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From the chair

Linguistics faculty, enrollment numbers continue to climb

2006 has been a year of growth and activity in the Department of Linguistics. First and foremost, I would like to congratulate Professor **Samuel Obeng** for being promoted to full professor of linguistics. Obeng is the author of several books and numerous articles on various aspects of language in Africa. He is a popular teacher and mentor, well-deserving of the promotion.

Second, I am very happy to welcome two new regular faculty members to our department. **Sandra Kübler** joins us as a new tenure-track assistant professor in computational linguistics. Her doctoral degree is from the University of Tübingen in 2003 and she had taught in their computational linguistics program for the past three years. Kübler is the author of *Memory-Based Parsing* (John Benjamins, publisher) and numerous articles in computational linguistics. Her interests include corpus

linguistics, natural language processing, and machine learning techniques in computational linguistics concerning especially the incorporation of knowledge of linguistics to such techniques. This year, she is teaching our basic computational linguistics courses as well as semantics. I am also pleased to welcome once again Professor **Frances Trix**, who is now a tenured associate professor with a split appointment in linguistics and anthropology. The previous year, she had been on a visiting appointment. Trix received her degree in linguistics from the University of Michigan in 1988. She has done extensive research on spiritual discourse in an Islamic context, medical letters of recommendation, and language in the context of disasters. This year, she is teaching an undergraduate intensive-writing course on the theme of language in disasters as well as a course on language

and gender. Also this year, we are joined by **Richard Janda**, who recently co-edited (with Brian Joseph) *The Handbook of Historical Linguistics* (Blackwell, publishers). Janda is teaching our L103 course as well as an undergraduate issues course on animal communication.

The department had two exciting noteworthy events during the past year. In June, we hosted Phonologyfest, a two-week workshop on phonology that included 18 invited leading phonologists from North America and Europe and the participation of more than 100 people. There was a real sense of excitement as well as camaraderie as new ideas were presented for the first time. In September, we honored Professor **Fred Eckman**, MA'69, PhD'72, with the department's distinguished alumni award (see story below). He became our sixth

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Distinguished Alumni Award goes to Fred Eckman, MA'69, PhD'72

On Sept. 14–15, the Department of Linguistics honored one of its alumni, Professor **Fred Eckman**, MA'69, PhD'72, of the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, with the IU Department of Linguistics Distinguished Alumni Award. In 1992, the department initiated its Distinguished Alumni Award, which is given out every two to three years.

Eckman has been a leading figure in the field of second language studies for 30 years. He is best known for the application of principles of universal grammar to interlanguage and second language acquisition and for his influential markedness differential hypothesis regarding what should be difficult (and not so difficult) in second language acquisition.

On Sept. 14, we held the Distinguished Alumni Award presentation in the University Club. Personal and academic reflections about Professor Eckman were given by professors **Kathleen Bardovi-Harlig**, **Phil Connell**, **Daniel Dinnsen**, and **Albert Valdman**. On Friday, Sept. 15, Eckman gave the Distinguished Alumni lecture, titled “Contrast in Second Language Phonology,” to a full house. Eckman joins an impressive group of recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Award, which includes **Heles Contreras**, MA'59, PhD'61; **Katherine Demuth**, MA'78, PhD'83; **James Flege**, MA'77, PhD'79; the late **Ken Hale**, MA'56, PhD'58; **Dell Hymes**, MA'53, PhD'55; and **George Lakoff**, PhD'66.



Courtesy of Fred Eckman

Fred Eckman in his office at the University of Wisconsin–Madison

Around the Department

Phonologyfest 2006

During the last part of June, the Department of Linguistics hosted Phonologyfest, a unique two-week workshop on current perspectives in phonology. During the first week of the workshop, participants heard a series of talks on different aspects of optimality theory by leading figures in the field: John McCarthy, of the University of Massachusetts; Arto Anttila, of Stanford University; Rachel Walker, of the University of Southern California; and **Daniel Dinnsen**, of Indiana University. The focus during the second week was on the phonology of Germanic languages. Participants heard a series of lectures on the phonologies of different Germanic languages by Tracy Alan Hall, of Indiana University (German); Curt Rice, of the University of Tromsø (Norwegian); Marc van Oostendorp, of the Meertens Institute (Dutch); and **Stuart Davis**, of Indiana University (American English). During the intervening weekend of Phonologyfest, a two-day phonology workshop was held with six invited speakers from Indiana University and 12 invited speakers from other universities.

All events at Phonologyfest were well-attended, attracting many people from outside of IU. The workshop helped to highlight the strengths in phonetics and phonology in our department and on our campus. We thank the many departments and units that helped to fund Phonologyfest, but we especially thank the Office of the Vice Provost for Research, who provided assistance through an Arts and Humanities New Perspectives Grant.

Phonologyfest, in a sense, was a sequel to the very successful Syntaxfest held in June 2004. Themes for another possible workshop to take place in June 2008 are under discussion.

IU linguists participate at NWAV 35 in Ohio

IU linguists were well-represented at the 35th meeting of New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NAVA 35), held in November in Columbus, Ohio. These included the following participants:

Kate Anderson, "Interdisciplinary Application of Sociolinguistic Research on Racial Speech Perception"; **Clancy Clements**, "The Semantic Extension of Genitive *d* and the Semantic Shift of *s*, *nāw* 'if not, otherwise' in Daman Creole Portuguese"; **Manuel Diaz-Campos**, "A Usage-Based Analysis of Variable Trill Production in

Spanish"; **Manuel Diaz-Campos** and **Jennifer Brondell**, "Phonological Variation in Vowel Sequences: The Role of Frequency in Phonetic Reductive Processes"; **César Félix-Brasdefer**, "Sociopragmatic Variation: Dispreferred Responses among Mexicans and Dominicans"; **Brian José**, "Southern Shifting in a Transplanted Variety of Appalachian English"; **Francisco Montañó** and **Julie Auger**, "Phonetic Variation in the Realization of Vimeu Picard Geminate Morphemes"; **Kyoko Nagao**, "Cross-language Study of Age and Stereotypes in Speech Perception"; **Brian Riordan**, "There's Two Ways to Say It: Modeling Nonstandard There's"; and **Anne-Jose Villeneuve**, "A Variationist Study of *ne* Dropping in Vimeu French."

Fall colloquia

The Department of Linguistics had an active and exciting colloquium series this past fall, organized by the Indiana University Linguistics Club. Invited speakers for the colloquium included Catherine Rudin of Wayne State College; Helen Aristar-Dry and Anthony Aristar of Eastern Michigan University and Linguist List; Elizabeth Winkler of Northern Kentucky University; Robert Botne of Indiana University; Gregory Stump of the University of Kentucky; and Richard Janda of Indiana University.

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alumnus to be so honored. Both these events are described in more detail elsewhere in this newsletter. I would, however, like to thank our office staff (**Jan Cobb** and **Marilyn Estep**) and the IULC (especially students **Alexis Lanham** and **Tossi Ikuta**) for all their efforts in making these two events so successful.

A noteworthy development regarding language and linguistics at IU that many of our alumni will be interested in is the transformation of the program/department of TESOL and applied linguistics to the new Department of Second Language Studies, with an eventual PhD program independent of the linguistics department. The Department of SLS is in the process of hiring several new faculty. I, personally, see this as a positive development that will foster greater research in the linguistics of language acquisition. I look forward to working with the chair, Professor **Kathleen Bardovi-Harlig**, on matters of mutual interest. Here I would like to mention the

Slavic conference held at IUB in September

The inaugural meeting of the Slavic Linguistics Society was held in Bloomington Sept. 8–10, 2006. This highly successful event was attended by roughly 125 participants from approximately 25 countries. Invited speakers included Osten Dahl from Stockholm; Barbara Partee from the University of Massachusetts; Vladimir Borschev from Moscow; and IU Slavic professor Ronald Feldstein. The new society will be served by the *Journal of Slavic Linguistics*, edited by Steven Franks, and will organize regular meetings on an annual basis. Subsequent conferences are planned for Berlin (2007) and OSU (2008).

Computational Linguistics Program

This past fall, the Computational Linguistics Program welcomed a new faculty member, Sandra Kübler from the University of Tübingen in Germany. Kübler is working on two research projects, one formally titled "Representation and Automatic Acquisition of Linguistic Data," based at the University of Tübingen, and one on "Weakly Supervised Linguistic Analysis."

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recent retirements of TESOL and applied linguistics professors **Harry Gradman** and **Beverly Hartford**. I wish them well in their future activities.

With respect to our undergraduate and graduate programs, I would like to note the continual high level of activity during the past year. At the undergraduate level, we have increased our course offerings. At the graduate level, about 20 of our graduate students presented papers at conferences. To help aid graduate-student research, our department has two funds: one is the Householder Fund for student research, and the other is the Newman Fund, which provides aid for student travel for conference presentations. Any donations to the Indiana University Foundation can be directed to these funds or to the Department of Linguistics' Linguistic Enrichment Fund. Finally, I would like to congratulate **Deborah Burleson**, **Caitlin Dillon**, **Maria Kim**, **Kyoko Nagao**, **Seth Ofori**, **Dorian Roehrs**, and **Kimberly Swanson**, all of whom successfully defended their doctoral dissertations in 2006.

— Stuart Davis

Faculty News

Julie Auger published an article on variation in French in the new second edition of *The Encyclopedia of Languages and Linguistics* (Elsevier). She gave lectures at the University of Illinois and at McGill University, and she presented papers at conferences in Canada and in the United States. In March, she gave the opening lecture at the 20th *Journées de linguistique* conference in Québec City, a conference that she and some friends created when she was an MA student at Université Laval. Finally, during the summer, she directed the CIC study-abroad program in Québec City.

Robert Botne published in 2006 *A Grammatical Sketch of the Lusaamia Verb* (Rüdiger Köppe, publisher). He also presented a paper, titled “On the Cognitive Organization of Tense/Aspect Systems in Bantu,” at the International Conference on Bantu Grammar: Description and Theory held at the School of Oriental and African

Studies at the University of London in April.

Stuart Davis published two encyclopedia articles during the past year: “Syllable Constituents” in the new edition of the *Encyclopedia of Language and Linguistics* (Elsevier) and “Velarization” in *The Encyclopedia of the Arabic Language* (Brill). His paper “Phonetics vs. Phonology: English Word-Final /s/ in Korean Loanword Phonology,” with former student **Mi-Hui Cho**, MA’91, PhD’94, appeared in *Lingua*, and his paper “Prosodic vs. Morphological Mora Augmentation,” with Isao Ueda, appeared in *Lexicon Forum*. Davis was a keynote speaker at the Arabic Linguistics Symposium last March in Kalamazoo, Mich., where he gave a lecture titled “Issues in the Phonology of Onset Dialects of Arabic.” He was also an invited speaker at the Workshop on Korean Linguistics in Honor of Chin-Woo Kim at the University of Illinois in May. Additionally, Davis gave

a paper at the 12th Midcontinental Workshop on Phonology in October, with current graduate student **Mark Van Dam**, on the footing of semi-weak syllables in American and at the first International Conference on East Asian Linguistics in Toronto in November, with Hyunsook Kang, on English loanwords in Korean. With former student **Karen Baertsch**, PhD’02, he gave papers at the 14th Manchester Phonology Meeting (also with **William R. Anderson**, BA’87, MA’94) and at a special workshop on strength relations in phonology, held in Sendai, Japan, in September. Finally, as part of Phonologyfest held this past June, Davis presented a series of lectures on the phonology of American English.

Kenneth de Jong has been developing an NSF-funded project in cross-language perception, second language learning, and perceptual aspects of consonant systems.

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Since last year, Professor Damir Cavar has become acting chair of the English department at the University of Zadar and head of the General and Computational Linguistics Division of the Institute for Croatian Language and Linguistics. He released the Croatian Language Corpus at the Institute of Croatian Language and Linguistics. He taught classes in Introduction to Symbolic and Statistical NLP in Scheme, at ESSLLI, and Python/Scheme for Computational Linguistics, at JSSECL.

The Midwest Computational Linguistics Colloquium was held at the University of Illinois this past year, and the IU Department of Linguistics was represented by **Katri Clodfelder**, with “Bartlett’s Test Applied in a Latent Semantic Analysis of Parallel-Aligned Sentences in French and English,” and **Steven Grimes**, “On the Creation of a Pronunciation Dictionary for Hungarian.” Additionally, graduate student **David Rojas** presented a paper titled “Predicting MT Quality as a Function of the Source Language,” with Takako Aikawa (Microsoft), at Language Resources and Evaluation 2006. Graduate student **Nathan Sanders** received a grant as lead investigator for “Formal Measures of Phonological Distance in Pediatric Users of Cochlear Implants,” with Steven Chin in the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, and this summer they presented a paper titled “Phonological

Distance Measures for Cochlear Implant Users” at the Ninth International Conference on Cochlear Implants.

IULC news

The Indiana University Linguistics Club had a busy year and developed many successful projects over the last several months. New officers were elected in January, with **Alexis Lanham** taking the position of president for this year. The LingLunch series has met seven times during the past year, giving students the opportunity to present their research and practice presentations for conferences. The IULC organized the department colloquium series this year and helped organize the reception for the Conxita Lleó lecture in October. The club also released the fifth volume of *IULC Working Papers in Linguistics: Syntax & Beyond*, edited by **Dorian Roehrs**, Professor **Yoshihisa Kitagawa**, and **Ock-Hwan Kim**.

Perhaps the biggest IULC success of the past year has been Phonologyfest. Phonology enthusiasts gathered at IU from June 19 to June 29 to participate in this event. The first week was focused on “Perspectives on OT” and included lectures by John McCarthy, Arto Anttila, Rachel Walker, and **Daniel Dinnsen**. The topic of the second week was “Phonology of Germanic Languages,” and instruction was provided by Tracy Alan Hall (IU Department of Germanic Studies), Curt Rice, Marc van Oostendorp, and **Stuart Davis**. The weekend workshop included lectures on laryngeal phonology,

long-distance processes, gradient specificity and discrete generalization, abstract phonological structures, and lexical organization and phonological structure. These talks were given by linguists from other universities, as well as many faculty and students from IU. More than 100 people attended Phonologyfest, and **Alexis Lanham** and **Tossi Ikuta** should be congratulated for a job well done in organizing this event.

The IULC welcomed the new graduate students to the department this year by helping with orientation and pairing up new students with other graduate students to help answer their questions and make their first semester easier. Orientation day concluded with the annual IULC picnic at Bryan Park, where linguists showcased their cooking skills and caught up with one another after the summer break.

The club has continued to work on the IULC clubhouse, which underwent further reorganization and painting this summer. Over the past year, several successful barbecues and book sales have been held in the backyard of the clubhouse. The tradition of the fall retreat was continued again this past fall.

The club always welcomes new ideas and suggestions, so if you have anything that you would like to see the IULC do, e-mail one of the officers. Several more academic and social events are planned for the year. Thank you to all who made the IULC events so successful this year. IULC Web site: www.indiana.edu/~iulcsecy; e-mail: iulcsecy@indiana.edu.

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This project has a number of parts that involve ongoing research with four advanced PhD students, Hanyong Park (on cross-language perception), Noah Silbert (on perceptual structure in consonant systems), Eric Oglesbee (on how to sort out multiple physical dimensions in perception), and Kyoko Nagao (on how listeners deal with variation in speech rate), as well as support by other graduate students in the linguistics program. In addition, he has been developing a general paper on the nature of phonetic phenomena and the range of possible types of explanations for phonetic results. Portions of this paper will appear in *Laboratory Phonology 9* and were presented at the 2006 LSA meeting at “The Symposium on Phonetic Variation: What Does it Mean to Speakers and Listeners?”

Chancellor’s Professor **Daniel Dinnsen** and Professor Judith Gierut (SPHS) are on their 21st consecutive year of funding from the National Institutes of Health for the project that they are directing on phonological acquisition and disorders (www.indiana.edu/~sndlrng/). Over the past year, Dinnsen and Gierut have been working on their book, *Optimality Theory, Phonological Acquisition and Disorders*, to be published by Equinox in the new series *Advances in Optimality Theory*. The volume showcases their most recent work and is scheduled to appear in 2007. For more information about the volume, see www.equinoxpub.com/books/showbook.asp?bkid=153. Dinnsen and Gierut also contributed a chapter, “Optimality Theory: A Clinical Perspective,” for the upcoming *Handbook of Clinical Linguistics* edited by M.J. Ball, M. Perkins, N. Müller, and S. Howard, to be published by Blackwell. Dinnsen visited the University of Massachusetts campus this past spring to participate in an external review of the Department of Linguistics there. Dinnsen also served as an expert witness in a trademark infringement case for the international law firm of Fulbright & Jaworski at the close of the spring semester. As part of Phonologyfest 2006, which was held here this summer, Dinnsen presented a series of lectures on phonological acquisition and disorders. Dinnsen’s lectures were complemented by presentations from two members of his lab, **Jessica Barlow**, BA’92, MA’94, PhD’97, now teaching at San Diego State University, and **Ashley Farris**,

MA’05, who presented some of their most recent work. Dinnsen and Farris presented their paper “Developmental Shifts in Phonological Strength Relations” at a special workshop on strength relations in phonology held in Sendai, Japan, in September.

Steven Franks published “Case and Word Order in Lithuanian,” co-authored with James Lavine, in *Journal of Linguistics*. Another paper, “Another Look at *li* Placement in Bulgarian,” appeared in *The Linguistic Review*. A third paper, “Agnostic Movement,” appeared in *Proceedings of NELS 36*. Finally, his paper “Adverb Interpolation in the Bulgarian Clitic Cluster,” is about to appear in *A Festschrift for Charles Gribble*. Franks co-edited a volume with James Lavine, Mila Tasseva-Kurkchieva, and Hana Filip, called *Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics 14: The Princeton Meeting 2005*. Franks also gave a number of talks in 2006. These include two invited talks while on sabbatical at the University of Connecticut in February (“Case Assignment in Lithuanian Infinitival Clauses” and “PF-Side vs. Syntactic Approaches to Clitic Placement in Bulgarian Compound Tenses”). In April and May, he was a guest professor at the University of Zagreb, Croatia, where he taught an intensive course on South Slavic clitics. During that period, he also lectured at the Zagreb Linguistics Circle and at Belgrade University. He presented two papers in December: “Splitting Puzzles in South Slavic,” with Anita Peti-Stantic, at “Formal Description of Slavic Languages 6.5” in Nova Gorica, Slovenia; and “Deriving Discontinuity,” at American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages in Philadelphia in December (an organization for which he served in 2006 as a vice president). He organized the inaugural meeting of the Slavic Linguistics Society in Bloomington in September, and he continues as editor in chief of the *Journal of Slavic Linguistics*.

Yoshihisa Kitagawa delivered a keynote presentation, “Anatomy of Acceptability Judgments,” at the Fifth International Workshop on Evolutionary Cognitive Sciences — Human Sentence Processing and Production. He published the following three research papers in 2006: “Prosodic Influence on Syntactic Judgments,” in the edited volume *Gradience in Grammar: Generative Perspectives*, Oxford University Press (co-authored with Janet Dean Fodor); “Wh-scope Puzzles,” in *NELS 35*; and “Naze,” in *Festschrift for Heizo Nakajima*. Additionally, Kitagawa edited *Indiana University Working Papers in Linguistics: Syntax and Beyond*, vol. 5, with graduate students Dorian Roehrs and Ock-Hwan Kim. Kitagawa and Ueyama’s book *Seesee-bunpoo-no Kangae-kata* (Ways of Thinking in Generative Grammar),

published in 2004 by Kenkyusha, is now in its second printing.

Sandra Kübler published “What Linguists Always Wanted to Know About German and Did Not Know How to Estimate,” co-authored with Erhard Hinrichs, in the festschrift *A Man of Measure: Festschrift in Honour of Fred Karlsson on his 60th Birthday*. She was invited to publish a talk that she gave at the conference *Recent Advances in Natural Language Processing 2005* in the volume *Recent Advances in Natural Language Processing IV: Selected Papers from RANLP 2005* (John Benjamins). She presented a talk on “Towards Case-Based Parsing: Are Chunks Reliable Indicators for Syntax Trees?” at the COLING/ACL Workshop on Linguistic Distances and a co-authored talk with Erhard Hinrichs and Wolfgang Maier on “Is It Really That Difficult to Parse German?” at the 2006 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing. The co-authored study on “MaltParser: A Language-Independent System for Data-Driven Dependency Parsing” in which she participated has been accepted for publication in *Natural Language Engineering*. In April, Kuebler gave an invited presentation on “Wie schwierig ist Parsing mit deutschen Daten wirklich?” at the Institute of Computational Linguistics at the University of Zurich in Switzerland. She and Joakim Nivre gave a tutorial on dependency parsing at the Joint Conference of the International Committee on Computational Linguistics and the Association for Computational Linguistics in Sydney, Australia.

Phil LeSourd published “Problems for the Pronominal Agreement Hypothesis in Maliseet-Passamaquoddy” in *Language*. During the past summer, he taught a course on the morphology of the Maliseet language for the native studies department of St. Thomas University in Fredericton, New Brunswick. The class consisted entirely of Maliseet Indian students (about a dozen of them), who ranged in age from 17 to 70.

Larry Moss continues research on topics close to the border of logic and linguistics. For example, he has been investigating the foundations of formal semantics, trying to see whether the field of proof theory can complement model theory as a basic tool in the subject. Moss is an editor of the *Journal of Logic, Language, and Information*; he is also an editor of *Research on Language and Computation* and several logic journals. In the past year, he was on the program committee of the Formal Grammars conference. Moss is also the director of the IU Program in Pure and Applied Logic.

Paul Newman, Distinguished Emeritus Professor in linguistics, published “Plurac-
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tionals” in the new edition of the *Encyclopedia of Language and Linguistics* (Elsevier). He also co-edited (with Larry Hyman) *Papers in Honor of Russell G. Schuh*. In April, he presented a paper regarding Greenberg’s African linguistic classification at the Annual Conference on African Linguistics, and, in June, he presented three seminar papers on fieldwork and on issues in language change at the University of Barcelona. Also in June, he presented “English as the Official Language of the United States: Legal and Political Perspectives” at the University of Manouba in Tunis, Tunisia. Finally, Newman has been actively involved in various matters related to copyright. During the spring semester (2006), he was invited to teach the copyright course at the IU School of Law. This past fall, he took leave of absence from IU (if one can take leave from being emeritus) in order to accept a newly created position as intellectual property specialist in the Graduate Library at the University of Michigan, a university that is at the forefront of efforts to digitize library collections, promote online publication, and enhance scholarly communication.

Samuel Obeng published (with Cecilia Sem Obeng) *From Linguistics to Cultural Anthropology: Aspects of Language, Culture, and Family Issues in Ghana (West Africa)* (Lincom Europa publisher). The book includes his article with **Emmanuel Yankey**, MA’97, PhD’00, on “Negation in Nzema.” Obeng published several articles in edited volumes. These include “Language Maintenance and Shift Among African Immigrants Living in the United States” and “‘If We Have Something to Tell God, We Tell it to the Wind,’ A Linguistic and Discursive Analysis of Akan Therapeutic Discourse.” Obeng gave talks at Yale University and the University of Texas at Austin on language maintenance (and shift) among Africans living in the United States. He also gave a talk at the University of Cedarville (Ohio) on “Perception of ESL Classes Among African Immigrants Living in the United States.”

Alwiya Omar continued her work on Kiswahili pragmatics and presented a paper on Kiswahili apologies at the 10th annual African Language Teachers Association conference at Rutgers University in March. During summer 2006, She directed the Summer Cooperative African Language Institute, which was held at the Bloomington campus from June 19 to Aug. 4. Nine African languages (Bambara, Igbo, Kiswahili, Somali, Twi, Wolof, Xhosa, Yoruba, and Zulu) were offered at SCALI ’06. Omar’s teaching skills were recognized by Indiana University, as she was a recipient of the

Welcome our visiting scholars, 2006–07

Jong Kun Lee is a visiting scholar from the Department of English Language and Literature at Mokpo National University in South Korea. He is mainly interested in syntax and semantics. He holds a PhD in linguistics from the University of Texas at Austin. He received an MA in linguistics from IU in 1984. He says that he is happy to be back at IU. His current interests include argument selection, case, and parametric accounts of syntactic differences between English and Korean.

Hye-Kyung Kim is a visiting scholar from the Department of English Language and Literature at Ewha Woman’s University in Seoul, Korea. She received her PhD in English linguistics from Ewha Woman’s University in 2001. She taught English syntax, English grammar, history of the English language, and introduction to linguistics at Ewha Woman’s University, and she also worked as a postdoctoral fellow at Ewha Woman’s University. She is an information secretary of the Korean Generative Grammar Circle. She is particularly interested in English/Korean comparative syntax and second-language syntax.

Youngmee Suh is very happy to be a visiting scholar at IUB. She graduated from Ewha Woman’s University in Seoul, Korea, in 1992 with a bachelor’s degree in English education and, in 2002, with a PhD in linguistics. Those undergraduate and graduate years provided her with expert knowledge of the basic concepts of English language and English linguistics. After graduation, she worked for University of Incheon as a guest professor and at Inha University (one of the top-ranked universities in Korea) as a non-tenured assistant professor. She is interested in the research fields of syntax and language education and is also interested in teaching grammar, syntactic structure, and reading to EFL/ESL adults.

university’s Trustees’ Teaching Award.

Robert Port published two articles during the past year: “The Graphical Basis of Phones and Phonemes,” in the edited volume *Language Experience in Second-Language Speech Learning* (John Benjamins), and “Dynamical Approach to Cognition: Inference from Language,” in the edited volume *Advanced Issues in Cognitive Science and Semiotics*. In addition, Port gave invited talks at USC and at the University of Illinois on language and rich memory. He gave a presentation at the ESCA meeting in Athens in August on “Toward a Rich Phonology” and another talk at the Conference on Embodied Cognition on “Languages Are Not Formal Systems” at Bielefeld University in Germany. Port also gave two talks in June as part of Phonologyfest.

Frances Trix published an article, “Sir William Jones (1746–1794): Father of Modern Linguistics and Indology,” in the *Encyclopedia of Anthropology*. In March 2006, she presented a paper, “Twenty Years of Space Shuttle Problem Reports: Drowning in Data and Awash in Semantic Drift,” at the Interdisciplinary Workshop on Disaster Studies at the Central European University in Budapest. She attended an international conference on Qutb al-Din Shirazi in Tehran and Shiraz and presented a paper on Balkan translations of Fuzuli at the Iranian Academy of Philosophy in Tehran. At the American Academy for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, she presented a paper, “Islam and Postsocialism: Interdisciplinary Approaches — Albania

and Albanian Communities in the Balkans,” in Washington, D.C. She received a grant from the Russian and East European Institute to develop a new course, Islam in the Balkans, which she is teaching this fall.

Natsuko Tsujimura completed the second edition of *An Introduction to Japanese Linguistics* (Blackwell). She published two papers in edited volumes in 2006: “Why Not All Verbs Are Learned Equally: The Intransitive Verb Bias in Japanese,” in *Acquisition of Verb Grammar and Verb Arguments* (Springer), and “A Constructional Approach to Mimetic Verbs,” in *Construction Grammar: Back to the Roots* (John Benjamins). Tsujimura was one of the discussants on the symposium “Linguistic Research and Language Teaching” and gave her presentation “Linguists and Language Teaching: Challenges and Opportunities” at the Linguistic Society of America’s meeting in January 2006. In March, she presented a paper, with graduate student **Kyoko Okamura**, “Language Change and Language Pedagogy” at the Fifth International Conference on Practical Linguistics of Japanese, held at San Francisco State University. She also presented a paper, “A Construction-Based Approach to Phrasal Postpositions in Japanese,” at the Fourth International Conference on Construction Grammar, held at the University of Tokyo in September. Tsujimura was appointed to serve on the Special Overseas Editorial Board for the journal *Gengo Kenkyu* (*Journal of the Linguistic Society of Japan*). She also continues to be an associate editor for *Language*.

Department welcomes 10 new graduate students in 2006

Jonathan Anderson received a BA in linguistics from the University of California at Berkeley in the spring of 2005. His linguistic interests are historical linguistics, sociolinguistics, cognitive science, and phonology.

Amanda Black is an MA student from Corona, Calif. She received dual BAs in French and liberal studies at California State University, San Bernardino. While at CSUSB, she participated in the McNair Scholars Program and presented her paper at two conferences this year, CALICO 2006 and the 2006 Joint Conference of the AAAL and the ACLA/CAAC. Her interests focus on second-language acquisition and sociolinguistics. Her hobbies include sewing, taking dance classes, and listening to all kinds of music.

Lora Bolton is a PhD student originally from Tennyson, Ind., in Warrick County. She received her BA from Dartmouth College in New Hampshire and her MA in linguistics from McGill University in Montreal. She is interested in morphology and Slavic linguistics.

Amber Dawe is an MA student exploring the different areas of the field before deciding on a specialty. She speaks Spanish and is interested in many aspects of Latin American culture. Before coming to IU, she worked as a Latin American account representative, as well as a reporter for a bilingual newspaper in Chicago. She completed her undergraduate studies in communications at Bradley University in Peoria, Ill.

Christopher Green is an MA student originally from Syracuse, N.Y. He attended Florida State University in Tallahassee and received two bachelor's degrees in the fall of 2003. After graduating, Green spent three semesters working with Kathryn Jossier and on the phonology and discourse structure of the Senari language, spoken in the Ivory Coast. Green was the recipient of the Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship from the IU African Studies Program for the 2006–07 academic year. He hopes to study language policy and phonology in West African languages.

Abbie Hantgan is a PhD student in African linguistics, focusing on Niger-Congo languages. Her interests are in revitalization. During 2006, she finished one year of AmeriCorps*VISTA national service. She is also a recipient of the FLAS Fellowship from the African Studies Program for the 2006–07 academic year.

Yu-Yin Hsu is a PhD student from Taiwan and received her MA at National Taiwan Normal University in Taipei. Her thesis was about the syntactic structure and pedagogical grammar of modals in Mandarin Chinese. Her current research interests are syntax, syntax-phonology interface, and second-language acquisition/teaching. She received the departmental fellowship.

Chisato Kojima comes to IU from Japan. Her area of study for her MA in linguistics is phonology. She is interested in the optimality theoretic approach to language disorders and in morphophonological phenomena such as word-truncation.

Traci Nagle originally hails from central New York state, and she received her BA in Russian and Soviet studies from Cornell

University, after which she enjoyed a 15-year career as a scholarly editor. She is particularly interested in syntax, semantics, and sociolinguistics — particularly with regard to English and South Asian languages.

Jason Siegel is a native of Connecticut. He is pursuing a dual PhD in linguistics and French linguistics and is the recipient of IU's Marvin D. Moody Fellowship in French Linguistics. His research interests are wide, but they include all areas of language and society/culture, as well as comparative romance linguistics. In May 2006, Siegel graduated summa cum laude from Middlebury College, where he majored in French and Spanish. In September, he presented a paper on French minority language policy at the University of Liverpool.

PhDs awarded in 2006

- **Caitlin Marie Dillon**, "Phonological Processing Skills and the Development of Reading in Deaf Children Who Use Cochlear Implants" (Kenneth de Jong)
- **Seth Ofori**, "Topics in Akan Grammar" (Stuart Davis)
- **Kyoko Nagao**, "Cross-Language Study of Age Perception" (Kenneth de Jong)
- **Dorian Roehrs**, "The Morpho-Syntax of the Germanic Noun Phrase: Determiners Move into the Determiner Phrase" (Steven Franks)
- **Kimberly Anne Bankart Swanson**, "Acquisition Versus Suppression of Phonological Processes in the Second Language Acquisition of French and English" (Daniel Dinnsen)

MAs awarded

- **December 2005–September 2006:** Jay Askren, Fernando Balbachan, Boyoung Choi, Rachele Harrison, Toshikazu Ikuta, Gary Krug, Alexis Lanham, Catalina Mendez Vallejo, Jaeduk Park, and Logan Sutton

BAs awarded

- **May 2006:** Joshua Adams, Roman Bailey, Melissa Denton, Heather Fitch, Sarah Irani, Catherine Johns, Sara Phillips, and William Timberlake
- **August 2006:** Erick Amick and Christina Finte
- **December 2006:** Ryan Goffinet, Tiffany Leonhard, and Zachariah Zayner

New babies born in 2006

- **Eric Oglesbee** and Lisa Oglesbee are proud parents of a new son, Ian, born April 20.
- **Brian Riordan** and Masako Hashikawa are the proud parents of a new son, Ty, born Aug. 20.
- **Lisa Whited-Schwarz** and husband are the proud new parents of Diane Christine Schwarz, born on July 17. She weighed in at 7 pounds, 5 ounces at birth.

Congratulations to these productive linguists!



Honors and awards

Deborah Burleson was awarded both a Doctoral Student Grant-in-aid from the IU Graduate School and a Householder Award to support her dissertation research into using automatic methods to train Mandarin speakers how to speak English. The first part of this research shows exceptionally consistent and large improvements in a cohort of speakers who have struggled for several years in the American setting.

Katri Clodfelder presented a paper, titled “Bartlett’s Test Applied in a Latent Semantic Analysis of Parallel-Aligned Sentences in French and English,” at the Midwest Computational Linguistics Conference in May at the University of Illinois. She also received a Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship to study Yoruba at the Summer Cooperative African Language Institute during the past summer.

Anupam Das worked as a graduate assistant to Professor **John Paolillo** on a project that was funded by UNESCO last spring. The project statistically evaluated the authenticity of the data on www.ethnologue.org that contains linguistic-related data of the languages of the world. Since summer 2006, he has been working as a graduate assistant at the Creole Institute, headed by Albert Valdman at Indiana University. Last May, Das presented a paper titled “Language Choice Among Non-anonymous Bilingual Bengalis in Synchronous Chat” at the First World Congress on the Power of Language, in Bangkok, Thailand. In November, he presented “Choice Between Global and Local Varieties: Codeswitching in Private Instant Messaging Among Bilingual Bengalis” at the High Desert Linguistics Society meeting at the University of New Mexico. Also, he is a recipient of the Discipline-Based Scholarship in Education for the year 2006–07.

Ashley Farris traveled to Barcelona in April to present a paper at the Generative Linguistics in the Old World meeting. The paper was titled “Faithfulness to the Marked and the Acquisition of Gapped Cluster Inventories.” She also travelled to Sendai, Japan, in September. There, she presented a paper, co-authored with Professor **Daniel A. Dinnsen**, titled “Developmental Shifts in Phonological Strength Relations.” Additionally, she was a co-author on the paper “Applications of Learnability Theory to Clinical Phonology” (Morrisette, Farris & Gierut), published in *Advances in Speech-Language Pathology* in September 2006.

Stephen Grimes presented a paper in May on “Creating a Pronunciation Dictionary for Hungarian” at two conferences: the “Hungarian Language: Past and Present” workshop, held at UCLA, and the

From the undergraduate adviser

Interest in linguistics continues to grow

We had a rather large undergraduate class in the '05–'06 academic year, and we anticipate an increase in our class sizes in the '06–'07 academic year as well. There has been an increase of interest in linguistics on the part of a number of undergraduates, some of them coming to IU as Direct Admit Program students majoring in linguistics. What is even more encouraging is the number of high school students who continue to enquire about our linguistics program. Given the interest in linguistics by these high school students, there is every indication that the number of our Direct Admit Program students will increase over the years. The quality of our undergraduate students continues to be remarkable, with some graduating with distinction, high distinction, and highest distinction. This obviously makes teaching our classes a very interesting endeavor.

We continue to hear good things about our recent graduates. Some of them have moved on to graduate school and others have taken up good jobs in government, in industry, and in schools (as language teachers). It is always a joy to see our students doing well after graduation. In particular, it is gratifying to see some of them following in our footsteps and deciding to dedicate their lives to linguistic research. It has been a pleasure to have the chance to continue working with our undergraduates. If you have particular questions about the undergraduate program, kindly contact me at (812) 855-8199, or by e-mail at SOBENG@indiana.edu.

— Samuel Obeng

Midwest Computational Linguistics Colloquium at Illinois.

Tossi Ikuta presented a paper, “A'-movement After Case,” at the 42nd meeting of the Chicago Linguistics Society in April 2006. He was one of the authors of the paper “Verbal Fluency in Aphasia and Right Hemisphere Damage: Qualitative Analysis,” with Jamie Mayer, Laura Murray, Olga Rey, and Jacob Kean, presented at the American Speech and Hearing Association Convention in San Diego in November 2005.

Iskra Iskrova was awarded a College of Arts and Sciences Dissertation-Year Fellowship, a Graduate and Professional Student Organization Grant, and a Householder Award to support her dissertation work on intonation in Haitian and Guadeloupean Creole. She has spent much of the last two years doing fieldwork in the French Caribbean.

Brian José presented a paper last January (with Julie Auger) titled “Picard Coda Clusters, the Split Margin Hierarchy, and Comparative Markedness” at the LSA meeting in Albuquerque, N.M. His paper on Appalachian English in Harrison County, Ind., has been accepted for publication, in the journal *Language Variation and Change*, pending revisions. In November, he participated in a panel on “Language in Appalachia: Variation and Change in a Changing Region” at NWAV 35 in Columbus, Ohio, where he presented a paper titled “Southern Shifting in a Transplanted Variety of Appalachian English.”

Vsevolod Kapatsinski published “Measuring the Relationship of Structure to Use: Determinants of the Extent of Recycle in

Repetition Repair” in *Berkeley Linguistics Society* 30. During the past year, he presented papers at eight different conferences. These included papers at LACUS, Phonologyfest, Laboratory Phonology, Hoosier Mental Life, LSA, International Conference on the Mental Lexicon, Slavic Linguistics Society, and High Desert Linguistics Society. The topics of these papers included morphological productivity, syntactic variation, how frequency affects cohesion, sublexical frequency effects in between-word sound similarity judgments, and ways of testing psychological reality of complex units.

Andrew Kostakis presented a talk, “On the Norse Contribution to Non-Rhotic Dialects,” at the annual meeting of Philologists in Germanic Studies at the University of Illinois. During the past summer, he received a Foreign Language and Area Studies fellowship to study Estonian at the Baltic Studies Summer Institute at IU.

Scott Lamanna gave a paper titled “A Historical Study of Variation in Clitic Climbing with the Verb *poder* in Spanish Spiritual Prose,” which will be published online this fall as part of the HDLS-6 (High Desert Linguistics Society) Conference Proceedings. He presented a paper titled “Usage of Imperfect and Imperfect Progressive Verb Forms in Spanish as a Majority and Minority Language: Is There an Effect for Language Contact?” at the 2006 Hispanic Linguistics Symposium at the University of Western Ontario. He also assisted Professor Manuel Díaz-Campos in editing a volume published by Cascadilla Press, titled *2nd Laboratory Approaches to*

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Spanish Phonetics and Phonology.

Dongmyung Lee presented “The Tonal Structures and the Locations of the Main Accent of Kyungsang Korean Words” at MCWOP 12 at the University of Iowa in October. His paper “Weight-sensitive Tone Pattern in Loanwords of South Kyungsang Korean” was published *Harvard Studies in Korean Linguistics* XI, 2006.

Natalya Muzinich presented papers on a statistical approach to segmentation of child-directed speech at the first meeting of the Slavic Linguistics Society in September at IU and at McWOP at the University of Iowa in October.

Kyoko Nagao submitted her dissertation titled “Cross-Language Study of Age Perception,” receiving a dual PhD degree in linguistics and speech and hearing sciences. Related to the dissertation work, she presented a paper titled “Cross-Language Study of Age Perception: A Sociolinguistic Perspective on Talker’s Sex” at the LSA meeting in January 2006. She also presented “Cross-Language Study of Age Stereotypes in Speech Perception” at NWAV in Columbus, Ohio, in November. Also in November, she presented “Effects of Speaking Style on the Regularity of Mora Timing in Japanese,” co-authored with Mike Brady (first author) and Robert Port (second author) at the fourth Joint Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America and the Acoustical Society of Japan. She is currently working as a postdoctoral fellow and instructor in the Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences at IU Bloomington.

Eric Oglesbee was the primary presenter in November for two posters at the fourth Joint Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America and Acoustical Society of Japan. One presentation, with Professor Diane Kewley-Port from the Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences, discussed a novel method for estimating formant discrimination thresholds. The second presentation was with Professor Kenneth de Jong and detailed a novel method for finding category centers in multidimensional stimulus spaces.

Hanyong Park was awarded a Householder grant to support pilot work to his thesis work in the area of accent detection by second-language learners. During the past fall, he taught an introductory linguistics course at IUPUI.

Indrek Park has received support from the American Philosophical Society and from the Hans Rausing Endangered Language Project at the School of Oriental and African Studies in London for fieldwork and documentation of Hidatsa, a Native

From the graduate adviser

Students prepare for linguistics careers

Graduate study focuses primarily on training students in the knowledge, analytical skills, and means of presenting data and analyses in their discipline. This is as true of linguistics as it is of other academic areas. However, students also need to become aware of what is required to become and succeed as a professional linguist. This kind of knowledge is only sporadically integrated into general course offerings. Nor is it often brought to the attention of students in any organized manner. In order to get students to begin thinking about this aspect of their careers, the department offers, every other year, a series of “Professionalization Workshops” designed to provide both information on various aspects of becoming a professional linguist and resources that will assist them in achieving that goal. This past fall, the workshops were offered for the third time. The series consists of seven workshops, each focused on a different topic. The topics covered include the following: career preparation (building a foundation for a professional career), the job-seeking and tenure process, grants and funding, presenting at conferences, publishing and the editorial process, ethical issues, and working with human subjects. Although the topics generally address issues that affect students as they near completion of their programs, they were all issues that the students should begin thinking about even in their early years of study. As graduate studies adviser, I have coordinated each of the workshop series. However, all faculty are invited to participate. Hence, each workshop involves two to three faculty members discussing the relevant issues.

In a related vein, an increasingly useful and significant facet of graduate training is classroom teaching experience. Many graduates will seek and potentially find employment with academic institutions interested primarily in their ability to teach effectively. As a department, we try to provide as many students as possible with teaching experience as an associate instructor, under the guidance of a full-time faculty member. In addition, each year we hold a three-hour orientation workshop for AIs before the fall semester begins, followed by one or two support group meetings during the semester. In the workshop, we address issues that arise in teaching and some of the resources available that will assist instructors in improving their teaching styles. Since we don’t have the capacity to offer courses in pedagogy ourselves, we encourage students to take such courses, if possible.

The goal, then, is to provide students with rigorous training in linguistics, complemented by workshops exposing them to, and beginning to prepare them for, other facets of a linguistic career.

— Robert Botne

American language spoken by less than 200 people in North Dakota. This project aims to provide a comprehensive documentation of Hidatsa by creating a dictionary, a grammar, and a collection of texts that will cover a variety of genres in various discourse contexts; all field materials will be digitized and the texts annotated.

Heather Rice received a Foreign Language and Area Studies fellowship this past summer to study Slovene at IU’s Summer Workshop in Slavic and East European Languages. In addition, she received a full-year FLAS to study second-year Czech at IU.

Brian Riordan presented work at two conferences this fall. He presented “Non-standard There’s in Spoken Academic English: A Corpus-based Analysis” at the American Association for Applied Corpus Linguistics meeting in Flagstaff, Ariz., in October. He also presented a paper, “There’s Two Ways to Say It: Modeling Nonstandard There’s,” at NWAV 35, held

in Columbus, Ohio, in November.

Andrew Shimunek undertook fieldwork in Mongolia this past summer on Khamnigan Mongol, an endangered Mongolic language spoken by less than 100, and at least 30, elderly people in the northeastern part of the country. The project was funded by the American Center for Mongolian Studies.

Miriam Shrager (dual PhD major in linguistics and Slavic languages and literatures) gave a paper, “The Linguistics and Poetics of Russian Proverbs,” at the Midwest Slavic conference in Columbus, Ohio, in March 2006. She also gave a paper, “Neutralization of Word-final Voicing in Russian,” at the first meeting of the Slavic Linguistics Society in Bloomington in September. She also gave a paper, “Accentuation of Plural Masculine Nouns in Central Pskov Dialects,” at the AATSEEL conference in Philadelphia, in December 2006.

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Alumni Notebook

Washington State University Spokane hosted Malaysian Fulbright Scholar **Rogayah Binti A Razak**, BS'85, MA'85, from February through April 2006. An associate professor with the Department of Audiology and Speech Sciences at the National University of Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur, she spent her time at WSU Spokane constructing a prototype of a Malay language preschool assessment test that reflects Malay language grammar and the norms of Malay speakers. The purpose of her assessment tool will be to assist speech-language pathologists, pediatricians, and special education teachers to identify children at-risk with their speech. A Razak has been on the faculty of the National University of Malaysia since 2000. Prior to that, she was a member of the linguistics faculty at the University of Malaya.

Fernando Balbachan, MA'06, published "*Killing Time: Metaphors and Their Implications in Lexicon and Grammar*" in *Metaphorik.de* (Journal of Cognitive Linguistics) Issue 10/2006. The Web link is www.metaphorik.de/10/balbachan.htm.

Jessica Barlow, BA'92, MA'94, PhD'97, was recently promoted from associate professor to the full rank of professor of communication disorders at San Diego State University. Barlow was invited back to Bloomington this summer to present some of the lectures on phonological acquisition with Dan Dinnsen during Phonologyfest.

Laura J. Smail Bowen, BA'88, MA'95, reports that she and her husband, Brett, '89, have been married for almost eight years. "I stay home with the girls," she writes, "and work part time, teaching English as a second language online." The Bowens live in Holland, Mich.

Steven B. Chin, MA'82, PhD'93, has accepted a tenure-track position as associate professor at the Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis.

Cynthia Clopper, MA'01, PhD'04, began a tenure-track assistant professorship in the Ohio State University linguistics department. She was awarded the Cognitive Science Student Research Achievement Award for outstanding contributions to the field of cognitive science at IU throughout her graduate work.

Masanori Deguchi, MA'98, PhD'03, now holds a tenure-track position as assistant professor of Japanese and linguistics at the Department of Modern and Classical Languages, Western Washington University.

Caitlin Dillon, PhD'06, was awarded a postdoctoral fellowship at Haskins Laboratories to work on research in reading in

at-risk children. This fellowship supports her work in an area for which she has developed a passion, the promotion of literacy.

Debra M. Hardison, MA'89, PhD'98, has been promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in the linguistics and languages department at Michigan State University in East Lansing.

Ashley J. Hastings, BA'64, MA'78, PhD'81, writes, "Although I have not been active in the Slavic field for a long time, I still enjoy the occasional dip into Russian literature. When I started at IU Bloomington in 1960, I was told by someone that the ability to read Pushkin in Russian was ample justification for learning the language. Still true after 45 years! And when I visited Moscow a few years ago for a professional conference, I was able to help my non-Russian-speaking colleagues negotiate the subway and purchase souvenirs, having retained a surprising amount of useful (although quite rusty) proficiency in the language." He is a professor of TESOL (teachers of English to speakers of other languages) at Shenandoah University in Winchester, Va. He lives in Middletown, Md.

Dan Karvonen, MA'95, received a PhD in linguistics from the University of California, Santa Cruz. His dissertation is "Word Prosody in Finnish," and he teaches Finnish and phonology at the University of Minnesota at its Twin Cities campus.

Tiffany Kershner, MA'99, PhD'02, has accepted a tenure-track position in anthropology at Kansas State University.

Andrew Koontz-Garboden, Cert/BA'99, MA'01, is completing his PhD in linguistics from Stanford and will begin a tenure-track position in linguistics at the University of Manchester, England, in January 2007.

Seth Ofori, MA'02, PhD'06, has accepted a tenure-track position in African studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Dorian Roehrs, PhD'06, has accepted a tenure-track position in German at the University of North Texas.

Cathy Rogers, PhD'97, writes, "I gave birth to my daughter Emily Mary in November 2004 — a redhead like her dad." In May 2005, she was granted tenure and promoted to associate professor at the University of South Florida in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders. She and her husband, Anthony Buonaquisti, live in Tampa, Fla.

Podcaster **Robert N. Shull**, MA'96, explores democracy in America and what it might be. His *Shades of Democracy* is a 20-minute program that usually features an interview with a local politician or professor, as well as some of Shull's commentary and opinion. It is posted weekly and can be subscribed to on iTunes. Shull lives in Bloomington, Ind., and can be reached at robertshull@alumni.indiana.edu.

Hans-Joerg Tiede, MS/PhD'99, writes, "I was granted tenure in the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science and promoted to associate professor of computer science at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, Ill. I live with my wife, **Moreena (Bond)**, MA'98, and our daughters, Annika and Franciska, in Normal, Ill. My most recent publication, a survey of applications of modal logic in linguistics, is to appear in the *Handbook of Modal Logic*. The chapter was co-authored with my IU PhD advisor, Larry Moss."

Elizabeth Winkler, PhD'99, accepted a tenure-track position in the Department of English at Northern Kentucky University.

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Kimberly Swanson, who has been pursuing a joint PhD in linguistics and French and Italian, successfully defended her dissertation, "Acquisition Versus Suppression of Phonological Processes in the Second Language Acquisition of French and English" in September. In November, she presented "(Un)learning an L2 Phonological Process: A Bidirectional Study of Aspiration" at McWOP. Swanson currently holds a tenure-track position as assistant professor of French at the University of Kansas at Lawrence.

Kenji Yoshida presented a paper titled "The Uniqueness of Level-Register in Ibukijima-Island Dialect of Japanese" at the LSA annual meeting in January 2006. He also worked with Donna Erickson, Caroline Menezes, Akinori Fujino, Takemi Mochida, and Yoshiho Shibuya in 2006 on "The Exploratory Study of Some Acoustic and Articulatory Characteristics of Sad Speech" in *Phonetica*, 63.

Asta Zelenkauskaitė attended the Cultural Attitudes Towards Technology and Communication 2006 conference in Tartu, Estonia. She presented a paper that was included in the peer-reviewed conference proceedings, with Professor Susan Herring, titled "Gender Encoding of Typographical Elements in Lithuanian and Croatian IRC."

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