Danny Erker joins the Faculty

Prof. Danny Erker (who recently completed his Ph.D. at New York University with a dissertation on New York Spanish) joins us in September as an Assistant Professor of Spanish and Linguistics.

You can find out more about him, and the new courses he is offering:
- CAS LS 505 Topics in Spanish Linguistics: Sounds of Spanish
- CAS LX 500 Topics in Linguistics: Evolution of Language

from the Linguistics website (see below). On that site, Danny Erker introduces himself in a short video. Have a look!

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  - French & Linguistics
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Further information about all of the above is available from:
http://ling.bu.edu

Web News / Alumni Pages

We are pleased to announce that our website has gotten a facelift:

One of our projects coming up soon will be enhancing the alumni pages and perhaps organizing a special Linguistics Reunion.

You will be hearing more about this soon (especially if you are now, or are soon to become, an alum).

Note to alumni: See page 2 of this newsletter ☺.

September Linguistics Bash!!

Come celebrate the start of the new academic year and all of the exciting developments for the Linguistics Program! Get information about course offerings, academic programs, and more.

Meet Linguistics students and faculty members. And eat some cake.

Monday, September 10, 2012, 3:15-5:30
CAS room 200

RSVP’s appreciated:
https://www.facebook.com/events/305625036201761/

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Honors programs are available for the Linguistics major and for all the joint majors that include Linguistics. In order to qualify for admission, students must have a grade point average of all courses taken in the College of Arts & Sciences to date of 3.65, and they must have taken a specific number of courses from the core offerings for the major—with a GPA of at least 3.7 for courses within the major. Further details are available from :

http://www.bu.edu/linguistics/UG/honors/honors-for-ling.html


Students apply to the honors program no sooner than the end of sophomore year and no later than the beginning of spring semester of junior year (for entrance into the program as of first or second semester of the junior year, respectively). Thus, students participate in the Honors Program during their final three or four semesters prior to graduation. Students in their junior year can enter the program in September (deadline for this year is September 10, 2012) or January (for those planning to graduate in Spring of 2014, the final deadline for application will be January 20, 2013). There will be regular meetings of Honors students, and co-curricular activities will be organized. Students who complete the program successfully will graduate “with honors” in the major.

Linguistics courses that satisfy CAS Divisional Studies Requirements: Humanities

If all of your majors and minors are outside of the Humanities, you will need to take two Divisional Studies courses in the Humanities to satisfy the College Requirements (unless you are following the Core Curriculum). So, if you have declared a Linguistics major (including any of our joint majors) or minor, there is no need for you to worry about this.

For those who are looking for courses that count for this purpose (tell your friends!), the following are accepted:

- LX 235 Language in the Contemporary World: Technology, Society, and the Law
- CAS LX 240 Great Linguists
- CAS LX 245 Language and Mind
- CAS LX 250 Introduction to Linguistics
- CAS LX 340 Language Myths
- CAS LX 502 Semantics I
- CAS LX 510 Phonetics
- CAS LX 521 Morphology
- CAS LX 522 Syntax I
- CAS LX 535 Historical and Comparative Linguistics

Further information about all of the Linguistics course offerings can be found at http://ling.bu.edu, and the Linguistics faculty will be happy to provide further information about any of our courses.

Special Call to Alumni:

We would love to hear from you!

Please send us an update by email to carol@bu.edu of what you are doing now, for us to post on our alumni page: http://ling.bu.edu/people/alumni/

If you can send a picture, too, that would be great!

There are some exciting new features coming soon, thanks to our Web genius, Paul Hagstrom, and we want to be sure we have your current email address so we can keep you informed. We are also thinking about organizing a Linguistics reunion, so if you have ideas about that, do let us know!

Even if you just want to provide us with an update of your email address (we will keep it private!), we would appreciate it. ☺