

SLA Weekly Newsletter  
University of Maryland Second Language Acquisition Program/SLLC  
Wednesday, January 24, 2007

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1. Scholarship Awareness Event (2/1)

When : Thursday, February 01, 2007 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
Where : Visitor's Center Auditorium

This event highlights opportunities for Maryland students to apply for national scholarships. Speakers include Kathy Culpin with the British Council for the Marshall Scholarships; Mary Lou Hartman, Director, George J. Mitchell Scholarships; Christopher Powers for the National Security Education Program and the Fulbright Program; and Sean Fahey for the Gates Cambridge and the Rhodes scholarships. This event is open to faculty, staff, and students at all University System of Maryland teaching institutions.

Limited seating. Please RSVP online at [www.scholarships.umd.edu/SAErsvp.html](http://www.scholarships.umd.edu/SAErsvp.html)

For more information, contact:

Camille A. Stillwell  
National Scholarships Office  
+1 301 314 1289  
[cstillwe@umd.edu](mailto:cstillwe@umd.edu)  
[www.scholarships.umd.edu](http://www.scholarships.umd.edu)

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## 2. The National Foreign Language Resource Center at the University of Hawaii at Manoa 2007 Summer Institute workshop: “Developing Useful Evaluation Practices in College Foreign Language Programs”

May 28 - June 6, 2007

<http://nflrc.hawaii.edu/prodev/si07d/>

### SUMMARY:

This NFLRC Summer Institute is designed to help college foreign language administrators and teachers engage in useful, practical, and effective program evaluations to meet a variety of purposes. It takes seriously the values, goals, and constraints that characterize college language programs and will provide language educators with a user-oriented approach to developing evaluations that maximize benefits for language learners and teachers, while minimizing potential negative consequences. It will also provide participants with tools and strategies for making program evaluation a systematic and consistently useful component of their FL departments.

### PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY:

This workshop is intended for U.S. foreign language administrators and teachers who are directly responsible for program evaluations in their foreign language departments. It assumes no prior grounding in program evaluation theory or practice, but it requires a willingness to help increase evaluation capacity in college FL education. In order to maximize the impact of this event across U.S. colleges, participants will be purposefully selected to represent diverse FL program types, based on size, languages taught, geography, and institutional status.

### APPLY TODAY!

For more details about the Summer Institute (including information about affordable lodging options, fees, and more) or for the online application form, visit our website at

<http://nflrc.hawaii.edu/prodev/si07d/>

ONLINE APPLICATION DEADLINE - FEBRUARY 15, 2007

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## 3. Quantitative Research Internship at CAL

As part of its annual summer internship program, the Center for Applied Linguistics is looking for a highly qualified graduate student interested in measurement and assessment issues related to language. The intern will work closely with the Quantitative Research Team on projects that provide experience in applying measurement techniques to real-world language assessment issues. Advanced graduate students may be able to conduct their own research using CAL data. The dates for the summer internship are flexible, but should fall between May and September, 2007.

To apply, submit the following information by March 2, 2007:

\*Detailed resume and cover letter

\*List of relevant courses taken (an official transcript is not necessary)

- \*Dates of availability
- \*Requirements for stipend

You may submit the above information by mail to:  
Center for Applied Linguistics  
4646 40th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20016  
ATTN: Intern, LTD/QRT

or via e-mail to Ann Sayles at [ann@cal.org](mailto:ann@cal.org)

Final decisions for the summer intern program in the QRT will be made by April 6, 2007.

For questions regarding the QRT internship only, contact David MacGregor ([david@cal.org](mailto:david@cal.org)).  
For questions regarding other internships, contact Ann Sayles ([ann@cal.org](mailto:ann@cal.org)).

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#### 4. Program Assistant Position at CAL

Job Title: Program Assistant

Division/Program: Language Testing Division

Hours per week: Full time

Salary: \$34,000 to \$42,000 FTE per annum depending upon qualifications

Position Available: Immediately

#### DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES:

Provide general administrative support to the Language Testing Division for divisional activities and its various projects, including but not limited to:

- \*Organizing divisional activities, meetings, library, supplies, and files
- \*Making photocopies, routing mail, maintaining files and databases
- \*Responding to telephonic, electronic, and written requests for information
- \*Maintaining financial records and reconciling budgets
- \*Using word processing software (Microsoft Word) for correspondence, proposals and other work
- \*Revising electronic files using Excel and PowerPoint software
- \*Entering data using Excel and Access
- \*Making travel arrangements
- \*Planning conferences and meetings
- \*Other duties as assigned

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

Education and Experience:

- \*High school education or equivalent required, college desirable
- \*3 to 5 years of office experience

Demonstrated Abilities and Skills:

- \*Must be flexible, organized, and able to prioritize tasks from several projects
- \*Must have excellent people skills
- \*Must be able to clearly write simple correspondence
- \*Must be able to use Microsoft Office Suite (Outlook, Word, Excel, and PowerPoint)

\*Experience using Microsoft Access a plus

IF INTERESTED, SEND RESUME AND COVER LETTER TO:

CENTER FOR APPLIED LINGUISTICS  
4646 40th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20016-1859  
ATTN: Recruitment 07-02

Or respond by e-mail to: [jobs@cal.org](mailto:jobs@cal.org), Attn: 07-02

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5. Position available in Applied Linguistics: Visiting Assistant Professor, Georgetown University

Description:

Georgetown University's Department of Linguistics invites applications for a one-year visiting position at the rank of Assistant Professor to begin in Fall 2007. Candidates should have an active research program and the ability to teach classes in one or more of the following areas: second language acquisition, bilingualism, L2 reading and writing, language assessment, classroom discourse and interaction, materials preparation. Teaching load will be 2/3 (one of these courses will be a graduate seminar in the visitor's area of specialization). The successful candidate will

be expected to contribute to the professional and intellectual life of the department and to work closely with graduate students. Ph.D. by time of appointment preferred. Competitive salary; relocation/conference travel allowance; and department-funded graduate assistant.

Applicants should provide a CV, a representative research sample, evidence of teaching ability, and two to three letters of recommendation. These should be submitted together in one mail package. We will begin reviewing application materials on February 20, 2007. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled.

Address for Applications:

Kendall King  
Department of Linguistics  
Georgetown University  
CC 458  
Washington, DC 20057 USA

Application Deadline: 20-Feb-2007 (Open until filled)

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6. Language Positions available at George Washington University

The George Washington University is seeking applications for 15 full-time renewable contract positions in the following languages:

Arabic (3), American Sign Language (1), Chinese (2), French (1), Hebrew (1), Japanese (1), Korean (1), and Spanish (5).

Basic Qualifications: A Master's degree in the language or a related field is required (Ph.D. preferred) as is fluency or near native fluency in English and the target language, evidence of excellence in teaching all levels of language, knowledge of a variety of contemporary teaching approaches and language learning technologies. Review of applications begins February 26, 2007 and will continue until the positions are filled.

To apply:

To be considered send letter of application specifying position(s) of interest together with curriculum vita, teaching portfolio (which should include statement of teaching philosophy, sample syllabi, evaluations of teaching, samples of teaching materials; a video of teaching is preferred but optional), and at least 3 letters of reference to:

Maxine Cogar  
The George Washington University  
Phillips Hall Room 212  
801 22nd Street, NW Washington, DC 20052

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#### 7. Call for Abstracts- *TESOL Quarterly* Special Topic Issue, September 2008: Psycholinguistics in TESOL

*TESOL Quarterly* seeks abstracts for its 2008 special topic issue on the relevance of psycholinguistic theory to English language teaching. This special issue will focus specifically on cognitive concerns. It will enable researchers to present new studies of second language (L2) skills development and use that draw on psycholinguistic principles.

Articles selected for the issue should make psycholinguistic theory and terminology clear to readers outside the field and support psycholinguistic concepts with concrete evidence drawn from L2 learners' behaviour. Articles should also spell out the implications for practice, with a special emphasis on critically evaluating current methods and presuppositions.

Abstracts should describe previously unpublished work with implications for a variety of TESOL professionals. In addition to full-length articles, the issue will include shorter articles about ongoing studies in Brief Reports and Summaries and about current issues of debate in the Forum. Please send a 600-word abstract for a full-length article, and a 300-word abstract for a Brief Reports or Forum contribution.

Please submit one copy of the abstract without author name(s) and a second copy with each author's name, affiliation, mailing address, e-mail address, telephone and fax numbers, and a 50-word biographical statement to John Field at [j.c.field@reading.ac.uk](mailto:j.c.field@reading.ac.uk). Abstracts may alternatively be mailed: Send three copies of the abstract with author details on a separate sheet to John Field, Department of Applied Linguistics, University of Reading, Whiteknights, Reading RG6 6AA, UK.

Deadline for abstracts: January 31, 2007

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#### 8. Call for Replica Study Papers- Language Teaching

For the first time in the field, the leading journal *Language Teaching* (Cambridge University Press) will now devote a section of research papers dedicated exclusively to replication studies. Historically, *LT* has maintained its role exclusively as a source of information, particularly through its state-of-the-art reviews. However, in line with the new content and format from 2008,

publishing such papers will also bring in a new creativity into the journal and a direct and unique contribution to current research agendas, more characteristic of mainstream refereed research journals. In deciding our purview for these papers, I decided to focus on an area of experimental research which receives little or no specific attention in the mainstream journals yet which - it is generally agreed - needs to play a far more significant role than it has up to now in our field. In keeping with the survey characteristics of Language Teaching we also encourage submissions of meta-analyses which attempt to combine or synthesize a series of comparable research replications. The details of this permanent Call for Papers can be obtained from the Editor at: gporte@gmail.com

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#### 9. Language Testing Research Colloquium (LTRC) 2007

The 29th annual Language Testing Research Colloquium (LTRC) of the International Language testing Association (ILTA) will be held at the University of Barcelona from June 9 to June 11, 2007. The pre-conference workshops will be June 7 and 8, 2007.

If you are planning to attend LTRC in Barcelona in June 2007, please read this message carefully and spread the word.

The website is finally ready! You may now register for LTRC 2007 conference on line. Go to: <http://www.iltaonline.com/Registration/>

Accommodations: Please take note!

In order to secure decent conference hotel prices in Barcelona, the accommodations situation in Barcelona is different from that of previous years. Attendees must book their hotel reservations in the conference hotel by February 10, 2007, or you may be on your own to find a hotel. We will obviously try to have this date extended, but as it stands now, the hotels want to be sure they have guaranteed reservations or they may seek

Other clients for the rooms. I have explained the conference hotel situation in much more detail in a letter on the LTRC Accommodations website.

To book a conference hotel room, go to: <http://www.iltaonline.com/Registration/>.

If you have questions, you can e-mail Prime Management at: [ILTA@primemanagement.net](mailto:ILTA@primemanagement.net).

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#### 10. Call for Papers- MLA 2007

The Division of Applied Linguistics of the Modern Language Association is pleased to be able to again sponsor three sessions at this year's MLA Annual Convention in Chicago (Dec 27-30).

1) Title of session: Applying Applied Linguistics in Foreign Language Programs

Description:

Papers exploring implementation of applied linguistics research in foreign language departments to support areas such as instruction, teacher development, and curriculum construction. 250-word abstracts by March 15; Hiram Maxim (hbm2@georgetown.edu).

2) Title of session: Linking Form and Meaning in the L2 Classroom

Description:

Papers focusing on meaning-based approaches to formal L2 instruction. Practical application of research from varied theoretical perspectives welcome. 250-word abstracts by March 15; Hiram Maxim(hhm2@georgetown.edu).

3) Title of session:Corpus-based Applied Linguistics Research

Description:

Papers presenting applied linguistics research that examines either native speaker or learner written or spoken language corpora. 250-word abstracts by March 15; Hiram Maxim (hhm2@georgetown.edu).

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11. Call for Papers- 40th British Association for Applied Linguistics Annual Meeting (BAAL)

Theme: 'Technology, Ideology and Practice in Applied Linguistics'

Plenary speakers:

Karin Aijmer, University of Gothenburg

Norman Fairclough, University of Lancaster

Richard Johnstone, University of Stirling

6-8 September 2007, University of Edinburgh

Conference Organisers: Alan Davies, Linguistics and English Language

([a1adavie@staffmail.ed.ac.uk](mailto:a1adavie@staffmail.ed.ac.uk)), Heather Hewitt, Institute for Applied Language Studies

(BAAL07@education.ed.ac.uk)

The 40th BAAL annual conference will be jointly hosted by three departments of the University of Edinburgh: Linguistics and English Language, the Institute for Applied Language Studies and The Moray House School of Education. The conference will be held in the Central Area Campus of the university, which is within 10 minutes' walking distance of the city-centre. A highlight of the event will be the celebration of 50 years of applied linguistics at the university. This will be marked by the invited Pit Corder Colloquium and a dinner in Old College.

Abstracts are welcome in any area of Applied Linguistics that fits within the theme of the conference: "Technology, Ideology and Practice in Applied Linguistics". Deadline for receipt of Abstracts: 31 March 2007

For more information please consult the BAAL website: <http://www.baal.org.uk/>

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12. Call for Papers- EuroSla 2007

The 17th Annual Conference of the European Second Language Association will be organized by Newcastle University, UK.

11- 14 September 2007

THEME OF THE CONFERENCE: Interfaces in Second Language Acquisition Research

Plenary speakers:

- Judith Kroll, Pennsylvania State University, USA
- Christophe Pallier, Cognitive Neuroimaging Research Unit, INSERM, Paris, France
- Manfred Pienemann, Newcastle University, UK / Paderborn University, Germany
- Natascha Müller, University of Wuppertal, Germany

- Deadline for abstract submissions: 15 February 2007
- Notification of acceptance: 15 March 2007

For more information, please visit the conference website: <http://www.ncl.ac.uk/niassh/eurosla17>

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13. Call for Papers- 30th Annual Second Language Research Forum (SLRF) 2007

Date: 11-Oct-2007 - 14-Oct-2007

Location: Urbana-Champaign, Illinois, USA

Contact: Rakesh Bhatt

We are pleased to announce SLRF-2007 will be hosted at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) in the Illini Union.

Dates of the Conference: Thursday, October 11th through Sunday, October 14th, 2007.

Theme of the Conference: "Second Language Acquisition and Research: Focus on Form and Function" which will highlight the interconnections and interfaces between form and function in SLA research and practices and will explore the implications of these interfaces for second language pedagogy. Papers are invited for the general session, as well as for the three colloquia and workshop listed below.

The three colloquia for which papers are invited are:

"Understanding the interlanguage systems of heritage language learners"

"The L2 acquisition of the nominal domain"

"Interfaces between second language acquisition and language testing: Past, present, and future directions for research and theory-building".

The workshop will focus on Conversational Analysis in Second Language Acquisition and accept submissions related to this topic.

All submissions must be made no later than Tuesday, May 1st 2007. All submissions will be electronic.

Pre-registration will be \$30 for students and \$50 for non-students, with on site registration being \$5 more for both students and non-students. Additionally, students with the best 5 student abstracts will receive support in the form of a registration fee waiver and up to \$200.00 to assist with travel expenses.

For any questions, additional information, etc. please feel free to email us at [slrf-2007@uiuc.edu](mailto:slrf-2007@uiuc.edu)

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#### 14. Call for Papers- World Congress of Applied Linguistics

August, 24-29, 2008 in Essen, Germany

The AILA 2008 organizing committee is proud to announce that the following keynote speakers have confirmed their participation:

Claire Kramersch (University of California at Berkeley, USA)

In the spirit of the AILA 2008 conference theme "Multilingualism: Challenges and Opportunities" Claire Kramersch will hold her keynote in German. The provisional title is "Dritte Orte in der Sprachlehr-und Lernforschung".

Rita Franceschini (Free University of Bozen/Bolzano, Italy)

The focus of Rita Franceschini's keynote will be bilingualism. The exact topic/theme will be announced soon.

Neville Alexander (University of Cape Town, South Africa)

The provisional title of Neville Alexander's keynote is "Multilingualism and Language Politics in Africa".

Jim Cummins (University of Toronto, Canada)

A keynote by Jim Cummins at a conference with "Multilingualism: Challenges and Opportunities" as its theme will, of course, be one of the highlights at AILA 2008.

Shi-xu (Zhejiang University, China)

The provisional title of Shi-xu's keynote is "Towards a Multiculturalist Approach to Discourse Studies: Making a Chinese case".

Call for Papers- AILA 2008 invites proposals for presentations that are related to policy, research, and theory in any area of applied linguistics. Proposals may be for individual papers, posters, or symposia and should be submitted any time until February 28, 2007.

For further information on the Call for Papers and the online submission of proposals please visit our website at

<http://www.aila2008.org/call-for-papers.html>