

## Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> Friday Morning

**Registration** 8:00-8:30

**Language Contact and Survival** (8:30-9:00)

1. *Hamde, Kiflemariam* (Umea University), The Situation of Blin Language: Revitalizing, Maintained or Threatened?

**Morphology and Morpho-Syntax I** (9:00-10:30)

1. *Gibbs, Tara Leigh* (University of Minnesota), Somali as a Pro-Drop Language.
2. *Hudson, Grover* (Michigan State University), Ethiopian Semitic Independent Pronoun Archaic Heterogeneity.
3. *Beachy, Marvin* (SIL Ethiopia), Linguistic and Orthographic Implications of Analyzing Dizin Possessive Prefixes and Verbal Agreement Proclitics as just one Set of Proclitic Personal Pronouns.

**Break** 10:30-11:00

**Morphology and Morpho-syntax II** (11:00-1:00)

1. *Soltan, Usama* (Middlebury College), Free State Nominals in Egyptian Arabic.
2. *Alfadly, Hassan Obeid* (Hadramout University), New Information on Future and Nominal Plural Forms of Eastern Mehri in Oman.
3. *Nishiguchi, Sumiyo* (Osaka University), Correction by Polarity Reversing Focus in Dhaasanac.
4. *Henderson, Brent* (University of Florida), Differential Object Marking in Tigre and Tigrinya.

**Lunch Break** (1:00-2:00)

## Friday Afternoon

**Joint session (2:00-5:00): Ancient Near East I: AOS-NACAL: Linguistics—In Memory of Alan S. Kaye**

1. *Hasselbach, Rebecca* (University of Chicago) Early Semitic and Language Typology
2. *Fu, Janling* (Harvard University) A Case for Markedness in Amarna Canaanite? Distinctions between *qtl/yqtl* in the Byblian Corpus
3. *Bar-Asher, Elitzur Avraham* (Harvard University) Synchronic and Diachronic Analysis of the Tenses of Jewish Babylonian Aramaic
4. *Pat-El, Na'ama* (Harvard University) The Proleptic Genitive in Aramaic: A Re-Evaluation

**Break**

5. *Rubin, Aaron* (Pennsylvania State University) The Development of the Amharic Definite Article
6. *Karahashi, Fumi* (Chuo University, Japan) Some Notes on the Sumerian Interrogative Pronoun *a-na*
7. *Johnson, J. Cale* (University of California, Los Angeles) Mirativity in Sumerian
8. *Daniels, Peter T.* (New York) H.C. Rawlinson's Contributions to Persian and Assyrian Studies

## Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> Saturday Morning

**Phonology I: Root/Word Formation and Syllable Structure** (8:00-9:30)

1. *Spencer, Bradley* (Harvard University), Contingent Extrasyllabicity in the Proto-Semitic Imperative.

2. *Faust, Noam* (Université de Paris VII), Meaningful Vowels: The syntactic structure of Vocalic Patterns in Hebrew.
3. *Laks, Lior* (Tel-Aviv University), Verb Innovation in Palestinian Arabic.

**Break** 9:30-10:00

**Phonology II** (10:00-12:00)

1. *Lowenstamm, Jean* (Université de Paris VII), Chaha Palatalization Revisited.
2. *Rose, Sharon* and *Shosted, Ryan* (Universities of California, San Diego and Illinois, Urbana-Champaign), Tigrinya ejective fricatives – are they really fricatives?
3. *Unseth, Peter* (Graduate Inst. of Applied Linguistics), The Psycholinguistic Reality of Co-occurrence Restrictions on Labialized Consonants in Amharic.
4. *Rosenhouse, Judith* (Sound Waves Analysis and Technologies, Ltd.), Duration Features in Male Bedouin Narratives.

**Lunch Break** 12:00-1:00

## Saturday Afternoon

**Discourse Analysis and Pragmatics** (1:00-3:00)

1. *McClelland, Clive W.* (Liberty University), Prosody vs. Grammar in Two VSO Languages.
2. *Bach Baoueb, Lamia* (Université de Jendouba), Language Use and Code Switching in Tunisian Business Conversations.
3. *Henkin, Roni* (Ben-Gurion University), Bilingual Humor in Written Negev Arabic.
4. *Khalfaoui, Amel* (University of Minnesota), Demonstratives in Tunisian Arabic: Beyond Spacial Distance.

**Break** 3:00-3:30

**Tense / Mood / Aspect and Voice (3:30-5:30)**

1. *Fassi Fehri, Abdelkader* (University of Newcastle upon Tyne), Finiteness, Logophors, and Double Access Construal in Arabic varieties.
2. *Teeple, David* (University of California, Santa Cruz), Arabic Impersonal Passives in OT.
3. *Rucart, Pierre* (Laboratoire de Linguistique Formelle), Aspect, Tense and Modality in the Verbal System of Qafar.
4. *Hatav, Galia* (University of Florida), Absolute and Relative Tense in Hebrew.

**In Memoriam, M. Lionel Bender: (6:00-7:00)**

**NACAL Annual Dinner:** *Reza's Restaurant, 432 West Ontario St., Chicago, IL (7:30-9:30)*

**Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday Morning**

**Afro-Asiatic Reconstruction (8:00-9:00)**

1. *Militarev, Alexander* (Russian State University For the Humanities), Toward a Complete Afro-Asiatic Etymological Database, Genealogical Classification and Chronology of Branching: Preliminary Results.
2. *Takács, Gábor* (Hungarian Academy of Sciences), Aspects of Comparison of Semitic and Egyptian.
3. *Zaborski, Andrzej* (University of Warsaw), The position of Afar-Saho in Cushitic and of Cushitic within Afroasiatic.

**Break 9:00-9:30**

**Typology and Classification (9:30-11:30)**

1. *Owens, Jonathan* (University of Maryland), Three Sources for the Study of Arabic Language History and their Role in Defining the Place of Arabic in Semitic.
2. *Avanzini, Alessandra* (Università degli Studi di Pisa), Origin and Classification of the Ancient South Arabian Languages.
3. *Testen, David* (Catholic University of America), Errant Isoglosses of Aramaic.
4. *Kapeliuk, Olga* (Hebrew University), Some Common Innovations in Peripheral Neo-Semitic.

**Lunch Break 11:30-12:30**

**Sunday Afternoon**

**Philology and Historical Linguistics (12:30-3:00)**

1. *Waltisberg, Michael* (University of Marburg), The Case System of Amorite – A Re-Evaluation.
2. *Pat-El, Na'ama* (Harvard University), The Origin of the Official Aramaic Quotative *l'mr*.
3. *Al-Jallad, Ahmad* (Harvard University), A Syntactic Account of the Development of the Negative Adverb *mā* in Central Semitic.
4. *Schluter, Kevin T.* (University of Minnesota), Middle Stems, Pronouns, and Reflexivity in Biblical Hebrew.
5. *Calabro, David* (University of Chicago), Rolling out the Etymology of Northwest-Semitic *sḡlt*.

**NACAL Business Meeting 3:00-3:30**

**Adjournment 3:30**

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