Conference on Formal Approaches to Heritage Language

April 21-22, 2012
University of Massachusetts Amherst Campus Center

PROGRAM

SATURDAY (April 21)

8:30 – 9:00  Continental Breakfast and Welcome
9:00 – 10:10  Keynote talk: “Heritage bilingual acquisition and syntactic change”
               Acrisio Pires (University of Michigan)

10:10 – 10:30  Coffee Break

10:30 – 11:00  “From private to equipollent: Toward a unified model of the heritage Russian aspectual system”
               Oksana Laleko (SUNY New Paltz)
11:00 – 11:30  “Why aspect is retained in heritage Inuititut, but affected in Russian and Spanish”
               Marina Sherkina-Lieber (York University)
11:30 – 12:00  “Real time processing of gender and number agreement by native and heritage Russian speakers”
               Irina Sekerina (CUNY Staten Island)

12:00 – 1:00  Lunch Break

1:00 – 2:00  Poster Session (see list of posters below)
2:00 – 2:30  “Incomplete acquisition of differential object marking in child and adult Spanish heritage speakers”
               Silvina Montrul and Noelia Sánchez-Walker (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)
2:30 – 3:00  “Interrogative inversion in Spanish-English bilingual children: cross-linguistic influence and L1 attrition in Spanish”
               Alejandro Cuza and Nelleke Strik (Purdue University, Dalhousie University)
3:00 – 3:30  “Early voice acquisition of heritage Greek in Germany”
               Katerina Zombolou and Artemis Alexiadou (University of Stuttgart)
3:30 – 4:00  “Negative Polarity Items (NPIs) in heritage Korean: Licensing Domains”
               Sok-Ju Kim (University of Kansas)
4:00 – 4:20 Coffee Break

4:20 – 5:30 **Keynote talk:** “Predicting grammar interaction: Minimalist insights into heritage grammars”  
Ana Perez-Leroux (University of Toronto)

5:30 – 6:00 **Closing Remarks** – Tom Roeper (UMass Amherst)

SUNDAY (April 22)

9:00 – 11:00 **Workshop:** “What linguistics can learn from heritage languages: Research questions and research methods”  
Maria Polinsky (Harvard University)

11:00 – 11:20 Coffee Break

11:20 – 1:00 **Panel:** “Formal properties of heritage languages and their implications for language programs, student assessment, and language maintenance initiatives in native American communities.”  
Luiz Amaral (UMass Amherst), Silvina Montrul (University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign), Maria Polinsky (Harvard University) and Peggy Speas (UMass Amherst)

POSTERS (Saturday 1:00 – 2:00):

- “Code-switching in heritage Taiwanese-Spanish bilinguals” – Kay-E. González-Vilbazo, Laura Bartlett, Shane Ebert, and Daniel Vergara (University of Illinois at Chicago)
- “Incomplete acquisition as a factor in heritage language competence: The case of clitic doubling in monolingual controls and Greek dominant Albanian heritage speakers” – Enkeleida Kapia (University of Hamburg)
- “Morphological Bottleneck: The case of Russian heritage speakers.” – Ana Mikhaylova (University of South Carolina)
- “Ergative and antipassive structures in bilingual Inuktitut speakers” – Kumiko Murasugi (Carleton University, Canada)
- “The system of cases in the language of low-proficiency heritage learners of Russian” – Alla Smyslova (Columbia University)
- “Heritage, L1, and L2 speakers of Spanish: who patterns with whom? Adult interpretations of double wh-questions” – Maria Turrero (UMass Amherst)
- “Morphological and Syntactical Deficits in Heritage English” – Arun Viswanath (Harvard University)
• “Morpho-syntactic changes in the linguistic repertoire of Polish heritage speakers in North-Eastern US. The study of word order, verb government patterns and the use of Polish derivational and inflectional morphemes.” Monika Woloszyn-Domagala (University of Zielona Gora - Poland)

• “The use of demonstrative ‘ten’ and the numeral ‘jeden’ by Polish-German bilinguals as a case of contact-induced grammaticalization” – Izabela Wolski (University of Regensberg)

• “Developing writing practices through SNS: An ethnographic study of Korean bilingual and biliterate youths”. Tecnam Yoon (UMass Amherst)

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE:
Luiz Amaral, Barbara Z. Pearson, and Tom Roeper
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ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE
Non-presenters are welcome to attend.
There will be a $40 fee ($20 students) for those who register after March 31.

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