Letter from the chair

2002 sees many changes within department

Greetings to our current and former students, to our faculty and visitors, and to all friends of the Department of Linguistics at Indiana University! 2002 has been a good year for the department, and a busy one for our faculty, students, and alumni. I hope you will enjoy catching up on all our news as you read through these pages.

Before I review what were, for me, some of the highlights of the past year, I want to tell you about our upcoming LSA reception. All friends of linguistics at IU are invited to a reception at the annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, in Atlanta. The reception will be held in the Walton Room of the Hilton Atlanta and Towers Hotel, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 3, 2003. All are welcome, so please drop by. I look forward to seeing old friends and making new ones.

Turning to more local matters, the MA program in computational linguistics continues to attract student interest, and we have recently been granted approval to offer a PhD minor in this area. Although last year we did not fill our tenure-track opening, we have been fortunate enough to hire computational linguist Damir Cavar (see page 4) as a visiting faculty member for this academic year. Meanwhile, the search continues. The position, which is a joint appointment with the Program in Cognitive Science, can be viewed at www.indiana.edu/~lingdept/job0110.html. In conjunction with this development, the Department of Linguistics has expanded to occupy the fourth floor of Memorial Hall, which will eventually house our computational linguists, their research labs, and a new instructional computer lab. I am very excited about the invaluable prospects for the betterment of our various programs that this additional space offers us.

In addition to Damir, we welcome a number of visitors to the department. You can learn about our various guests in these pages. This year we also took in 13 new graduate students, a recent record. These individuals, a truly talented bunch, hail from diverse reaches of the globe. I encourage you to read about their interests and accomplishments on page 6.

Our African language offerings are increasing in popularity. Happily, these enrollment pressures have enabled us to hire IU alumna Alwiya Omar, PhD ’92, as our new African languages coordinator, at the rank of clinical associate professor. We welcome her back to Bloomington and look forward to many years of continued growth in this area. Already she is working very hard to highlight African studies and promote African languages at IU. Alwiya is organizing the annual meeting of the African Languages Teachers Association at IU Bloomington in April, and next year we...

Professors Newman, de Jong receive well-deserved promotions

This spring, Paul Newman was one of only four persons in the IU system to be named Distinguished Professor, the highest academic honor bestowed by the university on its professors.

In a career that spans 35 years and four continents, Newman has garnered an international reputation for his contributions to linguistics. His works are cited by Africanists and theoretical linguists the world over, and leaders in his field consider him the founder of modern comparative Chadic linguistics. Larry Hyman, professor and chair of linguistics, UC-Berkeley, describes Newman as “one of the most distinguished researchers and teachers working in any aspect of our field today.”

Newman has authored or co-authored 12 books, including his nearly 800-page magnum opus, The Hausa Language and an Encyclopedic Reference Grammar, contributed more than 100 articles and reviews, and founded the prestigious Journal of African Languages and Linguistics. We are extremely proud of his promotion to Distinguished Professor rank.

We congratulate Associate Professor Kenneth de Jong on his recent promotion with tenure. De Jong received his PhD in linguistics from Ohio State University in 1991. He has been director of undergraduate studies in the department since 1996 and also serves as a core faculty member of the Program in Cognitive Science. He is the principal investigator on major NSF and NIH grants on “Articulatory and Perceptual Correlates of Syllable Structure.”

De Jong’s general research interests concern the role of speech production and perception in the formation of linguistic convention. His published work focuses on the relationship between speech actions and linguistic structure, and has appeared in such journals as Journal of Phonetics, Journal of Speech, Language, and Hearing Research; Language and Speech; JASA; Perception and Psychophysics; and Language. It addresses issues of how speech actions are organized into fluent utterances, how this organization is governed by the prosodic conventions of a particular language, and how this organization indicates the relationship of the utterance to the surrounding discourse.

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IUB to host linguistics symposium

Indiana University Bloomington will host the 33rd Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages April 24–27, 2003. Keynote speakers include Luigi Burzio, José Ignacio Hualde, Shana Poplack, and Juan Uriagereka. For further information send e-mail to lsrl33@indiana.edu or check the Web site at www.indiana.edu/~lsrl33.

In memoriam

Thomas A. Sebeok (1920–2001)

Thomas A. Sebeok, a pioneer in the field of semiotics and Distinguished Professor emeritus of linguistics and semiotics, died at his home on Dec. 21, 2001. Sebeok served as chair of the IU Research Center for Language and Semiotic Studies, was a professor of anthropology and of Uralic and Altaic studies (a department he founded, now known as the Department of Central Eurasian Studies), and was a fellow of the Folklore Institute and in the School of Library and Information Science. Born in Budapest, in 1920, Sebeok left Hungary in 1936 to study at M.اغدله College, Cambridge University. The following year he immigrated to the United States. Sebeok earned a doctorate in 1945 at Princeton University, commuting to Columbia to study with his dissertation director, Roman Jakobson.

Sebeok came to IU in 1943. He directed the Research Center for Anthropology, Folklore, and Linguistics and, in 1956, established the Research Center for Language and Semiotic Studies. In 1991, he was awarded the title of Distinguished Professor emeritus of anthropology, of linguistics, of semiotics, and of Central Eurasian studies. Sebeok was the recipient of many honors, including five honorary doctorates, the Distinguished Service Award of the American Anthropological Association, IU’s President’s Medal of Excellence, Honorary Membership in the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, and Doctor of Humane Letters (Artium Prize) from the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

Sebeok possessed an insatiable intellectual curiosity and an astounding working capacity. He was extremely prolific, producing over his career more than 600 books and articles on an astoundingly diverse range of topics. Sebeok once described himself as an academic Apis mellifera, darting “solitary from flower to flower, sipping nectar, gathering pollen from flowers, serendipitously fertilizing whatever he touches.”

Sebeok is survived by his wife, Jean Umiy-Sbeok, of Bloomington, and three daughters: Veronica Sebeok Wald, of Chicago; Jessica A. Sebeok, of New Haven; and Erica L. Sebeok, of New York City.

Kathleen M. Fenton (1921–2002)

We announce with regret the passing of Kathleen M. Fenton, 81, who died on Sept. 12. After holding a position at the Center for Applied Linguistics in Washington, she worked at IU Bloomington for the late Professor Thomas Sebeok at his Research Center for the Language Sciences. She became editor of the Journal Language Sciences, a position she held until 1977. She later proofread the LSA journal Language and received the second Victoria A. Fromkin Prize for distinguished service to the society. Fenton leaves no immediate family.

Thanks, donors!

The department expresses gratitude to the following generous donors to the Householder Memorial Fund: David Blood, Marvin and M. Joan Carmany, James and Ann Coady, and Martin and Jane M. Malone.

In 2002, Householder Awards were presented to graduate students Han Yong Park, Sahoko Ichikawa, Kyoko Nagao, and Masanori Deguchi.

Thanks also go to all contributors to the Linguistics Enrichment Fund: Julie Auger, Mimi Bentley, Robert Botne, Damir Cavar, Stuart Davis, Steven and Karen Franks, Hila Hilt, M. artin and Jane M. alone, Alwiya O mar and Ahmed Shariff, Susan Pearson, J.J. Pia, Catherine Rudin, Hug Quené, Michael Turner, and Barbara Vance.

Stork enjoys busy fall

• Bushra Zawaydeh, PhD’99, and her husband, Dain, celebrated the birth of Laura Zawaydeh Sandman on Sept. 25. Her weight was 5 pounds, 15 ounces.
• Mafuyu Kitahara, PhD’01, and Arika Fukazawa, welcomed son Eugene on Aug. 17. His weight was 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
• Ann Baker, administrative assistant for the department, would like to share her joy and excitement over the birth of her new grandchild, Katie Lynn Miller, on Sept. 25. The weight was 5 pounds, 2 ounces.
• Laurent and Lori Dekydtspotter, MLS’99, announce the birth of their daughter, Chloe, on Nov. 4. Her weight was 5 pounds, 2 ounces.

LSA highlights

Linguists have Georgia on their minds

A number of IU Department of Linguistics faculty members, students, and alumni are presenting papers at the LSA annual winter meeting in Atlanta this January.

Presenters include

• Natsumi Tsujimura: “Mimetic Verbs as Contextuals”;
• Stuart Davis: “Francis Lieber and the Term ‘Holophrastic’ as Applied to the Indian Languages of America”;
• Kyoko Nagao, Byung-Jin Lim, and Ken de Jong: “Phonology and Orthography in Lexical Access: A Case Study of Korean Perception of Syllable Affiliations and Voicing Contrasts of English Stops”;
• Ken de Jong, Kyoko O’kamuro, and Byung-Jin Lim: “The Phonetics of Resyllabification in English and Arabic Speech”;
• Tiffany Kershner: “Dissociativity in Chisukwa Future Expressions”; and
• David Boe: “Carnap and the Development of Linguistic Empiricism.”

You’re invited!

The IU Linguistics Department will host an Alumni Reception at the 2003 LSA Winter Meeting in Atlanta. You are invited to drop by and meet old friends (and make new ones). We look forward to seeing you there!

Friday, Jan. 3, 2003
6–7:30 p.m.
Walton Room, Hilton Atlanta; Atlanta, Ga.
Julie Auger is conducting ongoing research on her project “Morphosyntactic Variation in Picard,” with continued support from the NSF. She has published “A Constraint-based Analysis of Intraspeaker Variation: Vocalic Epenthesis in Vimeu Picard” with Jeffrey Steele in Current Issues in Linguistic Theory: Selected Papers from the XXIXth Linguistic Symposium on the Romance Languages. Auger’s other recent publications include “French Immersion in Montreal: Pedagogical N orm and Functional Competence” and “The Development of a Literary Standard: The Case of Picard in Vimeu-Ponthieu, France.” Auger was an invited lecturer at Stanford University’s Phonology Workshop, where she presented, “Variable Vowel Epenthesis in Picard.” She also presented conference papers titled “Progressive and Regressive Assimilation in Picard” and “Progressive and Regressive Picard Nasal Assimilation” with Brian José.

Robert Botne presented “Specific vs. Non-Specific Infinitives in Lusamia” at the 33rd Annual Conference on African Linguistics at Ohio University. Botne has had two articles accepted for publication: “Towards a Typology of ACHIEVEMENT Verbs: A Crosslinguistic Study of DIE” in Linguistic Typology and “Dissociativity in Tense, Realis, and Location in Chindali Verbs” in Journal of African Languages and Linguistics. Also, he has initiated a new series of professionalization workshops for graduate students, which feature faculty who share their expertise on topics such as grantsmanship, publishing, getting tenure, and applying for jobs.

During the past year Stuart Davis presented papers at the Second North American Phonology Conference held in Montreal and at the 10th Manchester Phonology Meeting in Manchester, England. Davis also gave a talk at the Graz Reduplication Conference in Austria. He gave an invited phonology talk (with Isaac Ueda) on mora augmentation at the conference on Linguistics and Phonetics at Eikai University in Japan and gave an invited talk on Optimality Theory at Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Ind. His article, co-authored with Karen Baertsch, titled “Turkish C + /I/ (uster) Phonology,” has appeared in Chicago Linguistic Society 37 and this article with Isaac Ueda titled “Mora Augmentation in Shizuoka Japanese” has appeared in Japanese-Korean Linguistics. Davis was recently appointed to the editorial board of the Journal of East Asian Linguistics. Davis also presented papers at meetings of the American Dialect Society and the North American Association for the History of the Language Sciences.

Ken de Jong has been developing various threads of his research into how syllable structure affects speech production and how it is perceived by listeners with different language experience. Most recent results were presented at the 142nd and 143rd meetings of the Acoustical Society of America. Various portions of the data are written up in four technical reports, two of which are available online at the IULC’s new Online Working Papers site. Additional aspects of this research will also be presented at the 2003 LSA convention. Continued work with IU alumna Bushra Zawayed, PhD ’99, on Arabic emphatic consonants, also appears in the Linguistics Working Papers. He has also been involved in various teaching projects, reimplementing computational labs and developing new ways of introducing phonological patterns via phonetic acoustic representations in L303.

A paper by Laurent Dekydtspotter (French and Italian), Rex Sprouse (continued on page 4)

From the chair
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expect to teach courses in Hausa, Bambara, Twi, Zulu, and Swahili.

We are again offering six different undergraduate “Topics” courses this academic year, all at maximum enrollments: Botne’s Indiana Dialects, Davis’s Ebonics, Obeng’s Language and Politics, Port’s Language and Religion, Auger’s Language and Gender, and Newman’s Language and Freedom of Speech in the United States (as an Honors College course). These popular courses, as well as L103 Introduction to the Study of Language, and L303 Introduction to Linguistic Analysis, have helped to attract increasing numbers of majors to the department. We largely have the efforts of undergraduate advisor Ken de Jong to thank for this (see column on page 7). Ken, who is stepping down this year to be replaced by Samuel Obeng, has drawn many students to the discipline of linguistics through his stimulating teaching of L303.

We are proud of the many accomplishments of our graduate students and faculty. Their diverse activities are reported in this newsletter. You can read about publications, grants and awards received (both externally and within IU), and invitations to lecture at major national and international conferences. It has been a very busy time!

I congratulate both Associate Professor Ken de Jong and Distinguished Professor Paul Newman on their promotions and refer you to the article on page 1 about these two talented and deserving scholars. I am also pleased to report the promotion of departmental administrative assistant Ann Baker from clerical to professional rank.

During 2002 we have sponsored a broad range of colloquia presented both by IU faculty and visitors. These include Vitaly Shevoroshkin (University of Michigan), Marshall Lewis (IU), David Sandile Gxiliseshe (University of Cape Town), Satoshi Tomioka (University of Delaware), Richard Hogg (University of Manchester), Cedric Boeckx (University of Illinois), Damir Cavar (IU), Janet Fodor (CUNY), John McWhorter (Berkeley), John McCarthy (University of Massachusetts), and Janet Décéspis (Université Pompeu Fabra).

In closing, I thank everyone who has contributed information to this newsletter. I hope very much that our alumni will keep in touch and continue to supply us with personal and professional news. Feedback on the newsletter, or on any of our programs, is also greatly appreciated. I am best reached via e-mail, at franks@indiana.edu. I also thank everyone who has contributed to the Householder Fund or to the Linguistics Enrichment Fund. These funds are maintained by the IU Foundation, and contributions are fully tax deductible, for Indiana residents this amount can even be doubled on state returns. The Householder Fund is used specifically to support student research, and the Linguistics Enrichment Fund is used for a wide variety of activities, such as supporting departmental social events, alumni, events, and special research projects. If you would like to contribute to either fund, please contact Ann Baker at M. E. S. H. 322, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47405; phone (812) 855-6459; or e-mail lingdept@indiana.edu. Checks should be made payable to the Indiana University Foundation.

— Steven Franks
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Faculty news

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(Germanic), and graduate student Kimberly Swanson, "Reflections of the Mental Architecture in Second-Language Acquisition: The Interpretation of Discontinuous Combinatorial Ex extractions in English-French Interlanguage," recently appeared in Language Acquisition.

The recently published Proceedings of the Boston University Conference on Language Development included Dan Dinnsen’s plenary address titled "A Reconsideration of Children’s Underlying Representations." Dinnsen also gave one of the invited papers, "On the Composition and Treatment of Children’s Error Patterns," at the GLOW Workshop on Phonological Acquisition in Utrecht in April.


Franks held a short-term guest professorship at the English department at Warsaw University, where he taught a course on syntax and made a variety of presentations; he also presented "Where’s that?" in May at Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft in Berlin, Warsaw University, Poznań University, and Wrocław University. In December, at the annual meeting of the American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages, he presented "Case Marking on Objects of Ininitifices in Lithuanian," together with James Lavine. Franks published "The Internal Structure of Slavic NPs, with Special Reference to Bulgarian" in Generative Linguistics in Poland: Syntax and Morphosyntax, "The Origin of Prepositions" (co-authored with Michael Yadroff, PhD ’99) in Current Issues in Formal Slavic Linguistics, and "Phonology-Syntax Interactions in South Slavic" (co-authored with Z. Bošković) in Balkanistica 15.

Franks continues to serve as editor-in-chief of the Journal of Slavic Linguistics and was appointed to the editorial boards of Zetzschrif für Slawistik and Studies in Polish Linguistics.

Recently, Michael Gasser presented papers at CLS and at the first Annual Summer Interdisciplinary Conference. He gave invited lectures at the third Workshop on Mechanisms of Brain and Mind in Tateshina, Japan, and at Southern Illinois University. Gasser is working on the second edition of his online linguistics textbook, How Language Works, to be released in December. It will include new trial software developed under a grant to the Cognitive Science Program.

Yoshihisa Kitagawa’s paper “Prosody and Wh-questions,” with PhD candidate Masanori Deguchi appeared in NELS 32. The two also presented an extended version of this paper titled “Prosody and Syntax at GLOW — Asia 2002, in Taiwan. Kitagawa also presented “Deaftul Prosody Explains the Neglected Syntactic Analyses in Japanese” (co-authored with Janet Dean Fodor) at the 12th Japanese/Korean Linguistics Conference. He received a Faculty Research Incentive Fund grant and College of Arts and Sciences Grant-in-Aid for his project on the interaction of prosody, syntax, and information structure. He also gave an invited talk titled “Where Does Ungrammaticality Come from in Japanese Syntax?” at the University of Arizona.

This spring, Paul Newman was one of only four persons in the IU system to be named Distinguished Professor (see article on page 1). His major publication this year was the book Chadic and Hausa Linguistics: Selected Papers of Paul Newman, with Commentaries, edited by Philip J. Jaggar and H. Ekhard Wolff. Talks he gave this year include one at Stanford, "Teeth and Tongues: Walking and Talking: Greenberg’s Approach to Language, Race, and Culture," and two in London, "What We Know and What We Wished We Knew About Chadic" and "The Endangered Languages Issue: A West African Perspective." In addition, he spoke on WFIU radio about "Age Discrimination at IU.”


Robert Port wrote an article for the Macmillan Encyclopedia of Cognitive Science on "The Dynamical Systems Hypothesis in Cognitive Science." It will appear in the online and hardcopy encyclopedia in 2003. Port was an invited speaker at the Temporal Integration in Speech Processing conference in Aix-en-Provence, where he presented "Implications of Rhythmic Speech for Theories of Speech Timing." With H. Ugo Queen, visiting scholar from the University of Utrecht, he presented a poster at the Acoustical Society of America on "Stress Shift in Rhythmic Speech." They also presented another paper at CLS titled "Rhythmic Factors in Stress Shift."

Natsuko Tsujimura (East Asian languages and cultures) was invited to the Lexicon Workshop at the Linguistics and Phonetics Conference held at Mekai University in Chiba, Japan, where she presented a paper titled "Lexical Conceptual Structure and Telicity: A View from Event Cancellation in Japanese." Tsujimura published "A Constructual Approach to Language Acquisition."
Iskra Iskrova, with Albert Valdman, presented "An Optimality Theoretic Account of Nasality in Haitian Creole" at the LSA's annual meeting in San Francisco.

Brian José, with Julie Auger, presented "Progressive and Regressive Assimilation in Picard," at the Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages. José also presented a poster on "They/There and Wasp/Were: Variation in Small-Town Kentuckiana" at New Ways of Analyzing Variation 31.

Byung-jin Lim published "Local and Global Patterns of Compensation in Korean" in Japanese-Korean Linguistics and, along with Namhee Kim and Han-Yong Park, presented "Vowel Length Distinction and Lexical Ambiguity: Resolution in Korean" at the Western Conference on Linguistics.


Funded by a summer FLAS fellowship and Summer Travel Enhancement Grant, Tristan Purvis carried out exploratory research and language training in intermediate Dagbani and advanced Twi in Tamale and Kumasi, Ghana.

Working with Professor Robert Port, students Deborah Burleson and Caitlin Dillon co-edited a volume in the Working Papers in Linguistics series titled Speech Prosody and Timing: Dynamic Aspects of Speech. The book contains 11 papers by IU faculty, students, and recent alumni in phonetics dealing with speech timing and prosody. It can be purchased from the IU Linguistics Club.

Honors and awards
Vicki Anderson and Brian José received Graduate Student Travel Grants to present at NWAV at Stanford.

Cynthia Clopper received the first annual Householder Award for the outstanding graduate paper in linguistics. Iskra Iskrova received the Peter Cannings Memorial Prize for academic excellence in the field of French linguistics.

Nam Hye Kim received scholarships from Rotary International and the Korean-American Scholarship Foundation.

FLAS fellowships were awarded to Joshua Lumsden (Romanian), Kelly Jo Trennepohl (Twi), Stephen Grimes (Hungarian), and Joanna Taylor (Swahili) for the 2002–03 academic year.

Kyoko Nagao and Masanori Deguchi received a Householder Research Award for their perception study of foreign sounds in second language acquisition.

Han-Yong Park and Sahoko Ichikawa received a Householder Research Award to investigate the interaction between prosody and semantic interpretation.

Elizabeth Peterson received a scholarship from the Center for International Mobility.

Rose Wilkerson received the Charles Gaus Bolin Fellowship at Williams College in Williamstown, Mass., where she continues work on her dissertation.

Faculty news
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Albert Valdman was honored by former doctoral students, IU colleagues, and external leading specialists in applied linguistics by the presentation of a festschrift volume edited by Kathleen Bardovi-Harlig, Sue Gass, Sally M. Nagy, and Joel Waiz. Valdman was the keynote speaker at a symposium on francophony and Creole studies at the University of Regensburg, Germany. He delivered a lecture on dialect contact in Haitian Creole at the University of Toronto and opened the Creole Month organized by the Montreal Haitian Diaspora community with a lecture on issues in the standardization of Haitian Creole. Valdman served as guest editor for an issue of the journal Études Créoles and authored an article on the difference between creolization and normal diachronic language change, which was included in the publication. A CD-ROM, "Discovering Cajun French Through the Spoken Word," the first product of a collaborative NEH-supported project on Louisiana Cajun French, directed by Valdman, was also released in November.

McGarrity earns fellowship
Laura McGarrity was awarded a 2002–03 College of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Year Research Fellowship. These highly competitive fellowships enable advanced students to engage in focused work leading to the completion of their dissertations and are awarded on the basis of demonstrated academic excellence, proposed use of fellowship funds, and potential for significant research contributions. McGarrity’s dissertation investigates the universal and language specific linguistic principles that govern the location of secondary stress in the world’s languages. McGarrity also received a graduate student travel grant.
Department welcomes new linguistics graduate students

Thora Birna Asgeirsdottir comes from the small town of Hafnarfjordur, Iceland. The focus of her linguistic research is anthropological, but she is also interested in syntax and phonology. Outside linguistics, Asgeirsdottir’s main interest is traveling; she has been to more than 20 countries, so far.

Ashley Farris, from Richmond, Ky., received her undergraduate degree in English with minors in French and philosophy. Her interests include sociolinguistics and cognitive science. She enjoys cooking and gardening. Farris is interested in interdisciplinary approaches to language, especially in the areas of sociolinguistics and cognitive science. She enjoys cooking and gardening.

From Seoul, Korea, Sun-Hwa Jang is interested in interdisciplinary approaches to language, especially in the areas of sociolinguistics and cognitive science. She enjoys cooking and gardening.

Ock-Hwan Kim, a native of Korea, is interested in the syntax-phonology interface in East Asian languages. Kim enjoys playing baduk (traditional Oriental chess), listening to modern jazz, and collecting jazz CDs and books of all kinds.

Scott Lamanna’s interests include bilingualism, language contact, regional variation, and change in English, Spanish, and Arabic. He is from Winston-Salem, N.C., and enjoys theology, dancing, and foreign travel.

Originally from Chicago, Erica LaVan has a background in computer science and French. She is interested in artificial intelligence, computational linguistics, and machine translation. LaVan is involved in many French activities on campus and enjoys rock climbing.

Eric Oglesbee, from Nappanee, Ind., has a bachelor’s degree in mathematics and Biblical literature. In addition to religiously attending Indiana University basketball, his hobbies include camping, hiking, and playing basketball. In the field of linguistics, Oglesbee is fascinated by phonology.

Indrek Park is interested in comparative grammar, linguistic diversity, and Tibetan languages. A native of Estonia, he enjoys playing bagpipes and learning new languages.

Brian Riordan spent more than three years in Japan during and following college. His interests include computational linguistics, cognitive science, Japanese linguistics, and bilingualism. Riordan married Masako Hashikawa in late September.

Noah Silbert grew up in Bloomington, Ind. He received a bachelor’s degree in linguistics from IU in 1998 and an MA in ESL from the University of Hawaii in 2002. Currently pursuing a PhD, Silbert is interested in speech perception, psycholinguistics, and phonology.

Joanna Taylor is interested in the first language acquisition of Bantu verbal languages. A native of Indiana, she also enjoys hand papermaking, beadwork, and pestering her two pet turtles.

Lisa Whited is a California native whose interests include syntax, computational linguistics, pragmatics, and language interaction. A Navy veteran, Whited was recently commissioned as an ensign in the naval reserves.

Linguistics secretary wins Staff Merit Award

The department congratulates administrative secretary Marilyn Estep for being honored with a Staff Merit Award. These awards are highly competitive (two support staff on the entire Bloomington campus are so honored each year), so that only the most deserving and dedicated employees are selected. Since Marilyn began in 1998, faculty and staff have come to appreciate greatly her reliability, versatility, and resourcefulness. We are very proud to have such an exemplary and dedicated employee in our office. There will be a formal award ceremony on Dec. 17 to which friends of Marilyn are welcome.

Degrees awarded

PhDs awarded

Karen Sue Baertsch, “An Optimality Theoretic Approach to Syllable Structure: The Split Margin Hierarchy” (Stuart Davies)

Mompoloki Mananga Bagwasi, “A Historical Development of a Botswana Variety of English” (Samuel Obeng and Beverly Hartford)

Bernardo Gerardo Blanco, “The Role of Linguistic Input in Language Acquisition: A Listening Comprehension-Based Study Considering the Input Limitations of the EFL Environment” (Beverly Hartford)

Tiffany Lynne Kershner, “The Verb in Chisukwa: Aspect, Tense, and Time” (Robert Botne)

MAs awarded

Hafid Adnane, Jemima Anderson, Milan Boháček, Khaled Eihhamy, Nicole Evans, Theo Galoozis, Abdul Ghaffar Khogali, Laura Knudsen, Hyeyoung Kim, Mayumi Miyamoto, Seth Ofori, Kyoko Okamura, Tristan Purvis, Roseann Vondrasek, and Joachim Wermter

BAs awarded

Alycia Edgeworth, Michael Marlo, Kara Raisley, and Corey Yoquelet

New graduate students in the department are, from left, Sun-Hwa Jang, Thora Birna Asgeirsdottir, Ock-Hwan Kim, Joanna Taylor, Toshikazu Ikuta, Scott Lamanna, Lisa Whited, Eric Oglesbee, Ashley Farris, Brian Riordan, Indrek Park, Erica LaVan, and Noah Silbert.

Corey Yoquelet
Letter from the director of graduate studies

This year the role of director of graduate studies for the Department of Linguistics is in transition. Professor Robert Botte will replace me beginning January 2003. I have served as the DGS since 1998 and will soon be taking a sabbatical leave.

What I have enjoyed most about being the DGS is the daily interaction I have with students. As a consequence, I have gotten to know almost all of the graduate students in the department. It is this aspect that I will miss the most about not being the DGS. On a daily basis, the job of DGS involves answering numerous queries from both prospective and current students regarding all aspects of the departmental graduate programs. Many of these questions are e-mailed to the departmental staff and forwarded to the DGS. Questions range from “Does ASL count for the MA language requirement?” (it does) to questions regarding taking summer courses at other universities for departmental credit.

Although it is hard to pinpoint any specific accomplishment during my time as the DGS that I alone can be credited with, significant changes have been achieved through the conjoined efforts of the departmental chair, staff, faculty, and students. One major accomplishment during this period was the development of the MA track in computational linguistics. A more mundane accomplishment was the updating of the departmental graduate student handbook. Another area that we can be proud of is the visibility of our graduate students at various conferences. Over the past several years, we have had a significant presence not only at the annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, but also at some of the major conferences in various subfields, such as New Ways of Analyzing Variation, the African Linguistics Conference, the meetings of the Acoustical Society of America, and the North American Conference on Phonology.

As a final advising issue, I am aware that some of our graduate students are planning to attend the LSA Summer Linguistic Institute being held during summer 2003 at Michigan State University. Personally, I strongly recommend attending such an institute. A terrific range of classes can be seen on the institute Web site at http://lsa2003.lms.msu.edu/. The Web site also has application forms. There are several different ways that you can apply. Indiana University and Michigan State University are both CIC schools. If you are considered an in-state student by IU or if you have a tuition waiver that covers summer 2003, it is to your (financial) benefit to fill out the CIC application. If you are an out-of-state student (including international students) and you are planning to take more than two credit hours at the institute, it is to your benefit to fill out the regular application to the institute and then transfer the credit hours to IU at the end of the summer (keeping in mind that the maximum limit of transfer credit is 8 credits for an MA student and 30 credits for a PhD student). Anyone who plans to attend the summer institute should also submit an application for an Institute Fellowship, which is available from the above Web site. I will continue to give advice to anyone who wants to attend but is not sure which is the best way to apply.

— Stuart Davis

From the undergraduate advisers

After an exceptionally large graduating class, we wondered a bit if our undergraduate program would experience some shrinkage. This, however, has not been the case. We did have a very small class of ’02; however, our courses have been as full as ever, and the number of declared majors is up to 24. One of the reasons for this is the increasing number of first- and second-year students who have become interested in linguistics, some of them even arriving at IU with the intention of studying linguistics. Many faculty have remarked informally that the quality of their students is very impressive.

We continue to hear good things from our graduates as they move on from here. While we are always glad to see our students doing well after graduation, there is, of course, a particular satisfaction in seeing our students follow in our footsteps and dedicate large portions of their lives to linguistic research. Along this line, we note several of our recent students in various graduate programs around the country, at Berkeley, Los Angeles, and Buffalo. Also, we have had the enjoyment of a couple of students who have graduated from IU, only to return a while later to pursue graduate degrees. Mayumi Miyakawa just finished her MA last spring, and Nah Silbert started working on a PhD in linguistics and cognitive science this fall. It is good to have a chance to continue working with our undergraduates.

This year the undergraduate program is in transition, with Sam Ong taking over Ken de Jong’s role as undergraduate adviser. However, if you have particular questions about the undergraduate program, you can contact either Ken, at kdjong@indiana.edu, or Sam, at sbon@indiana.edu.

— Ken de Jong & Samuel Ong

Alumni news

Before 1960


Marjorie E. Davis, MA’54, writes to say that she is still in linguistics at 89 years old. She has written for ethnic minority groups so they can learn how to write songs and hymns in their native language. She lives in Huntington Beach, Calif.

1980s

Janet DeCesaris, MA’81, PhD’88, was honored by the Department of Spanish and Portuguese this fall with the Seventh Annual Merle E. Simmons Distinguished Alumni Award. DeCesaris is professor of applied linguistics and translation at Universitat Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona.

Yukie Uno, MA’84, writes, “I’m now at Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada, as a visiting professor teaching Japanese culture.”

Janet C. Bugher, BA’87, was named president of the Ad Club of Indianapolis, a nonprofit organization promoting ethical, truthful, and creative advertising. She lives in Indianapolis.

Gail A. Glentzer, BA’88, MA’93, taught English conversation at Nijiuma Gakuen, a junior high school in Japan, from 1989 to 1992; she then moved to Paris to study French for six months. She is now the ESL director at the Indiana Institute of Technology and lives in Fort Wayne, Ind.

1990s

Don Salting, MA’90, PhD’98, accepted a tenure-track position in the English department at North Dakota State University in Fargo.

Mary Ellen Scullen, MA’90, PhD’93, was granted tenure in the French department at the University of Maryland.

Sue Brown, MA’91, PhD’96, won the American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages’ “President’s Award for the Best Work of Scholarship in Slavic Linguistics” for her monograph The Syntax of Negation in Russian: A Minimalist Approach, a revision of her dissertation, which was directed by Steven Franks.

Jessica Barlow, BA’92, MA’94, PhD’97, has been awarded a three-year grant from NIH to continue her research on bilingual phonological development. Barlow also served as the guest editor for a special two-volume clinical forum on the application of linguistic theory to phonological acquisition (continued on back cover)
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and disorders in the journal *Language, Speech, and Hearing Services in the Schools.*

Charles Morrill, MA’92, PhD ’97, accepted a position with the U.S. State Department.

Jin-young Tak, MA’92, PhD ’97, accepted a permanent position in the English department at Sejong University in Seoul, Korea.

Yongsung Lee, PhD ’93, is dean of the School of European and American Studies at Pusan University of Foreign Studies in Pusan, Korea.

Elisabeth G. Baker, MA’94, is involved with a group of young adults in the International Evangelical Church of Finland. They sent eight delegates to an orphanage in St. Petersburg, Russia, to help prepare the children for the winter. She lives in Helsinki, Finland.

David R. Boe, PhD ’96, is a professor in the English department at Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Mich.

Karen K. Meyer, MA ’98, writes, “I spent the summer of 2001 teaching in Gorzow Wielkopolski, Poland. I still teach ESL and Spanish at Mather High School in Chicago.”

Chin Wan Chung, PhD ’99, accepted a permanent position in the English department at Chonbuk National University in Chonju, Korea.

After spending a year in a postdoctoral position at Kanda University of International Studies in Japan, Ae-ryung Kim, MA ’99, PhD ’00, returned home to Korea to a teaching position in Kyungnam University, where she is now an associate professor in the English education department.

2000s

Jong-Kyoo Kim, PhD ’00, accepted a position in the Korean language department at Hankuk University in Seoul, Korea.

Karen Baertsch, PhD ’02, received a postdoctoral traineeship from NIH to work with professors Gierut (speech and hearing) and Dinnsen on phonological acquisition.

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