out in creating a General Linguistics program. She will also be part of the faculty for the International Studies Program.

Brad Weiss attended Michigan Linguistic Society Annual Conference in Flint, MI, October 16-17, 2004. He also presented the following:

"Comparative Metrics in Germanic Verse" with Michael Putnam at the Graduate Association of German Students conference at the University of Kansas, March 11-12, 2005.

"*uff* vs. *uch*: Neutralization of a Voiceless Fricative in Word-Final, Post-Back Vowel Position in a Kansas Volga German Dialect" with William Keel and Michael Putnam at the 29th Annual Symposium of the Society for German-American Studies (SGAS) in Grand Rapids, MI, May 5-8, 2005.

And will be presenting "Development of PIE Voiced Stops into Italic: Evidence from *-zC- Medial Clusters" at the Greek and Latin from an Indo-European Perspective (GLIEP) conference in Cambridge, UK, July 8-9, 2005.

Brad also has a publication coming out this year entitled "*An Investigation of Consonant Inventory Development in East Frisian Low German Utilizing Optimality Theory (OT)*". In the yearbook of the Society for German-American Studies 39. (with Michael T. Putnam) (in press).

Erin Klager and **Liane Carmi** will be presenting their Honor's theses at the Departments "Honorfest" on May 19, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. in 207 Blake.

- **Liane Carmi**: *The acoustics and perception of modal and whispered tone in Mandarin Chinese*
- **Erin Klager**: *Visual classification of French vowels by speakers of English*

GTA'S FOR 2005-2006

Yuwen Lai, **Brad Montgomery-Anderson**, **Melissa Stamer**, and **Sabri Al-Shboul** will hold Graduate Teaching Assistantships in the coming 2005-2006 academic year.

THANKS

The Linguistics Department would like to thank those who have contributed to the *Francis Ingemann Linguistics Scholarship Fund* for the past year: Those who have contributed to the *Linguistics Department General Fund* for the past year are: Mary Janzen (c92), Daniel r. Frese, MD (c78, c82) Christopher Wilhelm (c91, c95), Phillip Jones-Thomas (c76), Anne Ediger (c83), Susan Prather (c70), Larry Hutchinson (c64), Gregory Stump (c76), Elsy Cardona (c84, c96), Elizabeth P. DeBauge (c89), Mary Linn (c94, c01). Your contributions provide support for students and academic programs

FACULTY PRESENTATIONS

Allard Jongman presented:

- *Acoustic and perceptual characteristics of English fricatives*. Presented at "From Sound to Sense: Fifty+ Years of Discoveries in Speech Communication". International conference to honor Professor Kenneth Stevens's 80th birthday. Boston, MA, June 2004.
- *Acoustic variability and perceptual learning*. Invited presentation at a workshop on "Speech perception in humans and not so humans", Freudental, Germany, July 2004.
- *Perceptual learning of non-native accented speech*, Invited Speaker, Workshop on Second Language Speech Learning, Vancouver, Canada, May 14-15, 2005.

and will be presenting:

- *Effects of aspiration on fundamental frequency in Taiwanese syllables*. Acoustical Society of America, 149th Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America and the Canadian Acoustical Association, Vancouver, Canada, May 16-20, 2005. (with Y. Lai).
- *Language Learning in Adults and Children*, Paper Presentation, International Speech Communication Association Workshop on Plasticity in Speech Perception, London, UK, June 15-17, 2005. (with J.Sereno).

Jie Zhang presented:

- With Yuwen Lai, *Psychological differences between natural and unnatural tone sandhi in Mandarin Chinese*. 79th annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA). San Francisco, CA. January, 2005.

Joan Sereno presented:

- *Perception of native and non-native foreign-accented speech*. Presented at "From Sound to Sense: Fifty+ Years of Discoveries in Speech Communication". International conference to honor Professor Kenneth Stevens's 80th birthday. Boston, MA, June 2004.
- *Behavioral and cortical effects of learning a second language*. Invited presentation at a workshop on "Speech perception in humans and not so humans", Freudental, Germany, July 2004.
- *L2 perception and production training*, Invited Panel Discussant, Workshop on Second Language Speech Learning, Vancouver, Canada, May 14-15, 2005.
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DEPARTMENTAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joan Sereno will be going on sabbatical leave this fall 2005 semester. She plans to spend her sabbatical leave at the Linguistics Department of the University of Konstanz in Germany. While in Germany she will continue her research on the processing of English inflected word forms in a language such as German with a more complex morphology, conducting a series of behavioral experiments, and using recent brain imaging techniques that will allow her to examine cortical activation during language processing.

If you have interesting news or information you would like to share in upcoming KULD's, please send information to Alex Hornbrook, Office Manager – Department of Linguistics
alexhorn@ku.edu

Allard Jongman will be going on sabbatical leave this fall 2005. He plans to spend his sabbatical leave completing a new textbook in Phonetics, under contract with Blackwell Publishers, entitled *Phonetics: Transcription, Production, Acoustics, and Perception*. He will spend time at the University of Konstanz, Germany, with his co-author, Professor Henning Reetz, to incorporate the reviewers' comments and prepare a final draft of the book, as well as start putting together the website that will accompany the book.

Robert Rankin is retiring this semester after 36 year of service to the University of Kansas and the Department of Linguistics. We will be having a retirement party for Dr. Rankin on Thursday, May 12, 2005 at Old Chicago in Lawrence, KS.

Allard Jongman was promoted to full professor effective July 1, 2005 – congratulations Dr. Jongman!

Jie Zhang received a General Research Fund (GRF) for his project *The Psychological Reality of Taiwanese Tone Sandi*.

Allard Jongman received a General Research Fund (GRF) for his project, *Dialectal variation in the acoustic characteristics of emphasis in Arabic*

Jie Zhang received the KU Silver Anniversary Award for excellence in teaching.

Robert Rankin received an NEH Fellowship to work on his project for Native American languages.

Jie Zhang will be an honoree at the annual Center for Teaching Excellence reception, The University of Kansas.

KWPL News - KU's new institutional electronic depository, KU Scholarworks (<https://kuscholarworks.ku.edu/dspace/>), has been digitizing back issues of the Kansas Working Papers in Linguistics. Several volumes are now up if you would like to look at them. Hopefully all the back issues will be scanned by the end of the summer. The articles are in PDF format, however the abstracts are all keyword searchable in Scholarworks. In addition, Google is beginning to index institutional archives such as KU Scholarworks, so if you choose to publish an article in KWPL in the future, your work will gain a visibility not available before. The direct link to the KWPL section is: <https://kuscholarworks.ku.edu/dspace/handle/1808/276>

NEW FACULTY

Harold Torrence will be joining the faculty this fall as an Assistant Professor. Dr. Torrence received his Ph.D., "*On the Distribution of Complementizers in Wolof*," from UCLA.

Alison Gabriel will be joining the faculty this fall as an Assistant Professor. Dr. Gabriel received her Ph.D., "*The Acquisition of Aspect in a Second Language: a Bidirectional Study Learners of Japanese and English*," from City University of New York (CUNY).

JUST FOR FUN

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