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Hundreds of Linguists Gather in Ann Arbor for Biennial Linguistic Institute

(Washington, DC) – Nearly 600 linguistic scholars and students from across the U.S. and around the world will gather in Ann Arbor, Michigan next week for a month-long program of courses, lectures, workshops, professional development, social activities, and more. Representatives of the news media are invited to observe and report on the proceedings, which will take place on the campus of the University of Michigan from June 24 through July 19.

The Linguistic Institute, sponsored by the Linguistic Society of America since 1928, is an unparalleled gathering of linguists from throughout the field, research scientists from the public sector, and graduate and undergraduate students. Its mission is to: offer instruction by top scholars in linguistics; introduce participants to the latest linguistic research methods and theories; furnish hands-on training for individuals who are or who expect to become practicing linguists; and promote collaboration across disciplinary and institutional boundaries.

Over eighty faculty, representing top scholars from around the world and throughout the discipline, will present a program of nearly seventy courses, ranging from the introductory level to cutting-edge advanced research, and from the “core” areas of linguistics (phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics) to topics such as language variation, sound change, machine learning, forensic linguistics, and more. Three special lectures will be presented by holders of three endowed “Institute Professorships,” as will two “Forum Lectures,” including one by foundational linguist Noam Chomsky (Massachusetts Institute of Technology).

Such a concentration of linguists represents a unique opportunity for scholars from throughout the field to focus on ideas of mutual interest. A program of approximately twenty workshops and mini-conferences are scheduled to take place on topics as diverse as Chinese linguistics, language and aging, language revitalization, and more. Finally, a program of receptions and field trips will give Institute participants a chance to relax and learn more about the local area.

The Co-directors of the Institutes are Drs. Andries Coetzee and Robin Queen, both of the University of Michigan. The Institute may be contacted by e-mail at lsa2013@umich.edu or by telephone at 734-764-8754. Detailed information may be found on the Institute website at <http://lsa2013.lsa.umich.edu/>.

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