

C). At these meetings we also address the challenge of creating a new name for SOLGA, an issue I take up below. Finally, we have information from Frank Proshan and Deborah Elliston on the highlighted and SOLGA-sponsored panels we can look forward to attending. As you read, don't forget to celebrate our stunning membership drive (over 100 new members!) by signing up for the Solga-L listserv and at the website, using either www.usc.edu/isd/archives/oneigla/solga or www.oneinstitute.org.

Letter from Sandy

Sandy Faiman-Silva (Bridgewater State C)

SOLGA is in a time of transition. We achieved our goal of 250 members but we now need to deliver on our commitments to:

- 1) lobby for SOLGA interests in the AAA;
- 2) produce a SOLGAN publication; and
- 3) increase the visibility of SOLGA in the AAA.

SOLGA members Bill Leap and Ellen Lewin worked on the Commission on Lesbian and Gay Issues in Anthropology (COLGIA) report for many years. SOLGA has asked the AAA to take COLGIA findings to the community by: a) publishing COLGIA findings in *Anthropology News*; b) notifying affiliated Anthropology Departments of AAA non-discrimination policies; and c) insuring that the AAA ethics mandate includes LGBT issues. We are pursuing these matters.

Our SOLGA website editor, Todd White (PhD Cand, USC), is working on a web version of the SOLGAN. He will post the 1999 SOLGA Annual Meeting Minutes, pieces about on-going research, book reviews, other website connections and any other material you're willing to send him. Send material by email to Todd at: ctw@usc.edu. Let's get creative!

If you're not linked to the SOLGA website, check it out. We are at www.usc.edu/isd/archives/oneigla/solga. SOLGA promised to debate our name. Who are we? Does our name represent who we are? Are you embraced by or excluded from our name? Join us in this discussion here and on the Web and at the November AAA in San Francisco. It should be interesting. I look forward to seeing you in November.

Peace, Sandy

AAA Meeting (or: "Don't Wear Red")

By Frank Proshan and Deborah Elliston

SOLGA's intellectual festivities at the AAA meeting include one double-length Invited Session and three regular sessions (two singles and a double), all of which interrogate difference and power in relation to LGBTQ identities, practices and communities. An abstract for this year's Invited Session, "Contested Publics and Queered Places" follows, along with details on presenters and paper titles for the three SOLGA-sponsored regular sessions. They're all scheduled at different times, so it's easy to catch them all.

Contested Publics & Queered Places: Intersections of Race, Class and Gender in "Sexualized" Space (Organizer: Douglass Drozdow-St. Christian, U

Western Ontario), Saturday, 1:45-5:30 pm (double-session). Social space is both fragmented and produced by such structured figurations of difference as class, race, gender and increasingly by sexuality. The papers in this session interrogate, in particular, the nested productions of race, class, gender and sexuality as these articulate with the formation of emergent and established urban spaces, from gay dance clubs in the "economic wasteland" of DC's Navy Yard to the "sick rooms" of HIV/AIDS patients in Zimbabwe, from the contested sitings of lesbian community in Manawatu, New Zealand to LGBTQ community centers in San Francisco, from "the street" of male sex workers in Toronto to mats laid out under trees for sex between men in urban centers of Nigerian Hausaland, to the multiplying politics of race, class and sex in both historic and post-Duvalier urban Haiti. In examining the production of distinguishable social spaces, the papers in this session explore what is being produced, what is being reproduced, and what is at stake as sexualized spaces engage with and are engaged by multiplying processes and practices of difference. Finally, this session aims to create its own space for a wide ranging discussion among scholars, activists and community members across cultural sites, with the goal of contributing to a revitalized human geography of the concatenations, dependencies, and transformations between and among race, class, gender and sexuality.

Papers by William Leap ("Faggots in the Growth Machine"), Scott Morgensen ("Diversity for Whom? Multiculturalism and the [Failed] Healing of Race/Class Divides in US Queer Communities"), Maria Fowler ("Transgressions and Transformations: Constructing Community at the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival"), Rebecca Etz ("Doing Lesbian Community: the How, When, and Where of Socially and Politically Defined Space"), Gregory Beckett ("Urban Space and Social Action: Mapping Geographies of Power in Haiti"), Rudolf Gaudio ("Parliamentary Proceedings: Spaces of Homo-Social Interaction in Northern Nigeria"), Benjamin Junge ("It's Not the Same Thing as Gay Pride': Theorizing Subjectivity and Identity within Homosexual Subcultures in Porto Allegre, Brazil"), Melissa Godwaldt-Morupisi ("Sexing Class by Sickening Space: Health, HIV/AIDS and the Deployments of Class, Power and Sexuality in Zimbabwe"), and Douglass Drozdow-St. Christian ("Entailments of Class and Race in the Space of Male Street Sex Work in Toronto.") Discussants: Deborah Elliston and Frank Proshan.

Out in the World: Lesbian and Gay Anthropologists Engage the Public (Organizers/Chairs: Ellen Lewin, U of Iowa and Bill Leap, American U), Friday, 1:45-3:30 pm. Papers by Evie Blackwood ("Claims to Knowledge and the Contestation for Marriage Rights"), Douglas Feldman ("My Journey through Two Secret Worlds"), Mary Gray ("Troubling Engagements: Queer Youth, Specters of Pedophilia and the Politics of Engaged Queer Anthropology"), Norris Lang ("Self-Reflection: One Anthropologist's Moral Inventory"), Esther Newton ("Don't Wear Red: Lessons Learned from the Phil Donahue Show") and Walter Williams

("Reducing Heterosexism by Gay Activist Anthropologists Engaging the Public, 1970s-1990s"). Discussant: Jeffrey Maskovsky.



Practicing Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender Anthropology: the Politics of Method, Theory, and Representation, Friday, 10:15 am-12:00 pm. Papers by Kris Mizutani ("Don't Label Me! [Non] Identity and Practices of [Non] Resistance Amongst Tokyo Lesbians"), Jane Leverick ("In the Field with Foucault: 'Gone Stranger' and Other Notions of Subjecthood"), Judy Rosenthal ("Out In West Africa: Vodou Queer Theory?"), Horacio Sivori ("Latin American Male Homosexualities: Anthropologists, Natives and the Politics of Ethnographic Representation") and Amy Donovan ("The Labor Memoir Project and the Movie-Making Project: First Person Narratives and Collective Visual Work of Young Male and Transgender Street Workers in San Francisco.") Discussant: Frank Proshan.

Community Inside Out: Cultures Within Queer Culture (Organizer: Ben Peacock, U California, San Francisco), Saturday, 8:00-11:45 am (double-session). Papers by Michael Hernandez ("Outing the Closet"), Brian Riedel ("Queer Newsrooms: Representing Queer Culture"), Eric Rofes ("Dry Bones Breathe: Gay Men Creating Post-Aids Identities and Cultures"), Ralph Bolton ("Barebacking: The Emergence of a Gay Counterculture"), Amanda Birdsall ("Womyn-Born-Womyn?": Contestations of Gendered Identity[ies]), Andrew Wong ("Coming Out Everywhere? Problematizing 'Coming Out' in Gay and Lesbian Culture"), Geoffrey Burkhart ("Negotiating Queer, South Asian and American Cultures"), Cathy Reback ("Sexual Identity, Drug Use and Perceptions of HIV Infection Among Gay Men in Treatment for Methamphetamine Use"), Ben Peacock ("The Pleasure of Raspberries: Queer Crack-for-Sex Exchanges"), Dawn Atkins ("Of Woman Born: Lesbian Culture and the Identifications of FTM Transsexuals"), and Stephen Eyre ("The African American M-to-F Transgender Teen: Arbiter of Gender"). Discussants: Gracia Clark and Douglas Feldman.

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Society for Linguistic Anthropology

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Looking Forward to the Annual Meeting

Our previous column highlighted a number of SLA sessions at the upcoming Annual Meeting including our three Invited Sessions. This month we present information about several more SLA sessions as well as panels organized by other sec-

tions which may be of interest to linguistic anthropologists.

Language ideology appears to be a central focus of this year's meeting, particularly in relationship to ethnic and national identities and the role of the state. The panel "Authority, Conflict and People: Anthropological and Linguistic Perspectives on National Language Policies, Speech Communities and Local Linguistic Cultures" examines the interactions between policy, ethnicity, class and nationalism within the overall culture of a political unit. The issues addressed include everyday conflicts between states and speech communities, metaphors governments use in constructing language policies, language policy as an instrument of ideological or political control and ethnic tension and other conflicts due to state mandates and policy changes.

The panel "Exemplary Peripheries: Minority Language Communities in Northwest Europe" addresses similar issues within the cultural dynamics of Scots Gaelic, Irish and Welsh-speaking communities. The papers in this session explore the dynamics of traditionalization as a tactic employed by scholars, "natives" and states in a three-way dialogue. Through the selective entextualization of elements of culture and their redeployment in new contexts, individuals and communities make claims of priority, validity and authenticity.

The role of language ideologies in both defining identity and setting policy are also explored in the panel "The Role of Language Ideologies in Changing Native American Contexts," presented by the Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas. These papers examine local language ideologies as a way of understanding the connection between micro-level interactions or speech practices and larger social and political issues concerning language maintenance, revitalization and cultural and institutional change in a variety of Native American communities.

Language ideologies as they relate to the definitions of linguistic and cultural groups are explored in the panel "Discourses of Differentiation: The Emics, Etics and Problematics of Ethnolinguistic Boundaries." Recognizing that the boundaries of both human groups and human languages are often highly contested, the panelists examine how the indexical links between language and identity are strategically deployed by both "insiders" and "outsiders." The papers explore situations in which "insiders," "outsiders" and those who mediate between them interact and impinge on each other's ideas about linguistic and community boundaries.

Similar issues are raised in the context of language socialization in the panel "Language Socialization in Multilingual Communities: the Role of Language Ideologies in Developing Social Identities." The papers in this panel address issues of identity and language ideologies in natural interaction between children and caregivers or educators in bilingual or multilingual environments.

Ideologies of family and gender will be explored in the panel "Ideologies of the Family in Legal, Workplace and Home Discourse."

Gender, ethnic and other identities are examined in a panel on "Performance and Evaluation of Social Categories among Youth in Post-Industrial Societies." These papers discuss how local ideologies of personhood are enacted and evaluated in verbal performance. Considering groups such as second-generation Dominicans, Maori youth, adolescents in France from a variety of national backgrounds, Japanese women, North Americans and Brazilians, the panelists examine how participants both construct and resist the fluid boundaries of social categories such as "age," "gender," "ethnicity" and "class."

Issues of gender identity are also central to a panel presented by the Society for Cultural Anthropology which may be of interest to linguistic anthropologists: "Repositioning Masculinity as Public Display: Anthropological Perspectives." The papers examine links between the construction of masculinities and social structures such as kinship, work, class and sexuality, while also analyzing how masculinity is "done" in interaction, from the level of everyday encounters between two individuals to the consumption of mass media by general audiences. Utilizing theoretical perspectives from ethnopoetics, pragmatics, sociolinguistics, cultural studies and political economy, the panelists explore how masculinities are displayed and consumed in Japan, Italy, Guyana, the United States, Australia and Germany.

Language ideology and change form the theme of the panel "Linguistic Modernity and its Discontents: Mixed Evidence, Hybrid Models." Examining changes in languages, speech practices, speech communities and language ideologies, these papers interrogate whether such changes are best explained under a unitary model of "modernity." In addition to showing that linguistic modernity is always shaped by local as well as global forces (a theme of the 1999 session on Language and Local Modernities), the papers attempt to create new, empirically-based models of the relationships among diverse trends previously labeled as modernizing.

Similar issues of how global or international language ideologies play out in specific contexts are also addressed in the panel "Global Discourses and Local Knowledge: Language Politics in Deaf and Hearing Communities." The papers in this panel explore how border-crossing linguistic ideologies and technologies have affected everything from education and political debates (in Appalachia, France and Silesia) to ideas about what it means to be Deaf (in Ireland, Japan, Nicaragua and elsewhere).

A session on "Multimodal Action" investigates how language, participation frameworks, gesture, graphic representations, visible phenomena and the body are used to build meaning and action within a range of different settings and practices including classroom interaction, narrative and shamanism. The papers attempt to develop an approach to the study of discourse that integrates

into the analysis of language structure the diverse kinds of embodied, graphic and textual phenomena that participants orient to as they build relevant sequences of action together.

In addition to the session on Language Ideologies (above), the Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas will be presenting a number of other panels as part of the Conference on American Indian Languages which meets concurrently with the AAA. On Wednesday there will be panels on "Semantics, Metaphor and Sociolinguistics," "Typological and Comparative Issues," and "Phonology, Sound Symbolism and Reduplication." Other SSILA sessions include panels on "Grammar and Discourse," "Linguistic Bases of the Ancient Mayan Script" and two sessions on "Applicatives in the Languages of the Americas."

The SLA business meeting will be held at 6:15 pm on Friday. All SLA members are encouraged to attend to hear about the recent activities of the SLA and the *Journal of Linguistic Anthropology*, provide input and ideas, meet the SLA officers and socialize with colleagues.

New Contributing Editor Sought

The SLA is soliciting nominations for a new contributing editor to replace Cyndi Dunn who will be completing her two year term at the end of December. The new editor will share the position with co-editor Richard J Senghas and will be responsible for producing 4-5 columns during the academic year.

The purpose of the SLA column is to provide news and information relevant to both SLA activities and linguistic anthropology as a discipline. Editors are responsible for soliciting reports from the SLA president, the *JLA* editor and other board members, as well as reporting on the annual business meeting and SLA panels at the Annual Meeting. The column also provides a forum for announcements of meetings and new journals, list serves, databases, PhD programs or other events of interest to linguistic anthropologists. The editors have the option of providing or soliciting commentaries and opinion pieces on issues of interest to the profession.

If you would be interested in serving as editor, would like to suggest someone who would be well qualified for the position, or simply have more questions about what exactly is involved, please contact one of the current editors at one of the addresses given below.

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