Semantics of Under-Represented Languages in the Americas 9 (SULA)

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Friday, May 6

9:00-9:30  Breakfast

   **Pre-SULA Panel: Documentary Texts and Linguistic Analysis**

9:30-10:00  **Amy Rose Deal, University of California, Berkeley**

   Legacy documentation: What can we learn?

10:00-10:30  **Andrew Garrett, University of California, Berkeley**

   Cooking texts: Corpora and linguistic analysis

10:30-10:45  Discussion

10:45-11:00  Break

   **Invited speaker**

11:00-12:00  **Line Mikkelsen, University of California, Berkeley**

   Contrastive Topic in Karuk

12:00-1:00  Lunch

   **Degrees**

1:00-1:20  **Luciana Sanchez-Mendes, Universidade Federal Fluminense**

   Degree constructions in Brazilian Portuguese and in Karitiana: A challenge to universal parameters

1:20-1:40  **Seth Cable, University of Massachusetts, Amherst**

   Negation and negative antonyms in Tlingit

1:40-2:00  **Ana Quadros Gomes, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro**

   Distinct effects of scalar structure among languages: A typology of degree modification

2:00-2:30  Discussion (Commentator: Ryan Bochnak)
2:30-2:45 Break

**Modals and quantification**

2:45-3:05 **Heather Burge**, University of British Columbia

*Modality in Ktunaxa*

3:05-3:25 **Ana Lucia Pessotto Dos Santos**, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro

*An experimental study on the meanings of Brazilian Portuguese modals pode, deve, and tem que*

3:25-3:45 **Helena Vicente**, Universidade de Brasilia

*On the count/mass distinction: Aspects of the quantifier system in Wapishana*

3:45-4:15 Discussion (Commentator: Adrian Brasoveanu)

4:15-4:30 Break

**Obviation and Indexicality**

4:30-4:50 **Carol-Rose Little**, Cornell University

*Modeling the proximate/obviative contrast in Algonquian languages*

4:50-5:10 **Mary Moroney**, Cornell University

*Modeling the proximate/obviative contrast in Algonquian languages*

5:10-5:30 **Juergen Bohnemeyer**, State University of New York, Buffalo

*Bipartite indexicals in Yucatec: Toward a situation-semantic analysis*

5:30-6:00 Discussion (Commentator: Line Mikkelsen)

6:00-6:15 Break

**Invited speaker**

6:15-7:15 **Katie Sardinha**, University of California, Berkeley

*The semantics of object case alternations in Kwák̓wala and what it tells us about manner-result complementarity*

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**Saturday, May 7**

8:15-8:45 Breakfast

**Tenselessness and Temporal Remoteness**

8:45-9:05 **Kathryn P. Bove**, University of Georgia

*Tenselessness in Tzutujil*

9:05-9:25 **M. Ryan Bochnak**, University of Manchester

*Are morphologically tenseless clauses only superficially tenseless? The view from Washo*

9:25-9:45 **Pilar Chamorro**, University of Georgia

*Past remoteness in the ‘graded tense’ system of Tenetehára*

9:45-10:05 **Tammi Stout**, University of Texas, Austin

*Adam Tallman*, University of Texas, Austin
Temporal remoteness and the perfect in Chácobo (Pano, Bolivia)

10:05-10:45  Discussion (Commentator: Maziar Toosarvandani)
10:45-11:00  Break

Invited speaker

11:00-12:00  Vincent Medina, Muwekma Ohlone Tribe
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12:00-1:30  Lunch and poster session

Poster session

Renato Basso, Universidade Federal de São Carlos
Marcelo Giovannetti, Universidade Federal de Roraima
Presuppositional negation in Wapishana
Erin Guntly, University of British Columbia
Martina Witschko, University of British Columbia
Polar response particles in Ktunaxa
Kaden Holladay, Hampshire College
Discourse properties of mood in Central Alaskan Yup’ik
Filipe H. Kobayashi, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro
Possessive time and temporal implicatures in Brazilian Portuguese
Melissa Nieves-Rivera, The Ohio State University
Ramón Padilla-Reyes, The Ohio State University
Puerto Rican Spanish adiós as an exclamative marker
Adam Singerman, University of Chicago
Negation as an exclusively nominal category in Tupari

Competition and Maximize Presupposition

1:30-1:50  Raiane Salles, University of British Columbia
Lisa Matthewson, University of British Columbia
Existentials and (in)definiteness in Pirahã

1:50-2:10  Marianne Huijsmans, University of British Columbia
Uniqueness without maximize presupposition in Ktunaxa

2:10-2:30  Suzi Lima, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro
On the interpretation of object denoting nouns in Yudja

2:30-3:00  Discussion (Commentator: Pranav Anand)
3:00-3:15  Break

Nominal Semantics

3:15-3:35  Tammi Stout, University of Texas, Austin
An investigation of projective content in Kaqchikel Maya

3:35-3:55  Bruna Franchetto, Museu Nacional/Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro
Guillaume Thomas, University of Toronto
A nominal temporal marker in Kuikuro (Carib)
3:55-4:15

Marcelo Giovannetti, Universidade Federal de Roraima
Roberta Pires de Oliveira, Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina
Bare nouns and object mass nouns in Wapichana (Aruák): Preliminary remarks
4:15-4:45
Discussion (Commentator: Bill Ladusaw)
4:45-5:00

Plural and Pluractionality

Robert Henderson, University of Arizona
Pluractional demonstrations
5:00-5:20

Isabella Costa, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro
The interpretation of plural in Ye’kwana (Karib)
5:20-5:40
Discussion (Commentator: Lisa Matthewson)
5:40-6:00

Invited speaker

Sarah Murray, Cornell University
Reportative indefinites
6:15-7:15

Sunday, May 8

8:45-9:15  Breakfast

Miratives and Evidentials

Andrés Pablo Salanova, University of Ottawa
Javier Carol, CONICET
Mirativity without contradiction or exclamation in Guaraní ra’e
9:15-9:35

Scott AnderBois, Brown University
Illocutionary mirativity: The case of Yucatec Maya bakán
9:35-9:55

Ana Muller, Universidade de São Paulo
Letícia Nóbrega, Universidade de São Paulo
Thiago Chaves-Alexandre, Universidade de São Paulo
Evidentials in Karatiana: Modals or speech act operators?
9:55-10:15
Discussion (Commentator: Sarah Murray)
10:15-10:45
Break

Invited speaker

Lisa Matthewson, University of British Columbia
Against all expectations: The meaning of St’át’ímcets séna7 (joint work with Henry Davis)
11:00-12:00
12:00-12:15 Business meeting