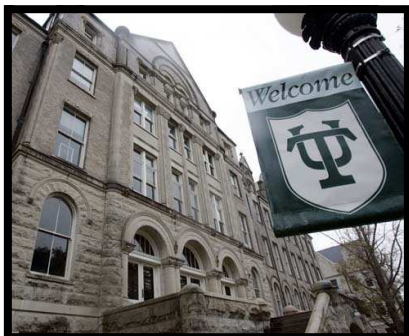


COMMENT



SECOL LXXVI *"Language, Politics and the Law"*

This spring's conference was hosted by Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana April 8-10.

Tulane, a private research university was founded in 1834 as a public medical college. In the 19th century, under the endowments of Paul Tulane and Josephine Louise Newcomb the college was privatized, making it the only American university to be converted from a public institution to private.

SECOL 76 was hosted by Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana on April 8-10. The conference, themed *Language, Politics and Law* was a great success with more than 80 excellent presentations on a variety of themes. The conference was also a celebration of the 40th anniversary of SECOL. Many thanks are owed to Nathalie Dajko and her support crew of students from Tulane University. Tremendous thanks are also due to Tulane University itself, who served both as host to the conference and provided a tremendous monetary donation, and to the support from the Tulane University Linguistics Program, the Tulane University Center for Scholars, and the Newcomb College Foundation. Equipment needs were met thanks for the Tulane Department of Anthropology Center for Archaeology and the Tulane Language Learning Center. Thanks also go to the Double Tree/Hilton Hotel in New Orleans and to the SECOL Executive committee and program members.

Despite post-Katrina issues, New Orleans served as a fantastic venue for the SECOL conference. SECOL thanks all who participated in this spring's conference in the Crescent City. A good time was had by all, and a minimum of five pounds were gained by most due to eating the famous New Orleans food. The conference wrapped up with a pirougue full of boiled crawfish and dancing to a Cajun band, Cajun Toujours, at Michaul's restaurant.

We are looking forward to another successful meeting next year! Please continue to visit the SECOL website for updated information, www.secol.org.

Look Ahead!

The "Call for Papers" for the April 2010 conference will go out in October. Keep an eye out for updates on the SECOL website.



Recognition and Awards

REZA ORDOUBADIAN AWARD

The Reza Ordoubadian Award is presented to a student member of SECOL based on a presentation at the previous year's meeting. The recipient is selected by a committee and receives a cash award and a three year membership in SECOL. This year's Reza Ordoubadian Award recipient is Janneke Van Hofwegen for her paper titled "The Evolution of /l/ across Three Generations of African Americans." This paper was presented at the 2008 SECOL conference in Knoxville, TN.

BERNSTEIN AWARD

This award will be announced in May of 2009. Submissions for this award are due by May 15, 2009. In order to be considered, the author of the paper must be a member of SECOL and must have submitted the paper during the April 2009 conference in New Orleans.

STEVE GROSS

This year SECOL also offered a one-time, \$100 award for the best paper on Language Contact, Pidgins, Creoles, Code Switching or L1 Attrition in honor of Dr. Steve Gross. Eligibility for this award is open to SECOL members. The member awarded at the Spring Conference was Jill Hallett for her paper titled "More attention, this issue needs: Indo-Aryan constituent order transfer in English."



Planning for Spring 2010 Under Way

Things to do in Oxford, MS

Rowan Oak

Home of William Faulkner
Open for tours 10-4 Tues-Sat
and 1-4 Sun. Closed
Mondays.
(662)234-3284

University Museum

Tues-Sat 9:30-4:30 and Sun
1-4:30. Closed Mon
(662)-915-7073

Neilson's

The South's oldest
continuously running
department store.
1-800-797-8293
Www.neilsons1838.com

Square Books

Specialize in signed editions
by southern writers.
(662) 236-2262
Www.squarebooks.com

Planning for the Spring 2010 conference is under way and Oxford, Mississippi has been named the location. The University of Mississippi, more fondly known as Ole Miss, will host the conference. This location is filled with southern charm, with beautiful historic squares, historic locations and much to do and see. The conference will occur in April, 2010, and specific dates will be announced later. Keep an eye on the website, and look for the call for papers to appear in early October.



Submit papers and books for reviewing. Your entry could be selected and featured in the SECOL journal, published bi-annually!

Accommodations in Oxford

Hotels and Motels

Comfort Inn

(662) 234-6000 • 1808 Jackson Avenue West
<http://www.choicehotels.com/>

Days Inn

(662) 234-9500 • 1101 Frontage Road
<http://www.daysinn.com/>

Downtown Oxford Inn & Suites

(662) 234-3031 • 400 North Lamar Boulevard
<http://www.downtownoxfordinnandsuites.com/>

Hampton Inn

(662) 232-2442 • 110 Heritage Drive
<http://hamptoninn.hilton.com/>

Holiday Inn Express

(662) 236-2500 • 1-800-HOLIDAY • 112 Heritage Drive
<http://www.ichotelsgroup.com>

Ole Miss Motel

(662) 234-2424 • 1517 University Avenue

The Inn at Ole Miss

(662) 234-2331 • University of Mississippi
<http://www.theinnatolemiss.com/new/>



Downtown Oxford Inn

Bed and Breakfast Inns

Blue Creek Cabin

(662) 238-2897 • 535 Highway 30 East
<http://www.bluecreekcabin.com/>

The Burrows

off Highway 6 East • (662) 236-3913 • 40 CR 287
<http://www.burrowsbandb.com>

The Colonel's Quarters

off Highway 6 East • (662) 236-9601 • 20 County Road 413
<http://www.thecolonelsquarters.com/>

Cart Barn Inn @ Yoda Creek

(662) 983-7829 • 74 CR 259 • Bruce 38915
<http://www.cartbarninn.com>

Cove Hill Guest House

(662) 234-8611 • 201 News Hill Cove
<http://www.covehillguesthouse.com>

Honey Bee Inn

(662) 236-5472 • 1231 Highway 30 East
<http://www.honeybeeinnoxford.com/>

Oak Hill Stables

(662) 801-2084 • 670 County Road 101 (off Old Hwy 7)

The Five Twelve Bed and Breakfast

(662) 234-8043 • 512 Van Buren Avenue

Puddin' Place

(662) 234-1250 • 1008 University Avenue

Ravine

(662) 234-4555 • 53 CR 321
<http://www.oxfordravine.com>

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Tidbits



-Encourage you students to apply for the awards listed on the first page of the newsletter!

-Spread the Word! Encourage others at you university to submit papers for both the Call and the Journal.

-Visit www.secol.org for updated job postings. This information can be found under the Bulletin Board. Also, send any new job openings you hear about to be posted on this list. All information can be submitted to Robin Sabinro at sabinro@auburn.com.



“To understand the world, you must first understand a place like Mississippi.”
-William Faulkner

-remember to RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP before sending your abstracts.

-students who read papers at the New Orleans, LA conference in Spring '09 should submit papers to Megan Melancon for review for the ROA, Bernstein and Steve Gross Awards. These can be submitted to megan.melancon@gcsu.edu.

-Please contact Michael Picone (picone@ua.edu) about SAADS (South Atlantic Region of the American Dialect Society) information for both the upcoming SECOL conference and future conferences.

-If you have pictures from the April 2009 conference in New Orleans, LA please send them to Robin Sabinro (sabinro@auburn.com). These images can be used in future newsletters and on the website.

-SECOL members are asked to contribute articles to upcoming issues of *SJL* on topics of general interests to SECOL members, book reviews, members' recently published books for which a review is desired, reviews of recently read books of interest to the SECOL membership, and suggestions for special interest issues. Contact Felice Coles at fcoles@olemiss.edu.



-Send any “Tidbits” you would like to share to megan.melancon@gcsu.edu to be featured in the next newsletter!

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MINUTES

Slate of Officers

Visit the SECOL website for a list of standing officers, [www. SECOL.org](http://www.SECOL.org). There you will notice the following changes; Allison Burkette has rotated office President and is succeeded by Lisa Abney, the new Vice President of SECOL is Clai Rice of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, the new Executive Committee representative is Nathalie Dayko, and the new Nominating Committee member is Catherine Davis

New appointments this year include the Awards Committee:

- Allison Burkette
- Ellen Johnson
- Cindy Bernstein

Minutes for the General Business Meeting

- Allison Burkette read resolutions
- Megan Melancon announced awards
- Robin Sabino discussed the SECOL budget
- Allison Burkette read the new Slate of Officers and announced the need for a venue for 2011



RESOLUTIONS:

Whereas the following have served the organization with dedication, be it resolved that SECOL expresses its gratitude to the following:

For funding:

Tulane University Linguistics Program (\$1,000)
Tulane University Center for Scholars (\$4, 200)
Newcomb College Foundation (\$5,774)

For the hotel:

Tracie Lewis and Raqnel Bruno

For the local hosts help and support:

Nathalie Dajko	Tom Klinger
Judie Maxwell	Grahm Hall
Darcie Blainey	Lisa Philip
Lori Jahnke	Susan Chevalier
Katie Carmichael	Aaron Nitzkin
Patrick McCrea	Matthew Crossland
Tamara Lindner	Beth Larkin
Kevin Fontenot	Roland Cheramie
Mike Rodgers	Kate Heaton

For equipment:

Tulane Department of Anthropology Center for Archaeology

Tulane Language Learning Center

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AGENDA

OLD BUSINESS

As was decided in last year's Executive Committee meeting, SECOL will annually, for the next **five years**, fund the Bernstein award for a paper in Language in Politics with a prize of \$100.00. Cindy Bernstein's donation will constitute the first award. The prize will be open to all members. The EC will assess the level of interest in the award in 2013.

COMMENT: no one applied for it this year, although it was listed in the Call for papers and in the Winter 2008 newsletter.

We had two submissions for the Reza Ordoubadian award. The winner was Janneke Van Hofwegen. She will receive ROA - \$100 dollars and a three year membership to the organization.

The other award was the Steve Gross award, also announced in the Winter 2008 newsletter and in the call for papers. We had one submission. The winner was Jill Hallett. As a reminder:

NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions

Thank Nathalie Dajko

Thank Tulane University for the \$10,000 donation

Thank the Doubletree?

Thank the SECOL Executive Committee and program committee members

Thank Christine Mallinson for volunteering to be on the program committee at the last minute. She really stepped up to the plate.

Get other names from Nathalie to thank

Thank those rotating off

2. Establish the members of the various committees
3. Give Nathalie Dajko a three year membership as a reward for her incredibly hard working pulling this conference together
4. Write a letter for Nathalie Dajko's dossier to acknowledge her work in the creation of this conference (Robin will do).
5. Membership dues discussion. People get abstracts accepted but do not sign up for membership in SECOL. Creates a chaotic, inefficient, and money draining mess. What has been done: it has been explicitly and clearly stated in the call for papers, the newsletter, on the website, and, most importantly, in the acceptance letter sent out for each accepted abstract that one must be a member of the organization in order to present.

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The University of Mississippi

Instructional Assistant Professor of German and Director of the Language Resource Center

The Department of Modern Languages at The University of Mississippi invites applications for a permanent, full-time position at the rank of Instructional Assistant Professor. (non-tenure track) to begin July 1, 2009. The successful candidate will hold a Ph.D. at the time of appointment in German with a specialization in language pedagogy, CALL, or post-1600 German literature and culture, possess native or near-native fluency in German, and demonstrate excellence in teaching. Duties will include teaching courses in German language, literature, and culture at the undergraduate and graduate levels, participating actively in departmental service, and overseeing the operation of the Language Resource Center, the department's language lab, which houses 50 Macintosh computers. The successful candidate will supervise several student workers, arrange lab schedules for faculty, work with IT to keep computers updated and in good working condition, seek out grants for improvements in the LRC, maintain the departmental website and work with the Chair on LRC budgetary matters. Twelve-month appointment with a 3/3 teaching load, competitive salary, and support for travel/research.

Follow the on-line application procedure at <http://jobs/olemiss.edu> and attach your cover letter, CV, and a statement of teaching philosophy. Your application materials should address your approach to the use of technology in foreign language instruction and any relevant expertise therewith. Three letters of recommendation should be sent to Chair, German Search Committee, Department of Modern Languages, The University of Mississippi, University, MS 38677-1848. Inquiries may be directed to csapp@olemiss.edu. The primary deadline for receipt of applications will be March 27th, but applications will be received until the position is filled.

Georgia College and State University

A teaching intensive position with departmental service expected: 12 semester hours each term in core courses from Areas A, C, and F (composition, world literature, surveys of national and international literatures in English, and introduction to Shakespeare), with possibility of an upper-level course or courses in Spring 2010. Service in one or more of the following areas: maintenance and extension of departmental web pages, editorial assistance to editor of the Flannery O'Connor Review, assistance to the chair in advising and publicizing graduate and undergraduate majors. Possibility of summer courses if desired. For full description visit <https://www.gcsujobs.com/applicants/jsp/shared/frameSet/FrameSet.jsp?time=1239333634201>

Applied Linguist

The Modern Language Department seeks qualified applicants for the position of Assistant Director of the [Intensive English Program \(IEP\)](#) in the Division of Outreach & Continuing Education and Instructional Assistant Professor of [Applied Linguistics in the Department of Modern Languages](#) to begin July 1, 2009. 12-month contract. The Assistant Director will oversee and implement the community English as a Second Language (ESL) program and assist with the implementation of assessment and class scheduling for the IEP. The successful candidate will also be appointed as an Instructional Assistant Professor of Applied Linguistics in the Department of Modern Languages and will teach both in the IEP at UM-Oxford and in the MA (TESL emphasis) degree programs at UM-Oxford, UM-Southaven and/or UM-Tupelo.

Administrative experience is required in one or more of the following areas of specialization: community-based ESL programs; intensive English programs; and/or foreign language programs. Evidence of excellence in teaching is expected. Primary area of teaching expertise will be in any

two of the following: assessment; language for specific purposes; second language acquisition; teaching methods in K-12 and community-based programs. Ph.D. or ABD required in applied linguistics or a related field, including, but not limited to, educational linguistics; English educa-

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tion; language, literacy and culture; linguistics; second language acquisition.

Review of applications will begin February 13, 2009 and continue until the position is filled. Apply online at <<https://jobs.olemiss.edu/>>. Include cover letter and a curriculum vitae. Three confidential letters of recommendation and documentation of supervisory/teaching excellence should be sent to Chair of the Search Committee for Instructional Assistant Professor of Applied Linguistics, Department of Modern Languages, The University of Mississippi, University, MS 38677.

University of Alabama

Applied Linguist

Tenure-track, assistant professor in applied linguistics to begin August 16, 2009. The position will involve teaching in the graduate applied linguistics/TESOL program, as well as offering linguistics courses (e.g., introduction to linguistics) in the undergraduate curriculum; research productivity and publication in applied linguistics; and appropriate service to the department.

Requirements: Ph.D. in Applied Linguistics or related field by August 16, 2009. Specialization in second language acquisition with a strength in language teaching methodology is required. Candidates must provide evidence of successful teaching experience and should be able to teach a range of graduate courses in applied linguistics, as well as undergraduate courses in linguistics. Candidates must demonstrate evidence of the ability to establish and conduct a scholarly research agenda.

Preferred qualifications are proficiency in at least one other language besides English, international experience, and previous involvement with an intensive language institute.

Apply online at <http://facultyjobs.ua.edu> where you can upload a cover letter and resume. Then, please mail three letters of recommendation to the Applied Linguistics Search Committee, ATTN: Dr. Catherine Davies, University of Alabama, Box 870244, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487

Applications accepted until the position is filled; review process begins on Oct. 1, 2008.

The University of Alabama is an Equal Opportunity Affirmative Action Employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

University of Massachusetts Amherst

Linguistic anthropologist

Assistant professor, Department of Anthropology, Fall 2009. Specialization: social life of discourse and language. PhD preferred at the time of appointment. The Department is building on our teaching, research, and service concentration on the causes and manifestations of inequality and the promotion of social justice in the Americas. This position is part of a group of hires in these areas across the subdisciplines of anthropology.

The successful candidate will have a vision and strong record of research and teaching in issues of discourse, power, and inequality, with a specific area preferred focus on Latin American, Caribbean, or Latino studies. The Department has a strong preference for research that addresses the racialized politics of language: racism, colonialism, creolization; language shift, linguistic profiling, language and media, and language reclamation; the role of language and discourse in the constitution of race, gender, and sexuality; institutional(ized) discourses of education and socialization; and bi- or multilingual communities. The department is committed to developing a more diverse faculty, student body and curriculum.

The department seeks candidates who

- will strengthen our curriculum in research methodologies, data collection, and analysis, and have expertise in digital technologies for working with discourse data.
- demonstrate a willingness to serve linguistic communities through their research.
- are integrated into the racialized communities they study, as a means to build on the strong community outreach initiative of the department.
- value and encourage research and teaching across the subdisciplines of anthropology.
- will strengthen our cooperation with interdepartmental programs with these same foci.

The University of Massachusetts Amherst is the flagship campus of the 5-campus publicly funded UMass system. It is located in the Connecticut River Valley, 90 miles west of Boston and 180 miles northeast of New York City. UMass Amherst hosts nearly 19,000 undergraduate students and 5,600 graduate students, and nearly 900 tenure system faculty. The Department of Anthropology has 17 faculty, 175 majors in the BA program and 82 graduate students working on MA and/or PhD programs.