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Deadline for Best Student Paper Award

The deadline for the Best Student Paper in Linguistic Anthropology competition is Oct 1. Submit five copies of the paper to the *JLA* editor (address at end of column). For complete details see the Awards Alert column of the May *AN* or contact the *JLA* editor.

Call for Nominations for AAA and SLA Elections

As part of the recent reorganization of the AAA, there are now a number of designated "linguistic seats" on various association-wide boards and committees. It is thus particularly important that SLA members take an active role in providing qualified nominees for these positions. One of the open positions for the 2001 elections is the Linguistic Seat on the Committee on Ethics. Members who know someone qualified for this position or who would be interested in serving themselves are encouraged to submit a nomination using the form found in the Association Business section of this issue. Members may also wish to contact SLA President Susan Gal or Pam Bunte (pbunte@csulb.edu) who currently fills the Linguistic Seat on the AAA Nominations Committee. The deadline for nominations and all supporting materials is Oct 1.

There are also several SLA offices that must be filled by election in spring 2001, including President-Elect and Executive Board Member-At-Large. For more information or to suggest nominees, please contact members of the SLA Nominations Committee: Susan Phillips (sphilips@u.arizona.edu) or Mary Bucholtz (bucholtz@tamu.edu). The deadline for nominations for SLA offices is Dec 20.

Language Rights and the AAA Committee for Human Rights

By John B Haviland (Reed C)

In the recent (and, indeed, not so recent) past, members of the SLA and anthropological linguists more generally have raised theoretical issues and voiced practical concerns about "language rights" in an extraordinarily wide range of senses. Recent interest in the very notion of a linguistic ideology (of which the concept of "language right" must surely be a part/product) illustrates one end of this spectrum. Campaigns about bilingual education, rights to translators in the courtroom, minority language literacy, or linguistic oppression and extermination, to mention only a few possibilities, illustrate the other. Recently SLA members have also called on the membership and the SLA board to consider language policy issues in a more institutionalized way.

The AAA's Committee for Human Rights is one possible avenue for education and action. This committee was formed with a dual function: to educate anthropologists and the public about human rights issues and the relations between human rights and anthropological thought and practice; and to investigate and make recommendations to the president of the association about situations in which human rights are thought to be in jeopardy, especially those in which association members have a direct concern. I was recently elected to an undesignated seat on the CfHR. I would like to call my colleagues' attention to the following opportunities: (1) Cases of potential interest to the CfHR can be brought to the Committee for discussion and possible action, by contacting me or any other member of the Committee. It does not appear that many cases where language rights were of central concern have been considered by the CfHR in the past, but this might be a good time to bring such issues before it, and by extension, before the association as a whole. (2) Materials relating to language rights can be submitted for dissemination, for example via the CfHR Web Page (accessible via the AAA homepage), or in its *AN* column. (3) Members may propose sessions at the annual meetings, which might well be sponsored by the CfHR or SLA or both, which present papers of relevance. Together with fellow CfHR member Megan Biesele, I have been charged by the Committee to try to organize a "task force" on the theme "language rights as human rights," and we welcome colleagues' suggestions for such an effort (johnh@reed.edu).

Editor's Note: People concerned with language rights may also be interested in reading the text of the recent (1/17/00) Asmara Declaration on African Languages and Literatures, posted at www.outreach.psu.edu/C&I/AllOdds/declaration.html.

JLA News

Members should recently have received Volume 9 of the *JLA*, containing 75 brief essays on various

topics relating to linguistic anthropology, from "Acquisition" to "Writing." We are pleased to announce that this special issue will be republished in book form by Blackwell as *Key Terms in Language and Culture*. Publication is expected by the end of the year 2000. Royalties will go to the SLA, and all AAA members will receive a 25% discount. Extra copies of Volume 9 are also available directly from the AAA office.

With the recent publication of *JLA* Volumes 8.2 and 9.1-2, our production process is rapidly moving back on schedule. Both issues of Volume 10 are expected to be out by the end of the year. As always, we encourage you to submit your best work to the *JLA*. We also encourage members to check with your institutional libraries to insure that they subscribe to the *JLA*.

New Electronic Discussion List on Code-Switching

The Code-Switching Forum is an unmoderated list for the discussion of the alternation of linguistic varieties, bilingual conversation, and related phenomena. Topics of interest include (but are not restricted to): the definitions of "code" and "code-switching"; the relations between language alternation and other interlingual phenomena; bilingual conversation in general; language alternation and conversational organization; codes, indexicality and identity; language alternation in literature and song; code-switching and macro-sociolinguistic processes; and data gathering, transcription and interpretation. The list has no official or preferred language for messages.

For more information, visit www.egroups.com/group/code-switching. To subscribe, send a blank message to code-switching-subscribe@egroups.com. New members are also encouraged to send a message introducing themselves to the list.

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