Welcome!

By First-Years

Hello everybody and welcome back!

In particular, the department is delighted to welcome the new students: HangYee Cheung, Mary Goodrich, Yu-Rui Liu, Beata Alexandra Moskal, Yoshiyuki Shibata and Neda Todorović, who is joining the department in the fall. Here’s what they said about themselves.

HangYee Cheung (Winnie)

I was born and raised in Hong Kong, a self-governing territory of China and a global metropolitan. I graduated from Hong Kong Baptist University as an English major and has always been interested in linguistics. Before coming to UConn, I was most concerned about phonology, in particular the various intriguing tonal patterns found in the English spoken in Hong Kong and Singapore. Arriving at UConn now, I’m most preoccupied with adapting to this new environment and most interested in learning from my new friends and teachers. I aspire not to disappoint those who helped me to this point in my linguistics education and those who have given me the opportunity to come to UConn.

Mary Goodrich

My name is Mary and I am from the wonderful state of West Virginia! I have a BA in Spanish and MA in linguistics from West Virginia University. I am interested in studying language acquisition at UConn.

Important days:

• Fall Semester starts: Aug. 31, 2009
• Thanksgiving recess: Nov. 22–Nov. 28, 2009
• Last Day of Fall Semester: Dec. 19
Yu-Rui Liu (Ray)

My name is Yu-Ruei (or Yu-Rui, depending on the kind of pinyin system used). My friends call me Ray for short.

I am from Taiwan, and I completed my MA at the National Taiwan Normal University, with my research interest lying in binding theory.

In my leisure time, I like to listen to music, which by my definition excludes hiphop and heavy metal. I also like to play with my dog Claire.

Beata Alexandra Moskal

I started my academic career in English Language and Culture at Leiden University (the Netherlands) but soon became increasingly intrigued by (English) linguistics. The application of a strongly rational angle to language, which ultimately serves communicative needs and is a social phenomenon, appeals strongly to me. The combination of rigid, almost mathematical tools and the ever-surprising diversity and creativity of natural languages is fascinating. It is hard to believe that languages that seem so different from each other still can be captured in one and the same model. Phonology in particular caught my interest but I intend to increase her knowledge in all fields of linguistics.

Yoshiyuki Shibata

My name is Yoshiyuki Shibata, and I'm from Japan. I was born and brought up in a suburb of Tokyo, whose name is "Hamura". ("Hamura" means "Feather Village").

My specialty is syntax, and my hobby is running, playing soccer, and playing the cello. (But I left my cello at home in Japan because carrying it here costs me more money). I've been playing the cello since I was nine. Actually, before I got started to study linguistics seriously, I was a student of some professional cellist's. However, now I'm more interested in linguistics than music, so I came here.

Neda Todorović

I graduated at University of Novi Sad in Serbia at the department of English language and literature. Although Serbia is extraordinarily far away, the desire to explore the anomalies in languages that do not fit the expected language pattern has made me decide to come to University of Connecticut.

Beside academic interests, I would like to learn more about photography and how to create a short-movie. Hopefully, Uconn would offer such opportunities. Also, I am always interested in making new friendships and exploring different cultures.
Wish for the Best Luck!!

by Chris Hsieh

With the beginning of the new academic year, the new colloquium series is coming as well. I sincerely thank the help from Lyn, Ting, Jungmin, Zhanna, and Irina on organizing the talks and preparing the post-talk dinner for us. I also thank Jeff and Catalina for the help on the administrative work during the preparation for the colloquia. Moreover, thanks the faulty for the suggestions when organizing the talks. Last but not the least, I really appreciate everyone’s attendance and participation in the discussion with the speakers.

As you remember, we just experienced almost the worst year in terms of the luck for the colloquia: many talks were unexpectedly cancelled in the past year. In the coming academic year, in addition to do our best to organizing the talks, we also have our fingers crossed for the best luck. Moreover, we sincerely hope to see you again in every colloquium talk in the new academic year.

The colloquium series in the coming year will be very different from the previous ones: due to several cancellations, we got part of the rollover money and hence are able to invite some speakers from the west coast and Canada. Moreover, all the speakers are very willing to have meetings with students. Therefore, grab a pen and sign on the appointment sheet now! Don’t miss your opportunity to meet the speakers!!

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The schedule of the colloquia in Fall 2009 is as the following:

Oct 2nd, Elena Guerzoni (USC)
http://www.rcf.usc.edu/~guerzoni/

Oct 9th, Raffaella Zanuttini (Yale)
http://www.ling.yale.edu/faculty/zanuttini.html

Oct 16th, Adam Albright (MIT)
http://web.mit.edu/albright/www/

Oct 23rd, Ashwini Deo (Yale)
http://pantheon.yale.edu/~asd49/

Oct 30th, William G. Sakas (Hunter College)
http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/cs/Faculty/Sakas/

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**INVITED TALKS/GUEST LECTURES**

Runić, Jelena. 2009. On (Im)possible Clitic Clusters. Department of Linguistics, Faculty of Philology, University of Belgrade, Serbia, June 22.

**SERVICE:**

Runić, Jelena. 2009. Organizer of a guest lecture given by Christopher LaTerza (University of Maryland) & Ivana Mitrović (Stony Brook University), Argument Reciprocal in Serbian. Department of Linguistics, Faculty of Philology, University of Belgrade, Serbia, June 22. [with Department of Linguistics, University of Belgrade].

**From the Editor**

By Ting Xu

I sincerely thank HangYee Cheung, Mary Goodrich, Chris Hsieh, Yu-Rui Liu, Beata Moskal, Yoshiyuki Shibata and Neda Todorović for their contribution to this issue of Ling News. My gratitude also goes to Lyn Shan Tieu for offering great ideas to me.

Please feel free to send me any comments and suggestions about the newsletter. As the new editor, while I will try my best to do my job, I need to rely on the contribution from our greater linguistics community. So please keep me posted and I’m looking forward to hearing from you! See you in the next issue of Ling News!