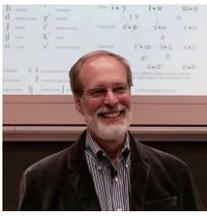




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DON'T FORGET! May 1st is the last day to apply without a late fee!

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Every summer we bring in a top linguist to give special colloquia to our staff and students (Yes, another great reason to come to SIL-UND, we know.) This year, we're excited to announce that John Esling will be joining us. Dr. Esling is a past president of the International Phonetics Association, so his talks will be especially relevant to students in our Articulatory Phonetics and Acoustic Phonetics classes — but interesting to many more. Also, he studied with Ken Pike, one of SIL's founders, so he gives us a connection to our roots. We're looking forward to the two evening talks, the many classroom appearances, and the several Wilkerson conversations that will come from his visit!

Humans of SIL-UND



Chris Schrock had been teaching English in Ghana for two years when he noticed a need for a literacy. His team encouraged him to get training, so Chris came to SIL-UND in the summer of 2016 for an introduction to linguistics through Package A courses. This last year he returned for the Literacy Megacourse, a program that is offered every other summer.

While overseas, Chris discovered his passion for empowering people through education. "I never would have thought that I would be a teacher," he says. Last summer, Chris learned that "It's really good to understand what you're doing as a teacher." He explains, "We learned a lot of methods and theories on teaching. And I never realized I was doing one or the other, but once you realize what you're doing, you can assess how it's affecting your students, and then correct things as you need to."

Chris recommends the course to anyone who is interested in literacy, and is generally fond of the SIL-UND program. "SIL's a really cool place. The people are great. The teachers are passionate and it's a very supportive atmosphere overall, and a good spiritual atmosphere."

Linguistics Abroad



Since our school is only during the summer, that leaves 10 months of the year for our staff and students to do amazing things around the globe. For example, this past November, there was a linguistics and translation conference for sign languages in Barcelona. This conference was set up to offer linguistic training to the sign language projects of Europe. Over 70 people attended from 11 different European countries. Five of our very own staff and past students attended and four led workshops. These workshops covered topics such as Translation Principles, Translation Project Design and Organization, the sign language dictionary program SooSL, and ELAN.

Shirts for Scholarships!



You may have noticed our new logo and thought, "I wish that were on a shirt." Starting **RIGHT NOW**, you can wear it proudly and help this year's students at the same time! We've set up a three-week campaign, until May 1, for you to buy a t-shirt with the new logo. Each shirt will earn a small profit, which we'll put into the scholarship fund, to help students at SIL-UND this summer. Now, we love our summer t-shirt contests, and we won't be getting rid of those, but those shirts aren't available to alumni, parents of students, and others who might like to support the program. We'll have some other merch available online, starting this summer. But the "shirts for scholarships" campaign is only until May 1, so don't delay, make your order today at www.bonfire.com/silund.

TL/DR:

Our guest speaker this summer is John Esling!

We have linguists all over the world doing great stuff. And a lot of them got a start at SIL-UND!

We have new merch coming and you can buy a t-shirt now by visiting www.bonfire.com/silund to help our scholarship FUND!