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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*

Luciana Sanchez-Mendes, *Universidade Federal Fluminense*

[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*

Mary Moroney, *Cornell University*

[Modeling the proximate/obviative contrast in Algonquian languages](#)

4:50-5:10 **Kate Riccomini**, *University of Ottawa*

[The semantics of Ojibwe theme signs and argument structure](#)

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 Kwa'kwala and what it tells us about manner-result complementarity](#)

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*

Fábio Bonfim, *Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais*

[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*

Title TBA

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

Break

Plural and Pluractionality

5:00-5:20

Robert Henderson, *University of Arizona*

[Pluractional demonstrations](#)

5:20-5:40

Isabella Costa, *Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro*

[The interpretation of plural in Ye'kwana \(Karib\)](#)

5:40-6:00

Discussion (Commentator: Lisa Matthewson)

6:00-6:15

Break

Invited speaker

6:15-7:15

Sarah Murray, *Cornell University*

Reportative indefinites

7:30-

Conference dinner

Location: Cowell Provost House

Sunday, May 8

8:45-9:15

Breakfast

Miratives and Evidentials

9:15-9:35

Andrés Pablo Salanova, *University of Ottawa*

Javier Carol, *CONICET*

[Mirativity without contradiction or exclamation in Guaraní ra'e](#)

9:35-9:55

Scott AnderBois, *Brown University*

[Illocutionary mirativity: The case of Yucatec Maya *bakáan*](#)

9:55-10:15

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?](#)

10:15-10:45

Discussion (Commentator: Sarah Murray)

10:45-11:00

Break

Invited speaker

11:00-12:00

Lisa Matthewson, *University of British Columbia*

Against all expectations: The meaning of St'át'imcets séna7 (joint work with Henry Davis)

12:00-12:15

Business meeting