

HISTORICAL LINGUISTICS AT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Historical Linguistics, encompassing both the study of the ways languages change over time and the development and application of methods to analyze and explain observed and reconstructed changes, is well-represented at The Ohio State University. Several key faculty in the Linguistics Department and in various language departments form the nucleus for a vibrant graduate program, and other faculty throughout the university contribute related expertise. These faculty are all engaged in on-going research projects, and take an active role in the training and mentoring of graduate students through the completion of their Ph.D. degree.

HISTORICAL LINGUISTICS FACULTY:

Brian D. JOSEPH, Distinguished University Professor of Linguistics and the Kenneth E. Naylor Professor of South Slavic Linguistics — a specialist in **Indo-European linguistics**, **Sanskrit**, the **history of Greek**, and **Balkan linguistics**, he has authored or edited 12 books and written over 175 articles, most dealing with aspects of the study of language change or the history of particular languages, especially the latter development of Greek from Medieval up to modern times. He recently co-edited the *Handbook of Historical Linguistics* (Blackwell Publishers, 2003) with former OSU colleague Richard D. Janda.

J. Marshall UNGER, Professor of East Asian Languages — a specialist in **Japanese historical linguistics** but with broad interests in the history of other major languages of Asia, including Chinese and Korean, and in **distant linguistic relationships** and possible connections between **genetic history and linguistic history** as a way of investigating such relationships, he is a Guggenheim Fellow and author of two books on writing systems in East Asia (*Literacy and script reform in occupation Japan: reading between the lines* (Oxford University Press, 1996), and *Ideogram: Chinese characters and the myth of disembodied meaning* (University of Hawai'i Press, 2004).

Dieter WANNER, Professor of Spanish Linguistics — a specialist in **Romance historical linguistics**, especially **Spanish and Italian**, and a leading authority on the development of grammatical systems in the Romance languages and the syntax of pronouns in particular, he is author of *The development of Romance clitic pronouns: from Latin to Old Romance* (Mouton de Gruyter, 1987) and numerous articles on Romance and general historical linguistics.

OTHER CONTRIBUTING FACULTY:

Mary BECKMAN, Humanities Distinguished Professor of Linguistics — a specialist in **phonetics**, **historical phonology**, and **Japanese phonology**, she is co-author of *Japanese tone structure* (MIT Press, 1988) and a major contributor to phonetic theory and contact effects in phonology.

Marjorie **CHAN**, Professor of East Asian Languages — a specialist in **Chinese dialectology** and historical phonology, she is the author of *Fuzhou phonology: a non-linear analysis of tone and stress* (University of Washington, 1985) and editor of *Proceedings of the Third Ohio State University Conference on Chinese Linguistics* (Indiana, 1989).

Daniel COLLINS, Professor of Slavic Languages — a specialist in **Slavic linguistics** and especially Old Russian **historical pragmatics**, he is author of *Reanimated Voices: Speech reporting in a historical-pragmatic perspective* (John Benjamins, 2001) and a frequent contributor to works on the historical development of discourse.

Hope C. DAWSON, Senior Lecturer in Linguistics — a specialist in **Sanskrit** and **morphological change**, she is author of the definitive study of variation in certain case-endings in Vedic Sanskrit (*Morphological Variation and Change in the Rigveda: The case of -au vs. -á* (Ohio State University, 2005)).

Neil JACOBS, Professor of Germanic Languages — a specialist in **Yiddish linguistics** and **historical phonology**, he is the author of *Economy in Yiddish vocalism: a study in the interplay of Hebrew and non-Hebrew components* (Otto Harrassowitz, 1990) and most recently *Yiddish: A linguistic introduction* (Cambridge University Press, 2005).

Terence ODLIN, Professor of English — a specialist in **language contact** and **language transfer**, and on **Irish-English**, he is author of *Language transfer: cross-linguistic influence in language learning* (Cambridge University Press, 1989) and numerous articles on the globalization of English.

Charles QUINN, Professor of East Asian Languages — a specialist in **Classical Japanese** and Japanese grammatical development, he is the author of *A functional grammar of predication in classical Japanese* (Michigan, 1987) and editor of *Situated meaning: inside and outside in Japanese self, society, and language* (Princeton University Press, 1994).

Wayne REDENBARGER, Professor of Spanish and Portuguese — a specialist in **Romance**, and especially **Portuguese**, historical morphophonology, and on the **history of English**, he is author of *Articulator features and Portuguese vowel height* (Cambridge, 1981) and other studies on Romance phonological development.

Donald WINFORD, Professor of Linguistics — a leading authority on **Creole languages** and **language contact**, he is the author of *Predication in Caribbean English Creoles* (Benjamins, 1993) and most recently *An Introduction to Contact Linguistics* (Blackwell, 2003) and currently editor of the *Journal of Pidgin and Creole Languages*.

RECENT OSU HISTORICAL LINGUISTICS / LANGUAGE CHANGE DISSERTATIONS:

Catalin Anghelina (Greek & Latin Dept.) — *Variation with Intrusive t in Ancient Greek* (2004)

Richard K. Danford (Spanish & Portuguese Dept.) — *Preverbal accusatives, pronominal reduplication, and information packaging : a diachronic analysis of Spanish* (2002)

Hope C. Dawson (Linguistics Dept.) — *Morphological Variation and Change in the Rigveda: The case of -au vs. -á* (2005)

Gwang Yoon Go (Linguistics Dept.) — *The Synchrony and Diachrony of the English Prepositional Passive: Form, Meaning, and Function* (2000)

Yu Hirata (East Asian Languages Dept.) — *Genitive particles, historical change, and grammar: issues in Japanese and broader implications* (2001)

Jeffrey Holdeman (Slavic Dept.) — dissertation title: *Language Maintenance and Shift among the Russian Old Believers of Erie, Pennsylvania* (2002)

Steven H. Keiser (Linguistics Dept.) — *Language Contact and Dialect Contact across Speech Islands: The Emergence of a 'Midwestern' Variety of Pennsylvania German* (2001)

Panayiotis Pappas (Linguistics Dept.) — *Weak Object Pronoun Placement in Later Medieval and Early Modern Greek* (2001)

Michelle Ramos-Pellicia (Linguistics Dept.) — *Phonological Variation in the Spanish of Lorain, Ohio* (2004)

ON-GOING RESEARCH/STUDY PROJECTS

The historical linguistics faculty at The Ohio State University is actively engaged in a number of on-going research projects and lively study groups; here are but a few of these projects:

- analogical modeling of grammatical change in the Romance verb
- Balkan language contact and phonetic effects
- generalization of marked variants in post-Vedic Sanskrit
- genetics and linguistic prehistory in East Asia
- parallels in methods and results between evolutionary biology and historical linguistics
- tense, mood, and aspect changes in Caribbean Creoles