The year 2012 has proven to be another transitional year in the Department of Linguistics. First, Chancellor's Professor Daniel Dinnsen retired in May after 40 years of service to the department. Dan was also awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award for his contributions to the field. A reception was held in his honor in October (see story at right), attended by more than 75 current and former students and colleagues. Despite being retired, Dan continues to direct the Clinical Phonology Lab, funded by an NIH grant.

Second, the department hired a new Assistant Professor, Michael Becker. Michael comes to IU from the University of Massachusetts, where he received his Ph.D. in 2009 and was Visiting Assistant Professor in 2011-2012. Michael's research interests include phonology and its connections with the lexicon, including modeling variable and categorical effects.

Third, Sandra Kübler is to be congratulated on her promotion to Associate Professor with tenure. Sandra's research is in the field of...

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Dinnsen retires, receives Distinguished Alumni Award

After 40 years as a member of the linguistics faculty, Chancellor's Professor Daniel Dinnsen elected to retire in spring of 2012. Dan came to IU as an Assistant Professor in 1972 after receiving his Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin. During his tenure at IU, Dan directed 17 Ph.D. dissertations and served as a committee member on more than 40 others.

Over his career, Dan's interests and research ranged widely within the area of phonology, particularly as it relates to phonological theory, phonological acquisition, and acoustic phonetics. One of Dan's lesser known interests was Trademark Law. He consulted and/or served as an expert witness in a dozen such cases.

Dan was the editor or co-editor of five volumes of papers relating to phonological theory, in particular Optimality Theory. He is the author or co-author of more than 100 papers and numerous conference presentations.

Since 1985 he has had continuous funding from the National Institutes on Deafness and Other Communicative Disorders as co-principal investigator with Judy Gierut. This funding con-

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NWAV 41 a success at Indiana University

The 41st meeting of New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV 41) was held at Indiana University from October 25-28. NWAV is the largest and most important conference on sociolinguistics in North America. With nearly 400 registrants, this was one of the largest NWAV meetings ever held. The main organizers of the conference were Professors Stuart Davis (Linguistics), Julie Auger (Linguistics and French & Italian) and Manuel Diaz-Campos (Spanish and Portuguese). The organization was facilitated by the several dozen student volunteers and the IU conference services. The meeting was highlighted by three outstanding keynote talks given by Norma Mendoza-Denton of the University of Arizona, Sali Tagliamonte of the University of Toronto, and Dennis Preston of Oklahoma State University. In addition, William Labov gave a presentation on the issue of lexical diffusion versus regular sound change. Local faculty organized the Saturday afternoon panel sessions that included a panel on the sociophonetics of Midwest English (organized by Stuart Davis and Brian José (Ph.D. 2009)), Variation in Ex-Colonial Language (organized by Clancy Clements), and Computer-Mediated Communication and Language Variation (organized by Susan Herring). Many of our former students participated in the conference, most noteworthy of whom was Cynthia Clopper (Ph.D. 2004) who, along with current graduate student Terrin Tamati, led a workshop on foundational principles of cognitive psychology applied to language variation. Altogether, there were nearly 120 talks and 40 posters. The conference was a valuable experience for both our graduate and undergraduate students as they could see first hand both the excitement and wide range of research that presently exists within the field of sociolinguistics. It also showcased Indiana University as one of the best places to undertake research on language variation.
The department hosted the 2nd Linguistics Alumni weekend October 4-6. The event this year included presentation of the Distinguished Alumni Award to Chancellor’s Professor Dan Dinnsen, B.A. ’69, followed by a reception honoring his achievements and his retirement.


That was followed by presenta-
tions from the department’s two junior faculty members, Markus Dickinson and Michael Becker, who discussed aspects of their work with alumni, and comments from the Chair, Robert Botne, about the current state of the department.

Later in the afternoon, there was a reception in the department followed by the College Alumni Recognition Banquet, held in the new Henke Hall of Champions at the north end of the football stadium. Others attending the alumni events included Janet Decesaris (Ph.D. 1988, Spanish Linguistics), Jeff Grote (M.A. 1998), and Ashley-Farris Trimble (Ph.D. 2008).

For those unable to attend this year, we hope to see you at next year’s alumni weekend or at some time in the not-too-distant future.
**IULC news**

The Indiana University Linguistics Club (IULC) has had a very productive year. On the academic side of things, the colloquium series has continued to be a success, bringing in a variety of scholars to enrich students and faculty with cutting-edge research. Over the past year we have hosted several speakers. In the spring of 2012, we hosted talks by Ewa Wijm, César Félix-Brasdefer (HISP), and Steven Franks (LING/SLAV). In the fall of 2012, there were talks by Andrew Nevins, Tessa Bent (SPHS), and David Stringer (SLST). Also, the 6th Annual IULC Linguistic Department Graduate Student Conference featured seven speakers from a variety of backgrounds in our department.

In other news, a new social hour called “Discussion Over Donuts” has become a more frequent event, occurring once a month at different times to allow more people to attend. In addition, the IULC website renovation has been completed. Next, we have begun archiving the IULC library in hopes of making its contents more accessible to the IULC community.

I would like to thank all of our members and the linguistics community at large for your continued support of the IULC. For more information on the club and events, please visit the website at www.indiana.edu/~iulc/.

— Joe Ducey, IULC President 2012-2013

The IULC Officers for 2012-2013 are: Joe Ducey (President), Darcy Rose (Vice President), Sara Sowers (Secretary), Jonathan Washington (Treasurer), and Vitor Leongue (Communications).

The 2012-2013 IULC Working Papers Online editorial board members are: Kristopher Ebarb (Editor), Ken de Jong (Editor), Eric Baucom (Associate Editor), Vitor Leongue (Associate Editor), Jonathan Washington (Associate Editor), and Valentyna Filimonova (Secretary).

**Dinsen**

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Dinsen continues until 2014, constituting nearly 30 years of project support. During this time he was accorded the Claude Pepper NIH Excellence Award for basic research in the health sciences.

Dan has served, and continues to serve, on the editorial boards of several prominent journals, including Studies in Second Language Acquisition, Journal of Speech and Hearing Disorders, Clinical Linguistics and Phonetics, and the Journal of Child Language, the latter for which he also served as Associate Editor.

The Distinguished Alumni Award is accorded on the basis of lifetime contributions to the field. The award was first presented in 1992 to recognize the accomplishments and achievements of graduates of the IU Department of Linguistics. Dan is the 9th recipient of the award. Dan was a pioneer in the area of clinical phonology, more specifically in the analysis of delayed phonological development and phonological disorders in children. His work in this area has contributed both to phonological theory and to practical treatment of phonological disorders. In Dan’s work, linguistic theory informed clinical investigation and clinical treatment, in turn, tested linguistic theory. The diagnostic protocols and data on disorders that came out of this research program have had a far-reaching effect both within the state of Indiana and nationally.

Dan also played a significant role in the forensic linguistic field through his work on phonetic similarity in trademark cases. In fact, federal courts have adopted the criteria he developed for assessing such similarity and determining the extent to which such similarity would be misleading to consumers.

Finally, Dan made important contributions in the area of Optimality Theory, especially with respect to markedness, opacity effects and conspiracies.

A public lecture and reception honoring Dan were held at the Devault Alumni Center on October 4, 2012. Dan’s lecture was titled “Paths to conspiracies and opacities”. At the reception, former students Janet Dececas Ph.D. ’88, Marios Fourakis Ph.D. ’88, Deborah Eberbach Ph.D. ’97, and Ashley Trimble-Farris Ph.D. ’08 announced the upcoming publication of a festschrift in Dan’s honor.


**From the chair**

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putational and corpora linguistics. She is best known for her contributions in dependency parsing, treebank annotations, machine learning classifiers, and coreference.

Fourth, the department's fiscal and scheduling officer, Melissa Stewart, retired at the end of June. Melissa had been with the department for only a year and a half; however, she had been at IU for 38 years. A farewell reception was held at the end of June, attended by many of her friends and colleagues from various departments she had worked in. In August, Brandi Liford was hired as the new fiscal and scheduling officer. Brandi comes to us from the Office of the Vice-Provost.

Fifth, congratulations go out to the following eight graduate students who defended their dissertations and received their Ph.D. degrees in the past year: Ahmad Alqassas, Yufen Chang, Tae Sik Kim, Pibbi-Kai Kivik, Scott Lamanna, Indrek Park, Paul Rodrigues, and Junghyeo Yoon.

Finally, there were two major events this fall. The 41st NWAV (New Ways of Analyzing Variation) conference was hosted by IU October 25-28. This is the largest conference on sociolinguistic issues in the U.S. Plenary speakers included Norma Mendoza-Denton (University of Arizona), Dennis Preston (Oklahoma State University), and Salá Tagliamonte (University of Toronto). There was a robust turnout, with nearly 400 attendees. Congratulations to Julie Auger, Stuart Davis, and Manuel Diaz-Campos (Department of Spanish and Portuguese) for a very successful conference.

Earlier in the month, the department welcomed eleven alumni to campus for the 2nd Linguistics Alumni Weekend, October 4-6. Attendees attended the Distinguished Alumni Award public lecture and reception, held a panel discussion on alternative career paths for students, heard about current research from faculty members Markus Dickinson and Michael Becker, and attended an alumni reception and banquet.

— Robert Botne
Research notes

Julie Auger published a paper co-authored with Anne-José Villeneuve (Ph.D., French linguistics, 2011) in which they compare vowel ephasis in Picard and Vimeu. In March, she was the keynote lecturer at the annual conference that graduate students in linguistics organize at Purdue University. What kept her busiest was the development of three new courses, including a course on the structure of Picard and a new undergraduate course on field methods that focuses on sociolinguistic issues, as well as the organization, with Stuart Davis and Manuel Diaz-Campos, of the NWAV conference that took place at IU this October.

Robert Botne published an invited chapter, “Remoteness distinctions,” in The Oxford Handbook of Tense and Aspect, edited by Robert Binnick. In June, he presented a paper, “Tense, aspect, and temporal remoteness in southern Bantu,” at the Bantu Linguistics Workshop held at the University of Missouri. In March, he gave invited presentations on “Remoteness distinctions in T/A systems” at the Université de Neuchâtel, Switzerland; Stockholms Universitet, Sweden; and Helsingor Yliopisto, Finland.


In addition, he gave a keynote talk on loanword prosody at the International Conference on Phonetics and Phonology in Kyoto, Japan, and gave a linguistics colloquium talk at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. With graduate student Marwa Ragheb he presented “On the I1 Development of Final Consonant Clusters in Cairene Arabic” at the 26th Arabic Linguistics Symposium held in New York City in March 2012, and with graduate student Abbie Hantgan he presented “Theoretical Implications of Bondu Vowel Harmony” at the 20th Manchester Phonology Meeting in Manchester UK in May 2012. Davis along with colleagues Julie Auger and Manuel Diaz-Campos were the principal organizers of NWAV 41 held at Indiana University, October 25-28. He is also one of the principal organizers for the 27th Arabic Linguistics Symposium to be held at IU in Spring 2013.

Ken de Jong has been busy with the new responsibilities of overseeing the graduate program, in addition to being editor-in-chief of the Journal of Phonetics, the most active and well-cited journal in the area of phonetics and among the most well-regarded in the discipline of linguistics. He has also had the pleasure of seeing his research with IU alum Mi-Hui Cho on how languages modify words in the process of borrowing them appear in Language this year, in addition to publishing his research with another alum, Hanyong Park, on the acquisition of coda consonants in Studies in Second Language Acquisition. He also saw his work with another alum, Caitlin Dillon, on the reading abilities of children with cochlear implants appear in Journal of Deaf Studies and Deaf Education.

De Jong is also involved with graduate students in the publication of on-line working papers from our students and faculty, running now in its 11th annual volume. These papers get picked up by scholars around the world, and citations for them appear in papers found in the best journals in the discipline. You can access them at https://www.indiana.edu/~iulcwp. Looking to the future, de Jong is beginning to look forward to the next project, which is hosting the annual conference of the Acoustical Society of America in Indianapolis in October of 2014. The ASA conferences involve 900 – 1500 scholars in a broad range of areas related to acoustics including speech communication and speech perception. This conference will be an excellent opportunity to show off the research done in Indiana and in the Midwest in general, and will be a great opportunity for our students to interact with scholars from around the world.

In 2011, Markus Dickinson focused his publications on the automatic analysis of learner language, covering a wide variety of topics. With student Ross Israel and colleague Sun-Hee Lee, he published “Developing Learner Corpus Annotation for Korean Particle Errors” in the Sixth Linguistic Annotation Workshop; the corpus and annotation from this work will be released publicly in the near future. In collaboration with student Scott Ledbetter, he published a paper in a similar vein, this time focusing on Hungarian, “Annotating Errors in a Hungarian Learner Corpus,” at the Eighty Language Resources and Evaluation Conference (LREC 2012).

In his work with Sandra Kübler and Anthony Meyer, the focus for learner language was more technological, publishing “Predicting Learner Levels for Online Exercises of Hebrew” at the Seventh Workshop on Building Educational Applications Using NLP (BEA 2012). Working with a former student, Soojong Eom, and other collaborators, he published two papers on issues integrating the automatic analysis of learner language into systems which provide feedback to learners, at both LREC (“Using semi-experts to derive judgments on word sense alignment: a pilot study”) and BEA (“Sense-Specific Lexical Information for Reading Assistance”).

At the same time, Dickinson has been working on involving several IU undergraduate students in performing syntactic annotation on data of people learning English as a second language, joint work with student Marwa Ragheb. This corpus, annotation, and guidelines will also be made available in the near future.

Additionally, Dickinson and Sandra Kuebler were awarded a Google Research Award for “From parsing YouTube comments to identifying degrees of humor,” a project on which student Shahab Khan is working.

Undergraduate advisor Krystie L. Herndon completed her second master’s degree, an MS in Higher Education in May 2012, and began the Ed.D program in higher education this fall.

Last summer, at the Cognitive Science Society’s Annual Meeting in Boston, Richard Janda — together with IU Linguistics alum Volya Kapatsinski (now assistant professor at the University of Oregon) — gave the poster paper “It’s Around Here: Residential History & the Meaning of Midwest.” This arose from a map-based LING 103 assignment created by Janda and now used in Oregon by Kapatsinski with a statistical component. It reveals that people (especially ones from different states)
have astoundingly disparate views of where exactly the Midwest is.

Janda has also been commissioned to write the chapter on “The Principle of Syntax-Free Morphology” for the new Cambridge Handbook of Morphology, edited by A. Hippisley & Greg Stump. Blackwell-Wiley has just officially accepted a joint proposal of Janda’s (with Brian Joseph of Ohio State and Barbara Vance of Linguistics & FRIT at IU) for the co-edited Handbook of Historical Linguistics, Volume 2, whose 28 chapters will include one by Janda on parallels between linguistic change and biological evolution.

Yoshihisa Kitagawa has had a full year so far in 2012. He has co-authored a paper published: “Appeals to Prosody in Wh-interrogatives: Speakers’ versus Listeners’ Strategies” (Lingua). He presented a paper with Junghyo Yoon titled “Case Reincarnated” at The 7th International Workshop on Theoretical East Asian Linguistics held in Hiroshima, Japan. He also gave a talk at University of Chicago: “It Don’t Mean a Thing If It Ain’t Got That Split.”

Steven Franks presented the following talks since August 2011: “Binding and Morphology Revisited” at the Slavic Linguistics Society in Aix-en-Provence in September 2011; “When Morphology Trumps Meaning: The Case of Slovenian Adjectives” at American Associate of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages in Seattle in January 2012; “Why Slovenian Orphans Receive Special Treatment” for the IULC in March 2012; “Decomposing South Slavic Pronouns” at MidWest Slavic in Columbus in April 2012; “Spell–Out Domains, Large and Small” at the University of Edinburgh in May 2012; “Syntactic and Typological Aspects of Universal Concessive Conditional in Bulgarian” (with alumna Catherine Rudin) at the Bulgarian Studies Association in Eugene in June 2012; and “Exempt Anaphors of the Balkans” at the Slavic Linguistics Society in Lawrence in August 2012.


Franks organized Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics 21 in May 2012, as well as a four-day workshop that followed the conference. He continues to serve as Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Slavic Linguistics and as Chair of the Department of Slavic Languages & Literatures.


At the 24th Annual Ethnographic & Qualitative Research Conference, Obeng gave two presentations: “Libya is at a crossroads. If we do not agree today on reforms, we will not be mourning 84 people, but thousands of deaths and rivers of blood will run through Libya: Exaggeration and Metaphor in the 2011 Libyan War,” and “Compliments in Akan (Ghanaian) Jurisprudence.” Last fall, as the keynote speaker at the Network Africa Conference held in Indianapolis, Obeng presented “Casting the Net Wide: The Role of the Visionary Africanist Pedagogue in Contemporary Africa.”

Alwiya S. Omar is the African Language Coordinator and also the Director of the Swahili Flagship Center at Indiana University. In March 2012, Omar attended a meeting of Kiswahili scholars at the State University of Zanzibar to plan for a graduate program in Kiswahili Linguistics and Literature. The program is expected to begin this year. Omar presented papers at the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) conference in Denver Colorado (November 2011) and at the African Language Teachers Association/National Council of Less Commonly Taught Languages (ALTA/NCOLCTL) conference in Madison, Wisconsin (April 2012). Respectively, the papers that she presented are: “Collaborative Storytelling Using WIKI” and “E-Portfolio language assessment – keeping track of learner performance.”

In April 2012, Omar started a two-year term as president of NOCLCTL. In Summer 2012, she directed a STARTALK Kiswahili program for Bloomington high schools students at the IU campus, and she was one of the lead instructors at the NCOLCTL STARTALK Kiswahili teacher development program at University of Wisconsin, Madison. Additionally, she was a team leader and site visitor for the University of Maryland STARTALK Central. She visited the STARTALK program at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, and at Hamilton College in Clinton, New York. In October 2012, Omar will be presenting a paper at a conference on 50 years of Kiswahili as a language of Liberation, Unification, and Renaissance to be held at the University of Dar es Salaam. The title of her paper is “Conveying Social and Political: A Study of
Emeriti faculty news

In January, the Linguistic Society of America honored IU Distinguished Professor Emeritus Paul Newman with its Linguistic Service Award for 2012. This was in recognition of his long-standing role as pro bono Legal Counsel to the Society, in which connection he provided the LSA with advice and assistance on various legal matters, most especially regarding copyright and internet IP law.

Newman had two publications this year: Online Bibliography of Chadic and Hausa Linguistics, Institute of African Studies, University of Bayreuth (http://www.deva-research.uni-bayreuth.de), and “Plurational verbs: An overview,” in Verbal Plurality and Distributivity, ed. by Patricia Cabredo Hofherr and Brenda Laca, Mouton de Gruyter.

Rudy Professor Emeritus of Linguistics and French and Italian Albert Valdman has been reappointed by Cambridge University Press as editor of Studies in Second Language Acquisition (SSLA) for the period of January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2014. Valdman founded the journal in 1978, and it has been published by CUP since 1985 with his serving continuously as editor. SSLA ranks in the top third of journals in the field of the language sciences in terms of impact and is the premier publication in second language acquisition studies.

A paper by Valdman was published this year, titled “Vers la reconstitution du français colonial, cible de la créolisation (Reconstituting Colonial French the target of creolization),” in Hommages à Raymond Mougeon, Québec: Presses de l’Université Laval.

Valdman also gave three invited presentations: “The language issue in the reconstruction of the Haitian educational system,” Tulane University, November 2011; “Toward the standardization of Haitian Creole,” Keynote address, Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics annual meeting, Portland, ORE, January 2012; and “L’élaboration d’une norme endogène dans la valorisation du français vernaculaire en Louisiane (Development of a local norm in raising the status of Louisiana French),” Colloquium on Regional French organized in Paris by the University of Cergy-Pontoise, March 2012.

La Renaissance Française Delegation of the United States awarded Valdman its Médaille d’Or du Mérite Francophone this year. Additionally, Valdman received the Inaugural Lifetime Distinguished Award from the Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics.

Out & About

The IU Linguistics Club has had a very active year. In addition to hosting several speakers, the club has been holding monthly “Discussion over Donuts” sessions, where students can chat about their work in an informal setting, as well as various social events. Pictured here, Daniel Dakota (left), Thomas Williams (center), and Charese Smiley pick apples at an IULC-led outing in September.

Photo: Darcy Rose.
Notes from the graduate director

Onward and outward for recent IU Linguistics grads

The graduate program in linguistics is not only one of the oldest advanced graduate programs in linguistics in the nation, it continues to be one of the most active. We currently have 62 Ph.D. students at various levels of the program, including large numbers of dual degree students. These degree programs combine the pursuit of linguistics with the specific examination of well studied languages such as French, Spanish, German, Russian, and Portuguese, and less well-studied languages such as Susu, Manchu, Kinig, Hitadts, and Akan, on one end to the general examination of human psychological capabilities, on the other end. Thus, dual degree programs include ones with French and Italian, Germanic Studies, Slavic, Spanish and Portuguese, and Central Eurasian Studies, but also ones with Psychological and Brain Sciences and Cognitive Science.

A brief perusal of the student notes in this newsletter will give you a good sense of the range of things our graduate students have been engaged in, with some of our students traveling to many different places around the globe, such as Korea, Kenya, and Ecuador, and others running experiments here at IU involving over 100 students. The research ranges from the documentation of understudied languages, to understanding the nature of variation in well-studied languages, to illuminating the process by which people learn languages, to probing differences in psychological capabilities which underlie our linguistic capabilities. Our students are a very diverse and capable group of young scholars, for whom we are very thankful.

This last year has also seen a number of our Ph.D. students complete theses and move on into new locales of work. Since September of last year, there have been 10 Ph.D.'s awarded and one more successful thesis defense. Among these, Paul Rodrigues is working at a federal language research center at the University of Maryland, Yufen Chang is teaching in New York City at the Manhattan Community College, Yen-chen Hao is teaching in the (more rural) environs of the Hudson valley at Bard College, Ahmed Alqassas is teaching at Earlham College here in Indiana, and Scott Lamanna is teaching at Calvin College up in Michigan. We wish these alumni the best as they continue as language scholars in other locales.

One other thesis note of interest is that Indrek Park's thesis work on Hidatsa has garnered the Mary R. Haas Book Award, presented each year by the Society of the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA). Other recent Ph.D.'s have moved on into other positions of note as well. Ashley Faris-Trimble has moved to Simon Fraser University, Mark Van Damm has moved to Washington State University, Vicki Anderson has moved to Concordia College of Nebraska, and Brian Jose has moved to the University of Glasgow. We are excited for our former students' using their skills in new situations and trust they will continue to be productive members of the scholarly and research community.

-- Ken de Jong, Director of Graduate Studies

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Notes from the undergraduate director

Honors theses, awards among annual highlights

In the 2011-12 academic year, our Linguistics majors and minors were very active. The Undergraduate Linguistics Club WUGS has been active in organizing activities for the IU undergrads interested in things linguistic. WUGS has hosted regular coffee talks with various faculty members, frequently organized game nights, and have hosted viewings of films that have some linguistics-related content. By far their favorite this year was the film showing of “The Linguists”, a documentary about David Harrison and Gregory Anderson, and their efforts to collect linguistic data from speakers of dying languages. WUGS also carried out a highly successful T-Shirt fundraiser, selling departmental T-Shirts to raise money for the group.

Our Linguistics majors are increasingly taking advantage of the option of writing an Honors Thesis as a way of exploring a selected topic in depth. This last year, three of our students wrote Honors Theses: Rebecca Cottongim (title: “Language contact in the Inca sphere: morphosyntactic variation in L2 Spanish speakers with Quechua L1 in Huancayo, Peru”); Andrew Johnson (title: “Epenthesis location and quality in Lillooet internal reduplication”); and Caleb Kurowski (title: “Language and sexual identity in the English lexicon”). All received the Honors distinction in their major for the excellence of their work.

In the last year, we had six Linguistics majors inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa Society, the oldest and most prestigious academic honors society, founded in 1776. The new Linguistics inductees are: David Bolter, Kar Lim Clarice Fung, Andrew Johnson, Caleb Kurowski, Emily Mange, and Juliet Stanton. Also inducted into PBK from the Class of 2012 were Stephanie Dana and Kip Hutchins in Spring of 2011.

Each year, the Linguistics Department grants two awards to outstanding Linguistics majors. The Outstanding Senior Award (top cumulative College GPA) went to Kip Hutchins and Juliet Stanton. The Outstanding Undergraduate Achievement Award (all As and A-s in Linguistics major classes) was shared by six of our majors: David Bolter, Stephanie Dana, Alie Hansen, Kip Hutchins, Caleb Kurowski, Juliet Stanton.

Over the last six years, our Department has tripled its number of majors and doubled its minors. From September of 2011 to September of 2012, our majors have decreased slightly (from 119 to 113). Our Linguistics minors have also declined slightly in the last year to 35, while our African Languages minors have gone from 19 to 16. As usual, Krystie Herndon, the UG Linguistics Adviser, and Clancy Clements, the Director of UG Studies, are visiting our introductory and topics courses every semester to spread the good word about the wonders of the Linguistics major and minor. We hope to add quite a few more majors and minors by the end of the 2012-13 academic year.

–Clancy Clements, Director of Undergraduate Studies

Levi King presented a paper titled “Poliiteness and proficiency of English language learners online” at the TESOL International Convention in Philadelphia in March. He is currently serving as the department webmaster, preparing for qualifying exams and conducting research on the topics of domain adaptation for dependency parsing and automatic semantic evaluation of English language learner sentences. In November, he submitted “Word-level language identification in ‘The Chymistry of Isaac Newton’”, a paper co-authored with Wally Hooper and Prof. Sandra Kuebler, to the Digital Humanities conference.

Chisato Kojima gave a presentation titled “Learners’ lexical encoding of the geminate / non-geminate contrast in Japanese and its implications” at the 19th Princeton Japanese Pedagogy Forum in May at Princeton, NJ. She was also awarded the graduate student travel grant from the PJPF committee. In October, she and Prof. Isabelle Darcy presented a related paper at the Second Language Research Forum at Pittsburgh, PA.

She will present a poster titled “Lexical encoding of geminate consonants by advanced learners of Japanese” at the LSA (Linguistic Society of America) conference in January.

Andrew Kostakis finished his qualifying process for both Germanic Studies and Linguistics and now has A.B.D. status. He is actively working on his dissertation. During the last year Andrew gave a talk at the 18th Germanic Linguistics Annual Conference in which he proposed a new approach to primary i-umlaut in Old High German. He also presented his research on the Optimality Theoretic treatment of implicational universals at the 17th Mid-Continental Phonetics and Phonology Conference. This summer Andrew was selected (continued on page 9)
Congratulations!

Awards & Honors

Faculty
Trustees Teaching Award: Ken de Jong

Undergraduate
Outstanding Senior Award: Kip Hutchins and Juliet Stanton

Outstanding Undergraduate Achievement Award: David Bolter, Stephanie Dana, Alii Hansen, Kip Hutchins, Caleb Karowski, Juliet Stanton

Phi Beta Kappa: David Bolter, Stephanie Dana, Kip Lim Clarice Fung, Alii Hansen, Kip Hutchins, Andrew Johnson, Caleb Karowski, Emily Mange, Juliet Stanton

2012 Provost's Award for Undergraduate Research and Creativity: Juliet Stanton

BAs awarded in 2012: Paul Keelan Armstrong, Christina Bills, David Bolter, Adam Boyd, Rebecca Cattanogim, Stephanie Dana, Clare “Chip” Duncan, Alyssa Dyar, Samantha Estrada, Kip Lim Clarice Fung, Alii Hansen, Kip Hutchins, Andrew Johnson, Caleb Karowski, Lindsay Lauver, Logan Philippo, Graham Skinner, Juliet Stanton, Alex Stefanelli, Daniel White, Eric Wittmer, Hy Kim Yoon
* Graduated with distinction
** Graduated with high distinction
*** Graduated with highest distinction

Graduate
Householder Paper Award: Aaron Albin

Graduate Student Conference Fund: Aaron Albin (NWAV), Will Rankin

College of Arts and Sciences Graduate Student Travel Award: Abbig Hauptgan

Graduate School Grant-in-Aid of Doctoral Research Award: Jonathan Anderson, Chung-Lin Yang


MAs awarded in 2012: Daniel Bishop, Christopher Elbark, Traci Nagle (12/11), Christopher Riley, Amber Smith, Dustin Zerrer

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to teach an upper level German course for IU's program in Graz, Austria.

Francisco (Paco) Montaño’s excellence in teaching was awarded the very competitive Division of Arts & Humanities Faculty Recognition Award in Teaching at Lehman College in New York. He has been a full-time faculty at Lehman College for several years, and is currently finishing up his thesis work.

Traci Nagle completed dual M.As in Linguistics and English in December 2011 with a thesis titled “Correspondence: The Epistolary and Textual Influence between James A.H. Murray’s Oxford English Dictionary and Henry A. Yule’s Hobson-Jobson.” She is continuing to work toward a Ph.D. in Linguistics.

Kirsten Regier has been splitting faculty and student responsibilities, teaching half time at Taylor University while pursuing her research on Spanish-English bilingualism. She spent last spring in Ecuador, pursuing various connections related to this research.

Elijah Reynolds was awarded the Salman al-Ari Award for Best Graduate Essay on Topics in Classical Arabic for his paper “Empiricism and Rationalism: Ibn Jinni’s Adoption of Scientific Methods.” Reynolds is currently an Adjunct Lecturer of Arabic in the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures at Santa Clara University and is working towards candidacy remotely.

Andrew Shimunek has been working in Korea developing his research in reconstructing historical linguistic relationships in Mongolia and northern China, and Korea. He has been presenting his work on aspects of the topic in a string of symposia, including the phonology and lexicon of 17th century Korean at the Professor Kim Banghan Memorial Conference; Jüchen and Early Old Mandarin phonology at the The 10th Symposium of the Dankook University Institute of Northern Cultures; the “Tagbach Onomasticon and Serbi-Mongolic reconstruction at the Winter 2012 Workshop of the Korean Association for Central Asian Studies, reconstructed aspects of the Proto-Serbi-Mongolic homeland at the Xiongnu and their Eastern Neighbors at the Pukyong University International Symposium in the Humanities; proto-Hezou-Tangwang as a proto-creole of Northwest China at the Traditions of Northeast Asian Nomadic Cultures and Contemporary Challenges: 5th International Academic Conferences; and Old Chinese and Middle Chinese loanwords in Tungusic, at the Origins of the Mythology of the Northern Territories.

Jung-yueh Tu co-authored a paper with Prof. Stuart Davis and Prof. Natsuko Tsujiura entitled “Toward a taxonomy of loanword prosody,” to appear in the Catalan Journal of Linguistics. Tu had a paper entitled “Effects of perceptual assimilation on L2 tonal processing” accepted to the Proceedings of the 13th International Symposium on Chinese Languages and Linguistics.

Nine linguistics undergraduates—40% of the senior majors graduating in the class of 2012—were elected to the Phi Beta Kappa Society.

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Meet the new graduate students

Daniel Dakota is from Columbia, Missouri. He began his undergraduate studies at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, which he attended for two years before finishing his degrees at the University of Missouri, where he received bachelor’s degrees in linguistics and German. Daniel is interested in developing more efficient machine translation software, with a particular focus on Turkish and other Turkic languages, while also honing his German skills.

Siyuan Guo is from the People’s Republic of China. He received his B.S. in Psychology from Wuhan University. Last year, he was a visiting student in the Institute of Linguistics at the Chinese Academy of Social Science in Beijing. His current goal is to obtain an M.A. in Computational Linguistics.

Wen Li comes from Zhengzhou, China. She has a B.A. in Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language and an M.A. in Linguistics and Applied Linguistics from Beijing Language and Culture University. Recently, she worked as a research assistant in the Department of Natural Language Processing for Baidu.com Inc, which has the largest web search engine in China. She is seeking a Ph.D. in computational linguistics.

Dua’a Abu Elhija Mahajna comes to IU from Israel. She studied for her Master’s degree at Haifa University under the supervision of Professor John Myhill. She recently published an article in the Levantine Review e-Journal based on her M.A. thesis. She received a Fulbright scholarship to study linguistics at IU. She is interested in sociolinguistics and computer mediated communication (CMC).

Kathryn Medill (”Kat”) is an M.A. student in General Linguistics. A native of Pennsylvania, Kat did her undergraduate work in Linguistics and Biblical Languages at Geneva College (one of the colleges that claims the title “the birthplace of college basketball”). Before coming to Bloomington, Kat enjoyed teaching a two-semester Ancient History sequence to a high school class. In her free time, Kat gardens, writes, and does genealogical research.

Amy Peters received an undergraduate linguistics degree with a minor in Japanese and Spanish at the University of Iowa. She continued on to an MA at the same school, and is now excited to begin her PhD work at IU. She is interested in phonetics and phonology and likes to cook, read, and play video games in her spare time.

Seth Wood is originally from Salt Lake City. He received his B.A. and M.A. in Linguistics from Brigham Young University. He doesn’t yet have a specialization within linguistics but currently has research interests in morphology, syntax, historical linguistics, and sociolinguistics. He is always up for working on new projects, so please let him know!

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also had a work co-authored with Chia-hsin Yeh entitled “The effect of language attrition and tone sandhi on Taiwanese tonal processing” in the Proceedings of Speech Prosody, 6th International Conference. In October, he presented a poster entitled “Taiwanese tone sandhi in loanwords” at the East Asian Psycholinguistics Colloquium, Columbus, Ohio.

In fall 2011, Jonathan North Washington presented a paper at the CESS conference on initial /n/ unfaithfulness in Turkic. In January of 2012, he received his MA in Central Eurasian Studies and is now officially pursuing a dual degree in Linguistics and CEUS. At the end of January, Washington helped run a week-long seminar in Shupashkar on computational Linguistics for the languages of Russia, and presented a paper in Qazan on the Apertium machine translation system. In the spring, he presented a coauthored paper at the ACE languages conference on the effect of language contact on the phoneme inventory of Central Eurasian languages. At the LREC conference, held in Istanbul in May, he co-presented a poster on a Kyrgyz morphological transducer and a paper on Tatar-Bashqort machine translation.

Kristopher Ebarb (center) greets his neighbors in Kenya, where he is spending the next year collecting data and conducting dissertation research. Ebarb was recently awarded both a National Science Foundation (NSF) Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant and a Fulbright U.S. Student Grant. Photo: Kristopher Ebarb.
Karen R. Bryant (B.A. 1977) has returned to the United States after nearly two decades living in Israel, and looks forward to getting in touch with fellow alumni. Karen worked in Israel in the fields of TESOL, fine art and graphic design. Since returning to the US, she spends her time writing, making art, and volunteering as a German teacher.

Cynthia Clopper (Ph.D. 2004) has been promoted to Associate Professor with tenure in the Department of Linguistics at The Ohio State University. She has also been appointed as Associate Director of the Center for Cognitive Science at OSU. She is currently serving as an Associate Editor for the Journal of the Acoustical Society of America, and was awarded an NSF CAREER award to explore representations of phonetic reduction and dialect variation in speech production and perception.


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Frances Trix was selected as a Woodrow Wilson Scholar and is spending the 2012-2013 academic year at the Wilson International Center in Washington DC working on research and a book on “Muslim Migration from the Balkans to Turkey: Islamic Civil Society and Regional Ramifications.” In March of 2012 she presented a paper on “Mevlid Prayers on the Birth of the Prophet among Balkan Forced Migrants in Istanbul” for the Social Science Research Council in New York City.

In October, Trix was an invited speaker at an international conference on the 100th anniversary of the Balkan Wars, sponsored by Hacettepe University and the Presidency of Turkey in Istanbul in which she gave a paper, “Circling Adrianople: The 1913 International Commission on the Conduct and Causes of the Balkan Wars.” In November she will give a paper, “Turks of Macedonia: Ottoman Remnant People Endangered since Independence,” at the Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference in Denver, Colorado, and in December, she will again be an invited speaker at an international conference in Istanbul at the First International Congress on the Balkans and Mass Immigration, where she will present a paper on “Prizren: Source of Immigration to Turkey and Ongoing Center of Turkish Culture in the Balkans.”
Linguistics alumni: What’s new with you?

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