# Athabaskan/Dene Languages Conference 2012

Western Washington University

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#### **PROGRAM**

The presentation by Hieber, Begay-Manavi and Manavi on August 16 has a one-hour time slot. All other presentations have a half-hour time slot. Presentations should be 20-25 minutes, leaving 5-10 minutes for questions. (The exact allocation of time is left up to each presenter.)

The conference will take place in the Science and Mathematics Lecture Halls (SMATE) Building, in Room 140. Registration will take place just outside SL140.

# Wednesday, August 15, 2012

9:30 Registration opens; refreshments

10:30 Opening remarks

Language structure presentations

Session chair: Patrick Moore

10:45 Chad Thompson (Purdue University), 'Noun Incorporation in Koyukon'

11:15 Sharon Hargus (University of Washington), 'Deg Xinag disjunct verbal prefixes and positions'

(lunch break)

1:15 Andrea Wilhelm (University of Victoria), 'Nominalization instead of Modification'

1:45 Leslie Saxon (University of Victoria), 'Relative Clauses as Arguments or Adjuncts'

(break)

Session chair: Leslie Saxon

2:30 James Crippen (University of British Columbia), 'Exploring Tlingit relative clauses: Morphology and syntax'

3 Olga Lovick (First Nations University of Canada) and Siri Tuttle (University of Alaska Fairbanks), 'Prosodic marking and information status of postverbal material in Alaskan Athabascan'

(break, refreshments)

3:45 Jonathan Manker (University of Alaska Fairbanks), 'Acoustic Clues for Understanding the Morphological Structure of Disyllabic Stems in Hän Athabascan'

4:15 Alessandro Jaker (Goyatıkò Language Society), 'In Defense of Tone Reversal: Evidence from Weledeh'

(break)

5 Willem de Reuse (University of North Texas), informal presentation of Han paradigms

# Thursday, August 16, 2012

8:00 Registration opens; refreshments

8:50 Opening remarks

Language revitalization, planning and/or teaching presentations

Session chair: James Crippen

9:00 Danny Hieber (Rosetta Stone), Lorraine Begay-Manavi (San Juan College) and Kasra Manavi (University of New Mexico and Navajo Language Renaissance), 'Rosetta Stone & Navajo Language Renaissance: Collaboration for Revitalization'

(break)

10:15 Bruce Starlight (Tsuut'ina Gunaha Institute), TBA

10:45 Pyuwa Bommelyn (University of Oregon) and Loren Bommelyn (Smith River Rancheria), 'Challenges of Revitalizing Dee-ni' (Tolowa)'

(break)

11:30 Allan Hayton (University of Alaska Fairbanks), 'Diigwandak: Stories from a Gwich'in Language Classroom'

(lunch break)

Session chair: Siri Tuttle

1:45 Edward Vajda (Western Washington University), 'Language revitalization in aboriginal Siberia'

2:15 Sue Alfred (Wilat, Tsayu clan), Lillian Morris (C'ilhts'ëkhyu clan), George Williams (Sa'on, Tsayu clan) (Moricetown First Nations), 'Witsuwit'en language teaching in Moricetown B.C. and elsewhere'

(break; refreshments)

3:00 Lynda Minoose (Cold Lake First Nations), 'Denesųłįne Culture and Language Revitalization on Łuechogh Tué (Cold Lake, Alberta, Canada)'

3:30 Rosa Mantla (Tłicho Community Services Agency), 'Tłicho language revitalization'

(break)

4:15 Albert Canadien (Government of the Northwest Territories), Brenda Weatherston (University of Victoria), Leslie Saxon (University of Victoria), and Jeannette Armstrong (En'owkin Centre, Okanagan Nation) 'Language Revitalization Planning: NWT-Community-University Partnership'

(break)

#### **Business** meeting

Session chair: James Kari

5:00 2013 conference? 2016 conference announcement

### Friday, August 17, 2012

Comparative/historical presentations

8:30 Registration opens; refreshments

9:20 Opening remarks

Session chair: Chad Thompson

9:30 James Kari (University of Alaska Fairbanks), 'Arguments for the Proto-Dene Lex Loci: Reviewing the Ethnogeographic Bullet Points'

10 Conor Snoek (University of Alberta), 'Historical Language Relationships and Lexicalization in Athapaskan'

(break)

10:45 Justin Spence (University of California Berkeley), 'Lexical and typological substrate effects in California Athabaskan'

11:15 Keren Rice (University of Toronto), 'Preverb types'

(lunch break)

Session chair: Andrea Wilhelm

1:15 Michael Krauss (University of Alaska Fairbanks), 'Eyak Preverbals'

1:45 Jeff Leer (University of Alaska Fairbanks), 'Sources of the Athabascan \*nEqualifier: Key phonological findings'