What is happening in linguistic anthropology at the 2014 AAA Meeting in Washington, DC?

The conference will feature 50 SLA panels between Wednesday, Dec 3 and Sunday, Dec 7, 2014.

Leading off on Wednesday (noon-1:45 pm) will be “Semiosis, Reflexivity, Self” and “The Invisible Specter: Linguistic Anthropology, Neoliberal Morality, and the Linguistic Incarnations of the Enterpriseing Self” (invited), followed by “Producing Linguistic Anthropology in the Age of Social Media,” and “The (Re)Production of Participation” (2-3:45 pm).

Thursday’s program begins with the Executive Board Meeting from 7:30 to 9:00 am, followed by “Conduits of Voice: Mediation, Animation, and Affect” (9-10:45 am) and then a series of panels from 11 am to 12:45 pm: “Producing the Perceptible: Inscriptions for the study of Human Interaction”; “Approaching Affect: Ethnolinguistic Knowledge and the Constitution of Race, Ethnicity, and Nation”; and “Language, Love, and Romance: ‘Modern’ Productions of Gender, Morality, and Courtship through Everyday Interaction and Narrative Discourse.” The afternoon panels include “Emotion Pedagogies/Emotion Inc I: Discourses of the Emotional Self” “Parsing the Body” (invited), and “Taking Offense: Semiotic Encounters with Insult, Vulgarity and Obscenity” (2:30-4:15 pm).

In the evening (6:30-8:15 pm), attendants will have nine panels to choose from: “Anthropological Approaches to Multilingualism and Language Contact in Western South America”; “Engaging a Cultural and Linguistic Anthropology of Race”; “Language Ideologies and (Post)National Identities”; “Language, Place and the Disruption of Personal and Collective Experience”; “Negotiating Stances and Metasociolinguistic Stances in Bilingual, Heritage, Second, and Foreign Language Classrooms”; “Producing Speakers, Producing Selves”; “Stories of Selves: the Discursive Construction of Identity”; “Transparency in Transmission: The Travel of Words”; and “Words, Things and Persons: Negotiating Marginality through Discourse and the Material.”

Friday’s first set of panels (9-10:45 am) includes “Dangerous Intersections: Language, Race and Identities in Place,” “Not Your Grandparents’ Salvage: Documentary Linguistics as a Resource for Producing Anthropology in the 21st C” (invited), and “Producing Violence: Interactional and Intersubjective Dimensions of Aggression, Injury, and Harm.” The next slot (11am-12:45 pm) features “From Signature to Branding: Exploring the (Verbal) Artistry of Contemporary Tourist Encounters,” and “Silence in/and Ethnography: Cartographies of Power and Knowledge in Anthropology and its Publics” (invited). From 1-2:15pm we’ll have our SLA Presidential Conversation, “On Producing Linguistic Racism,” followed by three panels, “Ethnography of Epistemology: Anthropological Production of Deaf Communities and Deaf Community Perspectives,” “Talk in Crisis: Hate Speech, Religious Offense and the Political Economy of Communication in Europe” (invited), and “The Meaning of Writing” (2:30-4:15 pm). The evening panels include “Performance, Translation and the Creation of Words” and “Words, Things and Persons: Negotiating Marginality through Discourse and the Material.”

Saturday begins with “Semiotics, Mediation, and Communicative Encounters: The Society for Linguistic Anthropology Graduate Student Essay Contest Panel” (9-10:45 am). Next up, we have “Beyond Perfection: Co-variation in Language and Communicative Efficacy,” “Polyglot Ideologies of the State: Historical Perspectives,” and “The Quality of Youth: Socio-Semiotic Categories and Shifting Meanings of Youth” (11-12:45 pm). This slot is followed by the SLA Presidential Conversation on Mentoring (1-2:15 pm), and then a panel entitled “Communicating Bodies: New Juxtapositions of Linguistic and Medical Anthropology” (2:30-4:15 pm). From 8:30-10:00 pm, we have the SLA Business Meeting, followed by cash bar libations (10-11:30 pm). We hope to see all of you at the Business Meeting and cash bar!

"Language Endangerment’ from the Ground Up” (noon-1:15 pm).

Speaker details are available in the preliminary program on the AAA meeting website.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

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