Call for Papers/Posters

2017 GRADNASFLA Systemic Functional Linguistics Symposium

Demystifying SFL Theory and Practice

October 20-22, 2017
University of Georgia
Athens, Georgia

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Ruth Harman, University of Georgia

Presenting:
A Culturally Sustaining SFL Praxis: Supporting Bilingual/ Bidialectal Students and Teachers in High Poverty Schools
What is SFL?

Systemic functional linguistics (SFL) examines the function of language. What does language do? How does it do it? What sets SFL apart from other linguistic approaches is this focus on the relationship between language and its function in the social systems of society. SFL researchers often explore how language is used to reinforce or subvert established societal systems that impact human experiences regarding issues such as race, gender, and ethnicity. The goal of many SFL researchers is not only to illustrate the function of language in societal systems but also to work actively with their discourse communities to foster awareness and challenge damaging patterns of language that oppress others.

What is GRADNASFLA?

The Graduate Student North America Systemic Functional Linguistics Association (GRADNASFLA) is a student-led organization acting with the support of the North American Systemic Functional Linguistics Association. More information can be found on the GRADNASFLA website or at the Twitter handle @gradnasfla.

GRADNASFLA SFL Symposium Goal and Events

This symposium is the first of its kind and aims to provide networking opportunities and assist in the development of research for graduate students and early career researchers interested in and/or are already engaging with Systemic Functional Linguistics. In addition to the keynote addressed by Dr. Ruth Harman, the symposium will include a series of paper presentations, posters, workshops, and a panel of SFL faculty and practitioners discussing methods for success in the field.
Abstract Submission

DEADLINE: August 14, 2017

- **Paper Presentations** (35 minutes including time for questions)
- **Posters** (on display during the poster session)

In addition to the paper presentations and posters, all participants will have opportunities to receive further feedback and develop their research in workshops. Abstract submissions should be no more than **300 words**. No membership to GRADNASFLA is required to submit an abstract. Suggested topics include advances in theory, education, translation, interpretation, multilingualism, multimodality, and professional practice. All other SFL-related topics are welcome. To submit an abstract, please follow this [link](#). If you have any questions about abstract submission, please email gradnasfla@gmail.com or contact officers of GRADNASFLA directly (see contact information below). Notifications of acceptance will be sent out by **August 28, 2017**.

Donate to Support the Symposium

While attendance is free for everyone, we do accept donations to help defray the cost of the event. If you would like to donate money in support of the 2017 GRADNASFLA Systemic Functional Linguistics Symposium please visit the [Georgia Funder website](#). Select the amount you would like to donate and indicate in the comment box that you would like the funds to go toward the GRADNASFLA symposium. Thank you!
Contact

All questions should be emailed to gradnasfla@gmail.com. You can also send your questions directly to the President of the Graduate North American Systemic Functional Linguistics Association, Khanh Bui (knb19369@uga.edu), or the Vice President, Kelly Dugan (kpdugan@uga.edu).