

Department of Linguistics

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

2016 Spring Colloquium

Every spring, the Linguistics Graduate Student Association at UNC-Chapel Hill puts on its annual Spring Colloquium. We invite fellow linguists from all over to present and discuss current topics of interest in the field in an all-day conference. This coming spring it will take place on **March 5th**, with **Joe Pater** as our keynote speaker, and local invited speakers Jeff Mielke (NC State), David Mora-Marín (UNC), and Erik Thomas (NC State).

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UNC Linguistics Spring Colloquium 2016

March 5th, 2016

Frank Porter Graham Student Union, Room 3411

Student Union on the campus map
Student Union building interior map

9:30 Breakfast

Greta Mazzaggio (*University of Trento, University of Notre Dame*)

10:00 Addressing the debate on pronoun acquisition: Theory of Mind or echolalia? (abstract)

Moses Katz (*University of Georgia*)

10:30 A New Perspective on the Germanic Passive (abstract)

Bruna Karla Pereira (*UFVJM, CAPES, MIT*)

11:00 Nominal concord in non-standard Brazilian Portuguese (abstract)

Kazuya Nishimaki (*University of Tsukuba*)

11:30 Descriptive Genitives as Denominal Adjectives: A Cross-Linguistic Perspective (abstract)

Yasir Alotaibi (*Prince Sattam bin Abdulaziz University*)

12:00 Aspectual verbs in the Taif Dialect (abstract)

- Lunch
12:30 McAlister's Deli, 205 E Franklin Street
Amani Aloufi (*Taibah University*)
1:45 A Grammatical Sketch of Soqotri: with Special Consideration of Negative Polarity (abstract)
Triangle Spotlight
2:15 Jeff Mielke (*North Carolina State University*)
Phonetic and phonological variation in English /æ/ tensing
Triangle Spotlight
David Mora-Marín (*UNC-Chapel Hill*)
2:45 The Study of Inscribed Maya Royal Belt Plaque Fragments (400 BCE-CE 600): Putting the Pieces of an Epigraphic Puzzle Together
Triangle Spotlight
3:15 Erik Thomas (*North Carolina State University*)
Formation of a Latino Ethnolect in Southern Texas
3:45 Break
Keynote Speaker
4:00 Joe Pater (*University of Massachusetts, Amherst*)
Learning in Typological Prediction: Grammatical Agent-Based Modeling
Social Hour
5:00 TBA

Parking

Parking is limited on the UNC campus, but most parking lots are open on the weekends. Please see this [UNC parking map](#).

Programs from past Spring Colloquia:

- 2015
- 2014
- 2013
- 2012
- 2011
- 2010
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