

The 15<sup>th</sup> annual uta student conference in Linguistics and tesol  
 Thursday and Friday, November 1-2, 2007

Thursday November 1, 2007 Chemistry and Physics Building 303			
8:00-8:30 am	Registration		
8:30-8:40 am	Opening Remarks	Dr. Beth Wright, Dean of Liberal Arts, UTA	
8:45-9:15 am	Antonio Grau-Sempere	U. of Evansville	(In)sensibility to Syllable Weight in Valencian Stress and Nickname Formation pg 2
9:20-9:50 am	Matt Benton/Liz Dockendorf	UT Arlington	I'd Like to Buy ə Schwa: A Corpus Approach to Vowel Reduction in American English pg 3
9:55-10:25 am	Lana Marji	UT Arlington	Strategies of Invitation Making in Jordanian Society pg 31
10:25-10:40 am	<i>Break</i>		
10:45-11:15 am	Ricard Vinas de Puig	Purdue University	The Possession of Catalan Unaccusativity pg 6
11:20-11:50 am	Naomi Lan	UT Arlington	Linguistic analysis of humor and character building in <i>Friends</i> pg 9
12:00-2:00 pm	<i>Pizza Lunch</i>		
2:00-2:30 pm	Dr. Laurel Stvan	Faculty Presentation	Plain and Compounded <i>Literacy</i> : Semantic and Pragmatic Approaches to Meaning Change
2:35-3:05 pm	Jihye Moon	U. of Maryland, College Park	What Plays a Crucial Role in the Maintenance of Heritage Language by Korean Immigrants in the United States? pg 10
3:10-3:40 pm	Ashley Lober	UT Arlington	Variation within the Fur Verbal Paradigm: An Optimality Theory Approach pg 12
4:00-5:30 pm	<i>Hor d'Oeuvres</i>		
<b>Nedderman Hall 100</b>			
6:00-7:30 pm	<b>Dr. John Baugh</b>	<b>Washington University in St. Louis</b>	<b>"Linguistic Diversity and Discrimination in the US and South Africa"</b>

Friday November 2, 2007 Chemistry and Physics Building 303			
8:30-8:40am	Registration		
8:40-8:50 am	Opening Remarks		
8:55-9:25 am	May George	U. of Arizona	Language Maintenance Factors: A Case study of the Neo-Aramaic Language as an Endangered Language in Iraq pg 17
9:30-10:00 am	Debbie King	UT Arlington	<i>Nous</i> and <i>On</i> in Spoken French: Pragmatic Uses of Institutionalality and Distancing pg 19
10:00-10:15 am	<i>Break</i>	Poster Setup	
10:15-12:00 pm	Poster Presentations		
	Brett Benham	UT Arlington	Mathematical Approaches for Analyzing Continuous Dynamic Vowel Tracts pg 21
	Fatma Haidari	UT Arlington	The Language of Fur: An Explanatory Study on Fur Negation pg 23
	Katie Welch	UT Arlington	Personality in Society: Should Personality Typology Be Considered a Sociolinguistic Variable? pg 24
	Soyeon Yoon	Rice University	The Semantics of Visual Perception Verbs in English pg 25
12:00-1:00 pm	<i>Lunch</i>		
1:00-1:30 pm	Dr. Winnie Or	Faculty Presentation	Talking Power: Gauging Control in Conversation
1:35-2:05 pm	Amanda Linerode	UT Arlington	Direct Object Marking in Classical Hebrew pg 27
2:05-2:20 pm	<i>Break</i>		
2:25-2:55 pm	Jennifer Cramer	U. of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign	English in the Expanding European Union: Revisiting Berns' Evaluation of "The Twelve" pg 29
3:00 -3:30pm	Linda Lanz	Rice University	Re-evaluating ergativity in Eskimo-Aleut: evidence from Iñupiaq pg 14
3:30-4:00 pm	<i>Break/Judging</i>		
4:00-4:30 pm	Awards		
5:30 pm	<i>Dinner Out</i>		