CALL FOR PAPERS

Extended DEADLINE: AUGUST 8, 2010

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Fri/Sat 7-8 January 2011

The Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics will meet in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, January 7-8, 2011, in conjunction with the 85th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA) at the

Hilton Pittsburgh Hotel
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Partial funding is available for eligible students (see note below regarding financial aid).

ABSTRACTS: Please observe the instructions hereafter! DEADLINE: AUGUST 8, 2010

1 General: Abstracts for 20-minute papers and for posters on the phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, lexicon, social aspects of language, history of the discipline, education or any pertinent issue involving pidgin and Creole languages or other contact languages are invited, beginning 1st June, 2010, for anonymous review by a five member panel.

2 Conditions: Any member may submit one single-author abstract. There is not a limit on the number of coauthored abstracts. After an abstract has been submitted, changes of author, affiliation, title, or wording of the abstract, other than those due to typographical errors, will not normally be permitted. Papers must be delivered substantially as indicated in the abstract or represent bona fide developments of the same research. The submitting author must be a member of the Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics. Nonmembers may obtain membership information at the following link:

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3 Word limit: An abstract (including examples, if needed) must be no more than 500 words. Abstracts must be no more than one 8 1/2 inch by 11 inch page in length, in type no smaller than 10 point and preferably 12 point; margins should be at least .5 inches on all sides. References may be included on a second page. Abstracts exceeding the word or page length limit or in type smaller than 10 point will be rejected without being evaluated. Please note the word count at the bottom of the abstract. Except for the instructions given here and below, no special form or format is needed for this initial submission of the abstract (as specified in §5 below, a shorter abstract will be requested at a later date from authors of accepted papers).

4 Title: At the top of the abstract, put the title.
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7 **A shorter abstract,** intended for publication in the LSA Annual Meeting Handbook, will be requested at a later date from all authors of accepted papers. Specific instructions for the transmittal of this abstract will be included in the acceptance letter.

8 **Sample abstract:** A sample abstract outline is given towards the bottom of this message.

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Many abstracts are rejected because they omit crucial information rather than because of errors in what they include. A suggested outline for abstracts is as follows:

1. Choose a title that clearly indicates the topic of the paper and is no more than one line long.

2. State the problem or research question raised by prior work, with specific reference to relevant prior research.

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Modest financial aid from the Stephen Peck fund is open to a limited number of students with financial needs, and who are studying creoles, pidgins and/or other contact languages, for the purpose of attending conferences of the SPCL. Priority will be given to students who are native speakers of a Creole language and working within their own speech community.

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