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CONGRATULATIONS

Ph.D.

Osama Abdel-Ghafer successfully defended his Ph.D. dissertation with honors, *Copular Constructions in Modern Standard Arabic, Modern Hebrew, and English*; **Mohamed Galal** successfully defended his Ph.D. dissertation, *A Minimalist Approach to Relative Clauses in Modern Standard Arabic*; **Ivonne Heinze** successfully defended her Ph.D. dissertation, *Kaqchikel and Spanish Language Contact: The case of Bilingual Mayan Children*; **Travis Wade** successfully defended his Ph.D. dissertation with honors, *Acoustic Variability and Perceptual Learning of Nonnative-Accented Speech Sounds*.

M.A.

Mariko Karasawa successfully defended her MA thesis, *Native and Non-Native Production and Perception of the Japanese Affricate /ts/ and fricative /s/*; **Yuwen Lai** successfully defended her MA thesis, *The Effect of Aspiration of the Fo of the following tone in Taiwanese*.

Ph.D. Oral Comprehensive Exams

Eva Rodriguez, **Maisoun Abu-Joudeh**, **Nora Onizan**, **Maria Carmen Parafita** and **Yan Ling** have all passed their PhD Oral Comprehensive Examinations.

AWARDS

Congratulations to **Travis Wade** for receiving the Dorothy Haglund Award for outstanding Doctoral Dissertation for the year 2004, to **Eva Rodriguez** for receiving the Linguistics Scholarship Award, to **Diana Pastoriza** for receiving the Erasmus Award, to **Olga Dmitrieva** for receiving the Linguistics Award. Congratulations to **Emily Tummons** for receiving the Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship for the academic year 2004--2005.

THANKS

The Linguistics Department would like to thank those who have contributed to the *Francis Ingemann Linguistics Scholarship Fund* for the past year: Frances Ingemann; and those who have contributed to the *Linguistics Department General Fund* for the past year: 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

DEPARTMENTAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

KUPPL will temporarily move over the summer to the 4th Floor of Blake, Room 421. It will return to 5 Blake but in a brand new lab space (nearly doubling its size) by the early fall!

GTA'S FOR 2004-2005

Maria Carmen Parafita, **Yuwen Lai**, **Brad Montgomery-Anderson**, **Nora Onizan**, and **Eva Rodriguez** will hold Graduate Teaching Assistantships in the coming academic year. Nora will be teaching the Structure of Arabic in the fall semester.

FACULTY

Dr. Jie Zhang joined the Linguistics Department this past fall (2003) as our new Phonology Professor. Dr. Zhang received his PhD in Linguistics in 2001 from UCLA.

Dr. Clifton Pye, together with Dr. Penelope Brown (Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics), Dr. Lourdes de León (CIESAS-Sureste), and Dr. Barbara Pfeiler (U. Autónoma de Yucatán), will be presenting a symposium on the acquisition of Mayan languages this summer at the Sixth International Mayanist Congress in Villahermosa, Tabasco from the 11th to 17th of July. The title of their symposium is 'The acquisition of agreement in four Mayan languages: Tzotzil, Tzeltal, K'iche' and Yukatek'.

Dr. Joan Sereno and **Dr. Allard Jongman** will each be presenting their research at a conference at MIT in honor of Ken Stevens' 80th birthday (June). They have also been invited to a workshop on speech perception at the University of Konstanz in Germany (July).

Dr. Jie Zhang and **Yuwen Lai** attended a workshop called "Redefining Elicitation--Novel Data in Phonological Theory" at NYU April 9-11, 2004. The title of their talk was "The Psychological Reality of Mandarin Tone Sandhi." The data acquisition method they used was wug-testing speakers on novel words to investigate the productivity of tone sandhi rules.

Dr. Robert Rankin wrote and presented the following conference papers over the past year: "*The Kaw Nation language program.*" CINS Spring Conference and Round Table. University of Kansas, Don Fixico, Organizer. **May 2003**; "*The Eclectic Chair*" (analysis of a "Kansa" (actually Osage) inscription on a chair in the U.S. Senate Museum collections), 23rd annual Siouan and Caddoan Languages Conference, East Lansing, MI, **June, 2003**; "*Saltatory Sound Shifts and the Role of Perception in Sound Change.*" Linguistics Colloquy, University of Kansas, **November, 2003**; "*Ofo morphosyntax, as recovered from Swanton's 600-word Ofo vocabulary of 1909.*" Biennial Workshop in Comparative Linguistics, University of Michigan, **March, 2004**; "*The Ofo Language of Louisiana: Philological Recovery of Grammar and Typology.*" Invited presentation; *Language Variety in the South*, LAVIS-III/SECOL, Tuskegee, AL, **April, 2004**; "*Active/stative case alignment in Ohio Valley Siouan.*" To be presented at the 2004 annual Siouan and Caddoan Languages and Linguistics Conference, Wayne State University, Wayne, NE. **June, 2004**

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
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