

42nd Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL42/ACAL2011)
Stamp Student Union, University of Maryland, College Park, June 10-12, 2011

Friday, June 10th

7:30-4:30	Registration opens at 7:30am in the Edgar Allen Poe Room (Stamp Student Union, 2 nd Floor)				
	Banneker Room				
8:30-9:00	Welcome and Opening Remarks				
	Banneker Room	Pyon Su Room	Brent A Room	Brent B Room	Marshall Room
9:00-10:30	Phonology - Tonology Chair: Michael Marlo	Acquisition Chair: Kate Harrigan	Syntax Chair: Ruth Kramer	Semantics - TAM Chair: Ron Schaefer	Discourse Chair: Sarah Marjie
9:00-9:30	Metatony in Abo (Bankon), A42 - Larry M. Hyman (<i>University of California, Berkeley</i>) & Florian Lionnet (<i>University of California, Berkeley</i>)	Ewe children's understanding of the complements of want, say and think (a pilot study) - Naho Orita (<i>University of Maryland</i>)	Word order patterns in Defaka - William Bennett (<i>Rutgers University</i>)	Epistemic modality in Masalit - Timothy Leffel (<i>New York University</i>)	A Socio-semantic exploration of Shonalised English - Patricia Mabugu (<i>University of Zimbabwe</i>)
9:30-10:00	The phonetics of KiVunjo Chaga superhigh tone revisited - Brian McHugh (<i>Temple University</i>)	Signed language acquisition and deaf education: The state of affairs in Africa - Philemon Okinyi Akach (<i>University of Free State-South Africa</i>)	Non-delimiting internal arguments in Marka - Dustin Chacón (<i>University of Maryland</i>)	The expression of epistemic modality in Ewe - Nada Gbegble (<i>University of Antwerp</i>)	Mafumbo: Considering the functions of metaphorical speech in Swahili (con)texts - Clarissa Vierke (<i>University of Bayreuth</i>)
10:00-10:30	Mungbam vowels in their typological context - Jesse Lovegren (<i>University at Buffalo</i>)	Socio-cultural factors in Ibibio child language - Ekaete Evangel Akpan (<i>University of Port Harcourt</i>)	Triadic constructions in Bantu - Bebwa Isingoma (<i>University of Agder</i>)	Completion and dissociation in Totela's tense and aspect system - Thera Marie Crane (<i>University of California, Berkeley</i>)	Matthew effects for Sheng - Philip W. Rudd (<i>Pittsburg State University</i>)
	Banneker Room				
10:30-11:00	Break				

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Banneker Room					
11:00-12:00	<p align="center">Plenary Session</p> <p align="center">Intertextuality in African (Ghanaian) political text and talk</p> <p align="center">Professor Samuel Obeng</p> <p align="center"><i>Indiana University</i></p>				
12:00-1:30	Lunch Break				
	Banneker Room	Pyon Su Room	Brent A Room	Brent B Room	Marshall Room
1:30-3:00	Language Contact Chair: John V. Singler	Semantics – Methods and Description Chair: Nada Gbegble	Syntax-Serial Verb Constructions Chair: J. Kandybowicz	Phonology- Morphological Tone Chair: L. McPherson	Morphology- Reduplication Chair: Nikki Adams
1:30-2:00	When is a dying language orphaned and/or dead? Degrammatization on the West African littoral - Tucker Childs (Portland State University)	The role of lexical elicitation in language documentation (with a focus on †Hoan) - Bonny Sands (Northern Arizona University)	On the structure and derivation of Twi multi-verb constructions: Serialization despite multiple clauses - Cansada Martin (Haverford College)	Consonant-tone interaction in Saxwe - Virginia Beavon-Ham (SIL International)	Verbal reduplication in Ndebele: Historical evidence for morphological doubling - Galen Sibanda (University of California, Berkeley)
2:00-2:30	On the role of functional categories in code-switched grammars: The case of Igbo-English code-switching - Greg Obiamalu (Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka)	A comparative study of topological relation markers in two Gur languages: Chakali and Gurene - Jonathan A. Brindle (Norwegian University of Science and Technology) & Samuel A. Atintono (University of Manchester)	TP serialization in Malagasy - Laura Kalin (University of California, Los Angeles) & Edward Keenan (University of California, Los Angeles)	Tonal opacity and paradigm structure in the Kinande verb system - Patrick Jones (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)	Reduplication as a detransitivizing strategy in Akan: A preliminary observation - Clement Kwamina Insaideo Appah (Lancaster University)
2:30-3:00	Language change in Tigrinya: A historical study based on early Tigrinya texts - Solomon Niguse Kebede (Mekelle University)	The Missing component in Ibibio linguistic time: Putting the form-function interface in context - Willie U. Willie (University of Georgia) & Mfon Udoinyang (Eastern Michigan University)	Serial verb constructions in Esan - Nicholas Rolle (University of Toronto)	Polar tone and other morphological tone in Laarim, a Surmic language of Sudan - Tim Stirtz (University of Leiden / SIL International)	Adjectival and verbal reduplication in Zulu - Toni Cook (University of Pennsylvania)
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3:00-3:30	Break				

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3:30-4:30	Bantu Morphosyntax (Kimenyi dedication) Chair: J. Ndayiragije	Southern African Linguistics Chair: Galen Sibanda		Phonology - Prosodic Structure Chair: Lee Bickmore	Computational and Corpus Linguistics Chair: Graziano Savà
3:30-4:00	A polylectal grammar of Lingala and its theoretical implications - Eyamba G. Bokamba (<i>University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign</i>)	Politics of location and language preference: Complex choices facing L1 African language students in an English medium university in South Africa - Gaontebale Nodoba (<i>University of Cape Town</i>)		Structural correlates of tone and meaning in Tommo So compounds - Laura McPherson (<i>University of California, Los Angeles</i>)	Variation in relative constructions in Dagbani - Tristan Michael Purvis (<i>University of Maryland</i>)
4:00-4:30	The subjunctive in Bantu and the left periphery - Deo Ngonyani (<i>Michigan State University</i>)	Resolving hiatus in Nambya: An optimality theoretic account - Maxwell Kadenge (<i>University of the Witwatersrand</i>)		Segmental and tonal feet in Bamana (Bambara): Evidence for uniform structure - Christopher R. Green (<i>University of Maryland</i>)	HaG - a computational grammar of Hausa - Berthold Crysmann (<i>University of Bonn</i>)
4:30-4:45	15-minute Break				
	Banneker Room				
4:45-5:45	Plenary Session Aspects of Llogoori tone Professor David Odden <i>Ohio State University</i>				
	Atrium (Stamp Student Union, 1st Floor)				
5:45-7:30	Reception <i>(hosted by the University of Maryland Center for Advanced Study of Language)</i>				
	(off-campus)				
6:45	informal trips to nearby African restaurants (East African, West African, Ethiopian) for dinner				

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8:00-9:00	ACAL Business Meeting				
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9:00-10:00	Plenary Session <p align="center">Left/right asymmetries and the design of grammar</p> <p align="center">Professor Vicki Carstens <i>University of Missouri</i></p>				
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10:30-11:00	Break				
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10:30-12:00	Bantu Augment (Kimenyi dedication) Chair: Laura Downing	Phonology / Syntax - Question formation Chair: Claire Halpert	Chadic Linguistics Chair: B. Crysmann	Phonology Chair: Jon Anderson	Sociolinguistics - Written texts Chair: Tristan Purvis
10:30-11:00	On the phonological variation of Bantu augment - Parth Bhatt (<i>University of Toronto</i>), Juvenal Ndayiragije (<i>University of Toronto</i>) & Emmanuel Nikiema (<i>University of Toronto</i>)	Krachi Wh-in-situ and the grammar of 'why' - Jason Kandybowicz (<i>Swarthmore College</i>) & Harold Torrence (<i>University of Kansas</i>)	Bole pluractionality - Kaeli Ward (<i>University of California, Los Angeles</i>)	[ATR] harmony in an eleven vowel language: The case of Anii - Deborah Morton (<i>The Ohio State University</i>)	"Say 8 so I can know wat 2 do": Text-messaging conventions in Vernacular Liberian English - John Victor Singler (<i>New York University</i>)
11:00-11:30	The augment in Haya - Kristina Riedel (<i>ZAS, Berlin</i>)	Polar question intonation in Kɔnni - Michael Cahill (<i>SIL International</i>)	Negation and aspectual asymmetries in Sakun (Sukur) - Michael Thomas (<i>University of Colorado at Boulder</i>)	Siamou tone melodies - Carmela Toews (<i>University of British Columbia</i>)	A Study of English items in Kiswahili-based texts - Sarah Marjie (<i>University of Ghana, Legon</i>)
11:30-12:00	The pragmatics of the Ekegusii augment - Jonathan Choti (<i>Michigan State University</i>)	Final lengthening as question marker in Obang, Grassfields Bantu - Asohsi Melvice (<i>Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz</i>)	Unmixed categories and shared morphemes: Factors determining finite predicative distribution of gerunds in Glavda - Jonathan Owens (<i>University of Bayreuth</i>)	Pre-specified tones in Lamnso' reduplication - Safieh Moghaddam (<i>University of Toronto</i>)	Sociocultural dimensions of users' orthographic practices in Nigerian Pidgin - Christine I. Ofulue (<i>National Open University of Nigeria</i>)

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12:00-1:30	Lunch Break (Poster Session 1 begins at 1:00 in Jimenez Room)				Poster Session 1 (1:00-2:30)
	Banneker Room	Pyon Su Room	Brent A Room	Brent B Room	
1:30-2:30	Sociolinguistics Chair: Clarissa Vierke	Syntax-Possession Chair: Solomon Niguse	Topic and Focus Chair: Safieh Moghaddam	Phonology Chair: Chris Green	
1:30-2:00	Discourse conventions in African languages with particular reference to Bantu - Gabriele Sommer (University of Bayreuth)	Expressing alienable possession in Lete - Mercy Akrofi Ansah (University of Ghana, Legon)	Low subjects in Zulu and the prosody-syntax interface - Claire Halpert (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)	Lala and Swaka and Biisa, Oh my!: Tone patterns in Guthrie's Zone M.50 - Lee Bickmore (University at Albany)	
2:00-2:30	Constructing multilayered language identities through comedy and talk show - Leonard Muaka (Winston Salem State University)	Syntactic distinctions of (in)alienable possession in Tigrinya - Keffyalew Gebregziabher (University of Calgary)	On the (non-)congruence of focus and prominence in Tumbuka - Laura J. Downing (ZAS, Berlin)	Voiceless dissimilation in Moro - Sharon Rose (University of California, San Diego)	
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2:30-3:00	Break (Poster Session 2 begins in Jimenez Room)				Poster Session 2 (2:30-4:00)
	Banneker Room	Pyon Su Room	Brent A Room	Brent B Room	
3:00-4:00	Semantics-Spatial Chair: Esther Afreh	Sociolinguistics Chair: Mehari Z. Worku	Noun Morpho(phono)logy Chair: Michelle Johnson	Loanword Phonology Chair: Bonny Sands	
3:00-3:30	Directionals in lexical and syntactic context - Doris Payne (University of Oregon / SIL International)	Gender-biased Ideology of Tigrinya Speakers as Reflected in the Grammar of the Language - Roza Tadesse (Mekelle University)	Tonal melodies in Susu nominal constructions - Samuel Gyasi Obeng (Indiana University), Christopher R. Green (University of Maryland) & Jon Anderson (Indiana University)	Adaptation mismatches in Yoruba English loans - Olanike Orié (Tulane University)	
3:30-4:00	Aspectual properties of positional verbs in Gurene - Samuel Atintono (University of Manchester)	The use of Lingála in the teaching of chemistry in DR Congo: A socio-terminological approach - Bienvenu Sene Mongaba (Ghent University / Mabiki asbl)	Noun class manipulation in Bena - Michelle Morrison (Rice University)	Comparing the pronunciation of English loanwords as represented in the written and spoken mediums - Sophia Adjaye (California State University, Bakersfield)	

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4:00-4:15	15-minute Break
	Banneker Room
4:15-5:15	Plenary Session Lexical and functional categories in Gbe and beyond Professor Enoch O. Aboh <i>University of Amsterdam</i>
5:15	Break/transport to Holiday Inn
	Holiday Inn, College Park
6:00-10:00	Banquet

Sunday, June 12th

	Banneker Room	Pyon Su Room	Brent A Room	Brent B Room	Marshall Room
9:00-10:30	Bantu Phonology-Downstep (Kimenyi dedication) Chair: Larry Hyman	Classification / Morphology Chair: Martha Michieka	Sociolinguistics Chair: Jonathan Owens	Syntax-Relatives (Kimenyi dedication) Chair: E. Nikiema	Morphology-Verbal Chair: Sharon Rose
9:00-9:30	Downstep and contour formation in Medumba, a Grassfields Bantu language - Nick Danis, Jonathan Barnes, & Catherine O'Conner (Boston University)	Bangime, a secret language revealed - Abbie Hantgan (Indiana University)	Structural consequences arising from contact in language shift situations: The case of Luo and Suba languages of Kenya - John Obiero Ogone (Maseno University)	Merging Bantu relatives - Juvenal Ndayiragije (University of Toronto)	Tima verb-word Structure - Suzan Alamin (University of Khartoum)
9:30-10:00	Tone change and downstep in Medumba, a Grassfields Language - Kathryn Franich, Jonathan Barnes, & Catherine O'Conner (Boston University)	The ethnolinguistic classification of Seereer in question - Papa Oumar Fall (Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz)	Code switching: An interface between languages in contact in Maiduguri, Nigeria - Jidda Hassan Juma'a (University of Maiduguri)	The Bantu relative marker (RM) is an indefinite pronoun - Kasangati K. W. Kinyalolo (Kirkwood Community College)	Luganda verb morphology: A new analysis of the suffixes [YE] and [-A] and their distribution across the indicative, subjunctive and imperative mood - Franca Ferrari-Bridgers (Nyack College)
10:00-10:30	Ternary spreading and the OCP in Copperbelt Bemba - Lee Bickmore (University at Albany) & Nancy Kula (University of Essex)	Lexical nominalization in Ibibio - Ogbonna Anyanwu (University of Uyo)	Language politics among the political parties of Ethiopia - Mehari Zemelak Worku (Addis Ababa University)	Instrument inversion in Zulu - Jochen Zeller (University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban)	A historical approach to Tano verbal morphology - Mary Paster (Pomona College)
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11:00-12:30	Bantu Phonology-Tone (Kimenyi dedication) Chair: David Odden	Akan Morphophonology / Morphosyntax Chair: Clement Appah	Semantics / Syntax Chair: S. A. Atintono	Syntax / Morphology Chair: Harold Torrence	Sociolinguistics Chair: Leonard Muaka
11:00-11:30	The tonology of DPs and prosodic phrasing in Xitsonga - Seunghun J. Lee (<i>Central Connecticut State University</i>) & Morris T. Babane (<i>University of Venda</i>)	Relevance, scope, and alternation in affixation in <i>-ni</i> and <i>-foɔ</i> personal nouns in Akan (Twi) - Seth Ofori (<i>University of Wisconsin</i>)	Separation events and their component verbs in Emai - Ron Schaefer (<i>Southern Illinois University Edwardsville</i>) & Francis Egbokhare (<i>University of Ibadan</i>)	Adpositions or case markers? An Amharic case study - Mark Baker (<i>Rutgers University</i>) & Ruth Kramer (<i>Georgetown University</i>)	Invisible languages: 'Translating' African multilingualness on the silver screen—A semiotic analysis - Anjali Pandey (<i>Salisbury University</i>)
11:30-12:00	Parameters of tonal variation in Bantu verbs: Implications for fieldwork methodology - Michael Marlo (<i>University of Missouri</i>)	On the prosodic expression of pragmatic prominence: The case of tonal lowering in Akan - Frank Kügler (<i>University of Potsdam</i>) & Susanne Genzel (<i>University of Potsdam</i>)	Light verb constructions in Xamtanga - Chloé Darmon (<i>Lumière University Lyon 2</i>)	Predication in the clause and noun phrase of Lusoga - Michelle Johnson (<i>The City University of New York</i>)	A pragmatic analysis of vague language use in Ekegusii conversational interactions - Hellen Ondari (<i>University of Eastern Africa, Baraton</i>)
12:00-12:30	Conjoint / disjoint high tone alternations in Basaa - Emmanuel-Moselly Makasso (<i>ZAS, Berlin</i>)	Verb-internal compound formation in Akan - Jonathan Anderson (<i>Indiana University</i>)	Agents in Igbo resultatives - Alexander Williams (<i>University of Maryland</i>)	The syntax of action nominalization in Wolof - Khady Tamba (<i>University of Kansas</i>) & Omar Ka (<i>University of Maryland-Baltimore</i>)	How the language of shop signs reflects the Kenyan national language policy - Martha Michieka (<i>East Tennessee State University</i>)

Poster Session 1 - Saturday, June 11th, 1:00pm-2:30pm - Jimenez Room	Subfield
* The semantic network of the Akan posture verbs <i>da</i> 'lie', <i>gyina</i> 'stand' and <i>te/tena</i> 'sit' - Esther Afreh (<i>Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology / University of Ghana, Legon</i>) & E. Kweku Osam (<i>University of Ghana, Legon</i>)	Semantics
A comparative lexicon of Delta Cross languages - Inimbom Akpan (<i>University of Calabar</i>)	Lexicon
* "Now it sounds real Nkumbi!" The role of Nkumbi Bible translators in the standardization of their language in the multilingual rural context of Southern Angola - Riikka Halme-Berneking (<i>United Bible Societies</i>)	Translation
A phonological description of Anaang proverb-riddles - Michael Itoro (<i>University of Uyo</i>)	Phonology / Sociolinguistics
Gerundivization in Ogbahu-Igbo: A morpho-phonological study - Georgina Maduagwu (<i>University of Ibadan</i>)	Morphology / Phonology
* Inventaire des classes nominales et schèmes d'accord en guñaamool - Mamadou Ngom (<i>FASTEF, Dakar</i>)	Morphology-Noun Classes
Simultaneous considerations in Kiwilwana orthography design - Jacob Njagi (<i>Bible Translation & Literacy (EA)</i>)	Orthography
* The world as a global village and some of its effects on African languages: A case study of three Cameroonian indigenous languages, Ngwo, Ngwe and Ngomba - Eyovi Njwe (<i>University of Bamenda</i>)	Sociolinguistics
English as a global language and the problems of teaching English in non-native English speaking multilingual countries: A Nigerian perspective - Isaac Nnam Ohia (<i>University of Ibadan</i>)	Acquisition
* Enclisis and vowel harmony in Oḡòtún-Èkìtì dialect of Yorùbà - Fúnmi Olúbòdé-Sàwẹ (<i>Federal University of Technology, Akure</i>)	Phonology
Personal pronouns in Moghamo, morphology and binding - Blasius Achiri Taboh (<i>University of Buea</i>)	Morphology / Syntax

Poster Session 2 - Saturday, June 11th, 2:30pm-4:00 - Jimenez Room	Subfield
Acoustic analysis of vowels of the Boone and Nabt dialects of Farefari - Helen Atipoka Adongo (<i>University of Education, Winneba</i>)	Phonetics
* The morph-syntax of genericity in Yorùbà - Oladiipo Ajiboye (<i>University of Lagos</i>)	Semantics
English-Yoruba prosodies in context: Connectivity in disparity - A. Agnes Atolagbe Adebukunola (<i>Lagos State University</i>)	Phonology
African languages in context: Honorification in Kiswahili interactional discourse - Samuel Obuchi Moseti (<i>University of Eastern Africa-Baraton</i>)	Discourse
Wh- interrogatives in Nigerian Pidgin - Macaulay Mowarin (<i>Delta State University, Abraka</i>)	Syntax
A comparative study of Kikongo and Kimbundu noun determiners - Mfuwa Ndonga (<i>Agostinho Neto University</i>)	Morphology / Syntax
Focus constructions in Ngamambo: A minimalists approach - Sirih-Nagang Nancy Nyindem (<i>University of Buea</i>)	Syntax
Polysemy and metaphorical use of <i>Na</i> ('see') verb in Ga - Ruby Otoo (<i>University of Education, Winneba</i>)	Semantics
* Adopting loanwords into Chitonga - Jodi Reich (<i>Yale University</i>), Kelly Nedwick (<i>Yale University</i>), Philip E. Thuma (<i>Macha Research Trust</i>) & Elena L. Grigorenko (<i>Yale University / Moscow State University / Columbia University</i>)	Phonology / Semantics
* Some observations on a corpus-based description of Ts'amakko (Ethiopia) - Graziano Savà (<i>CNRS, France</i>)	Corpus Linguistics
* Menik: An endangered language between two big languages - Sophie Wade (<i>University of Cologne</i>)	Sociolinguistics

* PLEASE NOTE: Only those poster presentations marked with an asterisk (*) are currently registered or have otherwise strongly confirmed their intent to present at the conference